

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARD

SEPTEMBER 2023

EMPLOYEE: Victor Lopez

UNIT: San Joaquin-Delta NPDES Permitting

TITLE: Water Resource Control Engineer

SUPERVISOR: Danielle Goode, Senior Water Resource Control Engineer

Victor Lopez is an Engineer in the San Joaquin-Delta NPDES Permitting Unit. He is being recognized for his outstanding work performance in the NPDES permitting section.

Victor joined the Point Source Permitting Section in December 2021. Right away, he showed initiative in his work to renew a Notice of Applicability (NOA) for a POTW enrolled under the Municipal General Order. In addition to the NOA, he ended up also writing a Time Schedule Order and 13267 Order for the same discharger. Writing an NOA and two companion orders as a new permitting staff is a big ask to say the least, but Victor came up to speed quickly on the issues and successfully completed these tasks in a timely manner.

Since then, he has also worked on the Boeing Groundwater Treatment System permit, which is now enrolled under the Limited Threat General Order, working across programs with site cleanup staff. He has also completed two permit amendments for the Sac Regional WWTP, related to recycled water production and compliance with limits for disinfection byproducts.

Victor is excellent when it comes to working with dischargers and consultants. He is logical and thoughtful in his conversations, meetings, and when presenting information. He is a self-starter and forward-thinking in how a decision may play out. He evaluates data and technical information to develop permits that are in line with the Board's mission and protective of water quality.

Victor's reliability, friendly demeanor, and technical capabilities make him a pleasure to have on the team. He is a valuable member of our unit and the organization; therefore, he is incredibly deserving of the Employee Recognition Award.