

# EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARD

June 2023

**EMPLOYEE:** Saranya Elankovan  
**UNIT:** San Joaquin-Delta NPDES Permitting  
**LOCATION:** Rancho Cordova Office  
**TITLE:** Water Resource Control Engineer (WRCE)  
**SUPERVISOR/TITLE:** Danielle Goode, Senior WRCE

Saranya Elankovan is an Engineer in the San Joaquin-Delta NPDES Permitting Unit. She is being recognized for her outstanding work performance in the NPDES permitting section. Saranya joined the NPDES Permitting Section in February 2020, one month before the Covid shutdown. She persevered through learning a new job in the complex initial stages of the remote work environment. Saranya has a positive and enthusiastic attitude about her work and provides timely responses to permitting questions. She works well with her fellow colleagues, management, and dischargers.

Saranya recently took on a rare NPDES permitting task of assisting a Delta discharger with getting a Thermal Plan exception request to State Board for consideration and approval. Coming into this process in the later phases had its challenges, but she quickly came up to speed on the history of the issues to produce a well-written memo for State Board review. She also coordinated this with the Discharger's upcoming permit renewal. This took attention to detail and close communication with the Discharger to produce a quality tentative order.

In addition, she successfully helped the NPDES section renew 4 Notices of Applicability (or NOAs) for fish hatcheries enrolled under the 2019 Cold Water Concentrated Aquatic Animal Production Permit, or CAAP General Order. She worked diligently with enrollees under this order to make sure their renewed NOAs included the appropriate effluent limits, monitoring, and reporting.

Her work strong ethic, desire to learn, and ability to adapt to change makes her a valuable member of our unit and the organization; therefore, Saranya is incredibly deserving of the Employee Recognition Award.