

# EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARD

April 2025

**EMPLOYEE:** Sarah Curry

**UNIT:** San Joaquin Delta NPDES Permitting

**TITLE:** Water Resource Control Engineer

**SUPERVISOR/TITLE:** Danielle Goode, Senior Water Resource Control Engineer

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Sarah Curry (previously Thompson) 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. Sarah joined the Point Source Permitting Section in October 2020 and her strong skills in technical permit writing quickly became apparent. She was previously recognized with an ERA but is definitely deserving of another one for her hard work over the last few months.

Sarah recently maintained a heavy workload but managed to keep her permits on track while producing high quality work products. Since early fall of 2024, Sarah has juggled significant work on 4 different permits with ambitious timelines.

Her diligent work on the Calaveras County Water District Forest Meadows permit resulted in an uncontested permit renewal in December 2024. After that, she pivoted her focus to the City of Stockton WWTP permit renewal, a major discharger in the San Joaquin Delta, and is currently working through comments on their tentative order. Also in that timeframe, she worked closely with site cleanup staff on an amendment to the Aerojet Groundwater Treatment System permit, engaging with the Discharger and interested parties. Finally, she completed the enrollment of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation DVI facility under the Limited Threat General Order, due to a change in their operations and nature of their effluent.

All these permits were distinctly different with highly complex issues. But Sarah's determination, sound judgement, and self-starter approach enabled her to successfully bring them to the finish line. Her work ethic, dependability, and enthusiasm make her a valuable member of our unit and the organization; therefore, she is incredibly deserving of this Employee Recognition Award.