

CITY OF ANGELS

CHIEF PLANT OPERATOR

NATURE OF WORK

Under direct supervision of the City Administrator, responsible as department head for water and wastewater operations including, but not limited to, water treatment, wastewater treatment and collection. Maintain direct responsibility for safe operation of water and wastewater operations in accordance with all applicable federal, state and city requirements. Supervises operators and maintenance personnel.

TYPICAL DUTIES

Responsible for the day-to-day activities of water and wastewater management. Directs and performs, as necessary, all analysis and testing of the water systems. Coordinates with state and local agencies to assure compliance and facilitate operations. Prepares department's annual budget, Pursues grants and loans as necessary. Performs inspections of new or expanded systems being installed as well as participates in design thereof. Uses various computer programs for generation of reports. Performs manual work as necessary and operates the plant as necessary. Subject to emergency or standby calls. A pager will be provided. Performs other related duties as required.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS

Strong management capabilities and knowledge of budgetary and personnel management, surface water operations, wastewater biological treatment, lift stations and wastewater collection. Must have a Grade III California Operator Certificate in water and Grade IV California Operator Certificate in wastewater. Higher certificates are desirable and strongly encouraged. Experience in waste and wastewater plant renovation. Experience in grants and communications with state agencies beneficial.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Must be able to see well enough to drive vehicles and equipment, see fine detail, read fine print, and hear well enough to identify mechanical noises, to converse on the telephone and in person over the noise of machinery. Speak well enough to converse on the phone and in person. Smell odors, move fingers and hands dexterously. Climb at least ten flights of stairs daily, bend, stoop, and stand for long periods of time. Safely lift up to 100 pounds. Safely wear self contained breathing apparatus. Safely work in confined spaces.

OTHER CHARACTERISTICS

Must be able and willing to work on weekends, holidays in case of emergency to cover operator's time off. Must have telephone service at primary residence. Live within a reasonable distance of the city which is currently considered being no more than a 30-minute drive under normal driving conditions. Ability to work under adverse conditions such as confined and awkward spaces in and around treated wastewater, in heat, cold and rain and potentially hazardous areas. Work safely with hazardous chemicals.

EDUCATION

Equivalent to completion of the twelve grade. Grade 3 California Operator Certificate in water and Grade IV California Operator Certificate in wastewater. Bachelor's degree with major course work in related field or associate's degree with substantial technical courses is preferred.

EXPERIENCE

Ten years experience in water and wastewater operations with no less than five years experience in a supervisory position.

LICENSES

Possess a valid California driver's license and a satisfactory record determined by the City of Angels.

OTHER DUTIES

Work with Public Works Department on water distribution issues and other tasks as assigned by the City Administrator.