

SUPERVISOR, FARM

DEFINITION

Under general direction, plans, schedules, assigns, and reviews the work of Farm Program staff, including animal units, horticulture unit, and agriculture lands; oversees and maintains Farm financial accounts; coordinates, monitors, and provides technical input for assigned farm operations, maintenance, and related projects and programs; provides responsible technical assistance to the Dean, Natural Sciences; performs a variety of technical tasks relative to the assigned functional area.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED AND EXERCISED

Receives general direction from the Dean, Natural Sciences. Exercises direct and general supervision over assigned staff.

CLASS CHARACTERISTICS

This is a full supervisory-level classification responsible for planning, organizing, supervising, reviewing, and evaluating the work of Farm Program staff. The incumbent organizes and oversees day-to-day activities and operations of the assigned functional area, including short- and long-term operational and maintenance planning, development and administration of program budgets, and various other projects. Successful performance of the work requires an extensive background in farm operations, as well as, the use of considerable independence, initiative, and discretion within established guidelines. This class is distinguished from the Dean, Natural Sciences in that the latter has overall responsibility for all functions for the Natural Sciences Department.

EXAMPLES OF ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS (Illustrative Only)

- Plans, organizes, assigns, supervises, and reviews the work of assigned staff of the Farm Program, including animal units, horticulture unit, and agriculture lands.
- Participates in the development and implementation of goals, objectives, policies, and priorities for assigned services, projects, and activities; identifies resource needs; recommends and implements policies and procedures, including standard operating procedures.
- Evaluates employee performance, counsels employees, and effectively recommends initial disciplinary action; assists in selection and promotion.
- Trains staff in work and safety procedures and in the operation and use of equipment and supplies; implements procedures and standards.
- Monitors operations and activities of the Farm Program; identifies opportunities for improving service delivery methods and procedures; provides recommendations concerning process changes; reviews with appropriate management staff; implements improvements.
- Determines and recommends equipment, materials, and staffing needs for assigned operations, projects, and programs; participates in the annual budget preparation; prepares detailed cost estimates; maintains a variety of records and prepares routine reports of work performance.
- Plans and lays out maintenance work projects; monitors and controls supplies and equipment; orders supplies and tools as necessary; prepares documents for equipment procurement.
- Supervises the use of and operation of tools, equipment, and vehicles; ensures that tools, equipment, and vehicles are safely operated, maintained, and secured when not in use; schedules the service, repair, and replacement of tools and equipment.
- Inspects work in progress and completed work of assigned employees and contractors for accuracy, proper work methods, techniques, and compliance with applicable standards and specifications.
- Supervises and participates in the development and implementation of weekly, monthly, and annual plans for assigned units and programs.

- Oversees the coordination of the sales of the farm's products, including animals, horses, and horticulture; researches current sales, expenses, and market trends to establish prices.
- Obtains and maintains permits, licenses, and certificates to ensure compliance of farm operations, including performing inspections to meet regulatory requirements.
- Manages all aspects of student residents at the farm, including maintaining contracts and agreements, ensuring compliance with rules, policies, and procedures, and coordinating utility services.
- Prepares and presents various reports and other necessary correspondence; supervises the preparation and maintenance of related reports, records, and files; ensures the proper documentation of activities.
- Reviews and maintains operational data; analyzes and evaluates data results; implements findings and takes corrective action, as necessary.
- Answers questions and provides information to faculty, students, staff, and the public; investigates inquiries; recommends corrective actions to resolve issues.
- Learns and applies emerging technologies and, as necessary, to perform duties in an efficient, organized, and timely manner.
- Provides a working and learning environment that is free from prohibited discrimination, harassment and retaliation (DHR), and provided by applicable law and District policies. Attends District mandated DHR training and participates in DHR investigations as directed. Prevents discrimination and harassment and retaliation against individuals who bring these complaints forward through recognizing and reporting possible incidents to the Director of Equal Employment Opportunity Programs in Human Resources.
- Performs other related duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge of:

- Principles and practices of employee supervision, including work planning, assignment, review and evaluation, discipline, and the training of staff in work procedures.
- Principles and practices of farm operations and maintenance program development and administration.
- Principles, practices, equipment, tools, and materials of farm operations and maintenance.
- Applicable Federal, State, and local laws, regulatory codes, ordinances, and procedures relevant to assigned area of responsibility.
- Basic principles and practices of budget program development, administration, and accountability.
- Safety principles, practices, and procedures.
- Modern office practices, methods, and computer equipment and applications related to the work.
- Record keeping principles and procedures.
- English usage, spelling, vocabulary, grammar, and punctuation.
- Techniques for providing a high level of customer service by effectively dealing with the public, vendors, students, and District staff, including individuals of various ages, disabilities, socio-economic and ethnic groups.

Skills & Abilities to:

- Assist in developing and implementing goals, objectives, practices, policies, procedures, and work standards.
- Supervise, train, plan, organize, schedule, assign, review, and evaluate the work of staff.
- Organize, implement, and direct farm operations and maintenance services, projects, and activities.
- Interpret, apply, explain, and ensure compliance with applicable Federal, State, and local policies, procedures, laws, and regulations.
- Understand, interpret, and successfully communicate both orally and in writing, pertinent department policies and procedures.

- Identify problems, research and analyze relevant information, and develop and present recommendations and justification for solution.
- Perform the most complex farm operations and maintenance duties and operate related equipment safely and effectively.
- Develop cost estimates for supplies and equipment.
- Research, analyze, and evaluate new service delivery methods, procedures, and techniques.
- Prepare clear and concise reports, correspondence, procedures, and other written materials.
- Establish and maintain a variety of manual and computerized files, record keeping, and project management systems.
- Make sound, independent decisions within established policy and procedural guidelines.
- Organize and prioritize a variety of projects and multiple tasks in an effective and timely manner; organize own work, set priorities, and meet critical time deadlines.
- Operate modern office equipment including computer equipment and software applications programs.
- Use English effectively to communicate in person, over the telephone, and in writing.
- Understand scope of authority in making independent decisions.
- Review situations accurately and determine appropriate course of action using judgment according to established policies and procedures.
- Establish, maintain, and foster positive and effective working relationships with those contacted in the course of work.

Education and Experience:

Any combination of training and experience which would provide the required knowledge, skills, and abilities is qualifying. A typical way to obtain the required qualifications would be:

Equivalent to graduation from an accredited four-year college or university with major coursework in agricultural science, animal sciences, or related field and five (5) years of increasingly responsible experience in farm and/or ranch management, including two (2) years of lead or supervisory experience.

Licenses and Certifications:

- A valid California Class A driver's license with the appropriate endorsements is required.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS

Must possess mobility to work in the field; strength, stamina, and mobility to perform medium to heavy physical work, to operate varied farming tools and equipment, and to operate a motor vehicle and visit various District and meeting sites; vision to read printed materials and a computer screen; and hearing and speech to communicate in person and over the telephone. The job involves fieldwork requiring frequent walking in operational areas to identify problems or hazards. Finger dexterity is needed to access, enter, and retrieve data using a computer keyboard or calculator and to operate above-mentioned tools and equipment. Positions in this classification bend, stoop, kneel, reach, and climb to perform work and inspect animals and work sites. Employees must possess the ability to lift, carry, push, and pull materials and objects, typically weighing 50 pounds, and occasionally heavier weights with the use of proper equipment.

ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS

Employees work in the field and are exposed to loud noise levels, cold and hot temperatures, inclement weather conditions, dust, fumes, and allergens, hazardous physical substances and fumes and mechanical and/or electrical equipment and machinery. Employees may interact with staff, students, and/or the public in interpreting and enforcing departmental policies and procedures.