

# ***Announcement***

## ***Ralph Hunter Memorial Award***

2018 Recipient

### **Kathy Cross**

Supervisor

County of Orange, Health Care Agency, Environmental Health Division,  
Local Enforcement Agency

This award is in recognition of an individual who has made a major impact to the solid waste field/Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) program through development of a special or new program, involvement with educational activities, committees and/or workgroups, permitting and/or enforcement, or special achievement that enhances the protection of public and environmental health principles through the LEA/EA program.

Kathy has over 19 years of experience working in the field of solid waste and environmental health. She joined the Orange County LEA Program in 2007. Prior to becoming a supervisor, she worked as a geologist and hazardous waste specialist in the Environmental Health Division in Orange County in the Underground Tank Cleanup program and the Industrial Cleanup program. Prior to joining Orange County, Kathy worked in the private industry in consulting as a project geologist working in the following areas: oilfields, gasoline stations, industrial sites and landfills.

Kathy received a Bachelor of Science in Geology from California State University, Fullerton. She received her Professional Geologist (PG) license from the State of California, Board of Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors and Geologist in 2003 and Certified Engineering Geologist (CEG) in 2017. In addition, Kathy became a Registered Environmental Health Specialist (REHS) in 2010. Some of her notable contributions include:

- Enforcement Advisory Council, EAC Chair 2015-2017. In this position, Kathy worked collaboratively with regional LEA Chairs, which represented fifty-five (55) counties and six (6) cities.
- Enforcement Advisory Council, Co-Vice Chair 2014-2015 and 2017-2019. In this position, Kathy assisted the Chair in the advisory committee duties, and tracked regional issues.
- LEA Round Table Chair, Southern Region from 2014-2019.
- Hosted Pest University in 2017 for CalRecycle and the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA). Secured location and coordinated local speakers for discussions on the Shot Hole Borer.
- Volunteered for LEA Training Liaison to CalRecycle from 2010-2014 for the Southern/Southwestern Region.
- Volunteer LEA tester during development of the CalRecycle, LEA Portal, 2014.
- Technical Training Series Steering Committee Member: 2009-Sacramento, 2011-Monterey, 2012-Sacramento, 2014-Ontario, 2015-Rohnert Park, 2017-Long Beach and 2018-Monterey.
- Involved with California Invasive Species Advisory Committee, a Southern California group.

Kathy is a worthy recipient of the 2018 Ralph Hunter Memorial Award. Please join us in congratulating her on this achievement.

## **Previous Ralph Hunter Award Recipients**

2017: David Thompson, City of Los Angeles LEA

2016: Lars Seifert, Imperial County LEA

2015: Ossama "Sam" Abu Shaban, Orange County LEA

2015: Janet E. Gardner, Fresno County LEA

2014: Christopher G. Rummel, Santa Clara County LEA

2013: Lisa J. Jameson, Sacramento County LEA

2012: Ricardo M. Serrano, Solano County LEA

2011: William E. Prinz, City of San Diego LEA

2010: Rebecca Lafreniere, San Diego County LEA

2009: Lori Braunesreither, Contra Costa County LEA

2008: Patti Henshaw, Orange County LEA

2007: Greg Pirie, Napa County LEA

2006: Bob Swift, Sonoma County LEA

2005: Tammy Derby, Sacramento County LEA

2004: Mike Schmaeling, Santa Barbara County LEA