

# **DEBRA KURITA**

## ***Assistant Executive Officer***



Debra Kurita joined the team of Orange County LAFCO in 2016. As Assistant Executive Officer, Debra is responsible for overall project management, planning, and analysis of LAFCO projects, providing direction to staff and consulting teams on specific projects, and management of the Shared Services Program.

Under the direction of the Executive Officer, Debra assists with the development of the annual budgets and strategic plans.

Ms. Kurita has over 30 years of municipal government management experience. Her background includes serving as city manager in Alameda, California; assistant city manager in Santa Ana and San Bernardino, California; and in a variety of increasingly responsible positions in Santa Ana, Torrance and Lawndale, California. In addition, she worked as a consultant to the Budget Office in Oakland, California. Debra also served as the Interim Director of Community Services for the City of Bell; she was one of the team of seasoned professionals who helped that City recover and rebuild after the administrative and political scandal that scarred the community. She later worked as the Interim Deputy City Manager in Santa Ana during that City's transition to a new City Manager.

Ms. Kurita received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science from the UC Davis. She received her Masters of Public Administration from USC and is an ICMA Credentialed Manager. Additionally, Debra has served on the Executive Boards of the International City/County Management Association, Women Leading Government, the California City Management Foundation and the Municipal Management Association of Southern California.