

# PARK OPERATIONS ASSISTANT

### **DEFINITION**

Under general supervision, provides visitor services and information; performs both routine and skilled work in the operation, care, and maintenance of County parks facilities and grounds; and performs related duties as assigned

## SUPERVISION RECEIVED AND EXERCISED

Receives general supervision or direction from assigned supervisor. Exercises no direct supervision over staff.

# **CLASS CHARACTERISTICS**

This is the qualified journey-level classification. Incumbents are capable of independently performing a full range of public contact services, and a variety of duties in the care and maintenance of park facilities, and the operation of various types of equipment related to the work.

## **EXAMPLES OF TYPICAL JOB FUNCTIONS (Illustrative Only)**

- Assists and provides information to park visitors by maintaining timely posting of bulletins and information materials regarding use of park.
- Collects admittance fees, sells and issues passes, coordinates group use permits, reconciles receipts and provides receipts, and reports to administration as directed.
- Advises users of County Parks and Recreation codes and regulations.
- Checks vehicles for display of fee receipts.
- Summons proper law enforcement agency if and when needed to enforce codes and regulations.
- Responds to emergency situations; notifies appropriate medical, law enforcement, and/or fire response organizations.
- Monitors park facilities including buildings, play equipment, and pathways; inspects grounds and facilities for hazardous conditions and corrects or barricades the hazards; reports the need for repair to administration.
- > Uses a variety of hand tools such as hammers, saws, wrenches, pliers, screwdrivers, and other tools.
- Operates and performs minor maintenance to equipment and tools used in the course of the work; reports the need for major repair and/or maintenance.
- > Prepares and maintains logs and reports of work performed and materials and equipment used.
- Removes litter, empties trash cans, and maintains park in a clean and orderly condition.
- Cleans and maintains restroom facilities and/or ensures contract providers are cleaning and maintaining portable toilets.
- Performs related duties as assigned.

## **QUALIFICATIONS**

#### Knowledge of:

- > Appropriate procedures to notify emergency agencies when needed.
- > Basic principles, methods, and practices of handling cash, reconciling receipts, and reporting.
- ➢ Basic mathematics.
- > Basic personal computer equipment and programs, including word processing software.

- > Basic maintenance of equipment and tools used in the course of the work.
- Safety practices and procedures relating to the work, equipment, and tools utilized in the course of the work.
- Applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulatory codes, ordinances, and procedures relevant to assigned area of responsibility.
- Principles and techniques for working with groups and fostering effective team interaction to ensure teamwork is conducted smoothly.
- Techniques for providing a high level of customer service by effectively dealing with the public and County staff.
- The structure and content of the English language, including the meaning and spelling of words, rules of composition, and grammar.
- > Modern equipment and communication tools used for business functions.
- Computers and software programs (e.g., Microsoft software packages) to conduct, compile, and/or generate documentation.

### Ability to:

- > Perform accurate arithmetic calculations.
- ▶ Use a cash register and handle cash transactions.
- > Prepare and maintain brief logs and reports of the work performed and materials used.
- > Organize and maintain accurate records and files.
- Understand, interpret, and apply all pertinent laws, codes, regulations, policies and procedures, and standards relevant to work performed.
- Establish and maintain cooperative and effective relationships with those contacted in the course of the work.
- Communicate clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing, using appropriate English grammar and syntax.
- Use tact, initiative, prudence, and independent judgment within general policy, procedural, and legal guidelines.

## **Education and Experience:**

Any combination of the required experience, education, and training that would provide the essential knowledge, skills, and abilities is qualifying.

Equivalent to graduation from high school; or current enrollment in a high school diploma or equivalent program-

#### <u>OR</u>

Six (6) months of experience in customer-facing roles, such as customer service, retail, hospitality, tourism, recreation, or park operations, or experience through volunteer work in community, state, or national service programs.assisting the public or working in a park is desirable.

### **Licenses and Certifications:**

Possession of, or ability to obtain and maintain, a valid California or Nevada Driver's License and a satisfactory driving record.

## PHYSICAL DEMANDS

Must possess mobility to work in the field; strength, stamina, and to operate a motor vehicle and visit various County sites; vision to read printed materials. Primary functions require sufficient physical ability to work in an outdoor setting; vision in the normal visual range with or without correction sufficient to read printed documents and to operate equipment; and hearing and speech to communicate in person and over

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the telephone or radio. The job involves fieldwork requiring frequent walking in operational areas to identify problems or hazards. Finger dexterity is needed to access, enter, and retrieve data using a cash register. Positions in this classification bend, stoop, kneel, reach, and climb to perform work. Occasional sitting, reaching and bending; lifting, carrying, pushing and pulling of objects weighing up to 50 lbs. Reasonable accommodations will be made for individuals on a case-by-case basis.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS**

Work is primarily performed outdoors in all weather conditions, frequently exposed to fumes and dust; and occasionally works inside a ticket booth. Employees may interact with members of the public or with staff under emotionally stressful conditions while interpreting and enforcing departmental policies and procedures.

## **WORKING CONDITIONS**

Must work off-hours and weekend schedules. Must wear a County provided uniform. Attendance and punctuality that is observant of scheduled hours on a regular basis.

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