

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

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PLACER

MOSQUITO AND VECTOR
CONTROL DISTRICT

Seasonal Lab Assistants (LA)

We are seeking seasonal staff to assist in Mosquito and Vector surveillance, control, and other support roles as part of the Placer Mosquito and Vector Control District. Our District is based in Roseville, CA and serves all of Placer County.

Final Filing Date: March 19, 2010

Beginning March 05, 2010

Position Status	Seasonal, FT
Application Process	Interested individuals must submit a District application, resume, and cover letter. Failure to complete your application and the instructions in this job announcement may result in your application being rejected. Application can be picked up at the District office or obtained online: www.placermosquito.org . Please direct your application materials to: Placer Mosquito and Vector Control District, 2021 Opportunity Drive, Roseville, CA 95678 or electronically to info@placermosquito.org .

Job Description	Seasonal Lab Assistant (2) * these positions will report to work at district facilities in Roseville each day. Work area may change from day to day depending on need, and be anywhere in Placer County. Experience in biological laboratory and/or field-work highly desirable. Some college in biological sciences required. A bachelor's degree and/or previous laboratory experience preferred. Basic computer skills required.
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Seasonal Lab Assistants (LA) perform lab and field-based work to support the District's mosquito and vector surveillance program. Duties include but are not limited to: setting and picking up mosquito traps; counting, sorting, and processing mosquito samples; picking up, evaluating, and packaging dead birds for arbovirus testing; taking blood samples from sentinel chicken flocks

Duties may include part or all of the following:

- Identify immature and adult mosquitoes
- Use a variety of traps and methods to collect adult mosquitoes
- Use laboratory equipment and instruments
- Collect surveillance data on immature mosquitoes and beneficial organisms that occur in rice fields or other similar habitats
- Safely operate a District vehicle to perform work-related activities
- Use radio to communicate with headquarters and supervisor
- Communicate with the general public
- Use personal protective equipment
- Accurately interpret maps
- Recognize agricultural crops
- Use handheld computer devices to collect field information
- Perform general maintenance activity (cleaning mosquito fish tanks, District vehicles, lab equipment, etc.)
- Apply mosquito control products under the supervision of a certified vector control technician if needed
- Perform other related duties as necessary

Physical Requirements

- Must be sighted with the ability to demonstrate measurable depth perception
 - Possess minimum of single aided hearing
 - Possess ability to speak, read, and write English effectively
 - Possess ability to operate a motor vehicle
 - Possess ability to manipulate small parts and tools
 - Possess ability to bend at the knees to perform inspections
 - Possess ability to traverse uneven ground, such as fields, hillsides, dirt banks, rice field levees and checks, and shallow ponds
 - Possess ability to perform repetitive motion associated with computer and/or microscope usage
 - Possess ability to assist in lifting objects weighing in excess of 60 pounds
 - Possess ability to climb ladders and fences
 - Possess ability to wear a respirator
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Requirements	<p>It is the applicants responsibility to identify in their application materials how they meet the MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS listed below: Must be at least 18 years of age or older; Education, training, and/or experience in vector control is preferred but not required; High school diploma or equivalent; courses in biology or other related field is preferred but not required; Ability to learn and understand the duties and responsibilities of the Placer Mosquito and Vector Control District.</p> <p>A valid California Drivers License will be required at the time of employment and must be maintained throughout employment. Individual must possess a current DMV Class C certification. Must be insurable by the District's insurance carrier. A recent DMV printout is required before employment.</p>
Examination and Selection Process	<p>Applicants selected for interviews will be based on a qualifying evaluation of training, education and experience of the application information. Those candidates selected for interviews will receive an oral interview to assess training, experience and ability to perform the duties of the position. Selection will be based on a combined overall assessment of the oral interview.</p>
Medical testing	<p>All persons selected for appointment must pass medical examinations administered by the District's physician. Placer Mosquito and Vector Control District is committed to maintaining a drug and alcohol free workplace.</p>
Terms of Employment	<p>\$12-\$18/ hour starting, depending on experience and specific position Generally April to September; however, the specific timing will be dictated by environmental condition and the needs of the District. Work days/ hours: Generally Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; may include weekends or be adjusted for weather, virus activity, or other District needs. Workers compensation is provided. Employees are protected under the Workers Compensation Laws of California.</p>

The District reserves the right to change or alter this description at its sole discretion.

All qualified applicants will be considered for employment without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, gender, or sexual orientation. Please contact the District at least five (5) working days before a scheduled examination or interview if you require accommodation in the examination or interview process.

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