



MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN

Riverbend Water Resources District (RWRD) is a political subdivision of the state of Texas created as a conservation and reclamation district with the statutory powers and authority to acquire any and all storage capacity in a reservoir or other water sources inside or outside of its district boundaries and to acquire the right to take water from that reservoir or source. The mission of RWRD is to serve as a regional water provider for the development and supply of water resources to the region. This position will provide key support to the on-going mission of RWRD.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The Maintenance Technician is responsible for various activities in support of the wet utility systems or general operations of overall organizational facilities. The Maintenance Technician performs manual labor and skilled or semi-skilled work (depending on training and qualifications) in the maintenance, operation, repair and construction of the treatment plants, distribution & collection systems, or general property maintenance. Skilled or semi-skilled technicians (welders, fitters, electricians, plumbers, etc.) perform these skills as necessary to complete the task at hand in a safe and efficient manner.

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Report directly to the Maintenance Supervisor and/or Operations Manager, as designated;
- Work on water crew performing manual labor in installing, repairing and maintaining water lines, valves, meters and water taps;
- Work on sewer crew performing manual labor in installing, repairing and maintaining sewer lines, force mains, and manholes;
- Dig holes and ditches with shovel and other hand tools;
- Guide equipment operator in operation of backhoe and trencher to ensure safe operation of the equipment and to ensure utility lines are not disturbed;
- Assist in location of utility lines, including water, sewer, telephone, cable, gas and electric lines;
- Landscape areas affected by sewer and waterline construction disturbances;
- Flag traffic in accordance with state regulations;
- Clean and maintains tools;
- Account for all tools at end of each repair project;
- Perform daily equipment checks of tools and equipment.
- Pick-up necessary supplies and tools from warehouse or vendors, as directed;
- Respond to emergency calls at all hours, 24/7;

- Performs work safely in accordance with departmental safety procedures and operates equipment safely;
- Ensure work site is safe and assures work site is clean and neat once field work is complete;
- Report any unsafe work condition or practice to supervisor; and
- Perform other related and non-related duties, as assigned.

KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL REQUIREMENTS

- Possess high school diploma or GED;
- Show knowledge of basic construction and maintenance techniques and practices concerning water and wastewater and/or general maintenance operations;
- Proficiency in operating and working alongside backhoe, loader, forklift, or related material handling equipment experience;
- Maintain valid Class “C” Driver’s License;
- Highly desired: prior work experience in industrial/mechanical/laboratory setting or facility operations;
- Highly desired: skill/certification/license in plumbing, welding, electricity, or related maintenance trades; and
- Exhibit the following abilities:
 - Ability to follow oral and written instructions promptly and accurately;
 - Ability to work in disagreeable conditions;
 - Ability to perform strenuous physical labor;
 - Ability to work as an effective team member;
 - Ability to establish and maintain harmonious working relationships; and
 - Ability to complete projects in a timely manner.

LANGUAGE SKILLS AND INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION

Requires effective communication skills. Requires ability to write and speak clearly, distinctly and effectively with fellow employees and the general public; to read, speak, and write in English and compare similarities and differences between words and series of numbers; to apply common sense understanding to the work process, procedures, programs and services; to provide and follow verbal and written instructions; and to establish and maintain effective working relationships with RWRD officials, RWRD staff, business representatives, and other governmental agencies.

WORK ENVIRONMENT

Work is performed primarily in an outside environment or in industrial plant/shop areas. Duties are often performed under adverse and sometimes hazardous conditions: bending, standing for extended periods of time and walking outside on uneven surfaces, climbing ladders and working in an industrial environment. There is exposure to high equipment noise, chemical fumes, and potential electric and machinery hazards. Field conditions outdoors are varying weather conditions, with varying low to high equipment noise; walking on changing ground surfaces; and there is some driving in various weather conditions.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Must possess aptitude and ability to obtain both Class "C" Licenses in water and wastewater public operations within two years from hire date, may be required.

Must take pre-employment and annual physical examinations certifying ability to perform the essential job functions.

Must be a US Citizen, at least 18 years of age, with a minimum high school diploma or GED, and possess a valid driver's license. Subject to background checks and random drug screenings at any time and without notice. Work will be performed upon an active military installation and further background investigations may be required to satisfy DOD requirements. Such investigations and DOD approvals will be a condition of employment.

Riverbend Water Resources District is an Equal Opportunity Employer. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, RWRD will attempt to provide reasonable accommodations to qualified individuals with disabilities and encourages employees and prospective employees to discuss needed accommodations with the appropriate RWRD representative.