

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARD

August 2026

EMPLOYEE: Ryan Sinnott, PE
UNIT: Federal Cleanup/Private Site Cleanup
TITLE: Water Resource Control Engineer
SUPERVISOR/TITLE: Mark Clardy PG, Sr. Engineering Geologist
Rob Fagerness PE, Sr. Water Resource Ctrl. Engr.

Ryan Sinnott is a Water Resource Control Engineer in the Site Cleanup Program's Federal Cleanup Unit and also provides support to the Private Site Cleanup unit. He has just successfully completed his probationary period having joined the Water Board in Summer of 2025. Ryan previously worked with the US Army Corp of Engineers, Sacramento District from December 2018 to July 2025, where he was an "Environmental Engineer" serving as the Technical Specialist for the Sacramento District. Prior to the Army Corp, he worked as a project level Environmental Remediation Engineer for three and one-half years with a national environmental consulting firm.

Ryan was hired on with the Federal Cleanup Unit to oversee National Pollutant Discharge Elimination Systems (NPDES) components of Federal DoD cleanup projects. As the sole WRCE amongst a unit of Engineering Geologists, he supports DoD projects requiring engineering-related reviews. In this capacity, Ryan reviews wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) compliance with Waste Discharge Requirements at Beale Air Force Base, Sharpe Army Depot, and Defense Logistics Agency – Tracy projects. This involves coordination with DoD personnel to review and respond to periodic waste discharge and wastewater monitoring reports. He also has reviewed construction plans for a WWTP repair project at the Tracy site and will monitor the work as it progresses.

In addition to his work within the Federal Cleanup Unit, a need arose within the Private Site Cleanup Unit where Ryan stepped in to help. Ryan was asked to assist with oversight of the Sacramento Railyards project, which he took on with no hesitation or reservations. His review services were additionally utilized in assistance with City of Lodi and Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) HVOC cleanup projects while additional staffing adjustments within the Private Site Cleanup Unit were secured for those projects.

The Railyards is a high-profile project and is one of the largest brownfields projects in the country, requiring coordination with other agencies, consultants, developers, and the responsible party. Recently the Deputy Management Committee (DMC) members expressed an interest in conducting a site visit to the Railyards. Ryan assisted in the coordination of the visit, which highlighted the significant remediation and development activities underway. Ryan helped to make the DMC visit a complete success.

He consistently provides high quality written reviews of reports and work plans, is responsive and respectful to the regulated community, and demonstrates patience when engaging with dischargers. Ryan is always willing to lend a hand to help his fellow teammates with smile and pleasant demeanor. For all this and more, Ryan is well deserving of this Employee Recognition Award.