EXPLORE YOUR CAREER IN THE WATER/WASTEWATER INDUSTRY

Within the San Francisco Bay Area, 7.5 million residents rely on over 50 water/wastewater utilities to provide safe drinking water and protect the environment. These utilities collect, treat, and distribute drinking water, and collect, treat, and properly discharge or reuse treated wastewater.

In order to reliably perform this valuable work, which protects the health of communities and the environment, utilities rely on skilled trades workers: water and wastewater treatment operators, water distribution operators, electricians, electronic maintenance technicians/instrument technicians, mechanics, and machinists. Large agencies tend to have highly specialized job classifications, but smaller agencies may have one person handle a combination of responsibilities. More information about these jobs can be found on our website at baywork.org.

I get paid to learn.
Francisco Espinoza, Instrument Technician

EDUCATION, TRAINING & JOBS

For entry into most skilled trades positions, a high school degree or equivalent is required with courses in math, science, and English (reading and writing). For many skilled trades positions, a combination of additional education and on-the-job training is required to achieve journey-level status. Specific job categories also often require specific credentials and certifications.

You can find more information about each of these skilled trades careers, including information on where you can obtain technical training, an internship, or a job in the Bay Area, by visiting the BAYWORK website at baywork.org.

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Become a Skilled Trades Worker in the Water/Wastewater Industry
My job allows me to live comfortably in the Bay Area.

Chris Nicoletti, Machinist