

Upper Columbia IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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Job Summary

The position of **SYSTEM OPERATOR** is currently open in the Upper Columbia Irrigation District. This fulltime position is located in **CHELAN (HOWARD FLAT UNIT) OR ORONDO (BRAYS LANDING UNIT) WASHINGTON.**

This position works with a team of operators to deliver irrigation water to over 4,000 acres of land in the Howard Flat and Brays Landing areas. This area contains over 50 pumping units, 7 reservoirs, and 30 miles of pipelines. Phone and work truck provided.

Application Materials

Please submit a cover letter and resume summarizing experience and desire to work for an irrigation district. The position will be open until filled.

Position Requirements

Must be available to work Monday-Friday, including selected weekends, holidays, and outside normal working hours when scheduled to be "on-call".

Must live within 15-minutes of the service area which generally includes the Howard Flatts area near Chelan, Washington.

Position Qualifications

- Valid Washington State driver's license required
- Basic knowledge of pumps, motors, and electrical equipment preferred
- Class A CDL license preferred
- WSDA public pesticide license preferred

Compensation

Wage dependent on experience and licenses (\$25-\$35/hr); medical, dental, vision insurance fully paid by District for employee and family (\$26,200/year value); 12 paid holidays, starting 12 days annual leave and 12 days sick leave; WA State Public Employees Retirement System (employer contribution 9.39% of salary to retirement), District provided housing may be available.

Submit cover letter and resume in person, by mail, or email:

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Email: office@uppercolumbiairrigation.org

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Systems Operator

The Irrigation Operator and Maintenance position is responsible for the delivery of irrigation water to water users and will perform maintenance tasks as assigned.

This is a fulltime position that may be based at the East Wenatchee District Headquarters or Brays Landing or Howard Flats units. Normal office hours are 7:30 am to 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Additional hours outside of normal working hours are expected, such as selected evenings, weekends, and holidays when on-call.

Duties may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Operate all necessary equipment and infrastructure essential for transmitting, storing, and delivering irrigation water.
- Operate pumps, valves, and other equipment manually and remotely.
- Inspect, adjust, and maintain pumps, motors, electrical and other equipment and irrigation infrastructure.
- Observe and enforce District safety rules;
- Maintain necessary records and reports;
- Control operations using SCADA and PC based computer systems;
- Perform maintenance and construction work including, but not limited to maintenance of pumps, motors, electrical equipment, vehicles and equipment, water meters, reservoirs, watermains, and District rights-of-way and lands.
- Be on-call during selected evenings, weekends, and holidays to respond to emergencies.

Qualifications:

Any combination of experience and training that would provide the required knowledge and abilities to perform the essential functions of the job. A typical way to obtain the required knowledge and abilities would be:

- Experience in water operations, general construction and maintenance, or other relevant experience.
- High School diploma, GED or comparable education.

Knowledge of:

- Knowledge of safety rules and regulations;
- Knowledge of pumps, electricity, and mechanical devices;
- Knowledge of basic construction practices.

Ability to:

- Ability to assess changing conditions and initiate appropriate action;
- Ability to work with minimal supervision;
- Ability to prepare clear, complete, and concise written reports and records;
- Ability to follow oral and written instruction;
- Ability to perform all duties in a safe manner;
- Ability to work cooperatively and communicate effectively with others.

Licenses and Certificates:

- Washington State Class A commercial Driver License preferred.

- Washington State Public Pesticide Operators License with Right-of-Way and Aquatic Irrigation endorsements preferred.