



Invites Applications for the Position of: **FACILITIES LOCATOR**

\$29.79 — \$36.22 Hourly DOQ/DOE
(\$61,972 — \$75,327 Annual Salary)
plus excellent benefits!

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Job Summary:

Under the supervision of the Facilities Supervisor, performs facilities location, leak detection and continuity tests on District's underground services, mains and appurtenances. As a condition of employment, this position is required to standby and work as an emergency crew (duty) person on a rotating basis covering nights, holidays and weekends. Applies all standard safety practices.

Essential Functions:

Performs and prioritizes a variety of location and leak detection activities on distribution and transmission mains, fire hydrants, fire and meter services, cathodic protection stations and test sites and all other District appurtenances.

Operates a computer to input, receive, process and obtain data on all underground locations for utility companies, private contractors and other public agencies. Assists with maintaining DigAlert ticket audits and daily activity logs per the District's retention policy.

Reads and interprets District maps, as-built drawings and geographic information system web-based mapping.

Performs hard physical labor in a variety of construction and maintenance activities, such as installing and repairing water services, mains, valves and performs grounds maintenance at all District facilities.

Operates construction equipment such as soil compactors, pneumatic tools, compressors, dump trucks, pickups and crew trucks.

Assists with water distribution related tasks such as emergency and scheduled shutdowns, including notifying customers and other affected parties and/or agencies and ensuring District compliance with its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit. Investigates, troubleshoots and reports leaks in the water distribution system.

Standby and work as an emergency crew (duty) person on a rotating basis covering nights, holidays and weekends. Emergency crew personnel are required to be able to report to the District's headquarters facility within forty-five (45) minutes. Employees on standby may not consume alcoholic beverages or be under the influence of controlled substances, as described in the District's Personnel Policies Manual.

Performs related work as assigned.

Qualifications:

Education and experience equivalent to graduation from high school. Experience in construction and/or maintenance in a water or sewer utility is desirable. Experience using electronic location and leak detection equipment is desirable.

Knowledge of water industry construction standards; equipment and methods used in locating facilities and performing leak detection; DigAlert notification processes; and California Government Code 4216.

Must have a valid California driver's license, and must be acceptable to the District's automotive liability insurance carrier.

Must communicate clearly and concisely; and establish and maintain effective working relations with other personnel and promote good relations with the public.

Must possess a Water Distribution Operator D1 certification (or higher) administered by the California Drinking Water Certification program or obtain the required certification within one year of starting work in this position.

Must pass fit testing for an air-purifying respirator.

Benefits:

The District provides the following benefits:

- Medical Insurance (Employee and dependents).
- Vision Care (Employee and dependents – employee contribution required).
- Dental Insurance (Employee and dependents – employee contribution required).
- Life Insurance (2 x Annual Salary).
- Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance.
- Disability Insurance (30-day qualification period).
- PERS (Public Employees Retirement System) Pension—employee contribution required.
- 13 paid holidays and 15 days of vacation.
- Paid sick leave.
- Deferred compensation match.
- College tuition reimbursement.
- Pre-tax spending accounts for medical and dependent care.
- Alternative work schedule (every other Friday off - optional).

The District:

The Vista Irrigation District was formed in 1923 to provide water to the community of Vista. The District also supplies water to portions of the cities of Escondido, Oceanside, San Marcos and some unincorporated areas of San Diego County. Located seven miles from the Pacific Ocean in northern San Diego County, Vista is the "climatic wonderland of the United States" with an average daily temperature of 74 degrees.

The District (continued):

Rolling hills and a pleasant rural surrounding, combined with relatively affordable housing prices and a strong community, make Vista an ideal place to live and work. Vista has been recognized in a national publication as being one of the “50 fabulous places to raise a family”. In addition to the beautiful beaches to the west, within a 60-mile radius of Vista can be found the dynamic city of San Diego and the Mexican border to the south, snow-capped mountains and majestic deserts to the east, and Disneyland and the Los Angeles metropolitan area to the north.

The District supplies potable water to over 28,000 customers in a 21,160-acre service area with a population of over 135,000 people. The District receives local water from Lake Henshaw, which it owns, imported water from Northern California and the Colorado River via the San Diego County Water Authority (Water Authority) and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and desalinated seawater from the Claude “Bud” Lewis Carlsbad Desalination Plant via the Water Authority. The District currently employs 89 people.

Regular employees in this position may join the Teamster Union. The Facilities Locator is a non-exempt position and eligible for overtime compensation under the Fair Labor Standards Act and in accordance with District Policy.

The Vista Irrigation District is “an equal opportunity employer” and will consider reasonably accommodating qualified disabled persons. Reasonable accommodations can include, but are not limited to, changing job duties, changing the work shifts, accommodating schedules, relocating the work area, and providing mechanical or electrical aids.

Selection Process:

The most appropriately qualified applicants will be invited to continue in the selection process which may consist of competency testing (including a practical exam), a written exercise and oral interviews by District personnel or qualified individuals from other public agencies or any combination thereof. The District expressly reserves the right to change the selection process in order to identify the most qualified candidates as required by federal and state law.

To help streamline the application and hiring process, we have implemented new recruiting software. All applicants will apply via our website at www.vidwater.org under the “careers tab”. **We will no longer accept paper applications.** You will have the ability to upload your resume and cover letter along with any additional documents on our new application portal.

(No faxes or resumes in lieu of District application).

Job offers are contingent upon a pre-employment medical examination and drug testing.

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