

California Weed Science Society Award of Excellence - 2011

Jennifer Malcolm Caltrans Headquarters, Division of Maintenance



CWSS has presented the 2011 Award of Excellence to Jennifer Malcolm for her contributions and service to the society.

Jennifer recently became a Project Director 1 for the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. She is the newest project team member on the state's largest ever design/build project, working on the new 900 million dollar California Health Care Facility in Stockton.

Until recently, Jennifer was the Acting Landscape Program Administrator at Caltrans, Headquarters, Division of Maintenance in the Office of Roadsides. During her past 11 years at Caltrans Headquarters as a Senior Landscape Architect, she was responsible for the maintenance stormwater program; the maintenance worker access program; and major maintenance for roadsides, along with pesticides. Jennifer developed an interest in hardscaping (or physical barriers, or structural vegetation control) as a permanent solution to many problems she noticed while doing her many field reviews. Jennifer dedicated her past 18 years working for Caltrans, starting with 7 years in District 3 (Marysville) and 'Acting' for the pesticide position four times.

Prior to becoming a state employee, she worked in private practice for 12 years in the development world with architects, engineers and contractors. She earned her Bachelor's Degree at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo in Landscape Architecture. She also has a Master's Degree along with another Bachelor's Degree in Communication Studies from CSU, Sacramento.

Her leadership and enthusiasm are contagious, and she has served the society well over the years as both session co-chair and speaker. Although Jennifer will not be working with pesticides and weeds at her new position at CDCR, she is keeping her PCA license active and will be assisting PAPA in Sacramento as a volunteer.