

GREENFIELDS IRRIGATION DISTRICT WINTER OF 2026

POSITION: Ditchrider

NATURE OF POSITION: Permanent full-time position that includes health insurance and retirement benefits.

STARTING DATE: Within 2 weeks of hire, or sooner

SALARY: \$23.10/hr. base wage, with a \$1.50/hr. wage increase after the probationary period of the first 6 months or 1040 hours worked. Hourly pay is determined by the Collective Bargaining Agreement. This is a union position. Overtime pay is \$34.65/hr.

CLOSING DATE: When filled

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: A valid Commercial Drivers License or ability to obtain a CDL within 18 months of hire and a clean driving record.

DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES:

Under the direction of the Watermaster, a ditch rider distributes irrigation water to farms within the assigned Ditchrider division and maintains all facilities within that division. Responsibilities include distribution of water as dictated by Board policies, but more specifically measuring and recording as accurately as possible all water diversions, deliveries, and wastes, implementing water rationing during water-short periods in an equitable manner; and conducting minor routine maintenance of the facilities while reporting necessary major maintenance requirements to the Manager or O&M Foreman. Each Ditchrider will be responsible for weed control in their respective division.

Each Ditchrider is expected to work daily during the irrigation season which is approximately mid-May to mid-September. Time off is encouraged to be used during non-peak irrigation periods, but occasionally may be allowed, with approval. Under the supervision of the O&M Foreman, assists in construction and maintenance activities during the non-irrigation season, including the operation of district equipment as assigned.

EVALUATION FACTORS:

Ditchriders are evaluated on the following factors:

- Knowledge of farm irrigation practices.
- Knowledge of the principles, practices and procedures for the distribution of water in District facilities.
- Ability to communicate effectively with water users.
- Ability to measure and record water (as accurately as possible).
- Ability to perform minor routine maintenance of facilities including concrete and carpentry work.
- Stability and integrity in assuming a seven-day work week.
- Ability to operate district equipment in a safe, effective and non-abusive manner.
- Basic computer skills required.
- Ability to carry out duties as assigned with minimal supervision.
- Knowledge and use of safe working practices and safe driving practices.
- Positive attitude and strong work ethic
- Reliable and dependable work record