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DEPUTY PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR II

DEFINITION

Under general direction, the incumbent assists with planning, organizing, directing, and managing the Public Works Department's functions, operations, and services. This includes serving as a division head of the engineering and capital project management division, providing day-to-day direction and engineering management for capital projects, as well as developing and administering contracts and ensuring regulatory compliance. They also handle special assignments as directed by the Public Works Director and perform related duties as assigned.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS

This is a management classification that assists with the overall management and supervision of the Department of Public Works. The incumbent directly manages delegated functions or divisions within the department, including the Administrative Division.

This classification is distinguished from Deputy Public Works Deputy I in that incumbents are not licensed Civil Engineers. The incumbent in this management position serves at the pleasure of the appointing authority, which means the employment relationship is at-will, and that the County of Lake or the employee may terminate the relationship at any time, with or without cause.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED AND EXERCISED

Receives general supervision from the Director of Public Works or other management staff, depending on areas of work assignments. Exercises direct supervision of professional, technical, and administrative support staff.

EXAMPLES OF ESSENTIAL DUTIES

Class specifications are intended to present a descriptive list of the scope of duties performed by employees in this class and are not intended to reflect all duties performed within the job.

- Assist with planning, organizing, directing and managing the functions and activities of the Department of Public Works.
- Hire, supervise, train, and evaluate assigned staff; oversee and coordinate department personnel activities.
- Provide oversight and direction for the work of the Principal Civil Engineer.
- Assist with the development and implementation of department goals, objectives, and priorities.
- Prepare and administer budgets for delegated functions.
- Prepare and submit grant applications for a variety of projects and administer grants.
- Work with the Public Works Director in formulating department procedures and policies
- Develop long-range plans and capital improvement requirements for assigned areas of management responsibility and carry out approved plans.

- Oversee the preparation of capital project development documents for a variety of public works facilities, such as roads, bridges, drainage, and other related public facilities.
- Prepares requests for proposals and/or qualifications for engineering, construction management, and related public works professional services; prepares and negotiates contracts.
- Evaluate proposals for contract engineering work.
- Oversee professional engineering studies and consultant work, including preparation of plans and project specifications.
- Coordinate field inspections of projects and facilities.
- Ensure project compliance with engineering standards.
- Monitor current legislation related to areas of responsibility and develop reports of impacts on areas of assigned responsibility.
- Prepare new County ordinances or amendments to existing County ordinances.
- Develop comprehensive reports and presents findings to the Board of Supervisors and the public.
- Perform special assignments for the Public Works Director.
- Serves as a liaison for the Department of Public Works with a variety of regional and local boards, commissions, other County departments, other government organizations, as delegated.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge of:

- Principles, practices, and methods of civil engineering as applied to the design, construction, and maintenance of public works facilities.
- Pertinent state, federal and local laws, regulations, and ordinances related to the functions and operations of the Department of Public Works.
- Grant development and administration.
- Proper inspection methods and procedures.
- Research and statistical methods.
- Budget development and control.
- Principles of project planning, development, coordination, and direction.
- Principles of management, supervision, training, and work evaluation.

Ability to:

- Assist with planning, organizing, managing, and coordinating the functions and services of the Department of Public Works.
- Design and construction of roads, bridges, or airport projects.
- Provide supervision, training, and timely work evaluations for assigned staff.
- Develop and administer budgets.
- Direct and oversee a wide scope of complex professional engineering and construction surveying work.
- Direct and manage the development and administration of grants.
- Perform special assignments for a variety of County boards and commissions.
- Direct the preparation and prepare clear, concise reports.
- Operate a computer and use appropriate software in the performance of public works administration responsibilities.
- Make effective oral and written presentations.

- Effectively represent the Department of Public Works with the public, community organizations, boards, commissions and other government agencies.
- Regularly work well under pressure, meeting multiple and sometimes conflicting deadlines.
- Constantly demonstrate cooperative behavior with colleagues, supervisors, and customers/clients.

Licensing and Certifications:

Possession of, or ability to obtain, an appropriate valid California Driver's License.

Possession of a valid registration as a Professional Civil Engineer from the State of California.

Education and Experience:

Equivalent to a Bachelor's degree from an accredited four-year college or university with major coursework in civil engineering, construction administration, or a closely related discipline.

Four (4) years of increasingly responsible engineering experience in planning, development, construction and maintenance of public works facilities, including at least two (2) years in a management or supervisory position.

Advanced education in civil engineering, public administration, or related disciplines is preferred. Experience in the design and construction of roads, bridges, or airport projects is highly desirable.

Additional directly related experience and/or education may be substituted.

WORKING CONDITIONS, ADA, AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

The County of Lake is an equal opportunity employer and will comply with its obligations under the law to provide equal employment opportunities to qualified individuals with disabilities. Reasonable accommodation may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential job functions.

Incumbents generally work partially in an office environment with moderate noise levels and controlled temperature conditions and partially in the field. As such, incumbents may have occasional exposure to loud noise levels, cold and hot temperatures, inclement weather conditions, and direct exposure to hazardous physical conditions. Incumbents may interact with upset staff and/or public and private representatives in interpreting and enforcing departmental policies and procedures.

Positions in this class typically require: sitting, stooping, kneeling, crouching, reaching, standing, walking, pushing, pulling, lifting, fingering, grasping, talking, hearing, seeing, and repetitive motions.

Sedentary Work: Exerting up to 10 pounds of force occasionally and/or a negligible amount of force frequently or constantly to lift, carry, push, pull or otherwise move objects. Sedentary work involves sitting most of the time. Jobs are sedentary if walking and standing are required only occasionally and all other sedentary criteria are met.

Light Work: Exerting up to 25 pounds of force occasionally, and/or up to 10 pounds of force frequently, and/or a negligible amount of force constantly to move objects. If the use of arm and/or leg controls requires exertion of forces greater than that for sedentary work and the worker sits most of the time, the job is rated for light work.

Positions in this class may require local and statewide travel as necessary.

A successful candidate will be required to submit to and pass a background check prior to the appointment. Depending upon the position and/or assigned department, the background check may include but is not limited to civil and criminal history check, reference check, Live Scan, and/or credit check (as allowed under state law).

Disaster Service Workers: As members of the County of Lake Emergency Services Organization, all Lake County employees are designated as Disaster Service Workers during a proclaimed emergency and may be required to perform certain emergency services at the direction of the department and / or County.

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