CLASS TITLE: PARK RANGER

BASIC FUNCTION:

Under the direction of a Park Supervisor, maintain County park and recreation facilities in a safe, clean and orderly condition; assist the general public, enforce park regulations, maintain landscaped areas and operate power grounds equipment; perform lead duties with temporary extra help as assigned.

REPRESENTATIVE DUTIES:

Assist the general public by answering questions and explaining park regulations and procedures; enforce park regulations including the consumption of alcoholic beverages, leash laws, boat registration and parking regulations.

Maintain County park and recreational facilities in a safe, clean and orderly condition; clean and sanitize bathrooms, showers, and porta potties.

Site park patrons for violation of park rules and regulations and County ordinances; issue warnings as required; remove violators from park and request law enforcement assistance as needed.

Monitor park usage by the general public; collect fees for camping and maintain records including daily park use, permits sold, accident and incident reports and monies collected.

Monitor fish caught to enforce daily limits and fishing licenses; report violations to Department of Fish and Game.

Spray and apply chemicals to control and eradicate weeds and pests; spread crystals over the surface of lakes to kill weeds and algae; set and inspect fly and insect traps.

Maintain landscaped areas including cultivating, planting, pruning, mowing and watering plants, trees, shrubs, flowers and lawns.

Prepare and maintain athletic fields and facilities; interact and coordinate with a variety of volunteer organizations, special interest groups and community service organizations to accommodate a variety of recreational sports events.

Operate a variety of power equipment including mowers, tractors, cultivators, backhoe, skiploader and chain saw; operate a truck and two-way radio; maintain equipment in safe and proper working condition.

Clear parks of brush, branches and weeds; trim and prune trees to eliminate hazardous branches; operate tractor to clear sand and brush from roadways and launch ramp.

Operate trash compactor to pick up trash, refuse and debris from parks; empty compactor as needed; maintain trash compactor by lubricating fitting, changing oil, inspecting gages, 

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and packing wheel bearings.

Operate power equipment and tools to dig sewer lines and prepare holes for planting trees and erecting poles.

Prepare a variety of records related to fees collected, incidents and inventories; prepare and maintain records of campers and stored boats and trailers.

Operate and maintain water and sewer systems as assigned; inspect water chlorine levels and back flush water filters periodically; obtain periodic water samples for the County Health Department.

Assign and review the work of temporary Park Rangers, lifeguards and extra help as assigned; perform lead duties with trustees, student workers and community service workers as assigned.

Assist in the maintenance and repair of facilities and equipment; perform minor and routine maintenance to electrical, plumbing and air conditioning equipment; perform rough carpentry and assist in painting buildings, signs, tables and posts.

Perform related duties as assigned.

**KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITIES:**

**KNOWLEDGE OF:**
Principles and practices involved in maintaining and protecting parks and recreational areas.
Public relations in a park environment.
Cultivating, fertilizing, watering and spraying of flowers, trees and shrubs.
Methods and materials used in controlling pests, insects and weeds.
Operation and maintenance of hand and power tools and equipment used in grounds keeping.
Methods and procedures of park facility maintenance, grounds keeping and equipment maintenance.
Basic record-keeping techniques.
Interpersonal skills using tact, patience and courtesy.
Laws, rules, regulations and ordinances related to State and County parks.
Health and safety regulations.
Proper lifting techniques.
Principles of training and providing work direction.

**ABILITY TO:**
Maintain park and recreational facilities in a safe, clean and orderly condition.
Enforce park rules, regulations and ordinances.
Mow, edge, water, weed, fertilize, rake and cultivate lawns, flower beds, athletic fields and other landscaped areas.
Operate hand and power tools and other equipment used in grounds maintenance.
Apply specialized chemicals to control and eradicate weeds, insects and other pests.
Use common cleaning equipment and supplies safely and efficiently.

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Observe and report safety hazards and need for maintenance and repair.  
Understand and follow oral and written directions.  
Communicate effectively both orally and in writing.  
Establish and maintain cooperative and effective working relationships with others.  
Add, subtract, multiply and divide quickly and accurately.  
Maintain records and prepare reports.  
Train and provide work direction to others.  
Analyze situations accurately and adopt an effective course of action.  
Work independently with little direction.  
Lift objects weighing up to 60 pounds.  
Observe legal and defensive driving practices.  

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:  
Any combination equivalent to:  some grounds and facilities maintenance experience and experience consistent with requirements to obtain a P.C. 832 Certificate.  

LICENSES AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS:  
Obtain a P.C. 832 Certificate within first three months in this classification; obtain valid CPR and Advanced First Aid Certificate within first three months in this classification; valid California driver’s license.  

WORKING CONDITIONS:  
Outdoor environment; subject to driving a vehicle to conduct work.  
Physical abilities required include lifting, climbing, pushing, pulling, standing for extended periods of time, seeing to operate various equipment including vehicles, and speaking to exchange information and make presentations.  
Incumbents may be exposed to toxic chemicals, contact with hostile or abusive individuals, extreme weather conditions, fumes, dirt and noise.