

## **AGRICULTURAL AND STANDARDS INSPECTOR III**

### **DEFINITION**

Under general supervision, to make inspections and enforce laws and regulations pertaining to the California Food and Agricultural Code, Business and Professions Code, and the California Code of Regulation; to perform pest regulation, pest prevention, inspection, and regulation; to inspect and test weighing and measuring devices; to verify consumer transactions and product quality; to perform specialized work assignments; to provide training for less experienced staff; and to do related work as required.

### **DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS**

This is the advanced experienced working level in the Agricultural and Standards Inspector class series. Incumbents are expected to be licensed and work in all of the fields requiring State licensing to County agricultural and weights and measures inspection and enforcement. Assignments may also include lead direction and training responsibilities.

### **REPORTS TO**

Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer of Weights and Measures.

### **CLASSIFICATIONS DIRECTLY SUPERVISED**

May provide lead direction and training for other staff.

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### **EXAMPLES OF DUTIES**

- Inspects fruits, nuts, vegetables, honey, eggs, or other agricultural commodities in markets, packing houses, and storage areas for compliance with regulations related to standards and grades.
- Issues certificates of inspection.
- May order reconditioning or destruction of produce deemed to be below minimum standards.
- Inspects nurseries for plant pest and diseases.
- Inspects incoming plant shipments for evidence of disease, pests, or noxious weed seeds.
- Inspects transported agricultural commodities to insure that they are free from injurious insects or plant disease.
- Issues pesticide permits and may inspect pesticide application to crops; inspects apiaries.
- Examines fields, orchards, roadways, and cultivated areas to determine the location and extent of rodent, weed, bird, insect, predator, and plant disease infestations.
- Controls and eradicates plants, weeds, rodents, birds, and other pests.
- May certify or specify the treatment of agricultural products as a condition of movement or shipment.
- Inspects seeds and seed shipments for noxious weed seeds.
- May operate trucks, spray rigs, and other equipment.
- May apply herbicides for weed and brush control.
- Inspects, tests, and seals commercial weighing and measuring devices.
- Weighs, measures, and counts the contents of packaged commodities to verify the accuracy of labels.
- Inspects and investigates weigh master licenses.
- Collects petroleum product samples for testing to insure stated qualities.
- Investigates complaints related to consumer transactions.
- Prepares records and reports of inspections and tests conducted.
- Takes appropriate enforcement actions.
- Performs needed maintenance on equipment.
- Provides information to growers and home-owners regarding pest problems.
- Gathers information for annual crop reports.
- May provide training for less experienced staff.
- Has responsibility for overseeing assigned programs in the Department.

### **TYPICAL PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS**

Sit for extended periods; frequently stand and walk; walk, stand, or crouch on narrow, slippery, and erratically moving surfaces; stoop, kneel, bend to pick up or move heavy objects; physical ability to lift and carry objects weighing up to 50 lbs.; crawl through various areas requiring moving on hands and knees; walk for long distances; walk on sloped ground/floor and uneven surfaces; normal manual dexterity and eye-hand coordination; corrected hearing and vision to normal range; verbal communication; use of office equipment including computers, telephones, calculators, copiers, and FAX.

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### **TYPICAL WORKING CONDITIONS**

Work is performed both in office and outdoor environments; some exposure to controlled and hazardous substances; some exposure to smoke, gases, and fumes; continuous contact with staff and the public.

### **DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS**

#### **Knowledge of:**

- Pertinent State and Federal laws and regulations related to the functions of the County Agricultural Commissioner and the Sealer of Weights and Measures.
- Law enforcement powers, procedures, and policies of the County Agricultural Commissioner and Sealer of Weights and Measures.
- Proper inspection methods and procedures.
- Statistical testing techniques.
- Construction, mechanics, and operation of scales, meters, and other weighing and measuring devices.
- Proper packaging and identification of commodity contents.
- Treatment and control of plant pests and diseases.
- Agricultural practices of County crops.
- Principles of training and program coordination.

#### **Ability to:**

- Interpret and enforce agricultural and weights and measures laws and regulations.
- Impartially perform field inspections and gather a variety of information and data.
- Provide training for other staff.
- Perform specialized work assignments.
- Gather and maintain information concerning County crops.
- Prepare and maintain records and reports.
- Understand and carry out oral and written directions and policies.
- Work independently.
- Maintain effective communications and good relations with the public.
- Establish and maintain cooperative working relationships.

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**Training and Experience:** Any combination of training and experience which would likely provide the required knowledge and abilities is qualifying. A typical way to obtain the required knowledge and abilities would be:

At least two (2) years of inspection and enforcement experience comparable to that of an Agricultural and Standards Inspector II with Plumas County. Advanced educational training in biological and/or agricultural sciences with courses in mathematics and physics in accordance with requirements for obtaining appropriate licenses.

**Special Requirements:** Possession of County Agricultural Inspector and Weights and Measures licenses in all of the fields in which licenses are available.

Possession of an appropriate California Driver's License issued by the California Department of Motor Vehicles.