

WAGE SCALE FOR HIGHWAY JOBS IS ANNOUNCED

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Department of Labor Fixes
Pay Rate for Dam Rec-
reational Section

Wage scales for highway construction within the Boulder Dam Recreational area were announced today by the department of labor whose representative recently held a hearing in Boulder City to determine the prevailing wage in the district for application to the highway project from Overton to Boulder Lake in the Moapa Valley.

The scale, copy of which has been received by state Labor Commissioner James Fitzgerald, is practically the same as that adopted here some months ago by the state official under the terms of the Farndale act.

The scale for various crafts, is as follows:

Skilled Labor

Classification	Hourly Rate
Blacksmith	\$1.00
Blade grader operator (finishing)	1.00
Carpenter (journeyman) ...	1.125
Concrete finisher (master finisher)	1.25
Concrete vibrator operator..	1.00
Crusher operator (400 tons a day or over)	1.25
Dragline operator	1.25
Electrical worker	1.25
Elevating grader operator..	1.00
Hoisting engineer	1.25
Head mechanic	1.20
LeTourneau operator (and similar equip.)	1.00
Motor patrol operator (finish- ing and bituminous sur.)	1.00
Painter (journeyman)	1.25
Powderman	1.00
Power shovel operator	1.25
Roller operator (high type surface)	1.00
Reinforcing steel setter	1.125
Stone mason	1.25
Tractor operator (50 h. p. or over mfg's rating)....	1.00
Welder	1.375

INTERMEDIATE GRADE LABOR

Blade grader operator (rough work), compressor operator, cook, crusher operator, (under 400 tons per day), drag tender, fireman (steam shovel), jack-hammer operator, motor patrol operator (rough work), oil distributor operator, oil distributor bootman, oiler (power shovel, crane dragline), plow holder (4-up or more), roller operator (rough), spreader box

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man (asphalt, stone or gravel), tractor operator (over 20 h. p. but under 50 h. p. manufacturer's rating), teamster (4-up or more), truck-driver (over 1½ ton, manufacturer's rating) rate per hour 70c

Concrete operator (under 5 bag) rate per hour 75c

UNSKILLED LABOR

Dumpman, miscellaneous labor, lamp lighter, mechanic's helper, pipe layer, pitman, sledgeman, stableman, sub-grade laborer, tractor operator (20 h. p. and under, manufacturer's rating), teamster (2 line mormon, fresno, wheel, wagon etc.), truckdriver (1½ ton and under, manufacturer's rating), cook's helper, guard, hostler, waiter, water boy, watchman rate per hour... 62½c

Appropriation for the new highway, scheduled to cost approximately \$250,000, was made a year ago and actual construction has been held up pending a determination of the wage scale to be paid on the job. With the controversy out of the way, it is expected that the job will be advertised in the near future.

THE PROJECT will be built by the U. S. bureau of public roads with the state highway department having no connection whatever.

This wage scale was determined at the same hearing at which Boulder dam wage rates were inquired into, and recently the findings of the department of labor were submitted to Secretary Harold Ickes in this particular matter.

The rates fixed for the highway project represent an increase in some instances over the hourly rate now being paid on Boulder dam, and it is believed likely that the higher figures were included in the department's findings now in Ickes' hands.