

SENIOR PEST MANAGEMENT TECHNICIAN

DEFINITION

Plans and coordinates scheduling of pest management activities, and may provide work direction to the District's Pest Management Technicians.

TYPICAL DUTIES

Plans, estimates, and orders required materials, equipment, and supplies.

Assists the Integrated Pest Management Coordinator with the scheduling of pest management activities conducted by Pest Management Technicians.

Checks daily with the District's computer work order database, and technician work order lists, and delivers lists to appropriate technicians.

Checks in with technicians each day in order to review their paperwork, and close out work orders as appropriate.

Ensures that departmental personnel have the necessary tools, equipment, supplies, and materials to do effective and efficient work.

Conducts periodic inspections of the department's service vehicles to ensure that they are in compliance with the law, and that they are organized for efficiency.

Troubleshoots difficult and persistent pest problems in the field, and assists technicians to obtain control of these pest problems.

Prepares project manuals, job specifications, and B-letters for subcontracting pest management work.

Conducts bid walks and job walks, and coordinates and ensures that subcontracted pest management work is completed according to specifications.

Trains and documents training of new and current department personnel.

Conducts field evaluation of technicians and documents the evaluation.

Completes work orders when the need arises and when asked to do so by the Integrated Pest Management Coordinator.

Participates with and directs Pest Management Technicians in the following duties:

Identifying pest or consulting with the Integrated Pest Management Coordinator to establish pest identity.

Using mechanical and/or exclusionary methods or application of pesticides in accordance with District's Integrated Pest Management (IPM) policy.

Preparing and maintaining District pesticide usage forms and records of pest management activities.

Conferring with school administrators and cafeteria managers regarding pest management needs.

Determining pest management strategy within the confines of the District's IPM policy.

Performs related duties as assigned.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS AMONG RELATED CLASSES

A Senior Pest Management Technician assists in the planning, scheduling, and execution of pest management activities, and may provide work direction to Pest Management Technicians.

The Integrated Pest Management Program Coordinator is responsible for overseeing the implementation of policies and procedures relating to Integrated Pest Management and providing technical guidance and training to District staff and other stakeholders.

A Pest Management Technician performs pest management work on District properties to manage pests in accordance with the District's IPM policy.

SUPERVISION

General and technical supervision is received from the Integrated Pest Management Program Coordinator. A Senior Pest Management Technician may provide work direction to Pest Management Technicians.

CLASS QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge of:

- Methods, processes, devices, tools, equipment, supplies, and materials used in structural, landscape, ornamental, turf, and wildlife pest management
- Local ordinances and State and federal laws governing pest management work
- Characteristics, habits, biology, and behavior of insects, rodents, termites, weeds, arthropods, and vertebrate pests common in the urban environment of Southern California
- Common trees, shrubs, and pests found in the urban landscape of Southern California
- Commercially available pesticides, their forms, functions, classifications, mode of actions, environmental concerns, and their components, including toxicity levels
- Structural materials used in building construction
- Elements of building construction
- Safety precautions necessary when using pesticides, and care, maintenance, storage, transportation, and use of personal protective equipment used in pesticide handling
- The District's IPM policy
- State of California's, Department of Pesticide Regulation worker health and safety Requirements
- Microsoft Word, Excel, and Outlook

Ability to:

- Lead, train, direct, monitor, review, manage, and motivate subordinates
- Communicate effectively orally and in writing
- Recognize and evaluate pest infected areas of buildings and plants
- Apply and direct applications of various pest management methodologies including mechanical, exclusionary, habitat modification, environmental sanitation, and pesticides
- Work effectively with District personnel
- Initiate, follow up on, and see an assignment to completion within assigned time frame
- Estimate material and labor costs

Special Physical Requirements:

- Inspect and work in confined spaces such as attics, basements, and crawl spaces of buildings
- Climb ladders to a height of 40 feet
- Safely lift and carry objects weighing up to 70 pounds
- Work in aerial lifts high above the ground

ENTRANCE QUALIFICATIONS

Education:

Graduation from high school or evidence of equivalent educational proficiency. Completion of college-level courses in entomology, biology, botany; and ornamental, turf, landscape, and wildlife pest management is preferable.

Experience:

Four years of experience in pest management work that included structural pest management and wood destroying pests and organisms, and the application of pesticides. Experience in landscape, turf, wildlife, ornamental pest management, and the use of computers is desirable.

Special:

A valid California Driver License.

A Structural Pest Control Field Representative License or Operator License in Branch 2 (General Pest) and Branch 3 (Termite) issued by the California Structural Pest Control Board.

A Qualified Applicator License in Category B (Landscape Maintenance) issued by the California Department of Pesticide Regulation is desirable.

SPECIAL NOTES

1. Requires wearing a negative pressure respirator.
2. Employment is subject to medical clearance which meets pertinent provisions of the General Industry Safety Orders of the California Code of Regulations regarding protective equipment when exposed to hazardous materials including, but not limited to, asbestos or lead.

This class description is not a complete statement of essential functions, responsibilities, or requirements. Entrance requirements are representative of the minimum level of knowledge, skill, and abilities. To the extent permitted by law, management retains the discretion to add or change typical duties of a position at any time, as long as such addition or change is reasonably related to existing duties.

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