

BISHOP CREEK WATER ASSOCIATION

WATERMASTER POSITION

Job Description

The Watermaster is responsible for the equitable distribution of flow in the Bishop Creek ditch system. The Watermaster: 1) inspects the various ditches, and diversion facilities on the system; 2) makes flow adjustments; 3) cleans gates and diversion structures as necessary; and 4) accurately records gate settings, flowrates, or ditch water levels. The route is approximately 20 to 30 miles throughout the west/central Bishop area, and takes approximately 2 to 3 hours to run. In addition, the Watermaster is on call 24 hours a day for trouble shooting and emergencies.

Job Requirements

- Route should be run a minimum of 5 days per week (Sunday through Saturday), preferably in the morning. The two off days should be non consecutive. During periods of foul weather, changes in Bishop Creek flow by SCE at Power Plant 6, changes in water use patterns by members, or other changes that affect the system, the route should be run daily. Changes in this schedule require approval of the BCWA Board of Trustees.
- The Watermaster is expected to come to the monthly BCWA Board of Trustee meetings to report on the previous months activities.
- The Watermaster needs to keep a log book of phone calls, gate settings, flowrates, and/or ditch levels throughout the system.
- The Watermaster reports to the BCWA Trustees.
- The Watermaster must have a valid driver's license, a reliable vehicle, and vehicle insurance.
- The Watermaster must be in good health and physically capable of handling a shovel and rake for minor water ditch/diversion repairs and debris removal from channels
- The Watermaster is provided a cell phone for alerts, field notifications (too much or too little water, plugged culverts, flooding, etc.) and be responsive to association related phone calls.
- The Watermaster is responsible to communicate tactfully with BCWA members.
- The Watermaster needs to analyze the effects of flow changes on the complex Bishop Creek ditch system.

Salary and Benefits

- The Salary is initially set at \$_____ per month, half payments on the 1st and 15th of each month. Re-evaluations are made annually.
- A vehicle allowance of \$_____ is provided each month, half payments on the 1st and 15th of each month. Re-evaluations are made annually.