

# EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARD

April 2025

**EMPLOYEE:** Jeremy Mota

**UNIT:** Federal and Private Sites Cleanup

**TITLE:** Water Resource Control Engineer

**SUPERVISOR/TITLE:** Nathan Casebeer, Senior Engineering Geologist

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Jeremy Mota is a Water Resource Control Engineer in the Federal and Private Sites Cleanup Unit. Jeremy joined the Central Valley Water Board in January 2024 after completing his master's in mechanical engineering at Sacramento State. As part of his master's, Jeremy modeled the fate and transport of PFAS compounds at a fire training facility. He also worked as a Scientific Aid at the State Water Board.

Since joining Site Cleanup, Jeremy has moved difficult cases forward and restarted inactive cases. Recent examples include two former dry cleaner cases that had each stalled for about a decade. These cases required drafting and sending multiple letters to suspected responsible parties who were difficult to locate. Thanks to Jeremy's persistence, one of the sites has recently conducted a groundwater and soil vapor investigation and the other is expected to begin work soon. Jeremy also recently enrolled three inactive agricultural chemical supply sites into our cost recovery program. These ag supply sites have been with us since the 1980s and 1990s. The active oversight accounts will allow us to finally see these older cases through to regulatory closure.

Jeremy is efficient in his project reviews and consistently produces high quality written review and response letters. With his efforts at restarting inactive cases and moving active cases along, Jeremy has produced about one staff letter per week since he started with us over a year ago, which is a significant output. Jeremy's positive attitude, flexibility, and willingness to help where needed plus his efficiency and skill in managing his cases are greatly appreciated and he is well-deserving of this Employee Recognition Award.