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POLICY TITLE: Recruitment and Hiring
POLICY NUMBER: 3134

Recruitment:

3134.1 Announcement: All recruitments for classification vacancies within the District shall be publicized by such methods as the General Manager deems appropriate, consistent with District standards. Special recruiting shall be conducted, if necessary, to ensure that all segments of the community are aware of the forthcoming position(s). Announcements shall specify the title and compensation of the classification; the nature of the work to be performed delineating the essential and marginal functions of the job; the minimum qualifications for the classification; the manner of making application; the examination components if any; and other pertinent information.

3134.2 Applications: Every applicant shall file a formal, signed District employment application. Other methods of acceptable application due to an applicant's disability will be considered. Application forms shall require information covering training, experience, and other pertinent information as required by the General Manager. The General Manager may also require applicants to submit additional job related information.

3134.3 Examinations: Examinations for the establishment of an eligibility list for a particular position shall be competitive and by such character shall test and determine the qualifications, fitness, and ability of applicants to perform the essential functions of the classifications for which they seek appointment.

The examination may include an investigation of character, personality, education, experience, criminal history, credit bureau, drug & alcohol and any tests of intelligence, capacity, technical knowledge, manual skill, or job-related physical fitness that the General Manager deems appropriate.

The General Manager shall designate the procedure, time, place, and type of examination, the conditions under which it may be conducted, and the individual or competent agency who will conduct the examination. The District will make every reasonable effort to accommodate disabled applicants in the administration of employment tests in accordance with applicable law. Examinations may be promotional, open, or continuous as directed by the General Manager. In making a decision regarding the type of examination, the General Manager will consider the availability of qualified interested personnel in the District workforce, the possible Affirmative Action implications, and the need for expediency in filling the position.

3134.3.1 Open/Promotional Examinations: Any person who meets the requirements set forth in the open/promotional examination announcement may compete in open/promotional examinations. The General Manager may adopt and implement objective standards to initially screen applications in order to reduce the number of applicants to a manageable size.

3134.3.2 Promotional Examinations: Regular and non-regular employees, except temporary



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employees, who meet the requirements set forth in the promotional examination announcement may compete in a promotional examination announcement.

3132.3.3 Continuous Examinations. Continuous examinations may be administered periodically for a single classification. Names shall be placed on eligibility lists and shall remain on such lists as prescribed in Section 3134.4

3134.4 Eligibility Lists

3134.4.1 Establishment: As soon as possible after the completion of an examination, the General Manager shall prepare and maintain an eligibility list consisting of the names of the applicants or employees who qualified in the examination. The names on the list shall be in order based on each applicant's competitive score for the examination process, with the highest score being first on the list. Each applicant or employee shall be given notice of the results of his or her examination and ranking on the eligibility list.

Applicants on the eligibility list for a particular classification may be certified by the General Manager for consideration to hire for a classification in an equal or lower salary range in the event that an eligibility list for that classification does not exist, provided that the applicant is qualified. This may be done only with the approval of the General Manager. Applicants will not be removed from the eligibility list pursuant to Section 3134.4.3 if they refuse to accept employment in the lower classification.

3134.4.2 Duration of Lists: All eligibility lists shall remain in effect until exhausted or abolished by the General Manager for due cause. As a general policy, eligibility lists shall remain in effect for not more than one (1) year. Eligibility lists may remain in effect for more than one (1) year at the General Manager's discretion. The General Manager may abolish eligibility lists with three (3) names or less before the one (1) year expires.

3134.4.3 Removal of Names from Eligibility Lists: The General Manager may remove a name of any eligible candidate appearing on an eligibility list if:

- The eligible candidate requests that his or her name be removed;
- The eligible candidate fails to provide notification of a change in address;
- The eligible candidate fails to attend a scheduled interview;
- The eligible candidate declined an interview on two (2) occasions;
- The eligible candidate declined an offer of employment;
- The eligible candidate was on an eligibility list as a result of a promotional examination and has subsequently left District employment; or
- The eligible candidate was on a list for a specialized classification within one department of the District and was determined to be unsuitable by the department head.

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3134.4.4 Disqualification: At any point in the recruitment and selection process, the General Manager may refuse to declare an applicant an eligible candidate, or may withhold or withdraw from certification, prior to appointment by the General Manager, anyone who:

- Has failed to provide proof for any of the requirements established in the announcement for the classification for which he or she applied;
- Has been convicted of a felony of such a nature as to have an adverse effect on the candidate's ability to perform the duties of the position;
- Has a history of dismissal from any position in public or private service for any cause which would be a cause for dismissal from District employment;
- Has practiced or attempted to practice any deception or fraud in his or her application, examination, or in securing eligibility; or
- Is otherwise not qualified for employment with the District.

Hiring:

3134.5 Decisions regarding employment are based upon an individual's qualifications for the applicable position as described below.

3134.5.1 Vacancies: Employees of the District are encouraged to apply for any vacant positions for which they are qualified. The District awards vacant positions to the applicants who are best suited to meet the needs of the District, regardless of whether the applicant is a current District employee or not.

If a vacancy is awarded to a current regular employee, that employee shall serve a three (3) month probationary period in that position with continued benefits for health care, sick leave, vacation and comp time-off as appropriate. Within three (3) months of the move to the vacant position, the employee may return to their previous position with written notice to and approval by the General Manager, so long as the position has not been filled.

3134.5.2 Selection of employees. All persons considered for employment with the District shall be qualified to perform the duties of the position for which they are employed. Before reporting for their first day of work, employees may be required to undergo a medical examination and drug/alcohol testing, which confirms their ability to perform the essential functions of the job.

- a) Citizenship Verification: All employees must provide necessary documentation to prove identity and their right to work in the United States in accordance with Federal and State Immigration and Naturalization laws. Failure to provide such documentation will result in disqualification from selection or immediate termination.

3134.5.3 Probationary Period. The purpose of the probationary period is to give the District and the new employee the opportunity to determine whether employment relationship suits both parties. New employees may be eligible for health benefits under the Affordable Care Act after ninety (90) days of



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employment, if not enrolled in the District's health care coverage. During the probationary period, the District evaluates the employee's job performance, and it is expected that the employee will use this time period to determine whether the District employment is satisfactory to him or her. Generally, employee evaluations may be performed at three (3) months and/or six (6) months after the date of hire and shall be performed at the end of the twelve (12) month probationary period. The employee's supervisor will conduct a written performance evaluation to ascertain the advisability of continued employment on a regular basis. However, written evaluations may be done at any time during the probationary period if determined to be necessary by the Supervisor or the General Manager.

Regardless of whether the supervisor completes a written performance evaluation, probationary employees are at-will and the District retains the right to terminate employment with or without cause, during the probationary period, in accordance with California law. Similarly, the probationary employee can end his or her employment at any time with at least two (2) weeks' written notice.

New employees hired for regular positions serve a probationary period of twelve (12) months, commencing with their first day of employment. The General Manager, in conjunction with the employee's supervisor, may extend the probationary period one or more times if it is determined that such an extension is appropriate. The status of regular employment following the probationary period shall only occur after a successful evaluation has taken place, and only if confirmed in writing by the District.