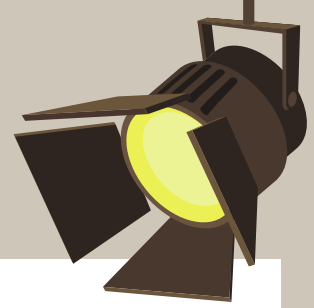


BAYWORK SPOTLIGHT

WOMEN IN WATER



Negin Tootian

Plant Operator III

Negin has served Union Sanitary District over a year and a half, and has 6 years of industry experience.

She was nominated by her peers and the members of BAYWORK for her commitment to service and passion for women in the water and trades.

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honors
**Women Operators,
Mechanics, Technicians,
and in other Trades**



Negin is responsible for safely, reliably, and effectively operating the wastewater treatment plant and all associated equipment for the customers of the Union Sanitary District.

Length of time at your agency, and also in your career:

Worked for the District a one year and eight month, and total of 6 years in the industry.

List of Certifications (or technical training needed to do your work):

I currently hold a Wastewater grade 3 certificate through the state to do my job. I also am certified for forklift, scissor lift and boom lift operations, CPR and first aid, as well as confined space entry. Additionally, I also hold a T1 certification for drinking water but that is not directly required for my position.

What interested you to pursue a career in the field?

I was drawn to this field because it was something I never really thought about, I saw so much potential to grow and learn that it excited me.

If you can provide one piece of advice for women entering the field, what would it be?

My advice to women entering the field is to not be intimidated to get as involved as you can get! This industry has exposed me to so many skills and subjects that I would never have encountered in my old career. I have grown and learned so many life skills that have helped me navigate my everyday life outside of work. The growth, stability and sense of community that exists in this field makes me proud to continue to be an operator and search for innovative solutions to treat wastewater and protect our public at the same time!

To learn more about BAYWORK, or how to nominate a woman in water/trade, go to www.baywork.org

