

## **Job Description Ditchrider**

The Ditchrider position is intended to manage water flow and gravity irrigation deliveries for their assigned area during the irrigation season. Ditchriders will join the maintenance staff during the winter months. This is a full-time, non-exempt position.

### **Requirements:**

- Excellent communication skills
- Good organizational skills
- Solid decision-making skills
- Motivated self-starter
- Possess general math skills
- Pass pre-employment drug test and random testing thereafter
- Have a clean driving record
- Operate District vehicles
  - Vehicle provided during the irrigation season
  - Vehicles to be treated per District Vehicle Policy
- Obtain a Class A CDL driver's license, with air endorsement within first year of employment
  - Permit must be obtained within 90 days of employment
  - Future endorsements/licenses may apply
- Ability to lift/push/pull minimum 50 lbs.
- Ability to work long hours and perform strenuous labor at required times
- Work in and around waterways (often at high flows)
- Communicate with patrons on a company provided phone
- Must be on call and work 7 days/week

### **Day to Day Functions Include (but are not limited to):**

- Take water calls and delivery orders each day and evening as needed
- Report water orders to Superintendent daily
- Visually inspect entire assigned system daily
- Monitor system and water delivery status daily
- Turn delivery gates on and off as requested
- Adjust operational flows as needed/allowed
- Clear debris from weed racks
- Clear debris and blockages in various waterways
- Repair structures and irrigation infrastructure
- Placing or removing check boards
- Monitor water flows with electronic equipment
- Rodent control and trapping (gophers, beavers, etc.)
- Ditchbank repairs

- Trim or remove trees and growth from easements
- Take water user calls for floods and other delivery related questions
  - Assist water users with determining system operation
- Respond to emergency water related matters
- Develop work order list for repairs
- Operate heavy equipment as determined by Maintenance Foreman
- Basic construction
- Building concrete forms
- Pouring concrete
- Hand digging
- Jack hammering
- Pipe installation and replacement
- Painting
- Sand blasting
- Burning weeds
- General maintenance and repair of the shop/office building/facilities
- Monitor and service pumps, wells, and other pumping equipment
- Measure water to ensure proper delivery
- Monitor and report aquatic weed growth that may impair proper water flow
- Assist with chemical treatments
- Assist Ditchriders or other staff with tasks
- Perform vehicle and equipment maintenance and other shop duties as assigned
- Ditchriders are on-call and work 7 days/week during the irrigation season

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Please be advised that this job description can change periodically. When changes are made, you will be given a revised copy.