

DITCH RIDER

Job Summary

This is a full-time, year-round position. During the irrigation season, which is generally April through mid-October, a company vehicle and company cell phone will be issued. Ditch riders report directly to the District Water Master. Manage water delivery to district patrons accurately and fairly. Perform the day-to-day maintenance of the water facilities on assigned routes. During the off-season they join the Operations & Maintenance Crew and receive direction from the O&M Manager.

Duties & Responsibilities

- Take canal gauge readings daily and report to management by 7:15 AM.
- Prepare ride for water delivery by burning ditches, clearing debris, installing head gate wheels and locks. Requires supervising an assistant.
- Make deliveries to patrons based on water rights and direction from management.
- Make entries on the computer daily, review records as time allows, and report errors to management.
- Report flooding ASAP to management, write detailed report providing pictures or other information deemed helpful.
- Respond to all phone text and voice messages.
- Report all accidents involving District property and employees to management.
- Inspect vehicles and equipment for safe operation daily.
- Work safely around fellow employees.
- Able to operate chain saw, use shovel, perform pipeline construction, carpentry work, and concrete construction.
- Dress appropriately for conditions. Work clothes should be long pants, minimum of short sleeve shirt, and work boots.
- Follow guidelines in the Ditch Rider Handbook and Employee Handbook.
- Meet with water users as requested.
- Perform other duties as assigned.

Qualifications

- Minimum high school diploma or GED with basic computer skills.
- Be self-motivated with good communication skills.
- Ability to perform tasks requiring manual dexterity, ability to lift 50 lbs.
- Perform essential duties and responsibilities efficiently, accurately, and safely.
- Possess a Class A Driver's License.
- Live within reasonable distance from ride boundaries as approved by management.
- Agree to be on-call 24 hours per day, 7-days/week, ONLY during water season.

Benefits

- PERSI Retirement
- 401(k) Option
- Paid Time Off
- Paid Medical
- Paid Holidays