

Announcement

Ralph Hunter Memorial Award

2020 Recipient

Gregory Schirle

Environmental Health Specialist IV

County of San Mateo, Health Department, Environmental Health Services 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 a special achievement that enhances the protection of public and environmental health principles.

Greg has over 33 years of experience working in the field of environmental health. He joined the San Mateo County, Environmental Health Services Division after graduating from college and joined the LEA Program in 1992. Greg obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree from San Jose State University in Biology. Some of his notable contributions include:

- Registered Environmental Health Specialist (REHS)
- LEA Roundtable Chair, Bay Area Region 2014-2016
- Enforcement Advisory Council, Co-Vice Chair 2014-2016, represented ten counties, tracked regional issues, and assisted in the development of council resolutions
- Provided technical expertise as the Bay Area LEA Representative on California Conference of Directors of Environmental Health (CCDEH)
- Developed Subject Matter Expertise working on over forty (40) postclosure projects
- Developed training material for San Mateo County, Local Enforcement Agency staff
- Developed a Post Closure Development Building (PCDB) Annual Inspection Program (CCRT27 compliance) for San Mateo County
- Trained county staff in multiple jurisdictions on "Postclosure Land Use"
- LEA/CalRecycle - Technical Training Series:
 - 2018 - "Postclosure Land Use Development, Closed Site Multiple Owners"
 - 2017 - "Postclosure Land Use, Case Studies"
 - 2015 - "Anaerobic Digestion"
 - 2008 - "Post Closure Development: a LEA Perspective"
 - 2005 - Moderator, "This is Life After Closure – Let's See How it is Developed"
- Gas monitoring principal San Mateo County, for constructed buildings on closed landfills
- Negotiation facilitator between landfill owners (cities), private developers and attorneys

Greg is a worthy recipient of the 2020 Ralph Hunter Memorial Award. Please join us in congratulating him on this achievement.

Previous Ralph Hunter Award Recipients

2019: Jeffrey Marshall, Kern County LEA

2018: Kathy Cross, Orange County LEA

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