



# Open Space Technician

Applications Due: March 18, 2019 at 5:00 PM  
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The Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority seeks an Open Space Technician to join our Field Operations team in the work to steward our protected lands and foster positive visitor experiences by maintaining a high standard of care in our open space preserves.

Our mission is to conserve the natural environment, support agriculture and connect people to nature by protecting open spaces, natural areas, and working farms and ranches for future generations. We have protected 25,000 acres of natural and agricultural lands in Santa Clara County. Our agency operates a network of open space lands to manage and conserve natural resources and provide compatible opportunities for hiking, biking, and equestrian uses.

We know our continued success depends on our employees and the work they do. We are committed to providing a collaborative and inclusive work environment that encourages growth and development and acknowledges individual and team achievements.

## The Ideal Candidate

You are a hard-working and motivated individual with basic maintenance experience, who enjoys being outdoors, working with your hands and takes pride in providing an excellent user experiences on our open space lands. You can perform a wide variety of semi-skilled carpentry, building and field maintenance duties using hand and power tools such as chain saws, mowers, sprayers and similar equipment; as well as performing routine maintenance and repair of assigned tools and equipment facilities.

We are seeking a qualified technician to take responsibility for routine clean up and maintenance of Authority lands including trails, roads, building and other facilities. Candidates need to have knowledge of basic operations, services and activities of an open space maintenance and construction program; basic principles and practices of maintenance and construction and resource management; standard safety; and basic trade skills in plumbing, electrical and carpentry.

Your experience in open space field maintenance and resource management enables you to perform well under general supervision and respond to requests and inquiries as necessary. You enjoy engaging members of the public by communicating the mission, vision and goals of the Authority by answering basic questions and interacting with visitors and neighbors in a friendly, knowledgeable, and helpful manner.

This position will have both opening and closing shifts with a work week of Tuesday through Saturday, exact hours will vary throughout the year, based on seasonal changes and sunset times. Primary reporting location will be at Sierra Vista Open Space Preserve. Weekend work is required.

Please review the complete position classification here: <https://bit.ly/2X6oFpc>

## Qualifications

The ideal candidate will possess no less than the following skills, education, and experience:

- High school diploma or the equivalent.
- Experience in construction, maintenance, and/or repair of parks, open spaces, and/or related facilities.
- Possession of, or ability to obtain, a valid California Driver's license by time of appointment and have a satisfactory driving record.
- Possession of, or ability to obtain, Basic First Aid and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) certification desirable.
- Ability to lift and carry materials and objects weighing up to 60 pounds.

- Ability to work independently.
- This position is required to take and pass a pre-employment background check.

**Compensation & Benefits**

The salary range for this full-time, non-exempt position is \$27.04 to \$32.87 hourly, depending on experience and qualifications. To compliment this salary, we offer a robust benefits package that includes medical, dental, and vision insurance for employees and their dependents – we cover 100% of the cost for these premiums. We participate in CalPERS retirement programs as well as offering a separate 457 Plan for tax deferred retirement savings. A basic life insurance policy is provided to all eligible employees with the option to purchase additional personal insurance benefits.

**Application and Selection**

All application materials must be received prior to March 18, 2019, at 5:00 PM. To be considered for this opportunity, submit your application materials including cover letter and resume at the application link provided below. Resume should reflect years and months of employment. In person interviews are set for March 26, 2019.

Go here to apply for the job: <http://smrtr.io/Z4kv>

*The Open Space Authority strives to engage a workforce reflective of the community it serves. We do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, age, gender, national or ethnic origin, religion, sexual orientation or physical disability. All qualified applicants are encouraged to apply.*