



DUTY STATEMENT

DIVISION	CLASSIFICATION	POSITION NUMBER (Agency-Unit-Class-Serial)
Central Field	State Park Peace Officer (Lifeguard) (K-9)	548-750-0992-400
DISTRICT/HQ SECTION	WORKING TITLE	CBID
Central Valley District	State Park Peace Officer (Lifeguard) (K-9)	R07
SECTOR/HQ UNIT	REPORTING LOCATION	INCUMBENT
Rivers Sector	McConnell State Recreation Area	
STATE HOUSING		IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR
Housing is required		State Park Peace Officer Supervisor (Ranger)

SENSITIVE POSITION DESIGNATION (Check if applicable)

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POSITION DESCRIPTION

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ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

%	TASK/DUTIES
35%	PUBLIC SAFETY With canine, the K-9 Handler is responsible for patrolling the campground, day use facilities, historical structures, and buildings within the Rancho San Luis and Rivers Sector. This includes, San Luis Reservoir State Recreation Area, Pacheco State Park, Great Valley Grasslands State Park, George Hatfield State Recreation Area, Dos Rios State Park, McConnell State Recreation Area and Caswell Memorial State Park. The K-9 Handler may be assigned to patrol and aid other park units within the District and/or Department. While on patrol the K-9 Handler will identify, prevent illegal activities and ensure that park visitors have a safe park experience. The K-9 Handler will protect all natural, cultural and historical resources within the California State Park System. The K-9 Handler will issue citations and/or warnings, prepare crime reports, traffic accident reports, incident reports and additional park specific reports, which may include but not

	limited to reports of tree hazard failure and wildlife encounters. The K-9 Handler will perform medical aids, participate in search, rescue and recovery operations, secure evidence, secure lost and found items within established protocol and departmental guidelines. The K-9 Handler will attend training to maintain compliance with mandated P.O.S.T. and Departmental requirements. This position may also be required to provide coverage to other locations or events throughout the District, based on operational need, with an emphasis on stewardship and operation of state park units with the goal of discouraging and preventing illegal cannabis cultivation, consistent with Revenue and Taxation Code 34019 (f)(2)(B). This position may be assigned to assist the Special Enforcement Team with cannabis enforcement operations.
20%	GENERAL PARK OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE OF CANINE The State Park Peace Officer (Lifeguard) (K-9) will function as a lead person for contact station personnel. Ensure that contact station personnel follow prescribed accounting procedures and park visitors are being provided courteous, efficient and expeditious service. Conduct periodic inventories, spot audits and train personnel in collection procedures. The K-9 Handler will monitor day use areas to determine the need for "closures" based upon visitor capacity, complete campground checks as necessary, deposit collections daily, complete visitor attendance reports and purchasing documents. K-9 handlers will ensure proper nutrition, veterinary care, housing, kenneling, grooming, and exercise needs of the patrol canine are met. This includes scheduling, purchasing, and transporting as necessary, cleaning of the canine's kennel and transport vehicle. Meet all departmental and legal requirements for law enforcement canine training, including any additional training needs as determined by district supervision or the Canine Program management. The canine handler must maintain the standards set in the Department's Canine Handbook and Department policy; annual proficiency testing is required by the Department Training Program and certified by the Peace Officer's Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.). Be available for emergency callouts with canine, etc.
10%	ADMINISTRATION The State Park Peace Officer (Lifeguard) (K-9) will complete required paperwork for K9 program as assigned by deadlines. Makes all required purchases as required by the K9 program. Assists in the recruitment, interviews and orientation of seasonal employees. Attends and participates in staff meetings. Assists in the development of programs aimed at reducing visitor and employee accidents. Provides routine public information to park visitors. Prepares and reads correspondence daily, keeps up to date on current laws, departmental policies and procedures by reading memos, directives, orders and manuals on a routine basis. Prepares monthly timesheet and absence reports. Assists with developing and submitting budget requests. Make purchases as needed according to departmental purchasing requirements using the appropriate purchasing method. Prepares and/ or participates in all types of training including range and defensive tactics on a quarterly basis, related law enforcement topics, and interpretive techniques. Communicates with concessionaires for input of ideas and/or to resolve problems. Acts as a liaison for special events.
10%	INTERPRETATION AND EDUCATION The State Park Peace Officer (Lifeguard) (K-9) will enhance the public's knowledge and reinforce the value of our California State Parks by providing information about the natural, cultural and historical resources. Prepare and present various types of programs that may include hikes, guided tours, campfire programs to visitors, community and school groups.
10%	RESOURCE PROTECTION The State Park Peace Officer (Lifeguard) (K-9) will patrol the trails, parcels and boundaries within the Rancho San Luis and Rivers Sector, San Luis Reservoir State Recreation Area, Pacheco State Park, Great Valley Grasslands State Park, George Hatfield State Recreation Area, McConnell State Recreation Area, Dos Rios State Park and Caswell Memorial State Park. During these patrols the K-9 Handler will report on the conditions of regulatory and interpretive signs, boundary fences, gates, restoration projects, sensitive habitat areas, ecological reserves, designated trails and archeological sites for trespass, encroachment or hazardous conditions,

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