DEFINITION:

Under general supervision, performs the full array of duties assigned to classes in the Parks Worker series including maintenance and repair of parks, landscaped areas, street medians and related facilities; performs installation, design, maintenance and repair of irrigation systems; demonstrates a full understanding of all applicable policies, procedures and work methods associated with assigned duties; assists in the training of lower level maintenance staff; performs other related duties as required.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS:

The Parks Worker III is the advanced journey level class responsible for a wide variety of parks, landscape and grounds maintenance, construction and repair tasks, and for overseeing and performing installation, design, maintenance and repair of complex irrigation systems. This classification is distinguished from the next lower classification of Parks Worker II by the performance of more complex installation and maintenance activities related to all irrigation and sprinkler systems on City grounds.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED/EXERCISED:

Receives general supervision from the Parks Lead Worker. Incumbents of this class do not routinely exercise supervision.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:  (include but are not limited to the following)

- Performs and coordinates installation, design of irrigation and sprinkler systems including controllers and backflow preventers; establishes and oversees replacement of broken parts; purchases parts and supplies and maintains inventory; digs irrigation ditches; troubleshoots and repairs controllers and related electrical components; trains staff in the operation and routine maintenance of irrigation systems.

- Performs work in the construction, maintenance and repair of parks, recreation fields, landscaped areas, medians and related facilities; cultivates and prepares soil for planting; applies fertilizers; cleans areas, trims trees and shrubs, rakes leaves and picks up litter; performs heavy physical labor.

- Operates and perform routine preventative maintenance on assigned tools and equipment; assists in a variety of construction projects including cement walks, slabs and curbing; inspects parks and landscapes for problems and reports to management.

- Performs painting, plumbing and general repair activities on restrooms and other facilities.

- Operates loaders, back hoes, wood chippers and other equipment in the construction and maintenance
of street medians, recreation fields, and parks.

- Responds to questions and concerns from the general public and parks patrons; provides information as is appropriate and resolves public service complaints.

WORKING CONDITIONS:

Position requires sitting, standing, walking on level and slippery surfaces, reaching, twisting, turning, kneeling, bending, stooping, squatting, crouching, grasping and making repetitive hand movement in the performance of daily duties. The position also requires both near and far vision when inspecting work and operating assigned equipment. The need to lift, carry and push tools, equipment and supplies weighing 25 pounds or more is also required. Additionally, the incumbent in this outdoor position works in all weather conditions including wet, hot and cold. The incumbent may use herbicides, pesticides, and cleaning and lubricating chemicals which may expose the employee to fumes, dust and air contaminants and may be exposed to electrical and mechanical hazards. The nature of the work also requires the incumbent to climb ladders, use power and noise producing tools and equipment, drive motorized vehicles and equipment.

QUALIFICATIONS: (The following are minimal qualifications necessary for entry into the classification)

**Education and/or Experience:**

Any combination of education and experience that has provided the knowledge, skills and abilities necessary for a Parks Worker III. A typical way of obtaining the required qualifications is to possess two years of experience equivalent to that of a Parks Worker II, including one year in the installation, design, maintenance and repair of irrigation and sprinkler systems similar to that used in parks maintenance, and a high school diploma or equivalent.

**License/Certificate:**

Possession of, or ability to obtain, a valid class C California driver’s license. Depending upon area of assignment, incumbents may be required to possess a California Applicators Certificate for herbicides and pesticides.

**KNOWLEDGE/ABILITIES/SKILLS:** (The following are a representative sample of the KAS’s necessary to perform essential duties of the position)

**Knowledge of:**

Practices, techniques, materials and equipment used in irrigation systems installation, maintenance and repair in large parks and landscaped area; maintenance, construction and repair of parks and facilities; methods, techniques, tools and materials used in parks and landscape facilities repair and maintenance; practices and procedures used in weed abatement; basic principles of mathematics and record keeping; occupational hazards and standard safety procedures.

**Ability to:**
Perform installation, design, maintenance, repair and construction on large irrigation and sprinkler systems; inspect, maintain and repair a variety of irrigation controllers and timers, and related equipment; troubleshoot, diagnose and correct irrigation system mechanical and electrical problems; perform heavy manual labor; drive and operate motorized parks equipment; conduct maintenance activities in a manner compatible with the patrons use of the parks; observe safety principles and work in a safe manner; work weekends and holidays as required; follow written and oral directions; communicate clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing; establish and maintain effective working relationships.

**Skill to:**

Safely and effectively operate and repair a variety of maintenance equipment, tools and materials.