

# EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARD

July 2024

**EMPLOYEE:** Katie Carpenter  
**UNIT:** Non-15 Permitting Program  
**TITLE:** Engineering Geologist  
**SUPERVISOR/TITLE:** Bryan Rock, Senior Engineering Geologist

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Katie is being recognized for her significant contributions during July 2024 and her years of exceptional service to the Central Valley Water Board. Katie's technical knowledge and experience working within the Water Board continues to advance the goals and objectives of the Non-15 Program. Katie often takes on the most challenging projects, such as working on the Fruit and Vegetable Packing General Order, continued disposal issues at the Millerton New Town development, and comprehensive CEQA document reviews for various facilities, most recently large pistachio and almond processing facilities. Katie's attention to detail, technical background, and regulatory experience is evident in her work. Her reviews and permits are consistently excellent quality that require very few, if any, revisions.

In the past month, Katie has completed several significant projects, including:

- Draft of the Fruit and Vegetable Packing General Order;
- Notice of Applicability for the application of biosolids to ag land;
- Name Change Order for consideration at the August 2024 Board meeting;
- Reviewed and commented on a Title 22 Engineering Report for the Millerton New Town Recycled Water Project;
- Report of Waste Discharge (RWD) review for a discharge of reverse osmosis to a leach field and associated draft Monitoring and Reporting Program; and
- RWD review for the Firebaugh WWTF and letter notifying the discharger that the RWD is incomplete and further information is required.

In addition to the above, Katie is always available to help coworkers, and often interacts with dischargers and the public. She conducts each of those interactions in a respectful and professional manner and provides timely and succinct responses to all. Recently, she was praised by a member of the public during a phone conversation discussing comments for upcoming WDRs. Katie continues to demonstrate her willingness to take on the most complex projects with a great attitude and tremendous work ethic. She is a valued asset to the Non-15 Program and the Central Valley Water Board and is very deserving of this month's Employee Recognition Award.