

**URBAN FORESTRY SUPERVISOR I**

**DEFINITION**

Under direction, plans, coordinates, and supervises the activities of Fresno Municipal Tree Maintenance crews.

**SUPERVISION RECEIVED/EXERCISED**

The Forestry Supervisor I receives supervision from the Urban Forestry Supervisor II. This class exercises supervision over assigned staff.

**DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS**

The Urban Forestry Supervisor I is the first-line supervisory class in the Urban Forestry Supervisor series. The incumbent in this class will have direct public contact concerning municipal tree care and will provide field supervision to crews engaged in planting, trimming, removal, pest control and other tree maintenance operations. The Urban Forestry Supervisor I is distinguished from the Urban Forestry Supervisor II in that the latter classification is the program supervisor of the Fresno Municipal Tree Planting and Maintenance Program. The Urban Forestry Supervisor I is distinguished from Tree Trimmer Leadworker in that the latter is the advanced tree trimmer class in which incumbents provide lead direction to a tree trimming crew.

**EXAMPLES OF IMPORTANT AND ESSENTIAL DUTIES**

(May include, but are not limited to, the following:)

Assigns and supervises the activities of work crews engaged in tree maintenance operations.

Assigns and dispatches emergency tree service crews.

Evaluates work in progress, use of equipment, safety practices, and compliance with instructions.

Addresses inquiries by residents, property owners, landscape architects, contractors, various firms and City departments concerning tree care, program activities, City tree ordinances and Division policies.

Investigates and resolves complaints regarding tree planting, maintenance and removal.

Supervises the maintenance of equipment and instructs personnel in the mixing and application of pesticides.

Prepares reports relating to work programs and equipment needs., and personnel evaluations of assigned staff.

Assists in diagnosing City tree problems and provides recommendations for treatment to property owners and residents requesting service.

Prepares and directs training and safety programs for assigned staff.

Performs related duties as required.

## **JOB RELATED AND ESSENTIAL QUALIFICATIONS**

### **Knowledge of:**

The culture of trees, shrubs, and other plants and effective methods of their maintenance.

Soils, fertilizers, pesticides, and methods of controlling infections and diseases of trees and plants.

Safety precautions required when tree maintenance is performed in close proximity to utility lines located overhead and underground.

The operation and maintenance of tree care equipment.

Occupational hazards and safety precautions including pertinent CAL-OSHA requirements.

### **Ability to:**

Prepare and maintain accurate detailed reports and records.

Plan, coordinate and supervise subordinates in methods of planting, caring for and removing trees and other plants.

Diagnose tree problems and appraising trees to determine their value.

Establish and maintain effective working relationships with those contacted in the course of work.

Develop and direct training and safety programs pertinent to this trade.

Communicate effectively, both verbally and in writing.

## **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS**

### **Experience:**

Three years of experience in tree maintenance, including tree trimming at considerable heights requiring the use of ropes and rigging which included, one year of leadworker experience.

### **Necessary Special Requirements:**

Possession of a valid California Driver's License will be required at time of appointment. Certification as an arborist by the International Society of Arboriculture may be required.

APPROVED: (Signature on File)  
Director of Personnel

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