

**Sutter-Yuba Mosquito & Vector Control District
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Yuba City, CA 95992
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JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Position: Mosquito Control Aide

Filing Period: March 20, 2024 until filled

Salary Range: \$17.50 – \$19.50 per hour

Status: Summer/Temporary Limited Term (40+ hours per week) Not to exceed 999 hours.

Application: An application can be found, completed and submitted online at <https://sutter-yubamvcd.org/about-us/employment-opportunities>. A cover letter and resume can be attached at the end of the application process. For a hardcopy of our application please contact our office.

Filing location: Sutter-Yuba MVCD
701 Bogue Road,
P.O. Box 726
Yuba City, CA 95992

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Nature of Work:

Under the general direction of the General Foreman and direct supervision of the Field Supervisor and possibly Mosquito Control Technicians I, II and III, this is a summer position, up to 999 hours that performs inspections and control operations in an assigned zone or specialized function of a mosquito and vector control agency and does related work as required.

Examples of Tasks:

- Surveys assigned zone for mosquito and/or vector breeding sources, such as ponds, catch basins, marshy areas, horse stables, residential premises, rice fields, and pastures; maintains an awareness of irrigation patterns and other factors conducive to mosquito and/or vector breeding; takes steps to determine or identify species and/or stage of larval development; and notes other factors such as wind and type and extent of plant growth

- Treats area as indicated by immediate supervisor, selecting appropriate material, dosage rates, and implements to obtain proper coverage and kill
- Arranges for and conducts fish planting in targeted areas as needed
- Re-inspects sprayed areas to evaluate efficacy; keeps records of work done
- Works with property owners and other members of the public
- Performs premises inspections including ponds, residential premises, septic tanks, unmaintained swimming pools, and other vector breeding sources
- Treats infested sources; prepares proper paperwork
- Reports conditions needing attention and action to supervisors
- Reports changes to operational maps of zones and areas in the District including properties, ponds, topographic characteristics, and other features relevant to vector control operations to their supervisor
- Cuts vegetation and prepares trails for equipment and/or personnel movement; performs general labor and simple equipment operations
- Drives automotive equipment, such as pickup trucks and off-road vehicles outfitted with powered and hand spray equipment; keeps equipment in working order; may be assigned to assist in maintenance and repair of District buildings and grounds
- Collects and maintains data as required using electronic or other devices
- Performs activities involving the collection (seining) of mosquitofish at the District fish farm or other sites identified by supervisor
- Performs maintenance activities at the fish farm as needed; such duties include, but are not limited to, application of herbicides, mowing, removing unwanted vegetation with a weed eater and feeding mosquitofish

KNOWLEDGE, ABILITIES, AND SKILLS

- Knowledge of the duties and responsibilities of the Sutter-Yuba Mosquito and Vector Control District
- Ability to learn mechanics, general problems and techniques of mosquito control, including the use of pesticides and safety precautions
- Ability to learn the breeding and living habits of mosquitoes
- Ability to work cooperatively and effectively with other employees and the public
- Ability to operate a vehicle while observing legal and defensive driving practices
- Ability to make arithmetical computations accurately
- Working knowledge of databases, word-processing, and spreadsheet computer applications
- Ability to carry out oral and written instructions
- Ability to interpret and apply applicable District rules and regulations

PHYSICAL DEMANDS AND ESSENTIAL DUTIES

The position of Mosquito Control Aide will require work that is varied in nature. The

Mosquito Control Aide:

- Must be able to hear, understand, speak and write effectively in English.
 - Must be able to regularly operate a motor vehicle (both standard and automatic transmission), and ATVs.
 - Must be able to regularly manipulate small parts and tools.
 - Must be able to regularly bend at the knees and waist to perform repairs or make pesticide applications.
 - Must be able to regularly traverse uneven ground such as fields, dirt banks, stream banks, rice fields, and shallow ponds.
 - Must be able to occasionally reach overhead.
 - Must be able to periodically perform repetitive motion associated with computer usage.
 - Must be able to periodically assist in the lifting of objects weighing in excess of 75 pounds, such as wet seines, power sprayers and construction materials.
 - Must be able to periodically lift objects weighing up to 50 pounds, such as chicken feed and fish feed, back cans weighing 35 pounds and buckets of mosquitofish weighing 30 pounds. These tasks may be performed while traversing rough, steep, brushy, muddy and/or slippery terrain. Muddy terrain would include wading through mud at a depth of up to 12 inches. These activities often occur on a daily basis, and, during the mosquito season, several times daily.
 - Must be able to periodically handle and operate chain saws weighing up to 20 pounds, and brush cutters and weed eaters weighing 16 pounds, while swinging them with a side-to-side motion; must be able to periodically operate lawn mowers requiring a pushing motion with a pressure of 35 pounds, and dump a grass catcher weighing up to 25 pounds.
 - Must be able to periodically harvest mosquitofish, which involves pulling and dragging seines and nets through water while wearing rubber waders in water up to approximately 4 feet high.
 - Must be able to periodically operate hand and power spray equipment such as handheld foggers weighing 30 pounds and belly seeders weighing 25 pounds; must be able to carry associated fuel and chemical refilling containers weighing up to 40 pounds.
 - Must be able to periodically climb ladders or fences.
 - Must be able to periodically work in high or low outdoor temperatures.
- Periodically = Activity or condition exists less than 25% of the time.
Occasionally = Activity or condition exists 25-50% of the time.
Regularly = Activity or condition exists 50-75% of the time.
Frequently = Activity or condition exists more than 75% of the time.

EXPERIENCE, EDUCATION AND SPECIAL NOTES

- Equivalent to high school diploma.
- Must be at least 18 years of age to handle chemicals and/or pesticides.

- Current California Class C Driver's License required.
- Must be insurable with the District's insurance carrier.
- Upon employment, you will need to submit verification of your legal right to work in the United States.

WORKING CONDITIONS

Employee may be exposed to pesticides, chemicals, communicable diseases, rough terrain, vicious animals, poisonous plants and animals, and other health hazards, inclement weather conditions, or verbal confrontations from members of the public. The employee may be required to work non-standard work schedules including weekends and holidays, late nights or early mornings, on short notice.

Applications: Interested individuals must complete and return a District Application, available in office or online at <https://sutter-yubamvcd.org/about-us/employment-opportunities>. The closing date for this position is until the position is filled.

Examination/Interview Information: Selection of applicants for interviews will be based on a qualifying evaluation of training, education and experience shown in the application information. Those candidates selected for interviews will receive a paneled oral interview to assess training, experience and ability to perform the duties of the position.

The provisions of this job announcement do not constitute an expressed or implied contract. Any provision contained in this announcement may be modified or revoked. Acceptance of an application does not mean qualification for an interview.

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