



## MISSION-CRITICAL PROFILE

**Name:** Steve Alberg

**Organization:** San Jose Water Company

### Job Category (Check one below):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Treatment               | <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic Maintenance Technician/ Instrument Technician |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Distribution | <input type="checkbox"/> Electrician/Electrical Line Worker                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wastewater Treatment          | <input type="checkbox"/> Machinist/Mechanic                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wastewater Distribution       | <input type="checkbox"/> Other                                                    |

1. Please describe the work you do:

Any repairs, installs, or after hours work needed to keep a major metropolitan water system up and running.

2. What combination of education, vocational training, apprenticeship, experience, and/or skill did you obtain in order to be qualified and selected for your job?

On the job training with some vocational classes are needed to obtain distribution and treatment certifications through the Department of Health.

3. What do you like best about your job?

Working with such a diverse group of people and helping the community I grew up in enjoy quality drinking water.

4. Please tell us about the projects and activities you have enjoyed most in your work in the water industry, and what made them rewarding.

I have worked on many large multi-agency projects and must say that they are my favorite. I love it when a plan comes together.

5. What qualities and capabilities are needed in order for a person in your area of expertise to be successful in the water/wastewater industry?

It's important to be level-headed and have the ability to make quick, accurate decisions, otherwise there's potential for property damage or public injury.

6. Do you have any advice for an individual who is considering pursuing a career in your field in the water/wastewater industry?

Obtain distribution and treatment certifications and a commercial driver's license (e.g. a CDL B or A).