

Superior Accomplishment Award

August 2025

EMPLOYEE: Jonathan Meurer

UNIT: Forest Activities

TITLE: Engineering Geologist

SUPERVISOR/TITLE: Xuan Luo, Sr. Water Resource Control Engineer



Jonathan Meurer is an Engineering Geologist in the Forest Activities unit. Jonathan started with the North Coast Water Board in 2014 and transitioned to the Central Valley Water Board in July of 2017.

Jonathan has served as the Central Valley Water Board representative to the Board of Forestry since 2017. In this role he attends monthly meetings of the Board and its subcommittees, speaks for the Water Board on issues such as new legislation and changes to the Forest Practice Rules, and provides a summary of the meetings to other members of the Forest Activities Program. In 2023 he became a member of the Effectiveness Monitoring Committee for the Board, reviewing grant proposals for forest improvement projects, and serving as a liaison for approved projects.

Jonathan is the Water Board liaison to the Stanislaus National Forest, a position that involves providing oversight for all timber projects performed in the Stanislaus, including inspections, seasonal monitoring, and ensuring compliance with the Water Board's timber General Order. Jonathan was also involved in the development of the new Federal Permit that was adopted this year. In his role overseeing federal lands he recently worked with the BLM to address a native surface road which had discharged dozens of cubic yards of sediment into the Consumnes River and was threatening to discharge hundreds more. After multiple inspections, and the utilization of progressive enforcement, Jonathan was able to ensure that the BLM closed the road and mitigated the sediment delivery potential.

In 2022 Jonathan was tasked with forming an interagency group to develop trainings for Water Board, CGS, CDFW, and CalFire staff involved in forest management. Within this group, Jonathan has developed multiple trainings per year, both field and webinar based, all of which are recorded for later viewing. Jonathan also served as the president of the Central Valley Water Board Employee Association from 2017 to January of this year, maintaining the esprit de corps of the office, and ensuring the EA continued though the covid years, when he was the sole remaining member. He consistently turns in exemplary work, maintains a positive attitude, and is ready to take on any task that is asked of him.