

DUTY STATEMENT

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Position Number 014-653-0032-982	Supervisor Name / Classification Jose Rodriguez / Agricultural Pest Control Supervisor										
Division / Branch / Unit PHPPS/PDEP/Riverside	Effective Date										
Collective Bargaining Unit Identifier (CBID) R01	Work Week Group (WWG) 2										
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25%	Documentation of Work Completed: - Keep daily reports of work completed in route trap books and electronically, i.e. number of traps serviced, properties treated, acreage surveyed, samples collected and other topics as needed. - Carefully document address, host type, and location of sample on property or field by drawing a map and/or using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit and on a Pest Detection Report (PDR).
15%	Collection and Submission of Target Pests: - Collect, process, and package suspect plant and insect samples that are removed from foliage using various insect/plant collection tools and inspected for target pests. - Once a suspect target pest is preliminarily identified, action is taken, which may include phone contact and/or return of the suspect target pest to the field office for official identification. - Carefully handle suspect sample at all times to prevent damage that would make identification of the suspect more difficult. - Remove sample, place it in appropriate sampling container, and return it to base at the appropriate time designated by the supervisor.
10%	Vehicle/Tool Maintenance: - Safely operate and maintain a State vehicle to travel to designated work areas locally and throughout the state. - Ability to read maps to navigate and draw maps to show exact geographic locations using GPS technology to show the coordinates, longitude and latitude. - Transport vehicles to service facility when requested by supervisor. - Perform daily vehicle safety and fluid level checks. - Notify supervisor when equipment needs repairs or replacement. - Clean vehicle interior and truck bed of insects, lures, and other debris daily. - Clean, repair, and store all survey equipment daily.
5%	Training Activities - Serve as exotic pest detection and eradication assistant. - Assist in field demonstrations and on-the-job instruction in current pest detection methods and techniques.

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	Assist in group or formal training in exotic pest recognition and standardized trapping techniques, which includes the preparation and submission of periodic in-house quality control reports.	
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Desirable Qualifications: Ability to adapt to various situations and interact with the public.		
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