



Office of Human Resources
City Forester - CA0732
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General Statement of Duties

Manages the City Forestry Office for the Department of Parks and Recreation including implementation of work plans based on annual goals and the strategic plan; resolves citizen, operational, and management issues; and achieves goals while ensuring resources are utilized appropriately.

Distinguishing Characteristics

There are three general management classes (Manager, Director, and Executive) and specific individual management classes. The Manager is a first level management class. A Manager oversees work groups/areas within a division or agency and is generally responsible for supervising first or second line supervisors and/or individual contributors. A Manager position is operationally and/or functionally focused.

The Director is a mid-level management class. A Director manages a division or agency and is generally responsible for supervising managers, supervisors, and individual contributors. A Director position is operationally and/or functionally focused as well as strategically focused.

The Executive is the highest level of management class in the city other than appointees or elected officials. An Executive directs multiple divisions and is generally responsible for supervising directors, managers, supervisors, and individual contributors. An Executive position is strategically focused.

The City Forester class is distinguished from the Director of Natural Resources that directs the Parks Natural Resources Division of the Department of Parks and Recreation including developing annual and multi-year work plans and strategies, ensures resources are available to achieve work plans, resolves complex business issues, and establishes management practices and processes that ensure the accomplishment of performance standards.

Level of Supervision Exercised

Manages a work group(s) within a division by supervising supervisors and/or individual contributors.

Essential Duties

Manages the city-wide Forestry Program which is responsible for the maintenance, removal, and planting of public property trees, the enforcement of municipal codes pertaining to tree preservation, the review of city-wide development/ utility plans regarding trees, and education and outreach programs.

Contributes to the development and implementation of work plans based on the annual and strategic plans. Recommends and assists in the implementation of goals and objectives.

Plans, implements, and maintains public safety initiatives including hazard tree evaluation, mitigation programs, and the emergency tree debris response program.

Establishes enforcement schedules/procedures, protects existing urban forest natural resources, ensures new projects will maximize the long term potential of tree benefits, and creates and evaluates programs that will capitalize on the environmental services the urban forest can provide.

Oversees the administration of enforcement of applicable codes and ordinances and resolves conflicts when trees interface with other systems and human needs.

Communicates annual work plans to employees and ensures employees are focused on the work plan and achieving performance standards.

Monitors and directs daily operations to ensure policies and procedures are being followed. Ensures goals and objectives are met, services are being provided efficiently and effectively, and takes corrective action when needed.

Ensures staff and financial resources are utilized appropriately and shifts resources based on business needs within budget restraints.

Resolves operational and management issues, makes decisions that are inclusive of multiple perspectives and solves underlying problems.

Represents the work area(s) or division in meetings with elected and/or appointed officials and other city entities.

Serves as a city representative on various committees.

Fosters collaborative relationships that benefit the organization.

Creates and administers work group procedures and recommends and implements process improvements and policies for work group(s).

Establishes performance metrics for staff and work area(s).

Assists staff to achieve performance standards and identifies opportunities for continual improvement to performance standards.

Resolves escalated employee and citizen complaints.

Selects, trains, develops, and evaluates subordinate staff. Makes decisions on hiring, terminations, promotions, and disciplinary actions as required.

Participates in the development of budget recommendations for operating and capital expenditures.

Performs other related duties as assigned.

Any one position may not include all of the duties listed. However, the allocation of positions will be determined by the amount of time spent in performing the essential duties listed above.

Competencies

Conflict Management - Manages and resolves conflicts, grievances, confrontations, or disagreements in a constructive manner to minimize negative personal impact.

Delivering Results - Sets high standards for quality, quantity, and timelines. Focuses on customer needs and satisfaction. Consistently achieves project goals.

Influencing - Collaborates with, persuades and influences others.

Problem Solving - Identifies problems; determines accuracy and relevance of information; uses sound judgment to generate and evaluate alternatives, and to make recommendations.

Strategic Vision & Purpose - Approaches each problem/situation with a clear perception of organizational and political reality, recognizes the impact of alternative courses of action, and develops efficient tactics to accomplish tasks. Creates and sustains an organizational culture which encourages others to provide the quality of service essential to high performance.

Coaching - Provides others with clear direction, motivates, and empowers. Recruits staff of a high caliber and provides staff with development opportunities and coaching.

Knowledge & Skills

None.

Education Requirement

Bachelor's Degree in a related field based on a specific position(s).

Experience Requirement

Three (3) years of supervisory experience in a forestry operation or three years of experience at an administrator level in a forestry operation.

Education & Experience Equivalency

One (1) year of the appropriate type and level of experience may be substituted for each required year of post-high school education.

Additional appropriate education may be substituted for the minimum experience requirements.

Licensure & Certification

By position, requires a valid Driver's License at the time of application.

Licenses and certifications must be kept current as a condition of employment.

Working Environment

Pressure due to multiple calls, inquiries, and conflicts.

Subject to many interruptions.

Subject to varying and unpredictable situations.

Subject to long irregular hours.

Subject to traffic, roadways, and pedestrians.

Level of Physical Demand

1-Sedentary (0-10 lbs.)

Physical Demands

(Physical Demands are a general guide and specific positions will vary based on working conditions, locations, and agency/department needs.):

Sitting: remaining in the normal seated position.

Handling: seizing, holding, grasping, or otherwise working with hand(s).

Talking: expressing or exchanging ideas by means of spoken words.

Hearing: perceiving the nature of sounds by the ear.

Repetitive motions: making frequent movements with a part of the body.

Eye/hand/foot coordination: performing work through using two or more.

Lifting: raising or lowering objects weighing no more than 10 pounds, from one level to another.

Background Check Requirement

Criminal Check
Employment Verification
Education Check
By position, Motor Vehicle Record

Assessment Requirement

None

Probation Period

Six (6) months.

Class Detail

Pay Grade: A-813
FLSA Code: Y
Established Date: 9/21/2018
Established By: LS
Revised Date:
Revised By:
Class History: