Announcement

Ralph Hunter Memorial Award

2016 Recipient

Lars Seifert
Environmental Health Services Manager
Imperial County Public Health Department, Division of Environmental Health

This award is given in recognition of an individual who has made a major impact to the Local Enforcement Agency (LEA)/solid waste field. 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.

Lars has 16 years of experience working in Environmental Health; he has worked the last 10 years with Imperial County in the Solid Waste/LEA Program. In 2008, he promoted to Environmental Health Services Manager over the LEA Program. Lars earned a Master of Arts in Environmental Policy and International Relations in 2004, and a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science/Biology in 1996. In his position, he works with the public, facility operators, and state/local agencies to enhance the protection of public health. He is a true leader in protecting the environment and public health by identifying issues, sharing his knowledge, providing guidance, and bringing people together to find solutions. Some of his notable contributions include:

- Established a Community Cleanup Assistance Program (CCAP) in Imperial County.
- Assisted with development of multi-agency Illegal Dumping Task Force.
- Initiated a customer service-oriented digital reporting program for Imperial County.
- Assisted with a Fee Study and implementation to affect cost recovery for Imperial County.
- Contributed on the New River Collaboration Project: 46 illegal disposal sites remediated.
- Provided technical training to LEAs statewide on “Enforcement Orders and Administrative Penalties” at the CalRecycle/LEA Technical Training Series in Sacramento.
- Provided technical training to LEAs statewide on “Solid Waste Digital Report Program” at the CalRecycle/LEA Technical Training Series in Monterey.
- Local Enforcement Agency Chair for Southern Region of California 2010-2014.
- Chair, Enforcement Advisory Council 2012-2014. An advisory committee representing the regions of the state and the disciplines involved in solid waste enforcement.
- Vice Chair for Enforcement Advisory Council 2010-2012.
- Assisted and coordinated with Public Works, County Emergency Operations and State Emergency Operations on disaster management plan for 7.2 magnitude earthquake.
- Initiated and led work on a Closed, Illegal, and Abandoned Disposal Site Working Group to properly identify, mitigate, remediate and enforce state minimum standards.
- Agency Representative, Imperial County Environmental Evaluation Committee.
- Chair, Prevention Subcommittee, Imperial County Illegal Dumping Task Force.
- Training Coordinator, Imperial County Registered Environmental Health Trainee Program.

Lars is a worthy recipient of the 2016 Ralph Hunter Memorial Award. Please join us in congratulating him on this achievement.
Previous Ralph Hunter Award Recipients

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