Landscape Maintenance Supervisor

**Purpose of the role:**
Under direction, supervises, assigns, and reviews the work of staff responsible for the construction, maintenance, and repair of the City’s parkways, street trees, medians and related facilities; supervises and coordinates landscape construction and maintenance programs; ensures work quality and adherence to established policies and procedures; coordinates assigned activities with other divisions and outside agencies; and performs related duties as assigned.

**Distinguishing Characteristics:**
The Landscape Maintenance Supervisor assumes responsibility for the administration of the City wide landscape construction and maintenance programs within general policy guidelines. This responsibility includes the work of both City crews and work performed by contractors. Incumbents in this class supervise, assign work to, and evaluate the performance of three or more positions within the assigned unit. In addition, at least 50 percent of the Landscape Maintenance Supervisor’s work time is spent performing supervisory functions. Assignments are varied and carried out with considerable judgment and independence.

**Essential Duties and Responsibilities:**
The following duties are typical for this classification. Incumbents may not perform all of the listed duties and/or may be required to perform additional or different duties from those set forth below to address business needs and changing business practices.

- Plans, organizes, supervises, and evaluates the work of assigned staff; develops, implements and monitors work plans to achieve goals and objectives; supervises and participates in developing, implementing and evaluating plans, work processes, systems and procedures to achieve annual goals, objectives, and work standards.
- Plans, organizes, directs, and evaluates the performance of assigned staff; establishes performance requirements and personal development targets; regularly monitors performance and provides coaching for performance improvement and development; recommends compensation and provides other rewards to recognize performance; recommends disciplinary action, up to and including termination, to address performance deficiencies, in accordance with the City's Personnel Rules and Regulations.
- Participates in the selection of landscape maintenance staff; provides or coordinates staff training; works with employees to correct deficiencies.
- Establishes schedules and methods for providing landscape maintenance services; identifies resource needs; reviews needs with appropriate management staff; allocates resources accordingly.
- Provides leadership and works with staff to ensure a high performance, customer service-orientated work environment that supports achieving the department’s and the City’s mission, objectives and values.
- Participates in the development of the assigned program budget; forecasts funds needed for staffing, equipment, materials and supplies; monitors and approves expenditures; recommends adjustments as necessary.
- Plans the acquisition, layout and maintenance of new landscaped facilities and the redevelopment of existing areas.
- Provides technical assistance to staff; resolves a variety of routine personnel administrative matters; interprets City personnel and MOU provisions as necessary.
- Inspects and evaluates work being performed; identifies problem areas and directs remedial action.
- Coordinates the work of the division with other City Departments, outside agencies or concerned citizen groups; works closely with public and private groups and individuals to explain or coordinate proposed programs.
- Ensures compliance of division activities to pertinent codes, regulations and guidelines.
- Prepares and maintains written records and correspondence; prepares or reviews reports for City Management, boards, commissions and other organizations.
- Develops and plans special events related to division activities.
- May participate in long-term planning to assess future needs.
- Maintains current knowledge of new trends and innovations in the field of landscape maintenance services; monitors developments related to landscaping operations, evaluates their impact and implements policy and procedure improvements.
- Responds to and resolves difficult and sensitive citizen inquiries and complaints in an efficient and timely manner.
- Performs after-hours emergency and on-call duties on a rotating basis.
- Performs related duties as required.

The following generally describes the knowledge and ability required to enter the job and/or be learned within a short period of time in order to successfully perform the assigned duties.

**Desired Minimum Qualifications:**

- Operations, services, and activities of a landscape maintenance program.
- Principles of supervision, training, and performance evaluation.
- Principles and methods of landscape maintenance and landscape architecture, and forestry operations.
• Principles and practices of administration, including goal setting, policy and procedure development and implementation, evaluation and work standards.
• Theories, principles, techniques and equipment used in landscape maintenance and operations.
• Occupational safety hazards and safe work practices.
• Principles and practices of contract preparation and administration.
• Basic principles and practices of municipal budget preparation and control.
• Principles of business letter writing and basic report preparation.
• Office procedures, methods, and equipment including computers and applicable software applications.
• Pertinent federal, state, and local laws, codes, and regulations.

Ability to:
• Supervise, coordinate, and direct landscape maintenance programs.
• Select, train, supervise, organize, and review the work of assigned staff involved in landscape maintenance.
• Recommend and implement goals, objectives, policies, and procedures for providing landscape maintenance programs.
• Understand the organization and operation of the City and of outside agencies as necessary to assume assigned responsibilities.
• Oversee and direct a large landscape and forestry program.
• Analyze complex operational and administrative problems, evaluate alternatives and recommend or implement effective courses of action.
• Oversee contracted services and ensure compliance with contract specifications and obligations.
• Read and interpret documents such as safety rules, operating and maintenance instructions, and procedure manuals.
• Exercise independent judgment and initiative within established guidelines.
• Coordinate work assignments with other divisions, departments, or agencies.
• Participate in the preparation and administration of assigned budget.
• Prepare clear, concise, and comprehensive reports.
• Utilize standard office equipment including computers and related software applications.
• Understand, interpret, explain, and apply applicable federal, state, and local policies, laws, and regulations.
• Respond to requests and inquiries from the general public.
• Communicate clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing.
• Establish and maintain effective working relationships with those contacted in the course of work.
• Respond and perform assigned duties in the event of a City-declared emergency.
Competencies:

➢ Effective Communicator
➢ Team Builder
➢ Strategic Thinker
➢ Results Oriented
➢ Problem Solver and Decision Maker
➢ Planner and Organizer
➢ Technically Knowledgeable

Any combination of education and experience that would likely provide the required knowledge and abilities is qualifying. A typical way to obtain the knowledge and abilities would be:

**Education:**
Equivalent to the completion of the twelfth grade supplemented by college level course work in landscape architecture, horticulture, forestry, or a related field.

**Experience:**
Six years of landscape maintenance experience including one year of lead supervisory responsibility.

**Licenses; Certificates; Special Requirements:**
A valid class C California driver’s license is required.

The conditions herein are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential job functions.

**Physical:** Sufficient physical ability to work indoors and outdoors and operate office equipment; sit, stand, walk, reach, twist, turn, kneel, bend, squat and stoop; grasp, repetitive hand movement and fine coordination in preparing reports using a computer keyboard. **Vision:** See in the normal visual range with or without correction; vision sufficient to read computer screens and printed documents; and to operate assigned equipment. **Hearing:** Hear in the normal audio range with or without correction. **Environment:** Inside and outside environment; travel from site to site; exposure to noise, and inclement weather conditions including wet and/or humid conditions; occasionally works around loud noise levels.

Class specifications are only intended to present a descriptive summary of the range of duties and responsibilities associated with specified positions. Therefore, specifications may not include all duties performed by individuals within a classification. In addition, specifications are intended to outline the minimum qualifications necessary for entry into the class and do not necessarily convey the final qualifications of incumbents within the position.

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 3100, all public employees are required to serve as disaster service workers subject to such disaster service activities as may be assigned to them by their supervisor or by law.

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