

***Announcement***  
***Ralph Hunter Memorial Award***  
2019 Recipient

**Jeffrey Marshall**

Director of Environmental Health  
Kern County Public Health Services Department, Environmental Health Division  
Kern County 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.

Jeffrey has over 13 years of experience working in the field of solid waste and environmental health. He joined the Kern County Department of Public Health in 2007. Over a period of three years, Jeffrey inspected/visited 150 operations and facilities throughout Kern County. In 2011, Jeffrey worked in the Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) before promoting to a Solid Waste Program Supervisor in the LEA Program. Due to his leadership and contributions to multiple county programs, Jeffrey was promoted in 2016 to Division Chief for the Hazardous Materials and Solid Waste Programs.

Jeffrey received a Bachelor of Science in Biology with a minor in Chemistry from California State University, Bakersfield and a Master of Science in Administration – Health Care Management. In 2009, he obtained his certification as a Registered Environmental Health Specialist.

Some of his notable contributions include:

- Local Enforcement Agency Chair for the South-Central Region for two terms 2014-2016 and 2016-2017; voted in by his peers from nine (9) counties. Facilitated Round Table meetings, coordinated operator site visits and elevated regional concerns/issues to the Enforcement Advisory Council.
- Council member on the Enforcement Advisory Council (EAC) 2014-2017, representing nine counties. Established working relationships with LEAs across the state and maintained strong working relationships with operators and state representatives.
- Assisted CalRecycle in providing regional training to LEAs on Load Checking (2011) and Composting/In-Vessel Regulations (2018).
- Worked with CalRecycle in assessing a proposed organics handling facility that planned to accept unsold food products. This facility was the first of its kind in the state because the organic food was viewed as a product with an attached value and not a waste product.
- Member of the CIA Work Group, which was established by the EAC to identify and address issues LEA encounter with Closed, Abandoned and Illegal sites throughout the state.
- Provided presentations for the 2018 Wildfire Disaster After Action Roundtable, Kern County El Nino Preparedness Community Meeting, the Air & Waste Management Association, the

American Society of Safety Professionals (ASSE) Symposium, Kern County Public Health All Staff Meeting, the Kern County Annual Spray Safe Event, and Kern County Career Expo.

- Kern County 2016 Incident Commander for debris cleanup on the Erskine Fire, which destroyed or damaged over 300 homes, acting as liaison between multiple agencies.
- Contributor to the Erskine Fire debris cleanup plan, which included protocols to address potential health risks and methods to safely transfer and dispose of wildfire debris.
- Worked with CalRecycle to develop a guidance document for LEAs to follow during a fire or other natural disaster, which was utilized at the 2017 LEA/CalRecycle Technical Training Series during mock inspections.
- Developed a LEA facility-specific fee ordinance for his Department.
- Participated on the CalRecycle SB 1383 Implementation Workgroup. He has reached out to multiple LEA roundtable representatives and CCDEH members to collect comments and questions regarding the implementation of SB 1383 in different jurisdictions. The purpose of this outreach has been to develop SB 1383 training tools and topics for jurisdictions across the State.
- Currently assisting the CalEPA Environmental Justice Enforcement Taskforce with a composting initiative to establish a baseline compliance database, with the intent of utilization by multiple agencies. This initiative will assist in the implementation of SB 1383, as composting infrastructure expands in Kern County and the State.
- Participates on multiple CCDEH Committees including the Solid Waste Policy and Resources Recovery Committee, Hazardous Material Committee, Emergency Response Committee and Community EH Committee.
- Participates on the Staff Review Committee for the Kern 2040 General Plan Update. The purpose of his involvement has been to provide input on goals, policies and implementation measures in Kern County associated with environmental health.
- Member of the Kern County Emergency Operation Plan (EOP) Update Committee. With his experience in the LEA and CUPA, he is working with other Kern County Agencies to update the Kern County EOP to prepare for future countywide disasters.
- During the COVID-19 Pandemic Countywide Emergency Stay at Home Order, Jeffrey was designated an essential staff member. Throughout the stay-at-home order, he continued his duties as a Division Chief and assisted at his Department's DOC. He also assisted in the development of plans and schedules for staff to work remotely at home and helped generate a program specific safety plan for staff to utilize after they returned to the office.

Jeffrey is a worthy recipient of the 2019 Ralph Hunter Memorial Award. Please join us in congratulating him on this achievement.

## **Previous Ralph Hunter Award Recipients**

2018: Kathy Cross, County of Orange

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