

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARD

July 2024

EMPLOYEE: Angie Barajas
UNIT: Stormwater/Cannabis Unit
TITLE: Scientific Aid
SUPERVISOR/TITLE: Lowell Cottle, Senior Environmental Scientist

Angie has been working as a Scientific Aid in the Sacramento Stormwater Unit since October 2023. She is being recognized for her outstanding work performance in providing valued support to the Industrial, Construction, and Cannabis Stormwater programs. Angie has been a fast learner and has taken it upon herself to gain as much experience as she can by going in the field on weekly inspections with stormwater staff. Angie has been a tremendous help with the Cannabis APN and PRA requests while we are down one environmental scientist in the unit. She has become very proficient with the SMARTS database and researching sites to help respond to SIC Code requests, Notices of Terminations, and Non-Filers. Angie also provides courteous customer service in responding to the R5 stormwater inbox emails and phone inquiries.

Angie has also been instrumental with the Stanislaus County Non-Filer effort where we had a list of over 300 potential Non-Filers and in coordinating field inspections. She has identified facilities that need to be inspected, mapped the facilities, and helped navigate staff to the facilities. After the inspections were completed, Angie sent discharges Non-Filer letters and followed up by email and phone to assist with permit coverage.

Angie has also been extremely helpful in processing Notices of Termination (NOTs) for construction sites. Since she was trained in processing the NOTs, she has taken the lead and only reaches out to construction staff for assistance with NOTs that present a greater challenge.

Stormwater staff appreciate and recognize Angie's ability to work independently while both in the office as well as teleworking. Her work ethic, productivity, customer service, and attention to detail make Angie a valued member of the Stormwater/Cannabis Unit and the Regional Water Board, and has therefore earned the recognition provided by this award.