

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

FARM TECHNICIAN

GENERAL FUNCTION

Under general supervision, has primary responsibility for the routine and technical care for a variety of farm animals/farm facility, and performs varied public contact work.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

The essential functions of this position include, but are not limited to:

Feeds animals daily; establishes proper dietary procedures: grazing, feeding and exercise routines; assumes on-going health care for animals with a daily inspection program; worms, inoculates and administers medication; determines when to contact veterinarian; completes other medical procedures as directed by veterinarian; maintains animal hygiene, e.g., shearing sheep, trimming hooves/claws, bathing, dipping, etc.; milks animals; cleans a variety of animal enclosures and farm facility; repairs and maintains farm structures which includes fences, gates, corrals and animal enclosures; interfaces with public, providing information and monitoring their interaction with animals.

OTHER FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES

Other functions and duties related to this role may include the following areas: assists staff in developing and presenting interpretive programs; schedules and directs volunteers; orders and purchases feed and farm supplies; irrigates, seeds and renovates grazing pastures; uses integrated pest management techniques; acquires, trades, breeds and de-acquisitions livestock; completes park maintenance tasks. Performs related duties as assigned.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Education: Equivalent to completion of twelfth grade, and

Experience: Three years experience (paid or gained through farm living) in the routine and technical care of a variety of farm animals, which includes diet, health and hygiene.

Substitution: Education in animal husbandry may be substituted for required experience on a year-for-year basis up to two years.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES

Knowledge of farm animal diet, health and hygiene; physical strength and ability to perform manual labor; ability to operate power equipment, to work under adverse conditions, to work with large animals, to handle public complaints, and to maintain harmonious working relations with staff, outside specialists and the public.

Ability to perform repetitive motions, such as, bend, lift, push, carry, while caring for animals and completing maintenance tasks.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

As a condition of employment, the Farm Technician I may be required to work unusual hours, weekends and holidays. A valid California driver's license is a condition of initial and continued employment in this classification. Is required to work in a prescribed uniform or designated costume. Must be able to use respirators in accordance with CAL-OSHA regulations.

Reports To: Supervising Naturalist

Supervises: Volunteers, but has no permanent supervisory responsibility for regular employees. May act as a lead person and direct employees on special farm projects.

Employment Category: AFSCME, Local 2428, Salary Range \$3,412.83 - \$3,698.15/mo. (Effective 3/25/00)
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