



BUTTE COUNTY
invites applications for the position of:

Agricultural Biologist/Weights & Measures Inspector, Senior

SALARY: \$27.04 - \$36.24 Hourly
\$2,163.20 - \$2,899.20 Biweekly
\$4,686.93 - \$6,281.60 Monthly
\$56,243.20 - \$75,379.20 Annually

OPENING DATE: 10/29/18

CLOSING DATE: 11/09/18 05:00 PM

SUMMARY:

Candidates who meet the minimum qualifications as explained below will be invited to participate in the written examination scheduled for November 27 or 28, 2018.

The current vacancy to be filled will be assigned to the Agriculture Division.

Under minimal supervision, performs Agricultural and or Weights and Measures inspections to promote and protect agriculture, public health, environment, consumers and businesses by enforcing Federal, State and local laws and regulations.

FLSA: Non-Exempt

ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS:

Essential functions, as defined under the Americans with Disabilities Act, may include any of the following tasks, knowledge, skills and other characteristics. The list that follows is not intended as a comprehensive list; it is intended to provide a representative summary of the major duties and responsibilities. Incumbent(s) may not be required to perform all duties listed, and may be required to perform additional, position-specific tasks.

- Conducts services, inspections and investigations to prevent or eliminate environmental and pesticide health hazards, worker health and safety and food quality; may be assigned to regulate air and water quality issues or land use related to pesticide applications and agricultural use.
- Evaluates and issues restricted material permits and operator identification numbers; test evaluate, educate and certify users of pesticides on the safe use/handling of pesticides; register pest control business and provide pesticide safety education; review pesticide use reports; assist in developing and presenting training programs related to pesticide laws and regulations to various groups.
- Enforce State and Federal pesticide laws and regulations through on-site inspections and by monitoring pesticide applications.
- Conducts pesticide fumigation inspections on agricultural commodities, soil and structural dwellings to safe guard the environment, public health and worker safety.
- Investigates pesticide use complaints, pesticide illness, pesticide residues reported on produce, pesticide use near schools, pesticide damage incidents and pesticide environmental effects; takes appropriate action when non-compliance of the pesticide laws or regulations is found, including issuance of notices of violations and citations and or

assist with preparing cases for administrative civil penalty actions and or referrals to the district Attorney.

- Inspect pesticide storage areas and equipment; review and evaluate business and employee safety records, pest control operators, municipalities, pesticide dealers and pest control advisors; evaluate and approve proposed sites and notices of intent for pesticide applications.
- Performs public speaking for educational outreach at various venues. Answer questions and provide information and assistance to the public, private industry, government agencies and community groups; conduct studies and gather information for surveys.
- Works towards increasing knowledge as it relates to the protection of endangered species.
- Takes enforcement actions when necessary and assist with decision reports, enforcement letters, and office hearings, notice of proposed actions and with advocating administrative civil penalties.
- Inspects agricultural and commercial businesses for compliance to safety, sanitary, and calibration regulations; enforces worker safety laws and regulations; investigates a variety of complaints.
- Develops effective working relationship with the agricultural and business communities; provides customer service in compliance with departmental policies.
- May guide, lead and schedule staff; may prioritizes and assigns day-to-day work; may provide coaching and guidance on job responsibilities and technical skills; provides specific technical training to staff as necessary; may provide supervisor with feedback on staff performance evaluations.
- Prepares and maintains records of inspections and analyzes statistical reports; gathers evidence for appropriate enforcement action by the department; initiates corrective actions as needed; testifies in court and hearings as needed.
- Performs independent inspections and serves as lead worker for assigned programs by supervisory staff. Assists with the field training of entry level Agricultural Biologist/Weights and Measures Inspectors.
- Audits records of growers, pest control operators, and dealers; investigates pesticide illness and crop loss episodes; licenses and regulates agricultural pest control applicators and operators.
- Inspects and certifies agricultural products and commodities for compliance with State codes and regulations; regulates, inspects, and approves producers, markets, apiaries, nurseries, and growers; monitors and accredits grain and seed mills.
- Staff may be required to cross train and perform inspections in both Agriculture and Weights & Measures programs.
- Identifies agricultural pests and diseases; enforces plant quarantine regulations; assists in the detection, eradication, and control of pests and diseases; collects various agricultural samples for delivery to State lab for testing and identification.
- Inspects and tests commercial weighing and measuring devices for accuracy, and notifies owners of test results; discovers and resolves problems. Condemns devices not brought into compliance.
- Verifies the accuracy of price scanning equipment; verify weighmaster licenses and determine whether certificates of weights and measures are being issued correctly.
- Examines the work and license requirements of registered service agents.
- Inspects Junk Dealer/Recyclers for storm water permit, photographic, thumb printing and theft alert notification requirements.
- Investigates complaints of improper weight, measure, or count; conducts random sampling of packaged commodities to ensure content is equal to amount on label.
- Inspects petroleum vapor recovery systems; monitors petroleum octane, labeling, price signs, and advertising to ensure accuracy and compliance with regulations; tests for sediment and water contamination in petroleum fuels.
- Operates a variety of specialized equipment, including gas and electric meter test apparatus, taximeter fifth wheel, scanner gun, heavy-capacity weight truck, hydraulic crane, and weight mover.
- Performs other related duties as assigned.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited four-year college with specialization in one or more appropriate disciplines in agricultural, biological, chemical, or physical sciences; or in any

discipline with a minimum of 30 semester units or equivalent, in one or any combination of the following disciplines, Agricultural Science, Biological Science, Chemical Science, Physical Science, Mathematics, and or Statistics which allows qualification for licensing examination by the California Department of Food & Agriculture.

- One (1) year experience as an Agricultural Biologist/Weights and Measures Inspector III in Butte County OR Three (3) years of experience enforcing agricultural or weights and measures laws in a comparable agency may be substituted.
- Possession of all eight (8) licenses issued by the State of California Department of Food and Agriculture, all five (5) agricultural licenses and all three (3) Weights and Measures licenses.
- Valid State of California driver's license is required.
- If assigned to the agricultural division will be required (within one year) to obtain and maintain an Authorized Certification Official (ACO) accreditation by the United States Department of Agriculture Animal Plant Health Inspection Services in order to perform Phytosanitary Export inspections And (within two years) take the State Structural pest control training course in order to perform pesticide structural pest control inspections.
- If assigned to the Weights & Measures division may be required to obtain a commercial Class A or B driver's license.

ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS AND CONDITIONS/PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:

- Work is performed in an office environment and in internal and external environments with exposure to inclement weather and varying temperatures.
- Performing the essential functions of this job will require the incumbent to work with and/or around hazardous chemicals, conditions, and materials, unpleasant odors or substances in the field, such as heat, rain, dust, gasoline vapors and diesel exhaust and pesticides.
- May be required to lift and carry items weighing over 50 pounds.

APPLICATIONS MAY BE FILED ONLINE AT:
<http://www.buttecounty.net/humanresources>

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Position #181112222
AGRICULTURAL BIOLOGIST/WEIGHTS & MEASURES
INSPECTOR, SENIOR
RB

Agricultural Biologist/Weights & Measures Inspector, Senior Supplemental Questionnaire

- * 1. In order to qualify for this position you must have either three (3) years of experience enforcing agricultural or weights and measures laws in a comparable agency or one (1) year experience as an Agricultural Biologist/Weights and Measures Inspector III in Butte County. Do you meet one of these requirements?
☐ Yes ☐ No
- * 2. Please list the name(s) of your employer(s) and the position(s) you held in which you obtained your experience in question #1.
- * 3. Do you have ALL five (5) agricultural licenses and ALL three (3) Weights and Measures licenses, issued by the State of California Department of Food and Agriculture? You MUST include a copy of all of your licenses prior to the recruitment deadline. **Failure to submit a copy by the recruitment deadline will result in denial of application.**
☐ Yes ☐ No

- * 4. The job classification that you are applying for **REQUIRES** a degree as listed in the minimum qualifications on the job specification. You **MUST** include copies of transcripts (do not need to be official) OR diploma. **prior** to the recruitment deadline. **Not submitting this documentation by the recruitment deadline will result in disqualification from this recruitment.** Please select "yes" acknowledging that you have read and understand this requirement.

☐ Yes

* Required Question