

Tualatin Valley Irrigation District Job Recruitment

Maintenance/Pipeline Technician

The Tualatin Valley Irrigation District (TVID) operates and maintains the Tualatin Project, a US Bureau of Reclamation Project. TVID releases and delivers irrigation water from Scoggins Dam to up to 17,000-acres annually (per Reclamation repayment contract) to irrigators in the Tualatin Basin. The key features of the Tualatin Project are Scoggins Dam, TVID's primary source of water supply, and two pumping plants: the Paton Valley plant and the Spring Hill plant.

TVID maintains approximately 120 miles of buried pressurized pipeline. The pipeline system makes up nearly seventy percent of all irrigation water delivery, with direct river diversions from the Tualatin River making up the remaining deliveries.

TVID is an Oregon governmental Special District, non-profit Bureau of Reclamation Project, overseen by a five-member board of directors. The District operates in the best interest of both its lands and its patrons.

The Maintenance/Pipeline Technician position will have an opportunity to be a part of a well-established District with a dedicated and capable team of employees. This position is an essential part of supporting the supply of water to the local agricultural community.

Job Title: Maintenance/Pipeline Technician

Job Summary: Operate, maintain, and repair irrigation systems & District facilities

Duties and responsibilities:

- Work closely with and report to District Irrigation Superintendent
- Turn irrigation systems on and off as designated
- Repair and replace irrigation valves and meters
- Repair and replace irrigation pipelines
- Assist in various maintenance activities as required
- Ensure proper care in the use and maintenance of equipment and supplies; promote continuous improvement of workplace safety
- Perform landscaping and weed maintenance as required
- Perform miscellaneous job-related duties as assigned
- Ability to interpret maps and aerial imagery
- Ability to use a computer
- Ability to understand oral and written instructions
- Ability to work independently or as part of a crew

- Ability to establish and maintain an effective working relationship with other employees, supervisors, outside contractors, and the public
- Interact with and strive to maintain good working relationships with water users
- Ability to operate motor vehicles, machines, and tools safely and in conformance with applicable laws, regulations, and District policies

Mandatory Job Requirements:

- High school diploma or GED; at least one year of experience directly related to the duties and responsibilities specified.
- Completed degree(s) from an accredited institution that are above the minimum education requirement may be substituted for experience on a year for year basis.
- Valid Oregon driver's license with clean, safe driving record.

Special Job Requirements:

- Employee must live within (20) minutes of District facilities (Forest Grove, OR).
- Employee required to take off-hours emergency call-outs (including weekends) one week per month.
- Maintain CPR/AED and Standard First Aid certifications as applicable.

Desirable Requirements:

- Ability to operate heavy equipment as needed (backhoe, mini-excavator, dump truck, etc.).
- Ability to secure an Oregon Pesticide Applicator's license.
- Possession of or ability to obtain an Oregon CDL (paid for by District).

Supervision Received:

- The employee works under the supervision of the Irrigation Superintendent during irrigation season and maintenance season.

Supervisory Responsibilities:

- This position is not a supervisory position. Employee may assist in direction, guidance, or training in operational procedures to other employees.

Physical Demands:

- The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this position. While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly required to reach with hands and arms. The employee is required to stand, walk, and use hands to finger, handle, feel or operate objects, tools, or controls. The employee is occasionally required to sit, climb, balance, stoop, kneel, crouch or crawl, talk and hear. The employee must occasionally lift and/or move up to 50 pounds and rarely lift and/or move more than 100 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, distance vision, color vision, peripheral vision, depth perception and the ability to adjust focus.

Pay and Benefits:

- Starting wage: \$20.54 - \$25.50 DOE
- Benefits: Health insurance (medical, dental, and vision), District contribution to Oregon Public Employees Retirement System (PERS), 10 paid holidays/year, 12-20 days paid vacation/year (based on tenure), 12 days paid sick leave/year, District vehicle.