

SUPERIOR ACCOMPLISHMENT AWARD

February 2026

EMPLOYEE: Christy Gilbreath

UNIT: Groundwater Unit, Redding office

TITLE: Engineering Geologist

SUPERVISOR/TITLE: Clint Snyder / Assistant Executive Officer



Christy Gilbreath is an Engineering Geologist in the Redding Groundwater Unit. She joined the Board in February 2024 after 10 years as a REHS with the Shasta County Dept. of Environmental Health. She is receiving this SAA for the many ways her collaborative nature contributes to case progress.

Christy is a supportive and dedicated professional. While at the County she developed strong, positive working relationships with stakeholders throughout Northern California including drillers, consultants, contractors, other city and county officials, and the regulated public. The respect and trust these groups have in Christy have fostered productive outcomes for challenging Redding Groundwater Unit projects. In one instance this led to cooperation from a sizable city during an enforcement action; in another to high meeting attendance in an

under-represented community following door-to-door public outreach. She also persuaded a county with limited resources to beta-test a new UST database program for the State Water Board's Geotracker group.

Given Christy's experience with the County she's acutely mindful of the challenges counties face in implementing State environmental requirements. She encourages Water Board and county staff with overlapping responsibilities to communicate directly with one another.

Lastly, Christy's generosity makes her a natural mentor and trainer. Within her first 6 months of employment, she walked two Dischargers through the UST Cleanup Fund application process which ultimately led to successful funding commitments in both instances. She shares information and resources she comes across. She creates guidance documents for the Unit when she learns new processes, and she takes an active and caring role in mentoring the Groundwater Unit's scientific aid.

Christy earns this SAA for her consistently supportive and encouraging approach toward her work, her peers, our permittees and stakeholders. Christy is a pleasure to work with, we appreciate all she adds to her programs, our office, and region.