

**Four Rivers Vector Control
District
Employee Handbook**

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INTRODUCTION

WELCOME TO FOUR RIVERS VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT!

We're happy to welcome you to **Four Rivers Vector Control District** – we're glad you've joined us! We take pride in selecting people such as you to join our organization, and we truly believe you will be a positive addition to our most important asset – our employees.

We hope you will enjoy a productive and pleasant association with us. We have created a work environment, compensation and benefits program, and interactive culture that we believe fosters positive work relationships. We expect that you will enhance the atmosphere by contributing your best efforts in whatever is asked of you.

We believe that you can contribute significantly to our success and want you to share in the growth of our future. We also feel that the best way to help you achieve is to help you understand our organization and your role in it. This Handbook has been prepared as a guide to give you a better understanding of the organization's policies, procedures, and practices. Please familiarize yourself with its contents and keep it handy for reference.

Our organization values two-way communication, and our “open door” policy encourages you to ask questions if there are policies or procedures you don't understand. We welcome your ideas and suggestions for ways to improve our operations and services or to save unnecessary costs during your employment with us.

Again, welcome to our team. We wish you success in your new position and truly value you and the contribution you make during your employment with us. We sincerely hope you will like it here.

Four Rivers Vector Control Management

OUR HISTORY

Welcome to Four Rivers Vector Control District, your trusted partner in mosquito control and public health protection. Since our formation in 1985 by petition, we have been committed to serving the residents of our approximately 25-square-mile district with dedication and excellence.

Our Mission

Our mission is to protect public health by controlling mosquito populations and reducing the risk of mosquito-borne diseases. We are dedicated to providing effective and environmentally responsible mosquito control services to our community.

Our Vision

Our vision is to be a leader in mosquito control, known for our commitment to excellence, innovation, and public health protection. We aim to build strong partnerships with our community, local government, and other stakeholders to achieve our goals.

Our Team

At Four Rivers Vector Control District, we are proud to have a dedicated team of professionals who are passionate about public health and mosquito control. Our team includes:

- **Board of Trustees:** Our Board of Trustees consists of five members appointed by the Deschutes County Board of Commissioners. They provide oversight and guidance to ensure that our district operates efficiently and effectively.
- **Staff:** We have two full-time employees who are responsible for day-to-day operations, including mosquito surveillance, larviciding, adulticiding, and public education. In addition, we hire 3-5 seasonal employees during peak mosquito season to assist with field operations.
- **Community Partners:** We work closely with local government, public health agencies, and other stakeholders to coordinate mosquito control efforts and promote public health.
- **Involvement:** We are actively involved with several organizations, including the Special Districts Association of Oregon (SDAO), Oregon Mosquito and Vector Control Association (OMVCA), Northwest Mosquito and Vector Control Association (NWMVCA), and the American Mosquito Control Association (AMCA). These organizations provide us with valuable resources and support to help us achieve our mission.

Our Services

At Four Rivers Vector Control District, we offer a range of mosquito control services to our community, including:

- **Mosquito Surveillance:** We monitor mosquito populations using traps and other surveillance methods to identify areas with high mosquito activity.
- **Larviciding:** We treat mosquito breeding sites with larvicides to kill mosquito larvae before they develop into adults.
- **Adulticiding:** We use insecticides to control adult mosquitoes when surveillance data indicates the need for adulticiding.

- **Public Education:** We provide information and resources to our community to help them reduce mosquito breeding sites and protect themselves from mosquito bites.

Funding and Governance

Four Rivers Vector Control District is funded by property taxes within our district. Our operations are overseen by a Board of Trustees appointed by the Deschutes County Board of Commissioners. We are committed to transparency and accountability in our operations and finances.

ABOUT THIS HANDBOOK

This Employee Handbook is a guide to help you understand our employment provisions and expectations. The Handbook applies to all our employees. It is intended to be a positive document that begins to establish the relationship between us.

Please remember that this Handbook contains only general information and guidelines. It is not intended to address all the possible applications of or exceptions to general policies and procedures. Our policies are based on the belief that common sense, good judgment, and consideration for the rights of others are paramount to our ability to serve our customers and ourselves. While we have tried to anticipate many of your questions, keep in mind that this document won't provide every answer. If you have any questions concerning eligibility for a particular benefit or how a policy or practice applies to you, please ask office or district manager.

We know that employees have varied skills, goals, perceptions, and values, and that such diversity may create situations not fully addressed within this Handbook. In that event, we'll try to make fair and equitable decisions while making sure that the best interests of the organization are served.

Neither this Handbook nor any other organizational document confers any express or implied contractual right to remain in Four River Vector Control District's employ, nor does it guarantee any fixed terms or conditions of your employment. Your employment is not for any specific period of time and may be terminated at will, with or without reason, and without prior notice by Four Rivers Vector Control District or you for any reason, at any time.

This handbook is not intended to undermine or remove your rights as outlined by the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB). We fully acknowledge and respect your rights to engage in protected concerted activities, which include the right to discuss wages, working conditions, and other terms of employment with your fellow employees, as well as the right to form, join, or assist labor organizations. If you have any concerns or questions regarding your rights or any content in this handbook, please seek clarification from your HR representative or legal counsel.

The procedures, practices, policies, and benefits described here may be modified or discontinued from time-to-time. We recognize our responsibility to keep employees informed of changes that may affect them and will provide replacement pages so you can keep your Handbook current.

Some subjects described in this Handbook, such as benefit plan information, are covered in detail in official policy documents. You should refer to these documents for specific information since this Handbook provides summaries only. Please note that when discrepancies occur between benefit language in this Handbook and in the official policy documents, the terms of the written insurance policies are controlling. We encourage you to use caution when making decisions with long-term impact based on our current benefit offerings, given that we may find it necessary to make changes to these programs.

You are encouraged to offer suggestions for improvement to these policies, employment practices, or working conditions. Please read through the Handbook carefully and share it with your family members so they will also understand your work environment. If you have additional

questions or need further details, please talk with your supervisor, who can advise you or refer you to the appropriate resource.

EMPLOYMENT POLICIES

EMPLOYMENT RELATIONSHIP

You and Four Rivers Vector Control District are engaged in an “at-will” employment relationship. Therefore, employment at Four Rivers Vector Control District is for no definite period of time and may, regardless of the time and manner of payment of wages and salary, be terminated at will. This means that either you or the organization may terminate the employment relationship at any time, with or without reason or advance notice.

No one in the organization has the authority to enter into any agreement contrary to this “at-will” relationship except the District Manager. It cannot be altered, except when in writing and signed by the District Manager and you. Four Rivers Vector Control District will not make and will not be bound by any oral promises concerning the length or terms of your employment.

Equal Employment Opportunity

Four Rivers Vector Control District is an equal opportunity employer and, as such, considers individuals for employment according to their abilities and performance. Employment decisions are made without regard to race, age, religion, color, sex, national origin, physical or mental disability, marital or veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity, genetic information, or any other classification protected by law. All employment requirements mandated by local, state, and federal regulations will be observed.

The organization employs affirmative personnel measures to ensure the achievement of equal employment opportunities in all aspects of employment and the work environment. These policies of nondiscrimination will prevail throughout every aspect of the employment relationship, including recruitment, selection, total compensation, promotion, transfer, layoff and recall, termination, training, and dispute resolution.

In keeping with our philosophy and applicable laws, our advertising and recruiting materials will contain the following statement to encourage qualified applicants to apply: “Equal Opportunity Employer.” Our policy as an equal opportunity employer is to employ those legally entitled to work in the United States without regard to citizenship status, ethnic background, or national origin. However, in conformity with the relevant immigration statutes and regulations, our policy is to hire only those who are eligible to work in the United States. Verification documentation is required of all new hires.

All employees in the organization are responsible for following and carrying out this policy according to the spirit and intent of our equal employment commitment. Management provides and supports a dispute resolution procedure for complaints alleging discrimination. Employees are expected to bring any questions, issues, or complaints to Management’s attention. If you believe you have been harassed, or if you witness or suspect any violation of this policy, you should report the matter immediately to the District Manager. We also encourage that you document your concerns. We will not retaliate against you for filing a complaint or cooperating in an investigation and we will not tolerate or permit retaliation by Management or co-workers.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), amended by the ADA Amendments Act of 2008, is a comprehensive federal civil rights law that specifically protects individuals with physical and mental disabilities from discrimination in the workplace.

Individuals are protected under the ADA if any of the following conditions exist:

- They currently have a physical or mental condition that significantly restricts their ability to normally conduct a major life function (walking, seeing, hearing, breathing, bodily functions, etc.);
- They have a history of such impairment; or,
- They are regarded as having such impairment.

The ADA also prohibits discrimination based on an individual's relationship to someone (parent, sibling, child, spouse, friend, etc.) with a disability.

Four Rivers Vector Control Dist offers equal employment opportunities to qualified individuals who may have a physical or mental disability but are still able to perform essential job functions with reasonable accommodations. Essential functions are defined as the fundamental non-marginal duties of the position being held or sought. A job function is essential if the position exists for the performance of the function, there are only a limited number of employees available to perform it, or it is so highly specialized that an expert is required to perform it.

Reasonable accommodations are available to employees and applicants, if the requested accommodations don't cause an undue hardship on the organization. Individuals protected by the ADA/ADAAA should discuss their needs for possible accommodation with the District or Office Manager.

Pregnancy Accommodation Policy

Four Rivers Vector Control District will make reasonable accommodations to employees that are experiencing known limitations related to pregnancy, childbirth or a related medical condition, to the extent the accommodation can be made without imposing an undue hardship on the organization. Four Rivers Vector Control District seeks to comply with both the federal Pregnant Workers Fairness Act (PWFA) and any state provisions and rules it is subject to regarding pregnancy related conditions as well. Possible accommodations may include:

- Acquisition or modification of equipment or devices;
- More frequent or longer break periods or periodic rest;
- Assistance with manual labor; or
- Modification of work schedules or job assignments.

Four Rivers Vector Control District will not take adverse action against an employee for inquiring about, requesting, or using a reasonable accommodation.

HARASSMENT

Four Rivers Vector Control District will not tolerate conduct by any employee, elected official, board or commission member, volunteer or intern, customer or member of the public that harasses, disrupts, or interferes with an employee's work performance or which creates an intimidating, offensive, or hostile work environment. All forms of harassment are prohibited. We want to maintain a working environment free from all forms of harassment, whether based upon race, age, religion, color, sex, national origin, physical or mental disability, marital or veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity, on-the-job injury, genetic information, or any other legally protected characteristic or status. Retaliation associated with a complaint of harassment is also prohibited.

Behavior such as telling ethnic jokes; using religious slurs or offensive slang, or other derogatory terms regarding a person's race, sexual orientation, age, sex, national origin, or disability; or mimicking one's speech, accent, or disability are examples of prohibited conduct. Harassing individuals by making derogatory comments regarding protected status or characteristics is strictly prohibited, as well as using any other words or conduct that might create a hostile or offensive work environment.

Sexual harassment or assault is also a form of harassment. The following conduct is considered to be sexual harassment;

- Submission to the conduct is in any way deemed to be a term or condition of employment;
- Submission to or rejection of the conduct is used as a basis for employment-related decisions; or,
- The conduct has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's work performance or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work environment.

Sexual harassment can also consist of unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature. Conduct such as sexual or sexist language, jokes, or innuendoes; nude, profane, or obscene cartoons, drawings, or photographs; whistling; staring; and inappropriate touching are not tolerated Four Rivers Vector Control District. Cell phone use, including text messages and other similar electronic communications, can also be considered harassing behavior.

Sexual Assault is defined as unwanted conduct of a sexual nature that is inflicted upon a person or compelled using physical force, manipulation, threat, or intimidation.

Each manager/supervisor has a responsibility to maintain a workplace free of any form of sexual harassment. No person shall threaten or insinuate, either explicitly or implicitly, that an employee's refusal to submit to sexual advances will adversely affect the employee's employment, evaluation, wages, advancement, assigned duties, shifts, or any other condition of employment or career development. Sexual harassment in the workplace, whether by managers/supervisors, non-managerial employees, or outside individuals (vendors, customers, etc.) is prohibited.

This policy explicitly applies to conduct in the workplace, at social functions sponsored by the organization, and at business functions (conventions, trade shows, etc.). This policy applies to any conduct, however, as described above, which impacts the organization or work environment, regardless of where it occurs.

Management provides and supports a dispute resolution procedure for receiving and resolving complaints alleging discriminatory practices in employment relations. As an employee of Four Rivers Vector Control District, you have the responsibility to immediately report any actions or words, which you find to be harassing. The organization will not retaliate against you for filing a complaint or cooperating in an investigation and will not tolerate or permit retaliation by anyone.

Reporting Incidents of Harassment

If you believe that you have been harassed, have witnessed harassment, or suspect any violation of our harassment policy, you must immediately report the matter to the District Manager or Office Manager. These individuals are responsible for ensuring that all complaints are promptly and thoroughly investigated without prejudice or retaliation. The investigation will be conducted promptly, but no specific timeframe can be guaranteed because each situation is likely to be different, and individuals may have varying schedules. Every effort will be made to complete the investigation within two weeks. In all cases, you will be notified of the outcome of the investigation. We will also check in with you quarterly following receipt of the information to ensure the matter has been resolved and continues to meet the organizations standards.

All complaints of harassment will be investigated promptly and impartially. Discretion will be used during the investigation in order to maintain as much confidentiality as possible while effectively completing the investigation, however, confidentiality cannot be guaranteed. If you are not satisfied with the handling of a complaint or the action taken by management, you should bring the complaint to the next higher level of authority. In all cases, you will generally be advised of the outcome.

Any employee or manager who is found, after appropriate investigation, to have engaged in harassment or to have retaliated against an individual for reporting harassment will be subject to appropriate corrective action, depending on the circumstances, up to and including termination.

External Complaint Procedure

We encourage employees to bring their concerns and complaints to the organization, and understand that, at times, this may not be the choice of the employee. Below is a list of the external complaint options. Please reach out to the preferred choice to determine the appropriate timelines for their processes.

- Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries at the following web address:
https://www.oregon.gov/boli/CRD/Pages/C_Crcompl.aspx
- Civil or Criminal Action. In these circumstances, a Notice of Claim must be provided to us in accordance with ORS 30.275.

Employment Agreements

No employee will be required or invited to sign an agreement requiring the non-disclosure of information related to discrimination or sexual assault as a condition of employment, continued employment, promotion, compensation, or the receipt of benefits. An employee may request this

type of agreement and, upon request, will be provided at least seven (7) days to change their mind.

Additional Employee Support Services

Employees may choose to use other support services throughout and following instances related to concerns and complaints. The organization provides the following for additional assistance:

- Legal services
- Counseling and Support Services and/or Employee Assistance Services

WORKPLACE PROFESSIONALISM

Harassment due to a person's protected class is prohibited, so too is unprofessionalism, such as incivility, due to personality clashes or issues. We want our focus to be on customer service, productivity, and the ability for each employee to flourish here. This makes it essential that our employees treat each other and those with whom we serve with courtesy, respect, and consideration. Further, we require that employees work cooperatively and constructively in resolving issues or problems on-the-job to foster satisfactory working relationships.

Four Rivers Vector Control District defines unprofessionalism as repeated or one-time behavior, which is inappropriate, and which may be verbal, non-verbal, or physical; either direct or indirect which generally occurs at work and in the course of employment but may also apply to off-site behavior exhibited by employees that negatively impacts the working relationship. Such behavior, whether exhibited between co-workers, management and staff, vendors/customers, another outside party, or a member of the public, violates our policy on how others should be treated while at the workplace or engaged in organizational operations.

Where an allegation of unprofessionalism is made, consideration of the intention will be given. The purpose of this policy is to communicate to all employees, including supervisors, managers, and executives, that Four Rivers Vector Control District will not, in any instance, tolerate unprofessional behavior. Employees found to be in violation of this policy will be subject to corrective action, up to and including termination.

We consider the following examples as unprofessional; however, this is not considered a comprehensive list. Any actions that create the same or similar result will also be considered.

- Making derogatory comments on about your co-workers or the organization on social media
- Public humiliation in any form
- Constant criticism on matters unrelated or minimally related to the person's performance or job description
- Spreading rumors and gossip regarding individuals
- Interfering with the ability of someone to perform job duties or consistently assigning menial tasks not central to the job.
- Taking credit for another person's ideas

Any Four Rivers Vector Control District employee who has experienced unprofessionalism should immediately report the behavior according to the reporting process outlined in our anti-harassment policy. All reports will be investigated and addressed. Making false/baseless or malicious complaints of unprofessionalism will be regarded as a serious offense, which may also lead to corrective action, up to and including termination.

DISPUTE RESOLUTION

We believe that undisclosed problems will remain unresolved and will lead to impaired work relationships, dissatisfaction with working conditions, and a decline in operational efficiency. Therefore, the organization has established this dispute resolution procedure to solve problems as quickly, fairly, and thoroughly as possible. This procedure is a method for impartially hearing the complaint and is intended to resolve problems and provide a fair and objective review. All issues will be handled without prejudice or retaliation.

Reporting Issues Other than Harassment/Discrimination

Any other questions or concerns you may have should be discussed with your immediate manager/supervisor, absent special circumstances, as soon as you are aware there is a problem or have a question. Your manager will generally follow-up to your concern.

We realize there may be valid reasons to forego this initial step; in those circumstances *i.e.*, a concern involves an immediate manager/supervisor, you may go directly to the next level of management or to the board of trustees for assistance.

EMPLOYMENT

It is our goal to fill employment vacancies with qualified applicants, whether recruiting internally, externally, or in utilizing both options. Job applicants will be considered on an equal basis for all positions without regard to sex, age, race, color, religion, national origin, marital or veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity, genetic information, a physical or mental disability, or any other characteristic protected under applicable law, including Veterans' Preference.

Our goal will always be to select the most qualified person for each available job.

Former employees and relatives of current employees will be considered for employment in the same manner as other applicants. We may refuse to place a spouse, domestic partner, or immediate family member under the direct supervision of a spouse, domestic partner, or family member, if such placement adversely affects supervision, safety, security, or morale.

You may, from time-to-time, be temporarily transferred or assigned to perform work outside of your regular job duties, schedule, or location. Depending upon the circumstances, you may be subject to a wage adjustment while performing such work. We may also reassign employees on a long-term basis whose placements are determined to be unsuited to their individual skills and transfer any employee who has an illness or disability that requires modified duty without posting the position.

New Employee Orientation

New employees are expected to participate in orientation within the first week of employment. This helps to ensure positive integration into our operations and helps new employees start a productive and satisfying employment relationship. At the orientation, you will receive detailed information about general policies, procedures, benefits, and basic information on pay and leave policies.

Introductory Period

As a new employee, you are hired on a 30-day introductory period. The introductory period is an extension of the employee selection process. During this period, you are considered to be in training and under observation and evaluation by supervisors. Evaluation of your adjustment to work tasks, conduct and other work rules, attendance, and job responsibilities will be conducted during the introductory period. This period gives you an opportunity to demonstrate satisfactory performance for the position and provides an opportunity for us to see if your abilities and the requirements of the position match. It is also a chance to see if we meet your expectations as an employer.

Your performance will be evaluated at the end of the introductory period, and a decision about your employment status will be made and shared with you in writing. If you have successfully completed the introductory period, you will be moved to regular status. Movement to regular status does not alter the at-will condition of your employment. If your skills border on satisfactory, but fall a little short, the introductory period may be extended if there is reason to believe that your skills will improve within 30 days. This period may be extended only by the approval of the District Manager. The request for an extension won't be approved if it is submitted after the normal conclusion of your introductory period. If expectations are not met or if your skills are not satisfactory, it is unlikely that your employment will continue.

Promotions and Transfer Training Period

If you are promoted or transferred to a new position, you must also complete an introductory period of 30 days to determine the suitability of the placement and your ability to satisfactorily perform the required work. If it is determined that the job change is not working during this period, you will be returned to your original job if a vacancy exists. Otherwise, you will be assigned to any other vacant job we deem suitable. If no such job is vacant, your employment may be terminated. If you are placed in a job other than your original job, the pay and benefits may be adjusted.

Re-employment

Employees who resign from the organization in good standing may be eligible for re-employment consideration. Applications received from former employees will be considered and processed using the same procedures and standards that govern all other applicants. Previous performance with the organization will be evaluated if the reference check phase is reached. We are not obligated to rehire former employees. If an employee returns within 12 calendar months their previous Sick Leave balance will be restored in full.

Credit for Prior Seniority

Employees who are rehired by Four Rivers Vector Control District will receive credit for prior time worked as follows:

- Employees who were separated because of a reduction in workforce will receive credit for prior time worked for the purposes of benefit eligibility if they are re-employed within 1 year after the separation date.
- Employees who voluntarily resigned from their employment with Four Rivers Vector Control District will receive credit for prior time worked for the purposes of benefit eligibility, subject to management approval, if re-employed within 6 months after the resignation date. However, a new anniversary date will be established based on the date of rehire.
- All other rehires shall be considered new employees, except where the Employee Retirement Income Security Act may rule otherwise for pension purposes.

Employment Classifications

Employee status is categorized to make distinctions in employment-related conditions and to aid in a better understanding of employment relationships within the organization. Employees may be considered introductory, full-time or part-time, seasonal, or on-call as described below:

Introductory*: Newly hired or promoted employees within the introductory period. New hires normally earn, but cannot use, benefits.

Regular Full-time: An employee who is regularly scheduled to work 40 hours or more per week. This classification normally is eligible for benefits.

Regular Part-time: An employee who is regularly scheduled to work at least 25 but less than 40 hours per week.

Seasonal*: An employee who is hired for a specified period of time, usually no more than six (6) months. This classification is typically not eligible for benefits, except for those mandated by law.

On-Call*: An employee who does not have a set schedule and works only when called upon.

Employees are further classified according to federal and state wage and hour laws as exempt or non-exempt, as defined below. Management will make the appropriate designation regarding the status for each new position or when a position changes substantially. If you are uncertain as to your status, ask your supervisor/manager.

Exempt: An employee who is exempt from the overtime pay and minimum wage requirements under federal and state laws. Exempt employees include managers, executives, supervisors, professional staff, outside sales representatives, owners, and others who are generally paid a salary and whose duties and responsibilities allow them to be exempt under federal and state law.

Non-exempt: An employee who is paid an hourly wage and whose job generally calls for the payment of minimum wage and overtime as specified under state or federal regulations.

EMPLOYMENT RECORD KEEPING

Access to Personnel Files

The organization maintains a personnel record for each employee, and access to those records is restricted to authorized persons only. The records contain applications, written evaluations, performance counseling notices, correspondence, and other information pertinent to employment. Authorized persons are individuals in a direct line of supervision over the employee to whom the file applies or any management representative involved in a pending personnel action.

Your personnel file is available for review except for any references and other material exempt from disclosure under state law by making advance arrangements with the Office Manager. We will provide copies of personnel records or files as required by law, but you may be asked to reimburse us for the reasonable cost of providing copies.

Change in Personal Data

Keeping your personnel records current can be important to you with regard to pay, payroll deductions, benefits, and other matters. If you have changes in any of the following items of information, please notify the Office Manager.

- Name
- Marital status
- Address
- Telephone number
- Dependents
- Beneficiary[ies]
- Person to be notified in case of emergency
- Job-related physical or other limitations that impact employment
- Other information having a bearing on your employment

EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS AND CONDUCT

We believe in treating people with respect and adhering to ethical and fair practices. All Public Officials are held accountable to the states Ethics laws found in ORS 244.

Public Officials

A public official includes anyone serving the State of Oregon or any of its political subdivisions or any other public body in any of the listed capacities, including as an “agent.” An “agent” means any individual performing governmental functions. Governmental functions are services provided on behalf of the government as distinguished from services provided to the government. This may include private contractors and volunteers, depending on the circumstances.

Upon employment with our organization you became a Public Official.

Gifts

During a calendar year, a public official, a candidate or a relative or member of the household of the public official or candidate may not solicit or receive, directly or indirectly, any gift or gifts with an aggregate value in excess of \$50 from any single source that could reasonably be known to have a legislative or administrative interest.

During a calendar year, a person who has a legislative or administrative interest may not offer to the public official or a relative or member of the household of the public official any gift or gifts with an aggregate value in excess of \$50.

During a calendar year, a person who has a legislative or administrative interest may not offer to the candidate or a relative or member of the household of the candidate any gift or gifts with an aggregate value in excess of \$50.

Use of Official Position or Office

A public official may not use or attempt to use official position or office to obtain financial gain or avoidance of financial detriment for the public official, a relative or member of the household of the public official, or any business with which the public official or a relative or member of the household of the public official is associated, if the financial gain or avoidance of financial detriment would not otherwise be available but for the public official’s holding of the official position or office.

Except:

- Any part of an official compensation package as determined by the public body that the public official serves.
- The receipt by a public official or a relative or member of the household of the public official of an honorarium or any other item allowed under ORS 244.042 (Honoraria).
- Reimbursement of expenses.
- An unsolicited award for professional achievement.

- Gifts that do not exceed the limits specified in ORS 244.025 (Gift limit) received by a public official or a relative or member of the household of the public official from a source that could reasonably be known to have a legislative or administrative interest.
- Gifts received by a public official or a relative or member of the household of the public official from a source that could not reasonably be known to have a legislative or administrative interest.
- The receipt by a public official or a relative or member of the household of the public official of any item, regardless of value, that is expressly excluded from the definition of “gift” in ORS 244.020 (Definitions).
- Contributions made to a legal expense trust fund established under ORS 244.209 (Application to establish fund) for the benefit of the public official.

A public official may not solicit or receive, either directly or indirectly, and a person may not offer or give to any public official any pledge or promise of future employment, based on any understanding that the vote, official action or judgment of the public official would be influenced by the pledge or promise.

A public official may not attempt to further or further the personal gain of the public official through the use of confidential information gained in the course of or by reason of holding position as a public official or activities of the public official.

A person who has ceased to be a public official may not attempt to further or further the personal gain of any person through the use of confidential information gained in the course of or by reason of holding position as a public official or the activities of the person as a public official.

A person may not attempt to represent or represent a client for a fee before the governing body of a public body of which the person is a member. This subsection does not apply to the person’s employer, business partner or other associate.

The provisions of this section apply regardless of whether actual conflicts of interest or potential conflicts of interest are announced or disclosed under ORS 244.120

Honoraria

A public official may not solicit or receive, whether directly or indirectly, honoraria for the public official or any member of the household of the public official if the honoraria are solicited or received in connection with the official duties of the public official.

A public official may receive of an honorarium or a certificate, plaque, commemorative token or other item with a value of \$50 or less; or receive an honorarium for services performed in relation to the private profession, occupation, avocation or expertise of the public official or candidate.

Financial Interest in Public Contracts

A person who ceases to hold a position as a public official may not have a direct beneficial financial interest in a public contract for two years after the date the contract was authorized.

You are required to inform us of any activity that is ongoing or planned that may be or is a conflict with these laws. We will work with the State Ethics commission to determine the appropriate steps for resolution.

Failure to meet these standards will result in investigation and, depending on the outcome, result in discipline up to and including separation.

CONFIDENTIALITY

Organization and Customers

At Four Rivers Vector Control District, employees have access to highly confidential and proprietary information, including information about our business plans and customers. Our customers trust us with confidential information and disclosing this information without authorization would have a materially adverse impact on our integrity and on our relationships with our customers. Employees must not disclose any information pertaining to the organization or its customers without prior explicit approval of their managers/supervisors and must sign a form stating such.

No organization records or information, including documents, files, records, computer files, and similar materials may be removed from our premises without permission from District Manager, except in the ordinary course of performing duties on behalf of Four Rivers Vector Control District. Additionally, the contents of organization records or information otherwise obtained in regard to business may not be disclosed to anyone except where required for a business purpose. This prohibition also applies to items posted in a blog or website. Employees are subject to appropriate corrective action, up to and including termination, for revealing confidential information.

Employee Records

Four Rivers Vector Control District's philosophy is to safeguard personal employee information in its possession to ensure the confidentiality of this information. Additionally, the organization will only collect personal information that is required to pursue its business operations and to comply with government reporting and disclosure requirements. Personal information collected by the organization includes employee names, addresses, telephone numbers, e-mail addresses, emergency contact information, EEO data, social security numbers, date of birth, employment eligibility data, benefit plan enrollment information, which may include dependents' personal information, and school/college or certification credentials. All pre-employment inquiries, including reference check records, as well as former employee files are maintained in locked, separate areas and are not used by the organization in the course of business operations.

Personal employee information will be considered confidential and, as such, will be shared only as required and with those who have a need for access to such information. All hard copy records will be maintained in locked, secured areas with access limited to those who have a need for such access. Personal employee information used in business system applications will be protected under company proprietary electronic transmission and Virtual Private Network policies and security systems. Participants in company benefit plans should be aware that personal information will be shared with plan providers as required for claim handling or record keeping needs.

Organization-assigned information, which may include organizational charts, department titles and staff charts, Designated Positions, department budgets, company coding and recording systems, telephone directories, e-mail lists, and company facility or location information and addresses, is considered by the company to be proprietary company information to be used for internal purposes only. The company retains the right to communicate and distribute such information as it feels necessary to conduct business operations.

If an employee becomes aware of a breach in maintaining the confidentiality of any personal information, the employee should report the incident to District Manager. The District Manager has the responsibility to investigate the incident and take corrective action. Please understand that the reasonableness of actions taken in these circumstances will be taken into consideration. Examples of the release of personal employee information that will not be considered a breach include the following:

- Release of partial employee birth dates i.e., day and month, which is not considered confidential and will be shared with supervisors/managers who elect to recognize employees on such dates.
- Personal telephone numbers or e-mail addresses may be distributed to supervisors/managers in order to facilitate company work schedules or business operations.
- Employee identifier information used in salary or budget planning, review processes, and for timekeeping purposes will be shared with supervisors/managers.
- Employees' company anniversary dates will be distributed to appropriate supervisors/managers periodically.
- Employee and dependent information may be distributed in accordance with open enrollment processes, for periodic benefit plan changes, or for benefit statement updates.

Should a security breach occur, you will be notified in writing as soon as possible.

WORKPLACE RULES

Four Rivers Vector Control District believes policies and procedures are essential for the orderly operation of our business and for the protection and fair treatment of all employees. As a result, we have clearly identified performance expectations so that each employee behaves according to our workplace standards. Courtesy and common sense should always prevail. The following work rules are not all-inclusive, but serve as guidelines to demonstrate the work behaviors considered important to Four Rivers Vector Control District.

1. You are expected to be at work on time, to stay until your workday ends, and to do the work assigned or requested of you. If you are unable to be at work on time, you are expected to contact your immediate supervisor promptly.
2. You are expected to regard your workplace with respect and attention. Four Rivers Vector Control District records, equipment, and property are to be treated carefully and appropriately. You are responsible for those items in your custody and will be held accountable for their maintenance, appropriate use, and accuracy.
3. You are expected to act in accordance with all appropriate codes, laws, regulations, and policies, regardless of whether they are set by Four Rivers Vector Control District or by outside regulatory bodies.
4. You are expected to conduct yourself in a professional manner, exhibiting a high regard for our customers, vendors, business associates, and for co-workers. No breach of professional behavior [abusive language, harassment, personal business during work time, *etc.*] will be condoned. This also applies to alcohol consumption when representing Four Rivers Vector Control District in a business or social capacity.
5. You are expected to maintain the confidentiality of organization information or customer information in your possession [*i.e.*, personnel information, trade secrets, *etc.*].
6. You are expected to wear clothing that is neat in appearance and consistent with a professional atmosphere, keeping in mind the impression it has on customers, visitors, and other employees as well as the need to promote organization and employee safety. Good individual judgment is the best guideline, but management retains the right to decide what dress is appropriate.

This information regarding our behavioral expectations should help guide employee actions. You are urged to use reasonable judgment and to seek advice in doubtful or unclear situations. If all employees do their best to meet both the spirit and intent of these guidelines, disciplinary issues will be minimal. It is our policy to resolve conduct and performance problems in the most informal and positive manner possible; however, conduct which falls outside of the above guidelines will result in corrective action, up to and including termination.

We also believe that all of our employees should have an opportunity to be heard in matters involving discipline; therefore, we have adopted a formal Dispute Resolution Procedure, which can be found in this Handbook.

WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTIONS

Four Rivers Vector Control District encourages any employee with knowledge of an illegal or dishonest activity to report it to the District Manager or Board of Trustees. All such issues will be promptly investigated with the intent to determine fault and institute any appropriate corrective measures. Examples of illegal or dishonest activities are violations of federal, state, or local laws; billing for services not performed or for goods not delivered; and other fraudulent financial reporting. Any employee wishing for more information can obtain further details from District Manager.

If an employee has knowledge of or a concern of illegal or dishonest fraudulent activity, the employee should immediately contact a direct supervisor or the Board of Trustees. The employee must exercise sound judgment to avoid baseless allegations. An employee who intentionally files a false report of wrongdoing will be subject to corrective action, up to and including termination.

Whistleblower protections are provided to maintain confidentiality and to prevent retaliation. Although someone's identity may have to be disclosed to conduct a thorough investigation, to comply with the law, and to provide accused individuals their due course, the privacy of the individual making the report will be protected to the extent possible. Four Rivers Vector Control District will not retaliate against a whistleblower. This includes, but is not limited to, protection from retaliation in the form of an adverse employment action such as termination, compensation decreases, or poor work assignments as well as threats of physical harm. Any whistleblower who believes retaliation has occurred must contact the District Manager or Board of Trustees immediately. The right of a whistleblower to protection against retaliation does not include immunity for any personal wrongdoing that is alleged and investigated.

All reports of illegal and dishonest activities will be promptly submitted to the District Manager who is responsible for investigating and coordinating corrective action.

DRESS CODE AND GROOMING

Employees contribute to the atmosphere and reputation of Four Rivers Vector Control District in the way they present themselves. A professional appearance is essential to a favorable impression with district residents. Good grooming and appropriate dress reflect employee pride and inspire district residents' confidence.

We are committed to creating a diverse, inclusive, and equitable workplace that values and respects all individuals, regardless of their natural hair texture and hairstyle. We recognize that natural hair is an essential part of self-expression and cultural identity and discrimination based on these attributes is not acceptable in our organization.

Managers have the discretion to determine appropriateness in appearance. Employees who do not meet a professional standard may be sent home to change and may not be paid for that time off. A basic essential of appropriate dress includes the need for clothing to be neat and clean.

Additionally, clothing, jewelry, and hair should not be loose or dangle in such a way that creates any kind of safety hazard.

Body piercing jewelry and body art that does not convey a professional image should not be visible.

Management may make exceptions to the Dress Code for special occasions. An employee unsure of what is appropriate should check with the designated manager or supervisor.

Some departments may require specific guidelines. People who need to leave work to change clothes for meetings must utilize personal time or vacation time. These policies may be changed as fashion trends in clothing for the business world change.

BRINGING CHILDREN TO WORKPLACE

At the discretion of the Operations Manager, employees are permitted to bring their children to the workplace. It is essential that children do not disrupt the work environment or become unsupervised. The Operations Manager reserves the right to ask employees to remove their children from the premises if their behavior becomes disruptive or if their presence poses a safety concern. Children are strictly prohibited from entering the chemical shed unless accompanied and supervised by their parent at all times. This policy is intended to ensure a safe and productive work environment for all employees.

USE OF DISTRICT VEHICLES

The use of vehicles creates special responsibilities for officers and employees of the District. Vehicle operators have the responsibility to operate vehicles in a safe, lawful, and skillful manner, and shall at all times give the highest priority to the safety and welfare of the general public. Operators shall obey all always and District policies pertaining to operation of District Vehicles.

Only District employees, officers, and volunteers are permitted to drive District vehicles, except for purposes of mechanical or technical maintenance and evaluation. Personal use of District vehicles is restricted to making stops at restaurants or stores during designated breaks while traveling to or from work locations within the district. Operators must not transport civilians or unauthorized persons in District vehicles, except when civilians are accompanying a District employee to an official District function or are directly involved in a District business transaction.

District vehicles are to be used solely for transportation to and from District business, travel to and from District-approved seminars and meetings, and other official District business. Vehicles are not to leave District boundaries except for official business, maintenance purposes, or with prior approval from the Operations Manager. In the event of an accident involving property damage or injury, operators must immediately report the accident to their supervisor and, if necessary, to the police. An official accident report must be completed and filed in the operator's personnel record.

Operators are responsible for the proper maintenance of assigned vehicles, which includes ensuring adequate fuel, oil, water, and tire checks, as well as keeping the interior and exterior of the vehicle clean and free of debris and clutter.

COMMUNICATION AND SOFTWARE SYSTEMS

Electronic Communications Systems

Four Rivers Vector Control District provides electronic communication systems to maintain superior communications both within the organization and with outside clients and vendors. You are encouraged to learn about these tools and how to use them. This policy provides directions for you regarding access and disclosure of information when using these communication systems. All employees and others outside the organization who may use the systems are expected to be aware of and support this policy.

Our electronic communication systems include computers, software, electronic mail (e-mail), copiers, fax machines, telephones, cell phones, voice mail, messengers, and various online services. All of these systems are operated and managed based upon this policy.

These systems and any other informational, storage, or retrieval services that the organization provides are organization tools and are to be used for business purposes only during business hours. Use of company systems during business hours for other than work-related purposes should be minimal and must not impact business operations.

The use of these systems is not private or confidential. Within the bounds of current and future laws, the organization reserves and intends to exercise the right to review, audit, intercept, access, and search these business systems at will, monitor data and messages within them at any time and for any reason, and disclose selected contents without notice or other restrictions. Messages sent through these systems remain the property of the organization.

As an employee, you must not permit any proprietary or confidential information of Four Rivers Vector Control District to enter the public domain through electronic transmissions. Examples of the organization's proprietary and confidential information are provided in the Confidentiality Policy. Also, these systems shall not be used to receive or distribute copyrighted materials, trade secrets, proprietary information, or similar materials from/to outside the organization without prior authorization.

Any messages or communications used through this system are subject to our anti-harassment, anti-discrimination, and non-solicitation policies. You are expected to carefully compose and review the wording, tone, and content of your communications before transmission.

You should check with your supervisor if you have any questions about the proper use of communication or software systems. All system users who discover violations of this policy are expected to notify their supervisors or managers immediately. Improper use or violation of this policy can result in corrective action, up to and including termination.

Electronic Mail System

You are reminded to be courteous to other users of the e-mail system and to always conduct yourself in a professional manner. E-mail messages are sometimes misdirected or forwarded and may be viewed by persons other than the intended recipient. You should write e-mail communications with no less care, judgment, and responsibility than you would use for letters or internal memoranda written on organizational letterhead.

You should know that even when a message is erased through e-mail, it is still possible to retrieve and read that message. Even though the organization reserves the right to retrieve and read any e-mail messages, those messages are to be treated as confidential by other employees and accessed only by the intended recipient. We expect employees to respect others' privacy and not retrieve or read electronic messages for which they are not the intended recipient unless authorized. The use of passwords for security does not guarantee confidentiality; all passwords to company systems must be disclosed to the organization's District or Office Manager.

Organization-owned Personal Computers

To protect the integrity of our systems, all software used on our computers must be registered with the Office Manager. Personal or downloaded software may only be installed after written authorization from that individual. A virus check of all such software must be made immediately before it is installed on any organization computer. A virus check must also be conducted on any electronic devices originating from or used on any computer outside of the organization prior to its use with an organization-owned computer. The copy or transfer of organization-owned software may occur only with the written authorization of District Manager.

Laptop Security

All staff that are issued laptops and other computer-related equipment will be given a copy of Four Rivers Vector Control District's computer-related equipment guidelines. These guidelines include security precautions and procedures as recommended by Four Rivers Vector Control District.

Laptops and other applicable equipment will only be replaced by the company if the laptop and other equipment were secured by two anti-theft devices at the time they were stolen. For example, a computer camera stored in a locked cabinet within a locked office; a laptop locked in a safe in a locked motel room; a laptop secured in a locked drawer within a locked residence. An exception applies for a laptop or equipment taken during an assault situation.

In other situations, a deductible will apply to lost or stolen laptops and computer equipment. Employees should always follow company guidelines in safeguarding equipment. If an employee has followed these recommendations, the laptop and other equipment will be replaced. If the employee has not, however, the Four Rivers Vector Control District has the option of paying the deductible or, for example, having the laptop replaced with a personal computer.

Mobile Devices

Allowing Remote Wipe Provisions/Data Liability

If you are connected to the organization's server, understand that making this connection via a mobile device may compromise the privacy of certain sensitive information. Confidential electronic information, including personally identifiable information, must be protected to prevent it from being exposed if the device on which the information was accessed is lost or stolen. In order to protect this information, the organization retains the right to delete data and applications from any device that contains the organization's information. ***This right to delete such information may be exercised remotely or on-site if the organization determines such action is necessary to protect confidential, sensitive, or proprietary information. Please understand that in downloading any such information to a personal mobile device, you are consenting to the organization's ability to delete this information at any time.*** This policy covers mobile devices such as smart phones, tablets, laptops, and any similar devices. Please ensure that you regularly sync any personal data [e.g., applications, information, photos] to another

device/computer for safekeeping, as the wipe command does not differentiate between business and personal information.

Mobile devices should be set to lock after every 5 minutes for security reasons. A PIN-based lockout is required, and the PIN must be given to the Information Technology department.

It is critical that any loss or theft of a mobile device, including laptops, be immediately reported to District Manager. Security of these devices should always include two (2) levels (*i.e.*, locked in a trunk if kept in a car; locked in a hotel safe, not left out in a hotel room; etc.) of safeguarding. Failure to ensure this minimum level of protection may leave an employee responsible for the cost of the device or loss of company-related information addressed in this policy, and further corrective action, up to and including termination.

Use of Internet, Virtual Private Network, and Commercial Online Systems

Although Four Rivers Vector Control District recognizes that the Internet may have useful applications to our business, you may not engage in Internet use without prior written approval from District Manager and unless a specific business purpose requires such use. Absent such approval, you may not access the Internet using our computer systems at any time or for any reason.

Also, management approval is required before anyone can post any information on commercial online systems, the VPN, or the Internet. Any material not owned by Four Rivers Vector Control District that will be posted must have received all proper copyright and trademark permissions from its originators prior to approval. For newly generated material, an employee should obtain copyright and trademark designations, as appropriate, prior to posting any content; the posted content should include copyright and trademark notices. Absent prior approval to act as our official representative from Four Rivers Vector Control District, you must include the following disclaimer with any information you post: "Views expressed by the author do not necessarily represent those of Four Rivers Vector Control District."

Social Media and Networking

Social networking websites and online communities, such as Twitter, LinkedIn, Facebook, and Flickr are increasingly used and can be accessed by individuals not only from computer systems, but also from smart phones. These tools have value because they can be used to market Four Rivers Vector Control District products and share information; employees may also use these systems as a quick communications and networking tool to complete projects. It is not the intent of this policy to unduly limit employees' access to these conduits, however, guidelines and expectations surrounding their use are necessary as there are liabilities inherent in such use. When any employee is using organization-provided computers or cell phones or is representing the organization via social networking activity, that individual is expected to represent the organization in a professional and positive light. Four Rivers Vector Control District wishes to use social networking exclusively to its advantage, preventing and minimizing any negative outcomes. This includes ensuring that all employees will be free from harassment and unprofessional behavior when utilizing or consuming social media; therefore, employees authorized for its use must abide by all applicable laws and ethical considerations.

Business Use

Employees may use social networking websites to conduct organizational business, as long as such use is authorized and complies with the organization's policies. Company logos or other organizational information must conform to pre-approved marketing concepts and standards. We do not endorse making business references on behalf of others on sites such as LinkedIn.

In the case that a social media account is set up for business purposes, the organization has the right to review, edit, and delete content associated with the account. The organization will have access to information associated with the account such as the username and password, and any content associated with the account will be considered the property of the organization. If an employee separates from Four Rivers Vector Control District, the organization has the right to assume control of this account.

Monitoring

While the organization does not routinely monitor social networking sites, other employers, organizations, and individuals do monitor and share information found on social networking websites. Again, posted information is public information.

Protection

Social networking sites collect profile information for advertising opportunities and criminal reasons. Phishing (e-mail messages asking for username and passwords, etc.) and spamming are two downsides. Never click on links asking for personal or confidential information. Heed security warnings and pop-ups. Use of these sites may mean more SPAM sent to your e-mail account. If possible, disable the ability of others to post HTML comments to your home page. When accessing these sites, use caution when you see a posting or link that looks suspicious; when in doubt, delete it. Viruses and spyware may damage the organization's operating system, compromise data, or expose your privacy and that of others you communicate with via e-mail and social media sites.

Be aware that others may piece together personal information for identity theft purposes. Be prudent in making comments or posts which reveal your or others' travel plans or divulge other safety-sensitive and private information.

Prohibited Conduct

Behavior and judgment in an electronic environment should mimic behavior in a physical setting. Employees are expressly prohibited from posting content that is malicious, abusive, threatening, intimidating, coercing, profane, disruptive, discriminatory, or harassing. Defamatory statements are prohibited and employees should be aware they are personally responsible for the legal consequences of such statements.

Nothing in this policy should be interpreted as limiting an employee's right to engage in legally protected speech or other activity. Failure to adhere to these standards and to use appropriate protocols will lead to further corrective action, up to and including termination.

Telephone Usage

Four Rivers Vector Control District realizes that employees must occasionally make and receive personal telephone calls at work. Such calls must be kept to a minimum and should impact your work as little as possible. Unauthorized use of the telephone, including charging long distance calls to the organization, will result in corrective action, up to and including termination.

Voice Mail System

The voice mail system at Four Rivers Vector Control District is the property of the organization and is provided for use in conducting organization business. All communications and information transmitted by, received from, or stored in this system are organization records and property of Four Rivers Vector Control District. The voice mail system is to be used for business only; use of the system for personal purposes is prohibited. You have no right to personal privacy in any matter stored in, created, received, or sent over the voice mail system. Four Rivers Vector Control District, in its discretion as owner of the voice mail system, reserves the right to monitor, access, retrieve, and delete any messages stored in, created with, received by, or sent over the system for any reason and without employee permission. You are not authorized to retrieve or listen to any voice mail messages that are not sent to you.

Cell Phones

Where job or business needs necessitate immediate access to an employee, the organization may provide/require a business cell phone for work-related communications. This phone is provided for business use only. Business cell phones are not to be used for purposes not related to work. Keep in mind that cell phone internet usage, phone records, voice mail, and text messages are not private and may be accessed. If an organization-provided phone is used for personal business, any phone charges incurred by an employee related to the personal usage will be the sole responsibility of the employee.

Personal calls during the workday using personal cell phones can be distracting to others and can interfere with employee productivity. Use of a personal phone for any reason should therefore be limited to breaks and lunches.

Any use of a cell phone while driving may present an unsafe condition for the driver, other employees, and the general public. The organization prohibits the use of cell phones while driving, except when hands-free accessories are used. In cases where a cell phone call is necessary, employees must adhere to all federal, state, and local rules and regulations regarding such to help ensure the safe operation of both organization-owned and private vehicles. If an employee is using a cell phone while driving and has an accident, any costs, fees, and fines shall be solely the responsibility of the employee.

Employees should not use handheld cell phones for business purposes while driving. Should an employee need to make a business call while driving, a lawfully designated area to park should be located and the individual should pull over to make the call. Employees may use hands-free cell phones to make business calls, but only in emergency situations. Such calls should be kept short and should the circumstances warrant (e.g., heavy traffic, bad weather, unfamiliarity with area), the employee should locate an appropriate area to pull over to continue the call.

Regardless of the media or device used, typically information generated or exchanged for the purpose of government work is subject to Public Records laws. While not all information is accessible by the public our organization is required to maintain these records.

PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT AND REVIEW

To establish a meaningful performance evaluation system upon which Four Rivers Vector Control District can continuously monitor the effectiveness of organizational operations and employee performance, all employees will receive regularly scheduled formal performance evaluations each year.

The objectives of our performance management and formal appraisal process are to:

- Ensure that employees know their individual performance against established performance standards;
- Determine how well the organization is doing in assisting employees with work performance and meeting goals;
- Ensure communication and two-way feedback;
- Provide a consistent, objective, and fair method of making compensation decisions;
- Provide a tool for career planning; and,
- Provide a permanent record of employee performance and organizational contributions.

Managers and supervisory personnel are accountable for providing employee development actions designed to improve and enhance employee performance such as:

- Reasonable employee training;
- Assigning, directing, controlling, and reviewing employee work;
- Assisting employees in correcting deficiencies; and,
- Objectively evaluating employee performance during the evaluation period.

Our performance appraisal program is intended to be participatory and equally involves both your input and your supervisor's. This allows you to contribute to the growth and improvement of the organization. You are encouraged to:

- Inquire about your performance periodically;
- Accept additional responsibilities and show initiative;
- Review opportunities for advancement within the organization;
- Ask for assistance in developing a goal-oriented path for advancement within the department or organization; and,
- Learn about training available to assist you in improving your skills or qualify you for a promotion or lateral transfer.

Performance evaluations serve as one factor in decisions related to employment such as training, merit pay increases, job assignments, employee development, promotions, and retention. Evaluations identify specific performance levels as compared to established standards, acknowledge the merit of outstanding performance, and prescribe the means and methods of improving performance deficiencies.

CORRECTIVE ACTION

Everyone benefits when we work together and conduct ourselves in a manner that reflects the best interests of both the organization and its employees. It is the philosophy of Four Rivers Vector Control District to correct performance deficiencies and address violations of policies and work rules in order to correct situations and avoid repetition.

You will be informed if corrective action is necessary as soon as possible after any performance problem has been identified. Your manager or supervisor will discuss the situation with you, explaining this policy and the necessity of corrective action to avoid additional disciplinary actions.

Although one or more corrective action measures may be taken in connection with a particular performance problem, no formal order will be followed. Corrective action may include any of a variety of actions depending on the circumstances and severity of the particular situation.

Corrective actions taken at the discretion of management may include **any** of the following:

- Verbal counseling with you, which will be confirmed in writing by your supervisor and placed in your personnel file.
- Written warning, which will be placed in your personnel file.
- Suspension, which will be confirmed in writing for your personnel file. Suspension is normally used to remove an employee from the organization's premises during an investigation or as a disciplinary action. A suspension may be paid or unpaid. If you are suspended, it will be documented in your personnel file.
- Demotion, which will be documented in your personnel file.
- Termination, which will be documented in your personnel file.

The corrective action process will not always commence with verbal counseling or include every step. The above options are not to be seen as a process in which one step always follows another. Some acts, particularly those that are intentional or serious, warrant more severe action on the first or a subsequent offense. Consideration will be given to the seriousness of the offense, any change in behavior, and the circumstances surrounding the offense.

Counseling, verbal warning and written warnings may be undertaken by the District Manager without prior approval from the Board of Trustees. However, the Board of Trustees must be informed by the District Manager of any such actions taken. Suspension with or without pay, demotion and discharge require prior approval from the District Manager before the action is taken.

COMPENSATION

PAY ADMINISTRATION

Four Rivers Vector Control District values high quality work from its employees and is committed to compensating employees for their efforts and results. It is our intent to provide a competitive compensation package that will attract, retain, and motivate employees. It is also our intent that policies and pay practices be administered consistently throughout the organization to ensure internal equity is achieved.

Your pay as a new employee is established based on the pay level of current employees performing work of comparable character and based upon factors such as your previous experience, and education. This policy will be administered and interpreted in accordance with applicable federal and state laws and regulations.

Pay Increases

At Four Rivers Vector Control District, it is our policy to reward employees with pay increases in recognition of dedication, extra effort, and contributory performance. However, wage increases are not awarded on an automatic basis, except for returning seasonal employees and Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA) for full-time employees. COLA increases are determined annually based on the consumer price index for Deschutes County. All recommended increases must be approved by the District Manager before taking effect. The Board of Directors is responsible solely for setting and approving wage increases for the District Manager. In turn, the District Manager sets the wages for the Office Manager and seasonal/part-time employees, adhering to the budgeted categories established by the Board.

Given the sensitive nature of compensation and wage-related matters, employees are expected to exercise discretion and care when discussing their pay or any increases.

PAY PRACTICES

Paydays

You will be paid every two weeks. Paydays are generally on the 5th and 20th of each month. If a payday falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or banking holiday, paychecks will be distributed on the day prior to the established payday. If a payday falls on an organizational holiday, you will receive your check on the last workday prior to the holiday.

Payroll Deductions

Certain mandatory and elective deductions which are made from employee pay are noted on the paycheck stub. The only deductions made are those mandated by law or authorized by you in writing.

Pay Advances

Pay advances are not provided by the organization. Employees are encouraged to find other appropriate resources for any financial difficulties.

Delivery of Paychecks

Paychecks will be hand-delivered to employees on each payday. If management is unavailable to distribute paychecks personally, the paychecks will be left on the Office Manager's desk for employees to pick up.

Method of Payment

A statement showing gross earnings, deductions, and net salary will accompany each paycheck or notice of direct deposit.

Employee Withholding Allowance Certificates (Form W-4)

You are required to furnish the organization with an Employee Withholding Exemption Certificate (W-4) at the time of hire. You may file a new W-4 form any time. When you submit an updated Form W-4, the organization will implement the desired changes by the start of the first payroll period ending on or after the 30th day from the submission date. We encourage employees to seek tax advice if they have questions about withholding amounts.

Time Records for Non-Exempt Employees

The time card/time sheet is a record of time worked and must be filled out daily. It provides a permanent record of time spent on the job, indicating the exact time you worked. Each non-exempt employee will be issued a time card at the start of the pay period.

Time cards should be reviewed carefully for completeness and accuracy at the end of each week, as they will be used to calculate pay. Supervisors will review and initial time cards each pay period. Time cards must be completed in ink. If an error needs to be corrected, the time card should be taken to the manager/supervisor for appropriate action. All manual entries or corrections must be made, reviewed, and initialed by the supervisor or other appropriate

management member. Time cards should be reviewed, signed, and turned in at the end of the pay period. Your signature on the time sheet each pay period verifies that the times and dates are true and accurate to the best of your knowledge. You should never allow someone else to make entries on your time card. Willfully falsifying a time card will be grounds for corrective action, up to and including termination.

Time Records for Exempt Employees

Employees classified as exempt do not fill out time cards and no deduction of pay will be made for hours worked fewer than eight (8) hours per day, unless authorized by law. However, because Four Rivers Vector Control District does have paid time off, vacation, sick pay benefits programs, if you have earned time in these bank(s), you must use this time first from whichever benefit applies to cover any time off that is less than your normal work day.

Dispute Resolution Process for Paycheck Errors

If you have any questions regarding your pay or feel a manager or supervisor has made a change to your pay that you do not believe is accurate, please contact the Office Manager.

Final Paycheck

While we request that you give us at least 10 working days' advance notice prior to departure when resigning or retiring from the organization, if you provide us with at least 48 hours' notice (excluding holidays and weekends) you will receive your final paycheck on the last day worked. If less notice is given, the final paycheck will be provided within five business days (excluding weekends and holidays) or on our next regularly scheduled payday, whichever occurs first. Final paychecks will include all wages earned through the last workday plus payment for any accrued and vested benefits that are due and payable at separation.

HOURS OF WORK AND WORK SCHEDULES

Organization Hours

The general office hours at Four Rivers Vector Control District are 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Specific workday and workweek schedules for each employee will be determined from time-to-time by the appropriate manager based on the organization's needs. We will attempt to notify you of any changes in workdays or workweek schedules two weeks prior to the effective date of change. Management reserves the right to modify schedules consistent with the needs of the organization.

The normal workday is 8 hours. The total hours in a normal workweek are 40, Monday through Sunday. If you are a non-exempt employee, you should not begin work before your normal starting time or continue working beyond the normal quitting time without explicit advance approval from your supervisor.

Overtime

You may occasionally be required to work overtime. Overtime hours will be paid to non-exempt employees at one and one-half times the regular rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 in a regular workweek, or as otherwise required by state and federal laws. Paid time off will not be considered when computing overtime. Your department supervisor must approve any overtime hours in advance or else you may face corrective action, up to termination.

Meal and Rest Periods

Meal and rest periods will be provided for you according to any applicable state regulations. Supervisors will review these and establish schedules. Non-exempt employees are not permitted to work through a meal period unless approval from a supervisor, in an emergency situation, is obtained before the scheduled meal break. In these situations, the meal period will be paid time.

Lactation

Four Rivers Vector Control District promotes and supports the practice and need for employees to express breast milk on its premises upon their return to work.

Until their babies are 18 months old, employees may take reasonable rest periods to express breast milk. Nursing breaks may be taken concurrently with regular meal and rest breaks, although additional reasonable break time will be made available, as needed. Management and employees will work together to find mutually agreeable hours of work and breaks which support the continuation of expressing breast milk.

If an employee perceives or observes adverse treatment with respect to the expression of breast milk, a supervisor/manager should be informed immediately.

Four Rivers Vector Control District will provide a private space with an electrical outlet, within the office building, to express breast milk. This space may vary according to available empty rooms. Check with the District Manager. Hand washing facilities and a refrigerator will also be available at all sites and appropriate signage for privacy will be supplied.

Employees will be responsible for the storage of the expressed milk. The milk, if stored in the refrigerator provided, must be clearly labeled with the employee's name. To ensure the safety of stored breast milk, it is recommended that the container used to store the milk be sealed in a plastic bag to prevent contamination.

Social and Recreational Activities

Participation in off-duty social or recreational activities such as organization picnics and holiday parties is entirely voluntary. Participation or nonparticipation will not affect your wages, hours, working conditions, or present or future employment opportunities.

Inclement Weather and Emergency Closures

Emergencies such as severe weather, fires, power failures, earthquakes, and other natural disasters can disrupt organizational operations. In extreme cases, these circumstances may require the closing of our office.

In the event that Four Rivers Vector Control District makes the decision to close the office prior to the start of the business day, the closure will be announced via an organization-wide email from District Manager. A closure message will also be recorded on Four Rivers Vector Control District's general voice message line. It is the responsibility of each employee to check e-mail and call the voice message line District Manager for an update, if there is any doubt regarding office operations.

If a decision is made to close the office after the business day has already begun, the closure message will also be announced via e-mail or phone call.

Exempt employees will be paid for all absences for full-day or partial day related to emergency closures.

Non-exempt employees will not be paid for time away from work due to office closure; however, with supervisory approval, available vacation, or personal time may be used. Non-exempt employees who have reported to work before the decision to close is made will be paid for time worked, or a minimum of two hours, whichever is greater.

TELEWORK OR TELECOMMUTE

Both telework and telecommuting are a flexibility that may be available to some positions within the organization. These are two different arrangements. Telework is the planned practice of regularly working from a non-organization address. This is most typically the employee's residence. Telecommuting is the planned practice of occasional or intermittent work from a non-organization address. This is most typically the employee's residence.

All telework and telecommuting arrangements require the prior approval of District Manager and may be changed at the discretion of District Manager. Telework and telecommute may be permissible for some jobs and not all jobs.

Employees are responsible for ensuring a safe work environment when telecommuting or teleworking. Employees are also responsible to meet the expectation of their job regardless of where the job is done. Supervisors are responsible for monitoring compliance with these types of agreements, relevant policies, performance standards, expectations for work product and productivity, and time accountability.

Any employee who is teleworking or telecommuting must be available during established work hours and provide timely response to email, phone calls etc. Absences, including unavailability during work hours, must be pre-approved. Employees must account for all time worked. Supervisors may consider an employee's request to alter regular work hours in the same way they would evaluate these requests for a person working at an organization address.

An employees' salary, benefits and insurance coverage does not change as a result of teleworking or telecommuting.

Employees are responsible for the utilization of Four Rivers Vector Control District networks while working remotely in a safe and secure manner as directed by District Manager.

As mentioned above these are planned arrangements. Employees and supervisors must work together to determine if an arrangement can be made and the details of the arrangement.

Information Technology

Teleworking or telecommuting employees are expected to be able to set up a remote office and use both organization and their own equipment without direct physical help from organization. While any equipment supplied by the organization will be maintained by or at the direction of organization, employees are responsible for the safe and secure transportation of equipment to and from the office.

Employees are expected to have sufficient telephone arrangements to perform their work and to participate in telephone conferences during agreed-upon work hours.

Employees are expected to have sufficient Internet access if work assignments require use of Web resources in the performance of their duties while working at a remote worksite.

The organization will determine, with information supplied by the employee and the supervisor, what equipment will be supplied for each telecommuting situation. The employee must sign an

inventory of organization property and agree in writing to take appropriate action to protect the inventoried items from damage or theft.

All equipment supplied by the organization will be maintained by or at the direction of organization. Equipment supplied by the employee, will be maintained by the employee. The organization accepts no responsibility for damage or repairs to employee-owned equipment.

All equipment and software supplied by the organization are only for organization business and must comply with the organization's security and maintenance policies and practices. Portable equipment must, at all times, have organization authorized security measures installed and running.

If the teleworking employee provides equipment, the employee provided equipment must comply with organization's security and maintenance policies and practices, and any additional safeguards required by the organization.

Employees will notify the organization immediately in the event of a breakdown or other issue with supplied equipment, software or other materials. Employees will follow the organization's direction regarding any necessary repair, update, replacement, etc.

Upon separation of employment, or discontinuation of a planned arrangement, whichever comes first, all organization property issued to the teleworking employee must be returned.

Organization stored on any employee's personal electronic equipment is subject to public records requests and discovery, and to review by the organization at any time.

Security

Employees are expected to ensure the protection of organization and district information accessible from their home office.

Steps include making sure that:

- All devices have anti-virus software
- All Wi-Fi, cellular or similar access points are protected with strong passwords or passphrases.
- All Wi-Fi, cellular or similar access point passwords or passphrases are changed on a regular and scheduled basis.
- Login and password information is secure and protected, even from family members.
- Basic network practices are being applied
- Web-based systems are secure
- Two factor authentication is enabled and being used
- All data is saved to organization authorized shared network drives or cloud locations
Similarly, no data is saved or stored on portable machines
- VPN access is only via organization issued devices. No personal devices are connected via VPN.

Physical Security

Employees are expected to ensure physical office security by taking steps like keeping proprietary material in locked file cabinets and desks, securing doors, windows, hiding devices when not in use, and any other measures appropriate for the job and the environment.

Employees will follow all organization policies related to information and data security. Complying with these policies mitigates risk and ensures an appropriate level of security for confidential information, paper and electronic, in transit or at the alternate worksite.

When accessing the organization's network from a personal computer, employees are responsible for preventing access to any computer resources or data by non-authorized users. In addition, employees are expected to ensure the remote host is not connected to any other network at the same time, except for personal networks that are under their complete control or under the complete control of the employee.

Performance of illegal activities through the organization network or on organization time by any user authorized or otherwise is prohibited. The employee bears responsibility for and consequences of misuse of their access.

The IT Department will confirm that the user's device does not contain any traces of protected, sensitive, organization, or proprietary information and delete any protected, sensitive, organization and/or proprietary data, licensing, and information remaining on the device.

Technology Support

The IT Department will only provide device support that relates to organization devices and connection.

EMPLOYEE-INCURRED EXPENSES AND REIMBURSEMENT

Four Rivers Vector Control District will pay all actual and reasonable business-related expenses you incur while performing your job responsibilities. All such expenses must be pre-approved by District Manager before payment will be made.

Expense Reimbursement Procedure and Reports

Requests for expense and mileage reimbursement must be submitted on a weekly basis. Supporting documentation and/or itemized receipts must be provided to each request.

Expense reimbursements will not be paid unless and/or until all itemized receipts are provided or, if lost, a note with a description of the business activity and expense.

Mileage Reimbursement

While in the course and scope of duties on behalf of Four Rivers Vector Control District, employees, with their District Manager approval, may use their vehicle for business purposes. While driving on behalf of Four Rivers Vector Control District and in the course and scope of duties assigned, liability would accrue to Four Rivers Vector Control District for negligent actions. As such, employees are encouraged to follow all rules of the road and drive courteously. Coverage provided by Four Rivers Vector Control District for damages to the employee's own vehicle is secondary to any other collectible coverage. Employees are encouraged to have comprehensive and collision coverage on vehicles used for Four Rivers Vector Control District business.

When you use your own vehicle for organization business, you will be reimbursed for organization-related business travel at the current IRS determined rate per mile.

In order to recover these costs, an expense report must be signed by you and dated, initialed by your District Manager, and submitted to the District Manager for processing according to policy. If you have questions about expense reports and mileage allowances, please ask.

Credit Card Payment

If a credit card is provided to you, the employee, all receipts must be provided monthly to the Office Manager for the credit card reconciliation process. You must follow the protocol for reconciliation of your statement and submission of documentation as required by the Office Manager. This may include the utilization of an electronic system provided by the financial institution that the credit card is tied to.

Employees may expense and/or use a company provided credit card, for business related activities or incidental supplies following IRS guidelines.

Overnight Travel and Meal Expense Reimbursement

If an employee is traveling overnight on a work-related activity, the employee may expense lodging, food, beverage and any incidental expenses that are necessary and business related.

Meal Reimbursement Limits

Four Rivers Vector Control District will not reimburse for any meal unless approved in advance by District Manager or Board of Trustees.

Alcoholic Beverages

Four Rivers Vector Control District will not pay for alcoholic beverages and such costs should not be submitted for reimbursement.

Transportation Expense Reimbursement

Transportation costs may only be expensed upon prior approval. Transportation costs include such items as airfare, airport parking, hotel shuttles, automobile rental and fuel for such rental.

Spouse/Guest Expense Reimbursement

Four Rivers Vector Control District will not pay for meals or entertainment of spouses/guest/significant others.

Four Rivers Vector Control District expects its employees to use good judgment and reserves the right to deny an expense if, in management's belief, it is unreasonable.

PAY EQUITY

Four Rivers Vector Control District strives to ensure all employees receive an equitable total compensation package based on a variety of factors relating to their position, job performance, education, and experience. From time-to-time, employees performing work of comparable character may have different compensation levels. Any such differences will be based on Four Rivers Vector Control District's objective processes for evaluating an employee's work and one or more of the following factors: seniority, merit, quantity or quality of work, workplace location, regular and necessary travel, education, training, experience, or any combination of those factors. Employees who believe they are not being compensated fairly are encouraged to discuss the matter with District Manager to obtain clarification.

BENEFITS

PURPOSE AND POLICY

Four Rivers Vector Control District strives to provide equitable and cost-effective benefits for employees in recognition of the influence benefits have on employees' economic and personal welfare. Paid in various benefit forms on your behalf, the total cost of providing the benefit program is a significant supplement to your pay and should be viewed as additional compensation.

Policies, provisions, and procedures that govern the organization's benefit program apply to all regular full-time and part-time employees, whether exempt or non-exempt, unless otherwise stated in a particular benefit plan. Benefits do not apply to temporary or on-call employees.

Some benefits may accrue during your new-hire introductory period, but in most cases eligibility to use these benefits will not occur until you obtain regular employee status or meet other conditions of employment specified in the Handbook or contained in the benefit policy/plan booklets.

Benefit Pro-ration and Employee Cost Sharing

If you are a regular part-time employee, your benefits are prorated based upon the number of hours you work. Essentially, you accrue vacation and sick leave benefits at a lower rate than a full-time employee because your accrual rate is based on fewer hours.

Discretionary employee benefits not mandated by state or federal law are selected and controlled by Four Rivers Vector Control District. Decisions to provide these benefits are based on such considerations as cost, composition of our workforce, operational efficiency, and desirability of benefit provisions. When costs of discretionary insurance benefit plans exceed the organization's interest in or ability to pay the full premium, we will require you to share in the cost of your coverage.

Benefit Design and Modification

Four Rivers Vector Control District reserves the right to design plan provisions and to add, eliminate, or otherwise modify the benefits described in this Handbook or elsewhere in plan documents when it is in the organization's best interest. Consider that changes to benefits may occur at management's discretion prior to making a serious, long-term decision based solely on current benefit offerings.

Benefit Plan Documents

You'll receive summary plan descriptions upon eligibility and enrollment. The benefit programs are explicitly defined in legal documents, including insurance contracts, official plan texts, and trust agreements. In the event of a conflict between these documents and this policy, the plan documents govern. These official documents are available from Office Manager for your review. We ask that you refer any questions about this information to the Office Manager.

Individual benefits may be modified, become more expensive, or may even be eliminated in the future because of cost increases or as a result of changes in our business situation or economic conditions. We encourage you to be thoughtful about relying solely on these benefits, given that they are subject to change. Upon separation from employment, employees may be eligible for the continuation of benefits consistent with state and federal law. Any benefits described in this Handbook apply only so long as the Handbook is current; employees do not have vested rights.

HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFIT

Four Rivers Vector Control District currently provides health insurance coverage for all Full-Time, Salaried employees and their dependents if they are otherwise eligible to participate in the plan. You will be provided with information about the plan at the time you become eligible to participate. You are asked to review the summary plan description for answers to questions you may have. Any need for further information should be referred to the Office Manager.

Eligibility

This benefit is provided for all regular full-time, salaried employees. If otherwise eligible, you may begin to participate in the plan after you have completed 60 days of continuous employment. Insurance plan coverage begins on the first day of the month following completion of 60 days of employment. Part-time, seasonal, and on-call employees are generally not eligible to participate in the health insurance plan.

Plan Enrollment

Once you are eligible, you may complete enrollment forms available through the Office Manager. If you don't want to enroll at the time of eligibility and later decide to request enrollment, you will only be allowed to enroll if you can demonstrate that a qualifying event has occurred which qualifies you for a special enrollment period.

The organization pays the full monthly premium for enrolled employees and their dependents.

An eligible employee who chooses not to enroll in the insurance plan is not entitled to any other form of compensation in lieu of coverage and is required to sign a written waiver of participation.

Medical information is covered by HIPAA regulations. Four Rivers Vector Control District realizes the responsibility we have to treat your private health information with great care and discretion. We have implemented safeguards to protect this information.

Premium Cost

Specific types of coverage and benefit payment schedules are described in the organization's health care plan booklet that is available to all eligible employees. At the time of eligibility and during open enrollment each year, you will be informed of how much the organization will contribute toward your monthly premiums if you are eligible to participate in the plan. Premium rates are established by the insurance carrier and are subject to change, usually based on increased costs to provide medical services and the amount of services our employees require.

Any premium co-payment and dependent coverage you are required to pay is funded through a monthly payroll deduction. Four Rivers Vector Control District determines the payroll deduction schedule.

Termination of Coverage

In the event that you or your dependents lose eligibility to participate in the health plan, you may have the option of extending your health plan coverage for a period of time under the continuation coverage provided for by state law. Eligibility can be lost if certain "qualifying events" occur that would otherwise cause your or a dependent's group health coverage to terminate. Examples of qualifying events include termination of employment, a reduction in

hours, death of the covered employee, divorce, entitlement to benefits under Medicare, and a qualified beneficiary losing dependent child status.

You, your spouse, and dependents may continue group health insurance for up to nine (9) months at your own expense if you were enrolled in the plan for at least three (3) months. However, continuation does not occur automatically. You must elect coverage within insurer's required response time or you and any dependent will lose the right to state continuation coverage. Payment of the premium must then occur within a specified timeframe insurer's specific requirement for coverage to continue. You and any covered dependent(s) will receive information about the provisions of the law when you first enroll in benefits and again if a qualifying event occurs.

Portability/Conversion of Health Plan

If you've been continuously covered under our group medical insurance policy for at least 180 days and your employment with us ends, you may be eligible to convert to an individual policy with our insurance carrier. You may request this portability coverage before, during, or at the end of the benefit extension period described above. However, you must apply for portability coverage from our insurance carrier within 60 days after your group coverage ends. Please contact the insurance carrier for more information about this coverage.

DENTAL INSURANCE BENEFIT

Four Rivers Vector Control District provides a Dental Insurance plan for employees.

Eligibility

Employees regularly scheduled to work 30 hours or more per week are eligible for dental insurance coverage on the first day of the month after 60 days of employment. Part-time, Seasonal, and on-call employees are not eligible to participate in dental insurance.

Cost

At the time of eligibility, the District will cover 100% of the cost of dental insurance premiums for eligible employees, their spouses, and dependents. This comprehensive coverage ensures that our employees and their families have access to necessary dental care without the burden of additional premium costs. Employees are encouraged to review the dental insurance plan details for specific coverage information and benefits.

OTHER INSURANCE BENEFITS

Group Life Insurance

We provide group life insurance coverage for eligible employees. Employees who are regularly scheduled to work 30 hours per week or more become eligible for this coverage on the first day of the month after 60 days of employment. The amount of insurance coverage is equal to your base annual salary with a \$50,000 maximum. Four Rivers Vector Control District pays the full premium.

VACATION BENEFIT

All full-time and regularly scheduled part-time employees are eligible for vacation based on the schedule below. All accruals begin after the completion of 60 days of employment. At the end of the specified initial employment period, credit is given from the first day of employment. No vacation time may be taken or paid during the introductory period, unless specific arrangements have been made at the time of hire.

You will earn vacation benefits according to the following schedule:

<u>Number of continuous years of service</u>	<u>Benefit per year</u>
Earned during 1 st year	One (1) week
Earned during 2 nd through 5 th years	Two (2) weeks
Earned upon 6 th year	Three (3) weeks

Accrual for part-time employees is on a pro-rated basis calculated on the established work schedule. Continuous service will be calculated from the first of the month nearest your date of hire.

We provide vacation time so you can enjoy periods of time away from work. Vacation is intended for rest and recreation and vacation pay may not be taken instead of time off. Vacation accrual will not be paid out at separation in accordance with this policy and any applicable law.

Time is not to be banked and never used; therefore, accrual cannot exceed 240 hours. Vacation benefits will stop accruing when the maximum allowed has been reached. The benefit will begin accruing again when you reduce the total to less than the allowed maximum.

Employees who want to use vacation time should request time off as early as possible so that arrangements for coverage can be made. Requests for vacation time are to be made in writing and submitted to your supervisor. Generally, employees won't be allowed more than two (2) weeks off at a time. We'll try to grant each request, but we cannot guarantee your request will be approved. In the event of competing requests for times submitted concurrently, approval will be given to the employee with the longest tenure.

SICK LEAVE

Four Rivers Vector Control District provides paid sick leave to all employees in accordance with state law. For any questions about sick leave, please contact the District Manager.

The accrual of sick time begins on the first day of employment at the rate of one (1) hour of sick time earned for every 30 hours worked, up to a maximum of 40 hours in one year. Employees may use accrued sick time beginning on the 91st calendar day of employment. Sick time may be used as it is accrued moving forward.

Employees may carry over up to 40 hours of unused sick time from one leave year to the next, but sick leave balances may never exceed 40 hours at a time.

Sick time may be used for an employee's own serious or non-serious illness, for preventative care appointments, or to care for an immediate family member with an illness. Four Rivers Vector Control District does not allow employees to donate sick time to other employees in need. Unused sick time is not paid out upon separation from employment.

PAID HOLIDAY BENEFIT

Four Rivers Vector Control District observes the following holidays each year and our offices are officially closed on these days:

New Year's Day
Memorial Day
Juneteenth
Independence Day

Labor Day
Thanksgiving Day
Day After Thanksgiving
Christmas Day

Employees will receive a schedule each year showing the date each of these holidays will be observed. These holidays or any additional time observed, such as Christmas Eve or New Year's Eve, will be determined each year at management's discretion.

Eligibility

Employees regularly scheduled to work 20 hours or more per week will be paid for the above holidays. Part-time employees between 20 and 40 hours will receive a prorated amount of paid time based on their regularly scheduled time. For instance, a part-time employee working 20 hours per week would receive four (4) hours of holiday pay because 50% of a full-time schedule is worked.

VETERANS DAY HOLIDAY

Eligible employees have the option of taking Veterans Day off by requesting it as a holiday during any year it falls on a scheduled workday. Individuals may use any vacation or sick time available.

Establishing Eligibility

Employees are eligible if they fall within specific parameters outlined by law. Generally, an individual must have been deployed for at least one day or must have served on active duty with the Armed Forces for at least 178 days and received an honorable discharge, if no longer a member of the military. Please inquire about additional qualifying circumstances. We may request that you provide documents establishing your eligibility.

Request Procedure

You must notify your manager or supervisor of your request at least 21 calendar days prior to the holiday. Your manager or supervisor will respond to your request no less than 14 calendar days prior to the holiday.

Employer Response

Due to situations where providing time off would create a significant economic or operational disruption, or undue hardship would occur, the decision may be made not to allow anyone to take the day off or to allow only the minimum amount of employees to avoid such a situation. If a veteran does not receive time off for Veterans Day, the employee may choose a single day off within the same year with supervisory approval.

OTHER BENEFITS

403b Retirement Plan

Full-time and part-time benefit-eligible employees may participate in the 403b Retirement Plan on January 1st following six (6) calendar months from date of hire. Contributions are made through voluntary pre-tax salary deduction. Employees may elect and adjust their contribution amounts as desired, not to exceed the maximums allowed by applicable law. Four Rivers Vector Control District may elect to make contributions to the plan on your behalf depending on the financial wellbeing of the organization. In order to be eligible for any employer contribution to the plan immediately upon hire and have worked more than 250 hours. Your contributions to the plan are always 100% vested. Any contributions made to your account by Four Rivers Vector Control District are vested gradually based on years of service:

- After 1 year: 20% vested
- After 2 years: 40% vested
- After 3 years: 60% vested
- After 4 years: 80% vested
- After 5 years: 100% vested

You will be provided more detailed information upon eligibility.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

LEAVE OF ABSENCE POLICY

We realize that our employees may encounter situations that require a temporary short-term or extended absence from work. We offer several different types of leaves of absence for the following purposes:

Bereavement Leave	Disability Leave (Non-FMLA)	Family and Medical Leave
Civic Duty	Military Leave	Leave to Donate Bone Marrow
Personal Leave	Crime Victims' Leave	Domestic Violence Leave
Paid Leave Oregon (Insurance)		

The type of leave requested may determine which employees are eligible and what procedure should be followed in requesting and obtaining the leave. The effect of the leave on benefit accruals, benefits, and reinstatement rights also varies according to the type of leave you are requesting. Each of these leaves is discussed on the following pages. If you have any questions about your potential eligibility for a leave or your benefits and rights while on a leave, please contact District Manager.

BEREAVEMENT LEAVE

You are eligible to take a Bereavement Leave in the event of the death of the following immediate family members:

- Spouse/Domestic Partner
- Biological, Adoptive, Foster, or Stepchild
- Parent
- Grandparent/Grandchild
- Parent-in-law
- Another Person of “In Loco Parentis” Relation

Leave to attend the funeral of a non-immediate family member with whom you had an especially close relationship may also be granted at the discretion of management.

This leave may be taken to attend the funeral if the family member, to make arrangements necessitated by the death of a family member, or to grieve the death of a family member. The leave must be completed within 60 days after the date on which you received notice of the death of your family member.

Length of Leave

The total length of leave you may be granted for bereavement is situational and may be decided based upon the unique circumstances of your need and applicable law. If you need additional time off for any bereavement-related purpose, you may ask for more time which may be granted according to applicable law or at the discretion of management.

Request Procedure

If possible, you should provide notice of the need for leave 10 days in advance. You are required to at least provide oral notice within 24 hours of taking leave, but someone else can do this on your behalf, if necessary. You must provide written notice of the request for time off within three (3) days of returning to work.

Pay While on Leave

You will continue to receive regular pay based on straight-time work hours missed up to eight (8) hours a day or up to three (3) days, which is the maximum company-paid absence allowed. Employees may choose to cover an additional period of absence with any available sick time.

Status of Benefits

Company-paid bereavement leave won't affect your eligibility for benefits or the continuation of benefit accruals. If you are granted additional time off, the effect of the additional leave on your benefits will be determined by our sick time and OFLA policy.

CIVIC DUTY LEAVE

Jury or Witness Duty Leave

Employees subpoenaed to serve as witnesses or for jury duty may obtain a protected leave of absence. If we feel that your absence would cause an undue hardship to you or the organization, we may instead request, with your agreement, that jury duty be postponed. You may choose to use your accrued paid vacation and sick time available for voluntary service as a witness or for court appearances you must make as part of your own legal proceedings or lawsuit.

Length of Leave

Jury or witness duty leave is available for the period of time covered by the initial subpoena or court order and any involuntary extensions.

Request Procedure

You must notify your manager or supervisor as soon as is practicable after you receive notice asking you to serve as a witness or on a jury so that arrangements can be made to cover your position. You are expected to provide us with a copy of the subpoena or notice within [**five (5)**] days after you received it.

Pay While on Leave

You will be compensated for the difference between the civic pay received and your regular rate of pay for up to two weeks, if you are a non-exempt employee; after that period, you may utilize accrued time if desired. For exempt employees, any partial day or partial week worked will be paid in full; employees are required to remit any jury fees received in connection with their service.

Status of Benefits

Benefits are not affected by jury or witness duty leaves.

Voting Leave

We encourage all employees to vote and to take advantage of polling hours before or after work. However, if you are unable to vote outside of business hours, we will work to accommodate you in arranging a time for you to vote.

Request Procedure

You must notify your manager or supervisor before Election Day if you are unable to vote before or after work and provide a valid reason why voting during those hours is not possible.

Pay While on Leave

Time off to vote will be without pay for non-exempt employees, unless you have earned hours of vacation or personal time that you can use for that purpose.

CRIME VICTIMS' LEAVE

If you or a member of your immediate family suffers financial, social, psychological, or physical harm as a result of a personal felony or an employee is a victim of harassment, under the public offenses statutes, you may be entitled to take protected leave from work to attend criminal proceedings.

Safety Measures

The company will provide reasonable safety measures, if you are the victim of harassment or a threat of harm that would be expected to cause concern.

Eligibility

You will be eligible to take crime victims' leave if you have worked an average of more than 25 hours per week for the organization for at least 180 days immediately before the leave would begin.

Length of Leave

The amount and length of leave time you may take is limited to that which does not create significant difficulty and expense (undue hardship) to the organization. If the organization must limit your leave due to undue hardship, we will notify the prosecuting attorney in the criminal proceeding, who is required by law to notify the court. The court will then take your work schedule into consideration when scheduling the criminal proceedings.

Request Procedure

You must provide your manager or supervisor with reasonable notice of your intention to take crime victims' leave, and provide copies of any notices of scheduled criminal proceedings that you receive from a law enforcement agency. We will treat such documentation as confidential information.

Pay While on Leave

Crime victims' leave is unpaid; however, eligible employees who take this type of leave are required to use any accrued paid vacation or sick time available to them. Exempt employees working partial days or a partial week will be paid in full for the entire week, although accrued time must be used first.

Status of Benefits

Benefits are not affected by crime victims' leave.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LEAVE

An employee who is a victim of domestic violence, harassment under the public offenses statutes, sexual assault, bias crimes, or stalking, whose minor child or dependent is a victim may be entitled to take unpaid protected leave from work.

Eligibility

All Four Rivers Vector Control District employees are eligible to take domestic violence leave.

Types of Services/Treatment

An employee may take leave to seek legal or law enforcement assistance, to secure medical treatment, to obtain counseling or victim services, to relocate, or to take other reasonable steps to ensure one's own health and well-being or that of a child or legal dependent.

Length of Leave

The amount of leave taken will be reasonable and that which does not create a significant difficulty and expense (undue hardship) for the organization.

Request Procedure

An employee accessing this leave provision needs to request time off from a manager or supervisor as much in advance as possible to aid in scheduling. We understand that instances of violence are usually not predictable, and these requests may be made with little forewarning. We will treat any information you share as confidentially as possible.

Safety Measures

The Company will provide reasonable safety measures, if you are the victim of domestic violence, harassment, sexual assault, bias crimes, or stalking.

Examples of such measures may include transfer, reassignment, modified schedule, unpaid leave, different work phone number or workstation, installing new locks, and other accommodations.

Pay While on Leave

Domestic violence leave is unpaid; however, eligible employees who take this type of leave are required to use any accrued paid vacation or sick time available to them. Exempt employees working partial days or a partial week will be paid in full for the entire week, although accrued time must be used first.

Status of Benefits

Benefits are not affected by domestic violence leave.

FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE (FMLA)

OREGON ORGANIZATIONS WITH 49 OR FEWER EMPLOYEES IN A 75 MILE RADIUS

The Federal Family and Medical Leave Act applies to all government employers. However, due to our size, below 50 employees, employees are not eligible for this leave type. Notice will be provided to employees if this eligibility changes.

LEAVE TO DONATE BONE MARROW

Eligibility

Employees working 20 or more hours per week are eligible for this leave.

Length of Leave

An employee may use up to 40 hours of leave which may be taken as paid or unpaid time. In extenuating circumstances, approval to take more time off unpaid may be granted by a supervisor or manager.

Request Procedure

You must notify your manager or supervisor as soon as is practicable after you become aware that you will be donating bone marrow. You are expected to provide a copy of the doctor's verification for bone marrow donation. If there is a medical determination that you do not qualify as a bone marrow donor, the paid leave of absence used before that determination was made will not be affected.

Status of Benefits

Benefits are not affected by this leave.

PERSONAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Full-time, regular employees may be granted an unpaid personal leave of absence under certain circumstances. A personal leave of absence is an approved period of time away from work for personal reasons that do not fall under the guidelines of the Family and Medical Leave Policy or any other leave policy. A personal leave of absence is granted at our discretion and is normally granted to protect the length of service and benefit rights of an employee whose service might otherwise be terminated.

Eligibility

You become eligible for a personal leave of absence after 6 months of service; all earned paid leave must be exhausted first. If you want to take a personal leave of absence, you must make arrangements with your supervisor.

Length of Leave

The leave may be requested for any time over 10 consecutive days. A personal leave of absence starts on the first regular workday following the last day worked. The maximum leave allowed under this policy is 90 days.

Request Procedure

A written request, using the Leave of Absence Request Form, should be submitted at least one-week five (5) working days before time off that will exceed 10 days, except in emergencies. Leave requests must include an expected date of return. If you do not return after three (3) days of that date and no extension has been requested, we'll assume you have resigned.

Pay While on Leave

Personal leaves of absence are without pay.

Status of Benefits

Insurance coverage will **not** be maintained for you while on a personal leave of absence of more than 30 days; leaves longer than 30 days may require continuation of benefits through state continuation provisions. You may continue insurance coverage by paying the full premium by the first of each month. Benefits do not accrue during this type of leave of absence, but are instead retained at the same level.

Reinstatement

Four Rivers Vector Control District will attempt to arrange employment for individuals returning from a personal leave of absence, but no guarantees are made. While you are on a personal leave of absence, you are required to check in with your supervisor on a regular basis as agreed upon to inform us of your status and to notify us of any change in personal data. You may be required to present a doctor's release before being reinstated if the leave was medically-related.

UNIFORMED SERVICES LEAVE AND RE-EMPLOYMENT

Regular employees requiring a leave of absence for service in the uniformed services are provided leave and will be re-employed at the end of the leave. Policies governing this leave are designed according to the Uniformed Services Employment and Re-employment Rights Act and applicable state regulations. The policy covers employees who enter active military duty voluntarily and extends to Reservists or National Guard members who are called to limited active duty or extended training duty, including regularly scheduled annual training and military summer camp training. These military members, and those with previous or current military service, are protected from discrimination and harassment.

Eligibility

All employees of the organization except those hired on a brief, non-recurrent basis are eligible for leave.

Length of Leave

Given that the requirements regarding this type of leave are subject to change, the length of this leave will be administered under the current provisions of all applicable laws at the time of occurrence.

Request Procedure

You must provide oral or written notice, using the Leave of Absence Request Form, of your obligation or intention to perform service in the uniformed services, unless notice is precluded by military necessity or is otherwise unreasonable or impossible. Failure to do so may result in loss of re-employment rights.

Pay While on Leave

Military leaves are without pay unless you elect to utilize vacation benefits earned before the commencement of the leave.

Status of Benefits

Reservists, National Guard members, and veterans returning from military service in the Armed Forces have and retain rights with respect to seniority, vacation, compensation, and length of service pay increases, as may be provided by applicable statutes of the United States and the State of Oregon. For any leave extending beyond 30 days, you may maintain health care insurance benefits for up to 24 months while on leave by paying the full insurance premiums.

Reinstatement

If you are returning from a USERRA leave, you generally must report to work or request re-employment within prescribed time limits, which are based on the length of the leave as follows:

1 to 30 days: You are expected to report to work on the first regularly scheduled work day following the completion of your service and an eight-hour rest period. You will most likely be reinstated to a position you would have held had you not taken leave or to the same position you held prior to the leave.

31 to 180 days: You should submit an application for reemployment no later than 14 days after an honorable release from service unless it is impossible or unreasonable through no fault of your own. You will generally be

reinstated to the position you would have attained if continuously employed, so long as you are qualified for the job or can become qualified after reasonable efforts by Four Rivers Vector Control District, or to the same position you held prior to leave. In some cases, reinstatement may be made to a position of like seniority, status, and pay to either of the aforementioned positions or to their nearest approximation.

181 days or
longer:

You must apply for re-employment no later than 90 days after the completion of satisfactory service, absent extenuating circumstances. You will generally be reinstated to the position you would have attained if continuously employed, so long as you are qualified for the job or can become qualified after reasonable efforts by Four Rivers Vector Control District, or to the same position you held prior to leave. In some cases, reinstatement may be made to a position of like seniority, status, and pay to either of the aforementioned positions or to their nearest approximation.

For service of 31 days or more, Four Rivers Vector Control District will request that you provide documentation to verify your rights to re-employment, including your separation papers.

Time limits for applications for re-employment are extended for up to two years for disabled veterans, unless extenuating circumstances beyond a veteran's control may warrant another minimal extension beyond that period. Failure to file an application within the required time periods may otherwise result in a loss of the right to re-employment.

PAID LEAVE OREGON – INSURANCE

Four Rivers Vector Control District provides a Paid Leave Oregon Insurance plan through the Oregon Employment Department. This insurance is required by Oregon state law and provides paid time off to eligible employees. This is a protected leave. All health-related information gathered by the insurer and organization during this process will be maintained as confidential. Employees will not be discriminated against or retaliated against for using or trying to use this insurance benefit. We encourage each employee to use the combination of time off and benefits that meets their personal needs.

Cost

Employees will see up to 60% of 1% deduction from gross wages for each paycheck.

The employee and employer minimum and maximum, as well as overall costs, of this coverage will be assessed annually by the Oregon Employment Department and may change. We will be provided notice to employees in advance of any change.

Eligibility

Most employees who work in Oregon are eligible to submit a claim. The determination of eligibility will be made by Oregon Employment Department. If an employee disagrees with an eligibility determination, the employee may use the appeal process outlined in the determination notice.

Length of leave

The length of leave is part of the determination process. An employee may qualify for up to twelve (12) weeks of leave annually. The annual benefit year begins the Sunday prior to the first use of leave for any reason. The coverage may be approved in intermittent single day use up to a continual twelve (12) week period.

Reasons for leave

Benefits may apply to a variety of situations, including:

- Family leave
 - During the birth of a child
 - Bonding with a child in the first year:
 - After birth
 - When the child is placed in the employee's home through foster care or adoption.
 - To care for a family member with a serious health condition*.
- Medical leave - The employee caring for themselves when the employee has a serious health condition*.
- Safe leave - For survivors of:
 - Sexual assault
 - Domestic violence
 - Harassment
 - Bias Crimes
 - Stalking
- Pregnancy Disability Leave (Additional 2 weeks)

* A serious health condition is an illness, injury, impairment, or physical or mental condition that: requires inpatient care, poses an imminent danger of death or possibility of death in the near future, requires constant or continuing care, involves a period of incapacity, involves multiple treatments, or involves a period of disability due to pregnancy.

Insurance benefit while on leave

The amount of benefit the employee will receive will be calculated based upon the employee's earnings for the prior year. This will also be part of the determination of coverage process. The minimum and maximum benefit amounts may be adjusted by the Oregon Employment Department annually, and the employee will receive notification before a change occurs. Visit Employees and Paid Leave Oregon for the current rates.

Use of accrued leaves who on PLO

Employees may choose to use accrued leaves while on PLO. Employees may use up to the amount of the number of hours represent the difference between their benefit and their regular rate of pay excluding overtime. Employers may not require an employee to use these leave balance(s).

Notification of the need for leave

An employee is required to provide the employer notice of the intention to take leave. For planned events the employee is required to provide thirty (30) days written notice. For unplanned events the employee is required to notify the employer within twenty-four (24) hours of the leave and provide written notice within three (3) days. If an employee is incapacitated due to the unplanned event and are unable to meet these obligations, we ask the employee to notify the employer as soon as possible.

Please complete a written notice that includes but is not limited to employee name, department, position/title, contact information, type of leave (medical, family, bereavement, personal, etc.), start date of leave, expected return date, and estimated number of leave days requested.

Filing a Claim for coverage

Employees will need to establish an account at Frances Online and file claims electronically. This is the electronic system of record for the Oregon Employment Department. Employees are responsible for submitting the required paperwork and any updates or changes to their claim. The employer will be unable to complete the application process on the employee's behalf.

Job and Benefit Protection while on leave

If an employee has been employed with the employer for at least ninety (90) days prior to the leave, the employee will be restored to the same position upon their return, if the same position exists. If the same position does not exist employees will be restored to a different position with similar job duties and the same employment benefits and pay. This position may or may not have the same terms and conditions.

If, at the time of leave, the employee is receiving health benefits these will be maintained.

Complaints Procedure

Our goal is to solve all concerns at the lowest possible level. We encourage all employees to bring complaints to District Manager promptly and in writing.

We understand employees may choose to seek outside assistance to resolve complaints regarding this coverage. Employees may contact the Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries to file a complaint or may contact an attorney of their choice to determine if a civil action may be appropriate.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

EMPLOYEE HEALTH AND SAFETY

Four Rivers Vector Control District is committed and legally responsible to provide our employees with a safe and healthful work environment while on-site, in the field, and working at an approved alternative location (such as an employee's home). To accomplish this goal, both management and employees must make diligent efforts to promote safety within applicable laws and standards.

We develop and implement safety rules and regulations through our managers and supervisors. This process is ongoing and requires periodic safety audits. Safety audits are undertaken to determine the necessity and feasibility of providing devices or safeguards to make the workplace safe and healthful. We also educate employees about workplace hazards and the proper and safe methods to use in performing job tasks.

You are expected to give your full skill and attention to the performance of your duties, using the highest standard of care and good judgment. You are also expected to always follow safety rules and regulations, including using appropriate protective clothing, shoes, and equipment, attending all training sessions offered, and following directions of warning signs, signals, and supervisory personnel.

All job-related injuries or illnesses are to be reported to your supervisor immediately, regardless of severity. In the case of serious injury, your reporting obligation will be deferred until circumstances reasonably permit a report to be made. Failure to report an injury or illness may preclude or delay the payment of any benefits to you and could subject Four Rivers Vector Control District to fines and penalties. No one will be retaliated against for filing a workers' compensation claim in good faith.

Safety rules and regulations will be issued or modified from time-to-time and will be effective immediately upon communication. Rules and regulations will be distributed to you and posted on the employee bulletin board.

If an injury or illness occurs you are required to:

1. Take remedial first aid actions; seek emergency care if necessary.
2. Report the injury or illness as soon as possible.
3. Fill out the report form and workers' compensation form.
4. Provide your supervisor with a medical release from a doctor.
5. Review the incident with our District Manager.

Early Return to Work Program

Our Return-to-Work program provides guidelines for returning you to work as early as possible after you have suffered an on-the-job-injury or job related illness. The program is not intended to be a substitute for a reasonable accommodation when an injured or ill employee also qualifies as an individual with a disability.

The Return to Work program consists of a team effort by supervisors, employees and their treating physicians, management, and our workers' compensation insurance carrier. All team members will take an active role in returning an employee to productive work. Through this team

effort, we hope to help our employees recover and return to full employment as soon as their medical condition permits.

If you are injured on the job and your doctor determines that you are able to perform modified work, the organization will attempt to provide such a job until you are able to resume your regular duties, except where provided as an accommodation for a permanent disability. All modified work is temporary and may be offered at any location or on any shift. If you are offered a modified position that has been medically approved, failure to report at the designated time and place may affect time loss compensation.

A return to work from non-work-related injuries or illness may be covered in the Leave section.

Smoking in the Workplace

Four Rivers Vector Control District is a non-smoking facility. This includes the use of electronic cigarettes and vaping devices. Places outside the office may be designated as smoking areas; smoking is limited to these areas. Please do not smoke or vape within 10 feet of any entrance, exit, window, or air intake device. If any employee has a concern about the areas designated, that individual should speak with the appropriate supervisor.

Hazard Communication Program

Four Rivers Vector Control District provides a Hazard Communication Program so that all employees are aware of chemical hazards in the workplace. By becoming familiar with this information you can help prevent injuries and illnesses from chemical exposure. If you have any questions regarding chemical hazards, do not delay in asking your supervisor or District Manager.

The following safety precautions have been taken to prevent injuries and illnesses from chemical exposure:

Container Labeling

The District Manager will verify that all containers received for use will:

- Be clearly labeled as to the contents with a product identifier.
- Note the appropriate hazard warning with a precautionary statement, pictogram, hazard statement, and supplemental information.
- List the manufacturer/supplier name, address, and emergency phone number.

It is our policy that no container will be released for use until the above data is verified.

The supervisor in each section will ensure that all secondary containers have either an extra copy of the original manufacturer's label or a generic label that has identification and hazard warning blocks. For help with labeling, see the District Manager.

Safety Data Sheets (SDS)

Copies of safety data sheets for all hazardous chemicals that employees of this organization may be exposed to will be kept in the office. Safety data sheets will be available to all employees in their work areas for review during each work shift. Never use a chemical or associated machinery if its safety data sheet is not available; you should immediately contact the District Manager before using the chemical or the machine containing it.

Employee Information and Training

Before starting work, you will attend a health and safety orientation and receive information and training about the following:

- An overview of the requirements contained in the Globally Harmonized Hazard Communication System;
- Chemicals present in your workplace operations;
- Location and availability of our written hazard communication program;
- Physical and health effects of the hazardous chemicals;
- Methods and observation techniques used to determine the presence or release of hazardous chemicals in the work area; and,
- How to reduce or prevent exposure to these hazardous chemicals through the use of control/work practices and personal protective equipment.

After attending the training class, you will sign a form to verify that you attended, received our written materials, and understand our policies on hazard communication.

Prior to a new hazardous chemical being introduced into any section of this organization, each employee of that section will be given information as outlined above. The District Manager is responsible for ensuring that Safety Data Sheets (SDS) on new chemicals are available.

SUBSTANCE AND ALCOHOL

The objective of this policy is to provide a workplace and environment that are free from the effects of substance abuse. Furthermore, Four Rivers Vector Control District has a responsibility to our employees, to those who use or come into contact with our services, and to the general public to ensure safe operating and working conditions. To satisfy our drug free workplace objective and meet these responsibilities, we have established a work environment where employees are free from the effects of drugs, alcohol, or other impairing substances. Accordingly, we have adopted this substance and alcohol policy.

The following conditions and activities are expressly prohibited on our premises or property or during work time or while representing us in any work-related fashion and will lead to corrective action, up to and including termination:

- Manufacturing, selling, attempting to sell, using, distributing or possessing alcohol or other controlled or substances that impair job performance or pose a hazard when use or possession occurs (as a government employer this includes marijuana);
- Reporting for or being at work while impaired by the use of alcohol, drugs, or controlled substances.

If your doctor prescribes over-the-counter or pharmaceutical drugs, you are responsible for determining if you are able to maintain work performance standards, including safety. If you are not, you are to contact your District Manager before returning work.

If you have a problem with substance or alcohol use and wish to undertake rehabilitation, you may be granted a leave of absence for this purpose. It is your responsibility to seek help before the problem adversely affects your work performance or results in a violation of this policy. If you need assistance in seeking this help, you may talk to the District Manager. No one will be discriminated against for undertaking rehabilitation.

Where we have a reasonable basis to believe that an employee is in violation of this policy, the employee will be required to submit to testing to determine presence of, use of, or involvement with alcohol or drugs. We reserve the right to determine whether reasonable basis exists.

The following definitions apply:

Reasonable suspicion is defined as specific, describable observations concerning such circumstances as the work performance, appearance including, for example, noticeable odor of an alcohol, behavior, or speech of the employee, or as being involved in an accident on organization premises that results in physical injury or property damage.

Presence of is defined as any noticeable or perceptible impairment of the employee's mental or physical faculties.

Controlled Substances are defined as any product causing potential impairment of an employees' mental or physical faculties.

Over-the-counter drugs are defined as those that are generally available without a prescription from a medical doctor.

Prescription drugs are defined as those drugs that are used in the course of medical treatment and have been prescribed and authorized for use by a licensed practitioner/physician or dentist.

Any employee who is found to be in violation of this policy and who refuses to submit to testing, or refuses to cooperate, or attempts to subvert the testing process will be subject to corrective action, up to and including termination.

WORKPLACE VIOLENCE

Four Rivers Vector Control District recognizes the importance of a safe workplace for employees. A work environment that is safe and comfortable enhances employee satisfaction with work as well as employee productivity.

Situations may occur despite our best efforts to prevent them, which present a risk of harm to employees and others. All employees have an obligation to report any incidents that pose a risk of harm to employees or others associated with the organization or that threaten the safety, security, or financial interests of the organization. Employees should make such reports directly to the District Manager.

All information related to the reports, including the name of the reporting employees, will be kept as confidential as possible under the circumstances. We will generally notify the reporting employee of action taken in response to the report.

We may, out of business necessity, conduct an investigation of a current employee when the employee's behavior raises concerns about work performance, reliability, honesty, or potential threat to the safety of co-workers or others. An employee investigation may include investigation of criminal records and a search of the organization's property such as desks, work areas, lockers, file cabinets, voice mail systems, and computer systems.

If an employee is found to have violated any part of this policy, corrective action up to and including termination may occur.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Four Rivers Vector Control District may be subject to major disruptions as a result of occurrences beyond the control of the organization. All employees should exercise good judgment in responding to these events as the situation necessitates. Four Rivers Vector Control District will try to provide emergency and limited services during periods of disruptions. The District Manager shall make the determination to close the organization, suspend activities, or make the organization available for community support.

In the event of potential or actual disruptions that may be weather-related or a result of a catastrophic event such as an earthquake, fire, explosion, or public health emergency, contact the District Manager.

Compensation of employees will be determined in accordance with all applicable regulations when individual facilities or activities are closed as a result of emergency conditions. Employees not compensated during an emergency-related closure may be able to use available sick time and vacation.

Should a threat to company property or an employee be received, it should be reported immediately to the District Manager.

WILDFIRE SMOKE AND AIR QUALITY POLICY

Purpose

In the event that air quality in District reaches “unhealthy” levels (151), as defined by the DEQ air quality index, Four Rivers Vector Control will cease providing the standard on-going services provided by the Four Rivers Vector Control employees working outdoors. Those employees will be asked to work inside until the AQI drops below 151 or it is determined that we will not return to outside work that day. The AQI will be rechecked every hour and management will determine if the services will continue to remain closed or suspended. If there are 2 hours of continuous closure (in the same 24-hour period) due to very unhealthy air quality, Four Rivers Vector Control outdoor services will not resume in the same day.

Assessing and monitoring Air Quality

To provide real time, accurate, reliable data, Four Rivers Vector Control utilizes the air monitoring system utilized by Sunriver Owners Association (SROA), which is located outside at SHARC.

Monitor information can be accessed in two ways:

1. Located on the SROA website via the following link:
<https://www.sunriverowners.org/community/weather>
2. Located on the IQAir Website via the following link:
<https://www.iqair.com/usa/oregon/sunriver/sunriver-sharc-pool>

Should the SROA monitor become unavailable, AQI can be determined via another AQI monitoring device near the work area of Four Rivers Vector Control employees on the IQAir website.

Staff Considerations

- A. Notifications: We will utilize standard text messaging groups to notify employees when:
 - i. The worksite's ambient air concentration is at or above AQI 101.
 - ii. The worksite's ambient air concentration is at or above AQI 151.
 - iii. The worksite's ambient air concentration is at or above AQI 500.
 - iv. The worksite's ambient air concentration drops below levels requiring protective measures.
 - B. N95 Mask Availability and Use:
 - i. N95 masks will be available for everyone who would like one, free of charge
 - ii. N95 may be used on a voluntary basis at an AQI of 101-151
 - iii. N95 masks are *required* whenever anyone might be exposed to air quality over 151 whether inside or outside
 - C. Facility Closures: If outdoor services are suspended temporarily due to unsafe air quality, all staff will work inside until the air quality is deemed safe enough to resume work outside. If after 2 continuous hours of air quality related work suspension, and no indoor work is available, management may release staff from their scheduled shift.
 - D. Indoor Air Filtration: Air purifiers may be purchased for indoor spaces as needed.
 - E. Compensation: Should employees be released from work due to excessive wildfire smoke they shall be paid for the remainder of their regularly scheduled shift. Should employees be on-call or called off work for the day due to excessive wildfire smoke, they shall receive pay for their regularly scheduled hours for a maximum of five days. For smoke events exceeding five days, employees may use their accrued sick or vacation leave.
 - F. Staff shall be trained annually in accordance with Oregon OSHA's Protection from Wildfire Smoke rules and record of annual training kept on file.
- 1. Special Consideration for All Staff at AQI 101:**
- a. AQI 101:
 - i. General notification of AQI level (via text message) at start of shift or as AQI reaches 101
 - ii. At start of shift, department director and staff review workload/schedule, shift to prioritize inside work, limited outdoor exposure and lower-exertion outdoor tasks, and maximize time in air-conditioned vehicles
 - iii. Regular monitoring of changes to smoke levels/AQI including employees to notify supervisors of increases in perceived smoke levels (phone call, text message, in person)
 - iv. Reminder of availability of N95 masks for voluntary use
 - v. Monitoring and self-monitoring of employee's reactions to smoke exposure with appropriate measures taken if ill-effects are reported or observed
- 2. Special Considerations for Outdoors-Based Staff at AQI 151**
- a. AQI 151, Assessed *Prior* to Start of Shift:
 - i. General notification of AQI level (via text message) 1 hour prior to shift start
 - ii. Scheduled employees* remain on-call for first half of shift, may be called to report to work within 1 hour if AQI drops below 151. If AQI remains at or

above 151 by second half of shift, scheduled employees are called off work for that day.

*Scheduled employees assigned to provide essential services will be required to report for work to provide those services, will be required to wear an N95 mask while exposed to smoke, and may then leave once services are complete.

b. AQI 151, Assessed *During* Shift:

- i. General notification of AQI level via most immediate method (Group text message/standard text message/phone call/in person)
- ii. Outdoor work ceases, except for essential services.
- iii. Staff shifts to indoor work, as available.
- iv. AQI rechecked every hour, after two continuous hours of air quality related work suspension and no indoor work is available, management may release staff from their scheduled shift.

3. Special Considerations for Recreation Staff at AQI 151

a. AQI 151, Assessed *Prior* to Facility Opening:

- i. General notification of AQI level (text message)
- ii. Opening postponed by 4 hours, scheduled employees are on-call for the next 4 hours and must report to work within one hour if AQI drops below 151.
- iii. If AQI remains at 151 after 4 hours, the facility is closed for the day and employees are no longer on call.

b. AQI 151, Assessed *While* Facility is Open:

- i. General notification of AQI level (text message)
- ii. Outdoor work ceases, employees move to inside, air-conditioned space; facility closes for 60 minutes
- iii. Employees shift to inside work, as available; after 2 consecutive hours of closure due to very unhealthy air, Four Rivers Vector Control outdoor services will not resume that day and employees may be released from work.

4. Employees Exhibiting Symptoms of Exposure

- a. If an employee begins exhibiting health symptoms that require immediate attention, including, but not limited to, asthma attacks, difficulty breathing, or chest pain, call 911 immediately, move the employee to an air-conditioned environment, and notify their supervisor.
- b. Employees exhibiting less severe symptoms (i.e., irritated eyes, respiratory irritation, fatigue, headache) should notify their supervisor, move to an air-conditioned environment, and monitor symptoms. If symptoms become more severe and require medical attention, call 911 immediately.
- c. Upon resolution of a health event, complete and turn in an incident report form for documentation purposes.

Compensation

Employee financial health is important, too. Supervisors and employees should not have to choose between protecting their physical health and their financial well-being.

Thus, should employees be released from work due to excessive wildfire smoke, they shall be paid for the remainder of their regularly scheduled shift. This time can be added to the employees' timecards as a separate line for that day with a note referring to the smoke event. Should employees be on-call or called off work for the day due to excessive wildfire smoke, they shall receive pay for their regularly scheduled hours for a maximum of five days. This time can be added to the employee's timecards with a note referring to the smoke event. For smoke events exceeding five days, employees may use their accrued sick or vacation leave.

HEAT ILLNESS PREVENTION PLAN

The purpose of this plan is to protect our employees from the hazards of hot working environments, in both indoor and outdoor environments, to comply with Oregon OSHA's Heat Illness Prevention rules. A copy of this plan is made available to all of our employees here in the employee handbook. This plan will be reviewed annually, and updated if necessary. These procedures describe the minimum essential heat illness prevention steps applicable to most work settings. In work environments where there is a higher risk for heat illness (such as during a heat wave or other severe working or environmental conditions), we must exercise greater caution and employ greater protective measures as needed to protect our employees.

Access to Shade

- Establish one or more shade areas when the heat index equals or exceeds 80°F (26.7°C).
- Shade can be provided by natural or artificial means, ensuring it does not expose employees to unsafe or unhealthy conditions and does not discourage use.
- Employees performing "rest" or "light" work are exempt from the shade provision when the heat index is below 90°F.
- Shade must:
 - Be open to the air or have mechanical ventilation for cooling.
 - Be located as close as practical to the work areas.
 - Accommodate at least the number of employees on recovery, rest, or meal periods, allowing them room to sit.
- When access to shade is not possible (e.g., during high winds or when walking through range land), equivalent cooling measures must be implemented.

Drinking Water

- Provide enough drinking water so that each employee can consume 32 ounces per hour.
- Ensure drinking water is cool (66-77°F) or cold (35-65°F).
- Acceptable substitutes include drinking water packaged as a consumer product and electrolyte-replenishing drinks without caffeine (e.g., sports drinks), though they should not completely replace water.
- Employers may begin the shift with smaller quantities of water if they have a procedure to ensure consumed water is replaced during the shift.
- Employees performing "rest" or "light" work are exempt from the specific water quantity requirements when the heat index is below 90°F but must still comply with other Oregon OSHA provisions.

Supervisor and Employee Annual Training

All employees must be trained annually on the following topics before working at sites where the heat index will be 80°F or higher:

- Environmental and personal risk factors for heat illness, including exertion, clothing, and personal protective equipment.
- Procedures for complying with this standard, including employer responsibilities for providing water, daily heat index information, shade, cool-down rests, reporting symptoms of heat-related illness, access to first aid, and employees' rights under this standard.
- Adaptation to working in a hot environment.
- Importance of immediate reporting of symptoms or signs of heat illness.
- Effects of non-job factors (e.g., medications, alcohol, obesity) on heat stress tolerance.
- Main types of heat-related illnesses (heat cramps, heat exhaustion, heat syncope, and heat stroke) and their signs and symptoms.
- Importance of frequent consumption of small quantities of water (up to 32 ounces per hour).
- Employees performing “rest” or “light” work are exempt from training requirements when the heat index is below 90°F.

High Heat Practices

When the heat index exceeds 90°F, the following practices must be implemented:

- Ensure effective communication by voice, observation, or electronic means so employees can contact a supervisor when necessary. Cellphones and text messaging may be used if reception is reliable.
- Monitor employees for signs of heat illness and determine if medical attention is necessary using:
 - Regular communication with employees working alone (via radio, cellphone, or other means).
 - A mandatory buddy system.
 - Other equally effective means of observation or communication.
- Designate and equip one or more employees at each site to call for emergency medical services and allow other employees to call for emergency services when designated employees are unavailable.
- Ensure each employee takes heat illness prevention rest breaks, based on one of the three options in the rules, regardless of shift length:
 - Rest breaks can coincide with any other required meal or rest period.
 - Preventive cool-down rest breaks are considered work assignments.

Emergency Medical Plan

When the heat index exceeds 80°F, implement an emergency medical plan that complies with 437-002-0161, Medical and first aid, including procedures for:

- Responding to signs and symptoms of heat illness with appropriate first aid and emergency medical services.
 - If a supervisor observes or an employee reports signs of heat illness, the employee must be relieved from duty and provided with means to reduce body temperature.
 - Severe symptoms (e.g., decreased consciousness, vomiting, disorientation) require immediate implementation of emergency response procedures.
 - Employees exhibiting signs of heat illness must be monitored and not left alone or sent home without first aid or emergency medical services.

- Contacting emergency medical services and, if instructed by medical professionals, transporting employees to a location where emergency medical providers can reach them.
- Providing clear directions to emergency responders to quickly locate the affected employee.

Acclimatization

Develop effective acclimatization practices to help employees gradually adapt to working in temperatures exceeding a heat index of 80°F. Follow guidance from the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) or develop a company-specific acclimatization plan.

EMPLOYMENT SEPARATION

SEPARATION FROM EMPLOYMENT

Separation from employment with Four Rivers Vector Control District occurs when you voluntarily resign, are laid off, or are discharged by the organization.

Resignation

Employment with us is “at-will,” which means you are free to resign at any time, with or without cause or notice. However, in order to achieve an orderly transition, we would appreciate receiving notification of your resignation at least ten (10) working days before the intended date of departure. For supervisors and management-level personnel, at least thirty (30) days’ notice of a resignation is required.

Job Abandonment

To maintain a safe and productive work environment, employees are expected to be reliable in reporting for scheduled work. Absenteeism and tardiness place a burden on other employees and on the organization; poor attendance and excessive tardiness are disruptive. Either may lead to corrective action, up to and including termination of employment. **If an employee fails to call in or show up for work for three (3) consecutive shifts or days, job abandonment and voluntary resignation will be assumed.**

Job Elimination, Reduction in Work Hours

Our desire is to avoid circumstances that require a reduction in hours or staff, but we also recognize that situations may arise where such reductions are necessary. Depending upon the circumstances, we may respond in a variety of ways, including offering a voluntary reduction in hours or days of work, reducing your work hours or days of work, reducing the workforce, or reducing expenses by other means. Among the factors we will consider in selecting employees for any reduced hours or reduction in force are:

- Your department, location, or job;
- Your job knowledge, skills, and ability to do the required work;
- Your performance, attendance, and safety and corrective action history and records;
- Your possession of licenses, registrations, and certifications required by the job;
- Your creativity and teamwork skills, if required for the job;
- Your demonstrated willingness to go the extra mile for the organization, co-workers, and customers; and,
- The efficiency of our operation.

Evaluation of these factors is at our discretion. When we conclude that all the factors are substantially equal, we will reduce the hours of or lay off the employee with the shortest term of service. An immediate supervisor/manager will personally notify employees of a layoff. After explaining the layoff procedure, you will be given a letter describing the conditions of the layoff, such as the effects on benefits, the possibility of reemployment, procedures, and any outplacement services.

If practicable at the time of layoff or upon an employee being placed in an inactive status, we may provide limited re-employment rights for a period of six (6) months. The order of recall will be determined using the above factors. An offer of re-employment may be made orally or in writing to the last address reflected in your personnel records. It is your obligation to keep us informed

of any changes to your telephone number, email address, and physical address. The offer will identify the available job and the date you are to report to work. If you are not rehired during the period specified, your re-employment rights end; if you decline re-employment or fail to report on the date specified in an offer, you generally waive any re-employment privileges.

Discharge

Our philosophy and general practice is to provide employees who have completed the initial introductory period of employment with an opportunity to correct minor performance and conduct problems before discharge is implemented.

The organization has a corrective action policy found in this Handbook that describes action management may take, at its discretion, to correct performance infractions prior to discharging employees. The decision to discharge employees is based not only on the seriousness of the current performance infraction, but also on the individual's overall performance record and length of service.

We also believe that our employees should be given an opportunity to be heard in matters involving corrective action, including discharge, and we have provided a formal dispute resolution procedure found in this Handbook for that purpose. You are encouraged to use this procedure to resolve any issues you may have that cannot be resolved by consulting with your supervisor.

Exit Interview

An exit interview may be arranged to give you an opportunity to address unresolved issues before leaving the organization. It also allows us to solicit your opinions about our organization and any suggestions you may have for its improvement. We encourage all employees invited to participate in an exit interview when they separate from employment to do so, and we value all opinions and suggestions we receive in the process.

At the exit interview session, you will be given information regarding your benefit continuation rights and responsibilities and how you will receive your final paycheck.

Return of Organization Property

Upon separation from employment, either voluntarily or otherwise, you must return all organizational property in your possession. Such property may include credit cards, organization vehicles, keys, ID cards, pagers, tools, software, electronic devices, uniforms, this Handbook, and any other items in your possession that belong to the organization.

Employee's Notes

Four Rivers Vector Control District
HANDBOOK RECEIPT ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM

As an employee of Four Rivers Vector Control District, I acknowledge the following:

I have been provided with a copy of the Employee Handbook. I understand that the Handbook contains important information about Four Rivers Vector Control District’s policies, work rules, and my benefits. I have both read and understood the information in the Handbook and have asked the district manager for the clarification of any information I did not understand.

I acknowledge the Handbook is neither a contract of employment nor a guarantee of specific treatment in any situation; that the organization has the right to change, modify, add to, substitute, eliminate, interpret, and apply, in its sole judgment, the policies, rules, and benefits described in this Handbook; and that the current Handbook supersedes all prior handbooks, policies, and understandings related to the subjects it contains.

The district and office manager are the only persons authorized to make changes to the Handbook and all such changes must be in writing to be valid. Any changes to the content will be communicated to employees via official notices.

I understand that, unless stated otherwise in an employment contract, my employment relationship with the organization is “at-will” and either the organization or I can end the relationship at any time, with or without reason or notice. The District Manager is the only person who has the authority to enter into an employment contract, which must be in writing and signed by both parties to be valid.

Lastly, I am aware that I may be given confidential information during my employment, including customer lists, proprietary organization plans, and other information. I understand this information is critical to the success of Four Rivers Vector Control District and I agree not to disseminate or use it outside of the organization, even in the event of my separation, either voluntary or involuntary.

I also acknowledge that before signing this form, I asked for and received clarification on any of the items discussed above that I did not understand.

Employee Signature

Date

Print Employee's Name