

SUPERIOR ACCOMPLISHMENT AWARD

FEBRUARY 2025



Staff: Misty Pontes
Title: Environmental Scientist
Unit: Nonpoint Source
Office: Redding
Sup: Griffin Perea, Sr. Engineering Geologist

Misty Pontes is an Environmental Scientist in the Redding office's Nonpoint Source Unit and has been with the Central Valley Water Board since 2020. Misty started in the Administrative Unit in September 2020. In February 2021, Misty transitioned into a Scientific Aid position, then in May 2021, became an Environmental Scientist in the Nonpoint Source Unit.

Misty is being recognized for her exemplary work ethic and continued contributions to the Nonpoint Source Unit and Forest Activities Program. Misty is responsible for oversight of timber harvesting activities occurring on United States Forest Service land, currently covering three national forests. In addition to these duties, Misty willingly assumes additional work, as well as covering additional areas when needed. In addition to Misty's core workload, she is the lead technical staff for an oversight of a contract to produce water quality training associated with a new nonpoint source permit. This project requires a timely review of training products, coordination with contractors, and a large time commitment to ensure the training is well organized and progressing on schedule.

Another of Misty's projects includes oversight of a large watercourse crossing removal and stream restoration project that was initiated by a public complaint. Oversight of the crossing removal project has been complex and involved numerous agencies, including the Bureau of Reclamation and Bureau of Land Management. Thanks to Misty's work and continued pressure on the agencies involved, the crossing removal is now officially underway with a target completion date of fall 2025. Misty has also volunteered to manage the Redding office lab, ensuring that instruments are properly calibrated, and any needed supplies and lab needs are met for the office. Throughout all of Misty's work, she remains positive and is a great team player, often working and coordinating with staff throughout all three offices.

While these are just a few examples of the work she is responsible for, Misty is relied upon for numerous other efforts and Program needs. Misty is unfailingly dependable, upbeat, and always willing to help with any task. She is respected by her peers, and she has a natural ability to gain the respect and trust of those that she works with, including the regulated community and the public. We appreciate all the work and effort that Misty puts into her position and wish to thank Misty for her contributions to the important work of our office and the Region as a whole.