



Silicon Valley Clean Water is accepting Applications for the position of Senior Plant Mechanic-Control Systems Technician

\$9,204 - \$12,339 monthly depending on qualifications and experience;
2% certification incentive pay available; benefited position;
represented by International Union of Operating Engineers, Stationary, Local 39

Silicon Valley Clean Water (SVCW), formerly known as South Bayside System Authority, is a wastewater treatment facility located on the western shore of San Francisco Bay which provides wastewater treatment for 220,000 residents and businesses in southern San Mateo County. SVCW opened in 1982 and plays a vital role in protecting the public health of the surrounding community as well as the environmental health of San Francisco Bay. SVCW is a joint undertaking of the cities of Belmont, San Carlos, Redwood City and West Bay Sanitary District (serving the greater Menlo-Atherton area).

About the Position

Under general supervision, performs a variety of skilled electrical, electronic, pneumatic and mechanical instrumentation and controls; installation, fabrication, troubleshooting and repair of computerized automation control work at a modern wastewater treatment facilities and remote pumping stations, and assists in the development of maintenance programs for the preventive maintenance and improvements of all Instrumentation and control system

Every employee appointed to a position at SVCW shall serve at the will and pleasure of the appointing authority.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

- Principles, practices, and methods related to monitoring and troubleshooting of various data acquisition software and hardware.
- Various PLC/HMI Hardware and associated programming software applications.
- Control systems theory and its practical application to process control and field instrumentation.
- Advanced computer programming.
- Electronic theory, work methods, tools, and precision measuring/testing equipment used in SVCW'S building maintenance, recycled water, and wastewater facilities.
- Industrial Automation Communications, Wire-less Radio, HMI, and SCADA equipment.
- Regulations pertaining to electrical & electronic installation, maintenance, and repairs.
- Electronic schematic diagrams, AutoCAD As-built drawings.
- Record keeping principles and procedures.
- Analyze programming, observe monitoring signals, troubleshoot system, understand system operation, and explain new programs to O&M staff.
- Read and understand sketches, equipment manuals, schematic diagrams, construction drawings, and P&ID drawings.
- Safely and effectively use and operate hand tools, mechanical equipment, power tools, and equipment required for the work.

- Inspect, operate, diagnose problems, and perform preventive maintenance and repair work on electronic circuits and systems; act appropriate action when failures occur.
- Plan, organize, coordinate, and oversee the work of contractors.
- Perform a variety of support for engineering, fabricating, and design duties related to wastewater systems construction, maintenance, and repair.
- Identify and take appropriate action when unusual operating problems occur.

Typical duties

- Inspects, installs, repairs, maintains, calibrates, tests, and troubleshoots process instrumentation, such as indicators, recorders, flow meters, transmitters, transducers, controls, regulators, process control equipment, valve actuators, and other equipment related to SVCW's recycled water, wastewater operations, co-generation, lift stations and other related facilities.
- Oversees, maintains, tests, and repairs electronic equipment, including metering and recording instruments, control apparatus, data logging and display equipment, circuits, transformers, uninterruptible power supplies, and electronic components of process control, electronic equipment boards, communications and telemetry systems, SCADA, and PLC software and hardware.
- Installs, troubleshoots, and repairs automated telemetry equipment including calibration of input sensors such as flow meters, level transducers, pressure transducers, and other monitoring equipment.
- Develops SCADA screens for the purpose of monitoring operational processes and field equipment and makes changes to existing application software to improve or expand control system or management information system performance.
- Assists in the development, design, and installation of new computer programs when required for the addition of new control system or management information system capabilities.
- Troubleshoots and corrects SCADA programming problems and writes programs for new or expanded SCADA functions. Monitor and implement technological advances in SCADA programs and advise management about upgrades and improved programs as necessary.
- Trains operations staff in the use of SCADA systems to monitor operational processes.
- Incorporates changes and additions to process control descriptions and proportional, integral, and derivative (PID) controls.
- Sets up and adjusts alarms, alarm software and paging programs, including alarm dialer, per Operations Department requests.
- Assists operators in the development of process control strategies as necessary; implements system set points to improve process control, improve process efficiency, and keep processes in a steady state conditions based on the recommendations of operations staff.
- Provides technical and functional support to assigned staff; assists in developing work plans, procedures, and schedules.
- Serves as subject matter expert (SME) and assist project manager on various capital improvement projects related to SCADA and electronic systems.
- Reads and interprets electronic schematics, mechanical and instrumentation drawings, wiring diagrams, and construction drawings necessary to install, service, and repair equipment in accordance with related regulations and vendor specifications.
- Maintains SVCW's two-way radio, communication system and repeaters.
- Maintain and update electronic operational and maintenance manuals.
- Observes appropriate safety procedures and works to applicable codes and guidelines; attends training and safety sessions as assigned.
- Drives a motor vehicle.
- Performs other duties as assigned.

Effectively work in a collaborative organization focused on continuous improvement; establish and maintain a positive customer service attitude and effective working relationships with internal and external customers; demonstration of strong two-way communication skills, including the ability to listen, explain and facilitate; ability to ask for input; offer help without being asked; accept suggestions; work with others to solve problems; and provide recognition and encouragement; ability

to address co-workers needs; identifying issues and concerns, exploring solutions and implementing improvements.

Desirable Training, Education and Experience

- High School Diploma or an equivalent certificate or diploma recognized by the State of California. Equivalent to completion of an Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree preferably related to electronics, instrumentation, control systems, and/or computer systems.
- Five (5) years of journey level electrician/controls Technician experience in an industrial environment, maintaining, installing, troubleshooting, and repairing a wide variety of process instrumentation, control systems and communications systems.
- Experience working in a wastewater or water facility is highly desirable.

Licenses and Certificates

- License, certification or specialized training that would validate a journeyman level in automation and controls.
- Valid California Class C Driver's License and an acceptable driving record as defined by SVCW's Driving Eligibility Standards.
- CPR and First Aid certification desirable.

Physical and Sensory Requirements

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly required to walk, stand, bend, stoop, kneel, and climb. The employee frequently is required to use hands and fingers to handle or feel; reach with hands and arms; and talk and hear. The employee must regularly lift and/or move up to 25 pounds and occasionally lift and/or move up to 50 pounds.

Work Environment

While performing the duties of this job, the employee regularly works in indoor and outdoor conditions. The employee works at heights, uses power tools, and works with and around machinery having moving parts. The employee is exposed to outside weather conditions, to gases, fumes and odors, and to untreated and partially treated wastewater. The employee operates light utility vehicles, including a variety of powered vehicles, forklifts and special purpose equipment. The noise level in the work environment may be moderate to loud. May be assigned, or called in, to work in the evenings, nights, and days and/or on weekends, including holiday.

Pre-Employment Procedures

The selection process may consist of an evaluation of the applicant's qualifications, appraisal board interview, written examination, practical exercise and/or internal Department interviews and reference check. Upon completion of the selection process, an offer of employment may be conditionally based upon the successful completion of an employment and education verification, criminal background check, and a pre-employment medical exam.

How to apply –

- Application & Supplemental Questions can be found on the careers page at www.svcw.org
- Mail or email (jflick@svcw.org) the following to SVCW, c/o Jennifer Flick, HR Director, at 1400 Radio Road, Redwood City, CA 94065
 - completed and signed application. A resume and cover letter will not be accepted in lieu of the Authority's application form.
 - completed supplemental questionnaire, and;
 - a current DMV Driver Report.

Filing Deadline – Open until filled

**SVCW Senior Plant Mechanic - Control Systems Technician
Supplemental Questionnaire**

1. Do you have a high school diploma or equivalent to the completion of the twelfth (12th) grade?
 - Yes
 - No

2. Do you have a valid drivers' license?
 - Yes
 - No

3. Do you have any of the following certifications? Please check all that apply or "none of the above".
 - CWEA Electrical/Instrumentation Technician Grade I
 - CWEA Electrical/Instrumentation Technician Grade II
 - ISA Certification as a Controls System Technician Level I
 - ISA Certification as a Controls System Technician Level II
 - Other form of certification as a Journeyman or Control Technician level for this position
 - None of the above

4. Have you completed trade school coursework in any of the areas listed below? Please check all that apply or "none of the above".
 - Industrial Electrical Control Systems
 - Industrial PLC-Based Automation Systems
 - Instrumentation Maintenance, Calibration, Troubleshooting
 - Automated Control Systems
 - Industrial Power Electronics
 - Variable Frequency Drives
 - Electronic Reduced Voltage Soft Starters
 - Battery Based Power Systems
 - Solar Power Control Systems
 - Analytical Instrumentation
 - Process Instrumentation, including Pressure, Level, and Flow
 - HVAC Components, Software, Sensors, and Controllers
 - None of the above

5. How many years of experience do you possess in maintaining, troubleshooting, installing and repairing a wide variety of industrial process control systems, Industrial Instruments, Analytical Instruments, Programmable Controls, and other automation components.
 - 2 or more years
 - 1-2 years
 - Less than 1 year
 - No experience

6. How many years of experience do you have working at a water, wastewater treatment or similar industrial facility?
 - 3 or more years
 - 1-3 years
 - Less than 1 year
 - No experience

7. Please describe your experience working at a water, wastewater treatment or similar facility. If you do not have experience, please answer N/A.
8. Do you have experience working with a Computerized Maintenance Management System (CMMS) (e.g. Lucity, INFOR, Hansen, Datastream, Maximo, EMaint, etc)?
- Yes
 - No
9. Do you have experience working on the following types of systems? Please check all that apply or “none of the above”.
- Security systems
 - Fire alarm systems
 - Environmental control systems
 - Power monitoring systems
 - Variable Frequency Drives (VFD's)
 - None of the above
10. How many years of experience do you have maintaining, installing, troubleshooting or repairing SCADA, PLCs or telemetry systems?
- 3 or more years
 - 1 - 3 years
 - Less than 1 year
 - No experience
11. Briefly list your experience with software programs such as Wonderware, Rockwell PLC Programming Software, etc. Include the type of software, how long used and where you gained the experience.
12. Do you have experience working with the following forms of documents? Please check all that apply or “none of the above”.
- Process and Instrument Diagrams (P&ID's)
 - Loop Drawings
 - Control Schematics
 - Ladder Logic Drawings
 - None of the above
13. SVCW Maintenance Technicians have a 30-min unpaid lunch each day. We offer 2-work schedules with the day beginning at 6:00am. What would be your preferred schedule?
- 5 – 8-hour days
 - 4 – 10-hour days
14. Which of the following software applications are you currently proficient in?
- Microsoft Excel
 - Microsoft Word
 - Microsoft SharePoint
 - CAD – Any Versions
 - PLC Programming – Any

HMI Programming – Any, Including Level of Proficiency as High, Moderate, Low, Basic only

HMI Name: _____ Proficiency: _____

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None of the above

Other

If Other, briefly describe: _____

15. Industrial Networking: Describe your basic capability applied to Industrial Networking.

802.3-2018 IEEE Standards for Ethernet

- Highly Proficient
- Moderately Proficient
- Basic Proficiency
- Basic knowledge or none

Rockwell Ethernet / IP Industrial Ethernet

- Highly Proficient
- Moderately Proficient
- Basic Proficiency
- Basic knowledge or none

Rockwell Device Level Ring (DLR)

- Highly Proficient
- Moderately Proficient
- Basic Proficiency
- Basic knowledge or none

Modbus TCP / Modbus Serial (RTU)

- Highly Proficient
- Moderately Proficient
- Basic Proficiency
- Basic knowledge or none

16. Industrial Electronic Metering, Tools, Methods: Describe your basic capability applied to Industrial Measurements, Methods, and Calibration Tools.

Pneumatic Pressure Calibration and Troubleshooting

- Highly Proficient
- Moderately Proficient
- Basic Proficiency
- Basic knowledge or none

Pressure and Level Transducer Setup, Calibration, and configuration

- Highly Proficient
- Moderately Proficient
- Basic Proficiency
- Basic knowledge or none

Analytical Instrumentation Setup, Calibration, and configuration

- Highly Proficient
- Moderately Proficient
- Basic Proficiency
- Basic knowledge or none

Flow Metering Spool / Flow Interface Electronics – Setup and configuration

- Highly Proficient
- Moderately Proficient
- Basic Proficiency
- Basic knowledge or none