



**Job Opening**  
**Position: Maintenance Worker Trainee /**  
**Treatment Operator**  
**(Full-time)**

**Application Deadline: Open until filled**

**Apply at the District office or on our website**  
**([www.sweetwatersprings.com](http://www.sweetwatersprings.com))**

The Sweetwater Springs Water District is now accepting applications for a full-time Maintenance Worker/ Treatment Operator.

- ✓ **Starting hourly wage: \$22.61+ DOQ**
- ✓ 40 hours/week with excellent benefits
- ✓ Union position

For more information,, call the District at (707) 869-4000 or email Jack Bushgen, Field Manager, at [jbushgen@sweetwatersprings.com](mailto:jbushgen@sweetwatersprings.com)

# **Sweetwater Springs Water District**

## **Maintenance Worker/Trainee**

### **Maintenance Worker I, II, III**

#### **Definition:**

Performs a variety of skilled and unskilled water system maintenance, repair, construction, and re-construction tasks under general supervision of senior employees. May operate water distribution and treatment equipment as assigned. Requires weekend, evening, and holiday on-call work assignments. Performs related tasks as required.

#### **Distinguishing Characteristics:**

The trainee-level classification is an entry-level position which requires some basic technical skills and knowledge related to underground construction. A level of mechanical aptitude and the knowledge or ability to learn how to solve water-related math problems are necessary. Work is observed and reviewed during performance, and procedures are explained in detail relative to the specific task at hand. Requires obtaining **T-1 and D-1** CA state certifications within approximately one year of hire date.

Level I is the advanced entry-level classification. The employee has a general knowledge of water system operation and maintenance procedures and must have **T-1 and D-1** CA state certification.

Level II. The employee is expected to fully perform a wide variety of tasks under general supervision and must have a **T-2 and D-2** CA state certification.

Level III is the journey-level classification. The employee has significant water system experience. The employee can perform duties under limited supervision and must have at least **T-2 and D-3** CA state certification.

#### **Duties and Responsibilities:**

- Dig trenches, excavate, clean, flush, inspect, repair, construct and/or reconstruct water lines and laterals
- Locate and mark underground utilities
- Operate equipment in a safe manner, including, but not limited to, soil compactors, compressors, leak detectors, jack hammers, weed eaters, backhoes and/or dump truck
- Investigate and resolve inquiries and complaints from customers via work orders and by customer contact
- Perform equipment maintenance
- Mix chemicals and make adjustments to feed rates.

- Maintain records and logs
- Utilize proper safety precautions relative to work performed in the field
- Perform heavy manual labor
- Traffic control
- Maintain storage tanks, paint and clean as assigned
- Prepare written entries in diaries, work orders and other report documents
- Work weekdays, weekends, holidays, and evenings on a scheduled, on-call and as-needed basis
- Obtain and maintain State treatment and distribution licenses
- Conduct pump rounds on an assigned shift
- Perform on-call maintenance and repair work
- Maintain and monitor parts and material inventories
- Perform site and building maintenance
- Take water samples and record findings
- Follow written and oral instructions and safety procedures
- Develop cooperative working relationships with District staff and the public
- Read water meters, transcribe to ledger book or electronic meter reading device
- Conduct water meter checks, turn water services on and off, lock off meters, replace and set new meters
- Perform other tasks as assigned

## **Knowledge and Abilities:**

### **Knowledge of:**

- Use and purpose of general construction tools and equipment
- Safe work practices
- Basic principles of domestic water biology, chemistry and mathematics
- Spelling and grammar sufficient to perform the job
- General construction methods and procedures
- Principles and practices of water treatment and distribution in a community water system

### **Ability to:**

- Understand and carry out oral and written instructions
- Perform unskilled, semi-skilled, and skilled tasks as assigned
- Bend and lift heavy objects, walk long distances, and perform heavy manual labor
- Communicate clearly with staff and the public
- Work cooperatively and maintain harmonious working relationships with field staff, office staff and the general public
- Read and record information from gauges, instruments and water meters
- Work weekdays, weekends, holidays and evenings on a scheduled, on-call, and as needed basis
- Obtain and maintain State treatment and distribution licenses

- Safely operate vehicles and construction equipment
- Perform basic arithmetic calculations

### **Required Qualifications:**

#### **Education:**

High school graduate, GED or equivalent.

### **Special Licenses/Certification/Skills:**

Valid California Class "C" drivers license, Water Treatment and Water Distribution certification issued by the State of California, Department of Health Services, at level required for the job classification.

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