

*An Invitation to apply*



## AGRICULTURAL BIOLOGIST/WEIGHTS AND MEASURES INSPECTOR I

**Calaveras County**

**FFD: 08/25/10**

**County Mission Statement:**

*The mission of Calaveras County Government is to provide service, infrastructure and leadership necessary to advance a safe community, maintain a high quality of life, and to protect personal liberties for all of its citizens.*

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\$17.32—\$21.04 per hr.

Under general supervision, will perform inspections and enforce provisions of the Food and Agricultural Code relating to pesticide regulation, integrated pest management, commodity regulation, pest prevention and plant regulation, and enforce provisions of the Business and Professions Code relating to weight and measurement verification, transaction and product verification and perform related work as required.



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## **DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS**

This is the first level in the Agricultural Biologist-Weights and Measures Inspector series. Work will normally be performed in two of four fields of agricultural and weights and measures inspection. Incumbents are typically trainees working under the field guidance of an experienced inspector. In emergency situations employees may perform work in fields for which they do not hold licenses; normally, however, it is expected that employees hold, or obtain licenses in all fields in which duties are assigned.

## **EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE**

Possession of one or more valid statewide specific category licenses as a County Agricultural Inspector/Biologist OR possession of a Bachelor's degree with specialization in one or more appropriate disciplines in agricultural or biological sciences as determined by the Secretary.

Incumbents will have one year from the date of appointment to this class to obtain two valid state licenses in the fields of Agricultural and Weights and Measures inspection. The department head may designate the category of the licenses based on the needs of the department. Failure to obtain these licenses within one year may be cause for termination of employment in this class.

## **EXAMPLES OF DUTIES**

- Inspects fruits, vegetables, nuts, honey, eggs and other agricultural commodities in markets, packing houses and storage areas for compliance with regulations relating to standards and grades.
- Inspects nurseries and seeds for compliance with laws and regulations.
- Applies pesticides as appropriate for the control of weeds and insects.
- Dispenses approved baits for the control of vertebrate pests.
- Inspects incoming and certain outgoing shipments of plant material for evidence of disease, insect and weed pests which are prohibited.
- Investigates concerns of growers and other persons regarding damage from insect, disease, weed or vertebrate pests and provides appropriate information on control.
- Issues permits and grower identification numbers for pesticide use. Conducts inspections to insure compliance with pesticide laws and regulations.
- Investigates reports of human illness, environmental damage, crop or bee loss due to pesticide use.
- Inspects apiaries for bee diseases and other pests.
- Inspects nurseries for compliance with regulations relating to labeling, grades and standards of cleanliness.
- Inspects established colonies of beneficial organisms and distributes biological control agents throughout the county.
- Within a prescribed system, employs early detection techniques designed to locate and delineate pests of statewide importance before they become widespread.
- Compiles statistics necessary for the annual crop report.

## EXAMPLE OF DUTIES (continued)

- Inspects and tests commercial weighing and measuring devices for compliance with laws and regulations, takes petroleum samples and enforces petroleum labeling requirements.
- Inspects prepackaged commodities for compliance with stated net contents and labeling requirements.
- Inspects licensed weigh masters for compliance with established laws and regulations.
- Investigates consumer complaints regarding violations of weights and measures laws and regulations.
- Performs maintenance on departmental equipment.
- Prepares reports of inspections, tests, investigations and other activities with applicable laws and regulations.

## LICENSE / CERTIFICATES

Valid California Driver's License issued by the State Department of Motor Vehicles.

\*\*See Education and Experience

## APPLICATION PROCESS

Interested individuals must submit the following:

**Calaveras County Application**

**Current Resume**

**Cover Letter**

**Transcripts**



**FINAL FILING DATE: Wednesday, August 25, 2010 at 5:00 pm**

Application materials will be reviewed to evaluate the specific qualifications of each applicant and determine which applicants will continue in the screening process. Those candidates meeting the minimum qualifications will have their transcripts reviewed by the State of California Department of Food and Agriculture to determine eligibility to sit for the state licenses for county agricultural biologist/weights and measures inspector exams.

**Incomplete application packets (those missing any of the required documentation) will be rejected. Transcripts are due in the Human Resources office no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 25th.**

Upon verification of transcripts/classes, those candidates identified as having qualifications best suited for the position will be invited to an oral interview in mid-September and referred to Human Resources for a background check.

**Start date for this position is Monday, October 25th.**