



## Vector Control Seasonal Assistant

**FILING DEADLINE:** Until filled

**SALARY:** \$18.00-\$20.00/ hour, DOE

For applications please visit our website at [www.lcvcd.org](http://www.lcvcd.org)

**The Lake County Vector Control District (LCVCD)** is an independent special district that serves all of Lake County. In addition to mosquito and mosquito-borne disease surveillance and control, the District also conducts surveillance for ticks and tick-borne diseases, ground-nesting yellow jackets, Clear Lake Gnats, and other biting flies. The District maintains a strong research program to investigate a variety of unusual vectors and vector situations that occur within its boundaries and shares its findings at state and national conferences and in journals.

### General Description

**Location:** You'll report to the District office in Lakeport daily, but your work location may vary depending on the day's needs. It could be anywhere within Lake County.

**Temporary Position:** This is a seasonal role, not a long-term career track.

**Gain Valuable Experience:** As a Seasonal Assistant, you'll get hands-on experience in public health vector control and surveillance. This is a great way to build your resume and gain skills for future career opportunities.

**Potential for Publication:** There may be opportunities to collaborate on research papers or presentations for state or national conferences, which can boost to your resume and professional network.

### Duties of a Seasonal Assistant at the Lake County Vector Control District

This seasonal role offers a chance to dive into the world of public health. You'll be supporting the District's mosquito and vector research, monitoring efforts, and control programs through various tasks in the lab, field, and office. Here's a glimpse of what you might be doing:

#### **Fieldwork:**

- Become a mosquito detective! You'll collect mosquitoes at all stages of life, which might involve hiking, navigating uneven terrain, and carrying traps. Be prepared for some adventure!
- Identify mosquitoes, ticks, and other insects using your keen observation skills.
- Assist with collecting water samples and other data from Clear Lake and surrounding areas to understand the aquatic environment.

#### **Lab Work:**

- Get hands-on with science! You'll use microscopes and other lab equipment to identify samples.

- Maintain meticulous records of your findings, both on paper and electronically.

**Data Collection & Communication:**

- Navigate like a pro using maps and GPS devices to gather accurate field data.
- Stay connected with the team by using phones and keeping clear communication with your supervisor.

**Supporting Operations:**

- Learn the ropes of maintaining equipment, from fixing traps to cleaning vehicles and lab spaces.
- You might even assist with tasks like answering phones, managing service requests, and handling basic office duties.
- Be prepared to wear protective gear for safety when necessary.

**Bonus:** There's a chance you could even help apply mosquito control products under the supervision of a certified technician – a valuable learning experience!

This is not an exhaustive list, and you may be assigned other relevant duties as needed. You will have a well-rounded experience in mosquito and vector control.

**Physical and Mental Requirements<sup>1</sup>**

This position requires a good level of physical fitness and some specific skills. Here's a breakdown of what you'll need:

- **Vision:** You must be able to see, including measurable depth perception, to safely navigate different work environments.
- **Hearing:** The ability to hear clearly, with or without a hearing aid in one ear, is important for communication and safety awareness.
- **Communication:** Strong English communication skills (reading, writing, and speaking) are essential for following instructions, keeping records, and interacting with the public.
- **Driving:** You must regularly operate a vehicle to get to different work locations.
- **Dexterity:** Manipulating small tools and equipment is a regular part of the job.
- **Mobility:** Bending, kneeling, and reaching overhead are required regularly. Periodically, you might need to lie down to perform specific tasks.
- **Terrain:** You must be able to walk on uneven surfaces like fields, hills, streambeds, and shallow ponds.
- **Repetitive Tasks:** Using computers and microscopes for extended periods may involve repetitive motions.
- **Lifting:** Periodically, you'll need to help lift objects weighing over 60 pounds or periodically lift items over 30 pounds.
- **Climbing:** Climbing ladders or fences may be required periodically.
- **Safety Gear:** You may be required to wear a respirator for certain tasks.
- **Swimming:** Basic swimming ability is required for safety reasons.

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<sup>1</sup> **Key Terms:** **Periodically:** You'll do this less than a quarter of the time (under 25%). **Occasionally:** This happens somewhere between a quarter and half of the time (25-50%). **Regularly:** Expect to do this for more than half the time (50-75%).

## **QUALIFICATION GUIDELINES**

To be considered for this position, you must meet the following requirements:

**Age:** You must be at least 18 years old.

**Driver's License:** A valid California driver's license is mandatory.

**Insurability:** You must meet the insurability standards of the District's insurance provider. A DMV background check will be conducted before employment is offered.

**Work Authorization:** U.S. citizenship or valid authorization to work in the United States is required.

**Learning Ability:** You should be a quick learner who can grasp the duties and responsibilities of a Seasonal Assistant at the Lake County Vector Control District.

While not mandatory, experience in a biology lab or fieldwork is a plus!

## **Terms of Employment**

This is a 40 hour/week paid position, and is funded from April 1 through August 31, but this position may be extended to accommodate the needs of the District. The workweek is generally Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and may be adjusted to include weekends, depending on weather, disease activity, or other District needs. Paid Sick Leave and Workers Compensation are provided. Employees are protected under the Workers Compensation Laws of California. The District reserves the right to change or alter this description at its sole discretion.

## **How to Apply**

Ready to join the fight against mosquitoes? Here's what you need to do to apply for this seasonal position:

1. **Head to the Website:** The [application form](#) is available online on the Lake County Vector Control District's website .
2. **Fill Out the Application:** Make sure to complete the official LCVCD job application form thoroughly.
3. **Remember Your Resume:** In addition to the application, you'll also need to submit a current resume highlighting your skills and experience.

**Important Note:** Resumes submitted without a completed application form will not be considered for the position.

## **Examination and Selection Process**

Here's a breakdown of the selection process:

- **Initial Screening:** We'll first review applications to assess your skills and experience based on the information you provide (training, education, and past jobs).
- **Interviews:** If your application stands out, you'll be invited for an interview to discuss your experience and skills in more detail and assess your ability to handle the responsibilities of the position.
- **Fair and Equal Selection:** We're committed to a fair and inclusive hiring process. All qualified applicants will be considered for employment without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, gender, or sexual orientation.
- **Need Accommodations?** If you require any special arrangements during the interview process, please let the District know at least five working days beforehand.

**Medical testing**

Applicants selected for appointment must pass medical examinations and drug tests administered by the District's physician. The Lake County Vector Control District is committed to maintaining a drug- and alcohol-free workplace.

**Background Clearance**

Applicants selected for appointment must agree to a background check. The cost of the background check will be borne by the District.

The District reserves the right to modify, delete, augment, or supplement the duties, qualifications, and requirements stated at its sole and absolute discretion.