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Beyond technical contributions, Greg takes every opportunity to turn questions and conversations into a critical teaching moments for young engineers. When an EIT has a question, he always seeks to give an answer that provides the necessary background information to help them make well-informed decisions in the future. It’s common for him to say the phrase, “let’s go down a rabbit hole,” and then sincerely provide a path forward for the project. Those who work with him learn that it is not enough to complete tasks, but to think critically and holistically. Greg has gone above and beyond to not only help his teams successfully complete projects but also has the unique ability to impart confidence while keeping expectations high.

Greg represents the very best of the engineering profession, and one who has independently taken it upon himself to develop, encourage, and mentor water engineers here in Utah.”