

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION
(NORTHERN CHAPTER)

CANDIDATE PLATFORM STATEMENT

NCCEHA OFFICE: President

CANDIDATE'S NAME: Arthur Surdilla

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CEHA CHAPTER AFFILIATION: Northern Chapter CEHA (NCCEHA)

CURRENT EMPLOYER/AGENCY: Alameda County Department of Environmental Health
Solid/Medical Waste Management and Body Art
Program

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

2005-2008: Yuba County DEH – REHS Trainee/REHS
2008-2013: Alameda County DEH – REHS
2013-Present: Alameda County DEH – Senior REHS

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

University of California at Davis
B.S. in Environmental Resource Science – Hydrobiology Specialization (2004)

CEHA and CHAPTER ACTIVITIES:

2008 CEHA AES Student Forum Coordinator
2009-2010 NCCEHA Vice President
2010-2011 NCCEHA President-Elect
2011-2012 NCCEHA President
2012-2013 NCCEHA Immediate Past-President
2013-2014 NCCEHA Alameda County Representative
2014-2015 NCCEHA Vice President
2015-2016 NCCEHA President-Elect
2016-2017 NCCEHA President
2017-2019 NCCEHA Immediate Past-President
2019-2020 NCCEHA President-Elect
2020-2021 NCCEHA President

PLATFORM STATEMENT:

2020 was a difficult year for many and a year of uncertainty and stress. I recall back to early March where NCCEHA just completed the 2020 Annual Educational Symposium. The motto for the AES was "Vision 2020." Who would have known that soon after this that many of us as Environmental Health Specialists would be pulled in many directions as COVID-19 began to affect people Nationwide. One moment we were enjoying the conference, the Mystery Whodunit Banquet, and everything the Monterey Bay area had to offer, and the next, we were all sheltering-in-place while assisting as disaster workers.

I remember starting the new CEHA Board year with our Board Training and discussing goals for the CEHA membership and the 2021 Updates and AES. As always, we were all excited and optimistic to provide for our membership after a successful 2020 AES. However, when everything changed, CEHA as a whole had to be put on hold so we could all work together in our respective fields and departments to help the communities around us.

A year has gone by and many things have changed from the previous year. Vaccines to help fight through this pandemic are finally here and are becoming accessible. The way we go about our lives has experienced some sort of change to varying degrees. The way we work, the way we communicate, and the way we play have been modified. As Environmental Health Specialists, we strive to protect public health, safety, and well-being of the public through promotion of environmental quality. The ways that the REHS around the state have been working towards this goal has been nothing short of amazing. This has always been the way for us all despite whatever difficulties we all face.

As NCCEHA President, I want to work with the NCCEHA Board and the CEHA membership to provide avenues of training, support, and activities when we are able to safely to help bring back a sense of "normal." As cliché as it sounds to have some sense of normalcy, it really is something that we took for granted and we would all like to have back to varying degrees. NCCEHA will learn to adapt to the challenges that await us and I look forward to leading the Chapter Board to bring new ideas, innovative learning experiences, and safe social activities to provide outlets for our membership.

I wish all of our NCCEHA membership, their family, and their friends good mental, physical, and spiritual health during this difficult time. While 2020 provided some obscurity to our vision, we are starting to see a new path forward.

Thank You!

Arthur Surdilla, Senior REHS

I certify that the above information is correct and, as an official candidate for NCCEHA elected office, hereby give my consent for its use on the NCCEHA ballot.

Signature:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Arthur Sushling", written over a horizontal line.

Date:

3.30.2021