

Kern Mosquito & Vector Control District

Job Announcement

Position:	Roof Rat Vector Control Technician I
Filing Period:	Applications must be received by August 2, 2024 by 3:30 PM PDT
Salary Range:	Annual Salary \$44,356 - \$53,716 (\$1,706-\$2,066 Bi-Weekly)
Benefits:	Full benefits package (defined contribution retirement, medical, dental, vision, vacation, sick leave, holidays, etc.)
Probation:	Position is subject to a one-year probationary period.
Status:	Regular full time
Location:	Kern Mosquito & Vector Control District 4705 Allen Road Bakersfield, CA 93314

Position Summary:

Under the direct supervision of the Vector Control Technician II (Foreman), the Vector Control Technician I exercise technical discretion in evaluating each roof rat service request occurrence in recommending the proper exclusion procedures, including minor source reduction recommendations, prior to deployment and monitoring of bait stations in their assigned zone.

The Vector Technician I must be a high school graduate in good physical condition, with a valid California Driver's License. Selected candidate must be certified by the California Department of Public Health as a Public Health Vector Control Certified Technician in the minimum of Category A (Pesticide Application and Safety Training for Applicators of Public Health Pesticides) and Category D (Vertebrates of Public Health Importance in California) within twelve (12) months of date of employment. Each must successfully complete additional training and certifications as may become requisite. CPR and First Aid certificates must be earned within two years of employment and their currency maintained.

Apply:

Interested individuals must obtain an application from the District office or from the District website (kernmosquito.com) and must submit the completed application to the office or via email (kmvcd@kernmosquito.com) by **3:30 PM PDT on August 2, 2024**. A current resume and cover letter is recommended to be submitted with the application.

All applicants will be required to take an examination in the subject of pesticide application (Category A) and public health vertebrates (Category D) to qualify for the interview selection process. All study materials can be accessed from <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Vector-Control-Technician-Certification-Program.aspx>. For the purpose of this knowledge exam, applicant should focus on all contents in Category A, and Chapter 6, "Rodents (Class Mammalia, Order Rodentia)" for Category D. The tentative date for the **exam is scheduled for Friday, August 9, 2024**. Applicant will automatically forfeit their application should applicant chose not to test.

Selection:

Applicants will be selected for interviews based on information submitted in comparison to the job description, exam score, and required qualifications.

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Essential Functions:

The Vector Control Technician I is frequently required to exercise independent judgement in organizing and conducting daily work assignments and for discerning and evaluating roof rat producing conditions. The Vector Control Technician may be given responsibility for providing property owners with advice and or assistance in routine abatement procedures. Unresolved issues are to be referred to the Foreman for assessing the appropriate solution.

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to, scheduling appointments with residents for roof rat inspections and control operations by exercising judgment in roof rat sustaining conditions and recommending exclusion methods. Deployment and services of bait stations in the assigned area is conducted after exclusions are completed by customer(s). The Vector Control Technician I is responsible for keeping records on roof rat service requests, bait placement, and bait station locations in their assigned zone in the District operation software program and by other means when feasible.

The Vector Control Technician may contact other agencies regarding violations to municipal codes and vegetation control after consulting with the Foreman.

The Vector Control Technician is responsible for maintaining the Roof Rat Control Program office and equipment; trucks, bait stations, etc. Other functions of the Vector Control Technician I are to perform other job-related duties as assigned.

Knowledge and Skills:

Has working knowledge of roof rat ecology, including the behaviors and breeding sources, and of the problems and techniques of field control operations, including the use of bait stations and snap traps.

Must understand the Safety Data Sheets and pesticide labeling information as it pertains to each pesticide's appropriate application and handling procedures.

Must be able to work independently and responsibly to organize and conduct assigned control activities in the field; to make accurate observations and keep detailed records; to work cooperatively and effectively with the Foreman, other employees, and the public; and to evaluate situations accurately and adopt an effective course of action.

Minimum Qualification:

High School graduate or its equivalent.

Must be able to perform basic arithmetic, read and write capably and communicate with the general public. Ability to comprehend a variety of instructions furnished in written, oral, and diagram form.

Must be able and willing to perform heavy physical labor.

Must be able to work independently without direct supervision.

Must have a valid California Class "C" Driver's License at the time of appointment. Must have and maintain a driving record that is acceptable to the District's insurance carrier. DMV printout is required.

Must be certified by the state of California's Department of Public Health as a Public Health Vector Control Certified Technician in Categories A and D within twelve (12) months of date of employment.

Employment offer is contingent upon candidate passing a physical examination which includes a drug screen.

Physical Requirements:

Physical Activity:	Amount of Time		
	<i>Occasionally</i>	<i>Regularly</i>	<i>Frequently</i>
Standing			X
Walking			X
Sitting		X	
Lifting, carrying, pushing, or pulling			X
Stoop, kneel, crouch or crawl			X
Climb or balance		X	

Lifting or Force Exertion Requirements:	Amount of Time		
	<i>Occasionally</i>	<i>Regularly</i>	<i>Frequently</i>
Up to 10 pounds			X
Up to 25 pounds		X	
Up to 50 pounds		X	
Up to 100 pounds	X		

Working Conditions:

While performing the duties of this position, the incumbent is frequently exposed to extreme heat in summer months; moving mechanical parts; high, precarious places; fumes or airborne particles; toxic or caustic chemicals; and outside weather conditions. The incumbent may occasionally be exposed to toxic, noxious or irritating plants and venomous or potentially dangerous animals. The incumbent may be exposed to verbally abusive behavior from hostile individuals. The noise level in the work environment is usually moderate, but may occasionally be loud. The incumbent may be called on for evening and weekend work, as assigned.