



### **Horticulture Worker**

The Fresno Chaffee Zoo inspires wonder of our natural world, provides an engaging learning environment, and creates a passion for conservation. Serving the central San Joaquin Valley, the zoo is committed to sustaining professional active participation in wildlife conservation, research and wildlife education. As a proud recipient of the AZA Top Honor Exhibit Award, we are committed to providing our local community and the AZA community exhibits and programs we all can be proud of.

November 4<sup>th</sup> marked an important day for Fresno County as our community voted to continue to financially support the Zoo through the approval of Measure Z. This measure provides us with financial security that allows us to continue to offer an incredible experience for our guests while providing excellent animal care, and a challenging yet fulfilling working environment. For more information on this project please visit our website and watch the posted video that showcases our most recent project: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vhnjl\\_KgpwY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vhnjl_KgpwY)

The Zoo is seeking a number of full-time, regular, benefited Horticulture Workers.

**Responsibilities:** Horticulture workers are responsible for various skilled tasks in horticulture and grounds maintenance as well as occasional plumbing, carpentry, and electrical work as it pertains to irrigation systems. Operate lawn mowers, edgers, backpack blowers, chainsaws, weed-eaters, and other gardening equipment. Waters and applies fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides to lawns, shrubs, flowers and plants, removes debris and refuge. Moves and replaces soil, gravel, sand and other rock and mineral materials. Assists in propagation and composting practices, installation and maintenance of irrigation, sprinkler systems, and works in conjunction with animal care staff to create natural environments for the animal collection.

**Requirements:** Horticulture Worker will have knowledge of the maintenance and care of trees, flowers and shrubs; the use and care of mechanical equipment and hand tools. Worker will have knowledge of safety rules, regulations and precautions in the maintenance/horticulture trade. Worker will have the ability to perform heavy manual labor. Two years of full time paid experience in landscape related professions and/or irrigation. Position requires possession of a California Drivers license at time of appointment and a clean driving record. . Experience operating various types of machinery, including, but not limited to forklifts and pallet jacks. Good written and verbal communications skills are essential. Must be able to work evenings, weekdays, weekends, and holidays.

**Good physical condition:** ability to lift a minimum of 50 and team lift up to 100 lbs. While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly required to stand; walk and reach with hands and arms. The employee is occasionally required to sit; climb or balance; stoop, kneel, crouch, or crawl. Vision capabilities required include close, distance and peripheral vision, depth perception and ability to adjust focus. Interaction with guests requires talking and hearing. While performing the duties of this job, the employee is occasionally exposed to wet or humid conditions (non-weather) and outdoor weather conditions. The employee is occasionally exposed to work near moving mechanical parts; work in high, precarious places. The noise level in the work environment varies. Occasional loud noises from visitors, animals or equipment are experienced.

If you have the desire and skills needed to help create an all-around dynamic experience at Fresno Chaffee Zoo, apply no later than December 13, 2015 as directed below.

Please submit resume to [careers@fresnochaffeezoo.org](mailto:careers@fresnochaffeezoo.org) or mail to:  
Fresno Chaffee Zoo Corporation, 894 W Belmont Ave. Fresno, CA 93728.

Applicants can visit [www.fresnochaffeezoo.org](http://www.fresnochaffeezoo.org) to apply online.  
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