



THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN I WELDER/FABRICATOR (Entry)

Group-Section: Water System Operations - Various	FLSA Status: Non-Exempt Bargaining Unit: AFSCME	Classification: Operations and Maintenance Technician Salary Grade: 27 Job #: S03A
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JOB SUMMARY

Learns mechanical skills, experience and knowledge, in the practices, procedures, and methods of laying out and completing welded/fabricated equipment and parts to repair and maintain a wide variety of water utility assemblies, parts and equipment ranging from large gates, valves, pipelines, shafts, impellers and housings to structures, cabinets, vaults, catwalks, guard rails, drain covers, and similar equipment.

Assists with building, maintaining, and improving a variety of equipment and fixtures composed of metal and metal alloys or other related materials. Assists in the operational core of water and power reliability by meeting or exceeding internal and external customer expectations through welding and fabrication practices applied to creating, maintaining repairing and improving equipment and parts essential to operating and supporting systems within the conveyance and distribution system, treatment and hydroelectric plants as well as other Metropolitan facilities.

SUPERVISOR:

Received:

Work is performed with clear and detailed instructions. Close supervision is given to ensure proper adherence to standards, procedures, rules, and practices; deviations are referred to a supervisor or lead person. Checking for quality workmanship is accomplished on a routine basis. As the employee progresses in skill, knowledge, and experience, routine supervision may be appropriate. Guidance on the approach to standard circumstances, tasks and activities is provided in procedures, manuals, rules, or common craft practice. A lead person or supervisor provides guidance on the approach to tasks or activities encountered in non-standard or uncommon circumstances.

Receives oversight from the Team, Unit, Section, Assistant Group, or Group Manager.

Given:

None

JOB DUTIES

Assists with welder/fabricator tasks to support the operational core of water and power reliability through welding and fabrication practices applied to creating, maintaining, repairing, improving equipment and parts essential to operating and supporting systems within the conveyance and distribution system, treatment and hydroelectric plants as well as other Metropolitan facilities.

1. Assist with general welding/fabrication techniques to accomplish PM, CM, and improvements related to the rebuilding, repair and maintenance of water conveyance, treatment and hydroelectric equipment and parts to support operational reliability and system capacity.

2. Assist with general welding/fabrication in both shop and/or field environments by safely utilizing traditional hand as well as power and fabrication tools such as drill presses, metal brakes and shears, grinders and other similar tools and equipment to effectively weld/fabricate components from varied materials.
3. Assist with general welding techniques on equipment and parts using plasma arc cutting, shielded metal arc, carbon arc, gas metal arc, flux-core arc, gas tungsten arc and oxygen acetylene processes on a variety of both ferrous and non-ferrous metals.
4. Assist with fabrication practices to effectively shape, cut, punch, drill and secure metal structures, parts, cages, pipes, steel decks, trusses, machinery foundations, brackets, hand and guardrails.
5. Assist with improvements, PM and CM activities on a variety of welding/fabrication related components and tools to ensure equipment life and uptime, as well as quality production and reliability.
6. Assist with large welding and fabrication projects, necessary light equipment such as drills, saws, grinders, air compressors, trucks, lifts or similar equipment to effectively complete work.

EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Education and Experience:

High school diploma or GED in addition to minimal experience as demonstrated by practical application of basic techniques and practices specific to welder/fabricator.

Required Knowledge of: Employees in this title are entry-level and learn through classroom and on-the-job training or they are obtaining the necessary experience working with higher-level Welder/Fabricators to competently demonstrate:

Theories, practices, tools and materials used for welding/fabrication related repair and improvement of water distribution, treatment and hydroelectric equipment and component the techniques used to weld and fabricate a wide variety of water utility supporting systems and equipment such as vault and cover systems, guardrails, grates, and similar equipment; of the working characteristics of metals, metallurgy and alloys pertaining to fabrication of parts and equipment. Knowledge of water distribution and treatment processes and practices to ensure compliance with public health and safety regulations; Knowledge of the layout of complex welding and fabrication projects to ensure a high quality project or product is produced; and safety practices and regulations for mechanical and electrical equipment; practical application of techniques and practices specific to the welding/fabrication trades.

Required Skills and Abilities to: Use and maintain mechanical, CNC, pneumatic and hydraulic tools and equipment normally and traditionally used in the welding and fabrication trade in either a shop or field environment; Ability to interpret complex instructions, manuals, operating and maintenance procedures and specifications related to water utility welding and fabrication, parts; understand, read and interpret blueprints, schematics and drawings of assets, equipment, and parts necessary to effectively weld, fabricate, rebuild, and repair large-scale equipment, parts, structures or component parts.

CERTIFICATES, LICENSES and REGISTRATIONS REQUIREMENTS

Employees in this position may be required to obtain and maintain the following certifications, licensing and registrations:

- Valid Drivers license from state of residency equivalent to a California Class A, B, and/or C with appropriate commercial license endorsements
- Forklift Certification
- Manlift Certification
- Respirator Certification
- Welding certificates

PHYSICAL DEMANDS/WORK ENVIRONMENT

Expectations of Hours of Service:

Employees in this position will be required to work off-shift hours and/or report to different locations for shutdowns, emergencies or large-scale projects as needed.

Physical Demands:

Heavy tasks may require lifting and carrying items weighing up to 50 pounds, with intermittent need to lift and carry materials and/or equipment weighing up to 100 pounds with assistance. Frequently requires pushing, pulling, turning and positioning parts, assemblies, equipment and tools weighing as much as 100 pounds with assistance. May be required to lift and move heavy items with the assistance of others and with lifting devices such as jacks, hoists and cranes of varied types and capacities. Physical effort includes frequent walking, stooping, bending, reaching, standing, kneeling and sitting for long periods of time. At times may be required to use respiratory filtration devices.

Work Environment:

May travel to various sites requiring overnight stay; Work is performed indoors and outdoors at large pumping, treatment, hydroelectric or control facilities or other assets under all types of conditions, including extreme temperatures, open and confined spaces ranging from crawl spaces to sub-structures as well as varied types of terrains. Job tasks may require working from heights and functioning from lifts, hoists, scaffolds, and cranes over surfaces ranging from earthen materials to concrete, steel and water. The work environment frequently involves exposure to equipment and tools producing high levels of noise, as well as potentially dangerous materials and chemicals that require careful adherence to extensive safety precautions, rules and regulations.