

POSITION DUTY STATEMENT

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CLASSIFICATION TITLE CALTRANS TREE MAINTENANCE WORKER	OFFICE/BRANCH/SECTION 07/MAINTENANCE/NORTH REGION
WORKING TITLE CALTRANS TREE MAINTENANCE WORKER	POSITION NUMBER 907-610-9381
	EFFECTIVE DATE

As a valued member of the Caltrans team, you make it possible for the Department to provide a safe, sustainable, integrated, and efficient transportation system to enhance California's economy and livability. Caltrans is a performance-driven, transparent, and accountable organization that values its people, resources and partners, and meets new challenges through leadership, innovation and teamwork.

GENERAL STATEMENT:

Working under the supervision of a Caltrans Tree Maintenance Supervisor, the incumbent operates light vehicles and equipment requiring a Class C California Driver's License used by assigned unit, and works individually or with a crew performing tasks related to the pruning, removing, identifying the health and planting of trees in the State highway system. The incumbent will be required to work overtime, work irregular shifts/alternate work schedules including nights, holidays and weekends; may be required to work temporary and/or intermittent varied work shifts and required to respond to emergency situations and calls. May be loaned to other cost centers. This position is represented under collective bargaining.

Possession of a California Department of Pesticide Regulation Qualified Applicators Certificate is desirable. Duties include, but are not limited to:

TYPICAL DUTIES:

Percentage	Job Description
Essential (E)/Marginal (M) ¹	
50% E	Climbs trees in excess of 40 feet by means of ropes or spurs; uses safety belts and other required rigging; trims and or removes trees, using power and or hand tools; lowers limbs or branches by means of lines or slings occasionally fells trees; chips up cut brush, maintains and cares for tree trimming equipment; uses knowledge of various knots in tree trimming; uses aerial equipment and various tools to perform job; be able to work at considerable heights above ground under supervision of Tree Maintenance Supervisor and or Tree Maintenance Leadworker.
20% E	Works on traffic control; sets and picks up lane closure, traffic cones, flares, and advance work signs; acts as a flag person; operates the pilot car, backup truck, and lane closure truck; operates a two-way radio.
20% E	Operates vehicles and equipment used by the assigned unit requiring a Class C driver's license or above.
10% M	Makes minor adjustments and emergency repairs to equipment; services and maintains equipment (lube and oil changes, changes tires, light bulbs, fuses, filters, and window wipers, steam cleans equipment and operates hoist) completes simple written records, such as crew daily work records, accident reports, lube records, mileage reports, etc.

¹ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS are the core duties of the position that cannot be reassigned.

MARGINAL FUNCTIONS are the minor tasks of the position that can be assigned to others.

SUPERVISION OR GUIDANCE EXERCISED OVER OTHERS

No direct supervision. May be responsible to oversee Special Program Workers, such as California Conservation Corps and probationers.

KNOWLEDGE, ABILITIES, AND ANALYTICAL REQUIREMENTS

Must have knowledge of materials, methods, equipment, and tools used in highway and or tree maintenance and construction; provisions of the California Vehicle Code as it pertains to the loading and operation of motor vehicles; and rules and regulations pertaining to highway maintenance practices. Ability to work safe and work effectively alone or with

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others. Must be able to analyze various work situations effectively and make sound decisions.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR DECISIONS AND CONSEQUENCES OF ERROR

Error may expose co-workers and/or the public to possible injury or loss of life. Error may also cause an inefficient use of time and tax dollars through extra expense in the maintenance of highways, or damage to State equipment and facilities. Error may expose the State to liability for damages to public property.

PUBLIC AND INTERNAL CONTACTS

Maintain good relations with the public, Caltrans employees and employees/ representatives of other government agencies. May have daily contact with other public agencies and private individuals in the course of their assignment. Contact may be with hostile public, the employee is expected to maintain a favorable public image for the Department and the State.

PHYSICAL, MENTAL, AND EMOTIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Much of this position is labor intensive. Incumbent must have physical ability to react quickly to errant motorist and do strenuous hand and mechanical labor.

Note: For standing, walking and sitting, along with several other activities, typical duties are used as examples in various situations to give ranges for the activities. Generally, activities can be broken down into operating equipment and light vehicles 18% of the time on a year-around basis. The remainder of the activity is labor.

The remainder of the activity is labor intensive and includes but is not limited to the following:

Standing, Sitting and Walking is described to equal 100% of the work time for a given period such as a work shift.

Lifting (Floor to bench to Floor) – Items listed may be any of the following but not limited to; assist with the loading and unloading of a tire in a rim which can weigh over 75 lbs, shoveling asphalt, installing marker post, guardrail repair, fence repair and drain cleaning.

Another type of lifting is light pickup – loading garbage bags with litter, which requires continuous bending and lifting.

Incumbent should ask for assistance when moving items over 50 pounds.

Transport and/or carrying – Bagged/boxed material from storage areas to vehicles and from vehicles to job sites, which may be on uneven terrain. Tools transported and/or carried include but not limited to picks, hoes, rakes, tree logs, hoses, signs, standards, flags, cones, guide posts, etc. and may be carried on uneven terrain.

Overhead reaching – Overhead work includes but not limited to pulling yourself up into many types of trees, equipment, pruning, holding signs, servicing equipment on the lube hoist, signaling other workers, and throwing/loading material in equipment.

Other Reaching – Includes but not limited to setting cones, lubing and checking equipment, raking, shoveling, driving, using digging bar, shifting; setting work signs, picking up cones; often done on a continuous basis.

Pushing/Pulling – Includes but not limited to shoveling, opening garage doors, hooking up trailers; installing plows, sanders, kettles, pulling on hoses, working cranks on equipment stands; tightening and loosening nuts on bolts. Installing and removing tires and chains; pulling down on post drivers. Pulling brush and limbs, animal carcasses, and pulling chains.

Twisting - The Operator twist while driving equipment and does so on a continuous basis, especially while backing up or turning around while operating a pilot car. Other twisting is done while dragging brush, shoveling, raking and setting down and picking up traffic cones which weigh 10 lbs.

Climbing/Balancing – Climbing is done in/out and off/on of equipment, up and down banks and slopes.

Bending/Crouching/Squatting/Crawling – The Operator often bends continuously throughout the day while operating equipment and performing physical labor.

Simple Grasping – This activity is necessary about 95% of the shift; climbing in/out and around equipment, operating

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equipment, using hand tools and handling materials.

Fine Manipulation – This occurs less than 2% of a day and usually while writing reports or manipulating the knobs and levers on the equipment.

Importance of hearing and sight – both are essential on the job because the operator must hear directions and equipment, and must see in order to perform his/her duty safely.

Hearing should be adequate with or without hearing aid to hear warning devices used for worker safety, i.e. look out alarm devices, including vehicle horns used to warn employees of eminent danger at the work site. As per Chapter 13 of the Caltrans Injury Illness Prevention Program Safety Manual.

Mental & Emotional: Must have the ability to develop and maintain cooperative working relationships; respond appropriately to difficult situations; recognize emotionally charged issues or problems; and cope with and respond to emergency situations such as traffic/weather conditions and other natural disasters. Will be required to deal tactfully and courteously with public and crew under stressful and possibly adverse conditions. Must be able to focus on precise work beyond the distractions of traffic, be emotionally stable, alert and aware at all times. Reason logically, draws valid conclusions, makes appropriate recommendations, and adopts an effective course of action. May need to determine amounts of materials and length of time to accomplish a job. This position is responsible for working cooperatively with team members and supervisors to identify innovations that will increase productivity reduce cost and maintain or improve quality. This position must adhere to the customer service standards set by his/her unit and provide high quality service to both internal and external customers.

WORK ENVIRONMENT

Required to work in a wide range of sometimes extreme conditions, including heat up to 120 degrees, cold to -15 degrees, strong winds, rain, sleet, and snow.

During the winter months the workweek is normally 5/8-hour days. The scheduling of the 5/8 days is at the discretion of the Region Management. Employee may be scheduled to work the night shift as needed to meet operational needs with proper advance notice as per the Bargaining Unit 12, Memorandum of Understanding.

May be requested to work scheduled and/or emergency overtime due to storms, callback, special work projects, or to meet operational needs. Overtime will be assigned per the Bargaining Unit 12, Memorandum of Understanding.

Personal safety requirements include but are not limited to (as per Injury and Illness Prevention Program):

- A. Appropriate footwear, in good and sturdy condition, must be worn.
- B. Either long or short sleeved shirts provided by Caltrans, or a safety vest is to be worn over non-safety shirts or coats.
- C. Long pants. No shorts or cutoffs.
- D. Provided safety gear; hard hat, safety glasses, hearing protection devices, face shields, gloves, respirator, chaps, or other safety gear must be worn when required by the Department, including hazmat conditions and/or incidents when required.

I have read, understand and can perform the duties listed above. (If you believe you may require reasonable accommodation, please discuss this with your hiring supervisor. If you are unsure whether you require reasonable accommodation, inform the hiring supervisor who will discuss your concerns with the Reasonable Accommodation Coordinator.)

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EMPLOYEE (Print)

EMPLOYEE (Signature)

DATE

I have discussed the duties with, and provided a copy of this duty statement to the employee named above.

SUPERVISOR (Print)

SUPERVISOR (Signature)

DATE
