

BAYWORK WOMEN IN TRADES SPOTLIGHT



Nalani Delaney



Senior
Carpenter &
Manages Sign
Shop

15 years of service with East Bay Municipal Utility District. 25 years in the trade.

Nalani was nominated by her peers for her commitment to service and passion for women in the trades. Nalani recently represented her utility by joining Vice President, Kamala Harris, for a discussion regarding water infrastructure. [See interview here.](#)

Certifications and Skills:

Carpentry certificate from Laney college, Landscape certificate from Merritt college, CPR certified, multiple certifications in equipment like forklift and man lift, expert in Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator, Corel Draw, and Flexi Sign.

What interested you to pursue a career in the carpentry field?

"My father is a retired airline mechanic who can fix anything. I grew up watching him fix everything, started at a young age working with him and have always enjoyed building things. I pursued a career in carpentry because I like working with my hands, being able to imagine how to build something and knowing that I can build it. Being confident in my ability to build something, fix something, create something helps me be confident in other parts of my life."

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

"Find a mentor(female if possible) at your job or in the trade that you are pursuing. When I first started at EBMUD, I had a female mentor who was a manager at EBMUD. She had also been a Carpenter at EBMUD. It was so helpful to have someone to talk to, to support me and get advice from."

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