

Superior Accomplishment Award

April 2025

EMPLOYEE: Katie Carpenter

UNIT: Non-15 Permitting

TITLE: Engineering Geologist

SUPERVISOR/TITLE: Bryan Rock, Senior Engineering Geologist

Katie Carpenter is being nominated for the Superior Accomplishment Award for her exceptional service to the Central Valley Water Board. Katie's technical knowledge and experience working for the Central Valley Water Board continue to advance the goals and objectives of the Non-15 Program, and she often takes on the most challenging projects.

Some of these projects include the renewal of the region-wide Low Threat Waiver (Resolution R5-2023-0061), handling the ongoing disposal issues for the Millerton New Town development, and comprehensive CEQA document reviews for various, complex facilities. Most recently, Katie has reviewed and provided comments on environmental documents for large pistachio and almond processing facilities, as well as a large quarry project adjacent to the San Joaquin River. These comments are critical in fulfilling the Central Valley Water Board's role as a responsible agency for projects requiring compliance with CEQA. Katie's attention to detail, technical background, and regulatory experience are evident in her work. Her reviews and permits are consistently of excellent quality and require very few, if any, revisions. In addition, Katie has been tasked with preparing a region-wide general order for fruit and vegetable packing facilities in the Central Valley that is tentatively scheduled to be adopted next year.

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. During the public comment period for past WDRs, Katie was praised by a member of the public for her professionalism, programmatic experience, and in-depth knowledge of Central Valley geology and wastewater facilities within the region. Katie continues to demonstrate her willingness to take on the most complex projects with a great attitude and tremendous work ethic.

While the above reflects Katie's superior accomplishments over the past couple of years, she has provided outstanding service to the Board over the past 18 years. She is a valued asset to the Non-15 Program and the Central Valley Water Board and is very deserving of the Superior Accomplishment Award.