

SOUTH DURANGO SANITATION DISTRICT

Wastewater Operator Position

The South Durango Sanitation District is seeking qualified candidates for the position of District Wastewater Operator (DWO). The District provides wastewater collection and treatment services to properties located within the southern portion of the City of Durango and unincorporated areas adjacent to Durango. The District wastewater treatment plant is a permitted 0.45 MGD facility consisting of a bar screen, grit removal, influent flow equalization basin, a sequencing batch reactor process, an insulated effluent flow equalization basin, and UV disinfection banks. The collection system consists of approximately 20 miles of 8" – 18" pipelines. There are currently about 1,900 equivalent residential tap units connected to the system which include a mix of residential, commercial, and institutional customers. The District has experienced steady growth in the past few years which is expected to continue. This will offer the opportunity for professional growth, diversification, and innovation for the DWO.

Community: Durango, Colorado is a city with a population of approximately 19,000 located in southwest Colorado. Durango has a strong public education system, a four-year college, a regional medical facility, and an airport with service to cities with major airline hubs. There are numerous opportunities for outdoor recreation including skiing, hiking, boating, rafting, hunting, fishing and much more. Durango is known for its extensive and varied restaurants, art galleries, concerts, and cultural opportunities. Durango is consistently rated on top ten lists as a desirable small town by national publications.

District: The South Durango Sanitation District is a special district and political subdivision of the state of Colorado. The affairs of the District are managed by a five-member elected Board. For additional information about the District go to: www.southdurangosanitation.org.

General Position Description: Under the direction and general oversight of the Board of Directors, the District Wastewater Operator is responsible for the overall operation of the District's wastewater collection and treatment system and supervision of District personnel. Applicants should have experience in wastewater operations and possess excellent communication skills with the ability to communicate with the Board of Directors, District staff, customers, other government agencies, contractors, engineers, attorneys, consultants and builders. A current Colorado Class B wastewater operator license and a current Class 2 wastewater collection system certification are required.

Essential Duties/Responsibilities:

1. The District contracts with an independent contractor who is designated as the Operator in Responsible Charge (ORC) of the District wastewater treatment plant. The District Wastewater Operator shall, in consultation and cooperation with the ORC, provide Colorado certified operator services for the District wastewater collection and treatment facility (the "System").

2. Services include:
 - Report the status of the System regularly and provide monthly reports on operations to the Board.
 - Operate and monitor the System through testing and inspections and make adjustments as necessary to meet and / or exceed all minimum regulatory requirements.
 - Take necessary and required steps to report and correct any conditions that fail to meet standards.
 - Coordinate, manage and perform routine maintenance and repairs to the System including mechanical, electrical and instrumentation systems.
3. Work in coordination with the District's engineers, consultants, and attorneys on construction projects, contract matters, legal issues, and other complex projects and subjects.
4. Perform all aspects of staff management including scheduling, evaluating work performance, evaluating compensation, enforcing personnel policies and procedures in accordance with all applicable District policies and applicable state and federal laws.

Qualifications:

1. Minimum bachelor's degree in biology, science, environmental engineering or related field, **or** high school diploma or GED and relevant work experience.
2. A current Colorado Class B or higher wastewater operator license and a current Class 2 wastewater collection system certification are required
3. Minimum 3 years of experience in the wastewater treatment field.
4. General knowledge and understanding of management of construction projects for utility facilities including surveys, plans, specifications, testing and inspections.

Physical Requirements: Must be able to lift 75 lbs. Regular lifting and carrying of objects weighing up to 20 pounds • Regular walking and standing to monitor control room and treatment plant operations • Pushing, pulling, and climbing to check system equipment • Hand/eye coordination for operation of computer keyboard and treatment plant controls • Foot/eye coordination for operation of motor vehicle • Vision to read and interpret written reports and control room gauges • Speech communications for communication with employees and citizens • Hearing and listening for instructions and warning signals. • Ability to wear a full-face, negative-pressure respirator and SCBA
Work Environment: • Work indoors in a treatment plant facility with exposure to noise, dust, chemicals, and fumes • Some outdoor work in adverse weather conditions.

Compensation:

Pay will be commensurate with experience with an expected range from \$35/hour to \$45/hour.

Benefits include

- paid vacations
- paid holidays
- sick leave
- medical, dental and vision insurance

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter & resume with references, to the District. The District is an equal opportunity employer and employs without regards to race, color, religion, creed, national origin, ancestry, gender, sex, pregnancy, marital status, military status, age, disability, sexual preference or orientation, transgender status genetic information, or membership status or other status in any other group protected by applicable law.

The District will review all applications and schedule interviews for qualified candidates. The final determination on hiring will be made by the Board of Directors. This position will remain open until filled.

Applications and supporting materials shall be submitted by email to the South Durango Sanitation District, c/o Floyd "Bud" Smith, bud@flslegal.com or mailed to PO Box 2024, Durango, CO 81302 with the notation "District Wastewater Operator" on the outside of the envelope.