DEFINITION:

Under general supervision, to perform irrigation work as well as general grounds maintenance; and to do related work as required.

JOB CHARACTERISTICS:

This is the specialist level of grounds maintenance. Positions in this class may be distinguished by the special knowledge of irrigation practice, and equipment associated with irrigation. The incumbent also performs skilled gardening duties such as pruning, cultivating, fertilizing, and maintaining landscaped areas. Employees may be required to operate heavy equipment i.e. backhoe, trencher. These duties require the exercise of initiative and independent judgment.

EXAMPLE OF DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

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

1. Installs and repairs sprinkler systems and irrigation piping.
2. Cleans drainage areas and clogged sprinkler systems.
3. May dig postholes and trenches.
4. May do maintenance and repair work such as blacktopping roads and paths, laying concrete slabs, installing street signs, laying bricks, installing fences, and moving equipment.
5. May perform general custodial duties either seasonally or incidental to grounds keeping activities.
6. Operates heavy equipment necessary in irrigation.
7. Performs other related duties as assigned.

EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS:

Knowledge of:

1. Tools, materials, equipment, and standard practices of irrigation grounds keeping and gardening work.

Ability to:

1. Demonstrate understanding of, sensitivity to, and respect for the diverse academic, socio-economic, ethnic, cultural, disability, religious background and sexual orientation of community college students, faculty and staff.
2. Participate in appropriate training in hazardous materials handling, storage, and disposal; follow designated policy and procedures for Haz-mat identification, storage and disposal; maintain standards related to environmental compliance and personal health and safety as required.
3. Use a computer for entry and retrieval of information for work assignments.
4. Safely use the hand and power tools of gardening and grounds keeping work.

5. Perform heavy physical labor.

6. Follow verbal and written directions.

Experience: 1. Two years of grounds keeping experience in a capacity equivalent to that of a Grounds Gardener II with at least one year of employment in the Foothill-De Anza Community College District.

Education: 1. Equivalent to completion of the eighth grade.

Certification: 1. Possession of an appropriate California operator's license issued by the State Department of Motor Vehicles.

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