

PLANNER, WATER QUALITY

JOB PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

Employees in this classification perform a variety of professional level functions in support of the Wetland Protection Ordinance and other measures to protect and maintain water quality in the County.

CLASSIFICATION DISTINCTIONS

This is a single level classification for professionals in the field of water quality management. The classification requires a degree in the natural sciences and experience in wetland preservation. The work is similar to current and long range land use planning but with a specialization on water quality aspects of land development.

Water Quality Planners may coordinate or facilitate the efforts of other but otherwise do not have supervisory responsibility. Work is performed within relatively broad direction and infrequent supervisory review.

This classification has responsibility for overall coordination of a basically structured program and the planning and implementation of routine to highly complex projects. The incumbent may be authorized to make departmental commitments within well defined limits. Work affects a substantial range of areas of public and community concern.

KEY OR TYPICAL TASKS AND RESPONSIBILITIES - Duties may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Conducts site visits to determine or verify the presence of wetlands and identifies the wetland category based on the Wetland Protection Ordinance.
- Reviews and analyzes more complex wetland delineation reports, including problem and disturbed area wetlands.
- Provides technical review of development proposals and environmental impacts. Provides determinations of necessary mitigation or protection for wetland systems. Approves wetland mitigation plans that comply with the Wetland Protection Ordinance.
- Provides input and direction to technical consultants on preparation of Wetland delineation, and wetland permit applications.
- Responds to public inquiries on the Wetland Protection Ordinance provisions and permits.

- Assists in the enforcement of violations of the Wetland Protection Ordinance and the Vegetation Clearing Ordinance.
- Represents the County at public land use hearings and meetings with state, Federal and other agencies regarding wetland issues.
- Coordinates technical review committee for amending the Wetland Protection Ordinance regarding correction or improvements on interpretation , enforcement or other issues of the Ordinance.

QUALIFICATIONS

Education & Experience:

- Bachelors Degree in Biology or related natural science and;
- One year experience delineating wetlands using the Army Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual and;

Other combinations of education and experience will be considered

Knowledge of the: Land use permit processing and regulations protecting and regulating the use of wetlands; effects of development and proposed development on wetlands.

Ability to: Communicate orally and in writing; prepare technical reports, permit applications and related materials; work independently and prioritize work under verifying deadlines; read understand and interpret technical reports, data and environmental documents; Understand, interpret and apply appropriately the laws rules, regulations policies, codes and ordinances applicable to this position; observe field conditions and develop conclusions regarding ecological functions; establish and maintain effective professional working relationships with co-workers, internal personnel, governmental agencies, consultants, developers and members of the public; deal effectively with people in emotional situations. Incumbents must possess or obtain a valid motor vehicle operators' license.

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