

BAYWORK SPOTLIGHT WOMEN IN TRADES



Victoria Garcia

Associate Water Resources Specialist

Victoria Garcia, from Valley Water, was nominated by the members of BAYWORK for her commitment to service and passion for women in the trades.

Most recently, she hosted a learning session at the training buffet that encouraged others to identify the benefits of starting a women-centric employee resource group at their agencies.



As the Associate Water Resources Specialist in the Groundwater Management Unit, Victoria's primary responsibilities include managing multiple groundwater quality monitoring programs, implementing special groundwater studies, and conducting water quality numerical modeling and analysis. She also is the founder of the Women of Water, a Valley Water Employee Resource Group.

Certifications and Skills:

B.S. in Geology, Groundwater Geochemistry certification

What interested you to pursue a career in the field?

"I've always been passionate about the complex intricates of water resources. Growing up in an area where drinking water wasn't safe to drink, led me to wanting to make a difference in my community in the future."

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

"My advice for women entering trade work is, don't doubt yourself and know that you are more than capable to do this job! One statistic that has been restated many times and still amazes me is, men apply for a job when they meet only 60% of the qualifications, but women apply only if they meet 100% of them. **You can, and will, do the job well. Go for it!**"

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