

**CLASS SPECIFICATION**  
**SAN DIEGO CITY CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION**  
**WASTEWATER CHIEF PLANT OPERATOR – 1174**

**DEFINITION:**

Under direction, to serve as the Chief Plant Operator over the City's wastewater treatment system to include the wastewater treatment plant and satellite plants; to supervise the overall operations of the City's major wastewater treatment plant, pump stations, and allied facilities; and to perform related work.

**\* EXAMPLES OF DUTIES:**

- Provides technical, operational, and supervisory oversight of the City's entire wastewater treatment system, to include the main wastewater treatment plant, pump stations, and allied facilities;
- Supervises and evaluates the work of Wastewater Treatment Superintendents overseeing the daily operations and maintenance of individual wastewater treatment facilities;
- Develops strategies to ensure industry compliance with local, state, and federal regulations;
- Develops and monitors budgets;
- Oversees training and safety programs;
- Responds to inquiries from the public, industry, news media, and regulatory agencies;
- Ensures the entire wastewater treatment system is operating in compliance with regulations set forth by regulatory bodies;
- Serves as the single point of contact and operator on record for regulatory agencies.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

Please note: the minimum qualifications stated below are a guide for determining the education, training, experience, special skills, and/or license which may be required for employment in the class. These are re-evaluated each time the position is opened for recruitment. Please refer to the most recent Job Description for updated minimum qualifications: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/sandiego/classspecs>.

Possession of a valid Grade V Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator's Certificate of Competence issued by the State of California Water Resources Control Board; **AND** three years of full-time experience supervising the operations of a wastewater treatment plant.

- \* EXAMPLES OF DUTIES performed by employees in this class. The list may not include all required duties, nor are all listed tasks necessarily performed by everyone in this class.**