

COUNTY OF SANTA BARARA

URBAN FORESTRY MAINTENANCE WORKER II

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DEFINITION: Under general supervision, performs a variety of semi-skilled and skilled manual work in the installation of concrete sidewalks, ADA ramps, curbs, gutters, drive aprons, and monolithic sidewalks; trimming, removal, installation, and transplanting of County street trees; installation and patching of asphalt paved roadways; and performs related duties as required.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS: Urban Forestry Maintenance Worker I/II is a flexibly-staffed class series in the Public Works Department. Urban Forestry Maintenance Worker I is the working class and Urban Forestry Maintenance Worker II is the journey-level class in the series. Urban Forestry Maintenance Worker II incumbents work with less supervision and perform more skilled tasks, which may include driving commercial vehicles requiring a Class B Commercial Driver's License.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES:

Depending on assignment, duties may include but are not limited to the following:

1. Performs journey-level concrete finishing work; designs and builds forms, requiring an understanding of percentages, slopes, angles, and elevations; places and finishes concrete projects such as sidewalks using power tools; performs grading and elevations framing and finish detail work.
2. Reads and interprets plans and standard details.
3. Operates an aerial lift to climb trees using ropes, slings, saddles, or spikes.
4. Trims trees and completes takedowns of trees while cabling and bracing using hand and power tools; rigging fallen trees requiring knowledge of tree pruning techniques; installs new 15-24 box gallon trees; maintains shrubbery and applies mulch; installs irrigation lines.
5. Operates vehicles, including pickups, flat-beds, backhoes, mini-loaders, and small dump trucks; performs equipment maintenance duties; ensures vehicles are serviced and maintained.
6. Works with or completes work for Parks and General Services departments, as well as other divisions of the Public Works Department.
7. Completes written time cards, daily work logs, and equipment maintenance logs.
8. Attends safety training sessions to learn and review safe work practices; reads and reviews written safety instructions, MSDS labels, and training materials; and applies safety knowledge learned to daily work practices.

EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS:

1. Two years of maintenance, construction, or related experience that included concrete finishing and/or tree trimming, removal, and installation experience; or
2. One year of experience performing duties equivalent to an Urban Forestry Maintenance Worker I with Santa Barbara County; or
3. A combination of training, education, and experience that is equivalent to the employment standards listed above and that provides the required knowledge and abilities.

Additional Requirements:

- Possession of a valid California Class B Commercial Driver's License at the time of application. California Class B Commercial Driver's License and required endorsements must be kept valid and maintained as a condition of continued employment

Appointees who have a current valid out-of-state CDL must obtain at minimum, a California Class B Commercial Driver's License CDL by the time of appointment.

Appointees to assignments in this classification will be subject to mandatory testing for drugs prior to beginning work; once on the job, incumbents will be subject to mandatory testing for drugs and/or alcohol on a random, reasonable suspicion, post-accident, return-to-duty, and follow-up basis. In addition, certain positions may require specific license endorsements. .

Knowledge of: the materials; safety practices, and tools commonly used in concrete finishing work; safety methods, ISA practices, procedures, tools, and equipment used in climbing, trimming, installing, transplanting, and removing trees; irrigation line installation procedures and safety methods; preventive maintenance and safe operation of aerial booms, pickups, flat-beds, backhoes, mini-loaders, small dump trucks, laser levels, and power tools; safe driving rules and practices; and safe lifting and carrying practices.

Ability to: perform a variety of semiskilled manual maintenance and construction tasks for extended periods of time and under unfavorable weather conditions; climb and work at considerable heights; safely use, operate, and maintain equipment and tools utilized in the urban forestry field, such as aerial booms, chippers, pickups, flat-beds, backhoes, mini-loaders, small dump trucks, and other specialized equipment; safely use and maintain hand and power tools and equipment commonly used in concrete finishing work, such as concrete saws; read and interpret plans, follow basic safety policies and procedures; safely lift and carry heavy objects; understand and follow oral and written instructions; follow departmental safety practices and procedures; keep simple written records and reports; work independently and as part of a team; and develop and maintain effective and cooperative work relationships with those contacted in the course of work, including other crew members and the general public.

Desirable Qualifications:

- Credentialing as an International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) Certified Tree Worker Aerial Lift Specialist

Supplemental Information: Incumbents may be exposed to a variety of hazardous and/or unpleasant field conditions, including: rainy, cold, or hot weather; traffic; dust and exhaust fumes; electricity and electrical hazards; high noise levels; and working at heights of up to 55 feet. Performing the essential functions of this classification requires various types of physical exertion, such as prolonged walking, bending, and stooping; walking on uneven terrain; climbing ladders; lifting and moving objects of up to 40 pounds; and driving vehicles and/or equipment for long periods of time.