

Costa Mesa native America Arias takes home second Emmy Award as news producer

Costa Mesa native America Arias recently was the recipient of her second Emmy Award winning the Best Newscast-Evening Larger Markets at the 45th Annual Northern California Area Emmy Awards ceremony.

Arias, a news producer for KCRA 3 News in Sacramento, was honored along with anchors Gulstan Dart, Edie Lambert and Anchors reporters Melinda Meza, Kevin Oliver for their coverage of two major wildfires that triggered massive evacuations and left many Northern California communities in ruins.

The news crews covered three counties, looking into evacuations, the emergency response, and the fire's rapid growth.

This is Arias's second Emmy Award. She also won an Emmy for Outstanding Achievement in Daytime Newscast while working for KFSN-TV ABC 30 in Fresno.

"I feel incredibly blessed and proud to work with a talented and passionate team at KCRA-TV," said Arias, who grew up on Costa Mesa's Westside and attended Newport Harbor High School. "Thanks to everyone in front of the camera and behind the scenes who made this possible. It's an honor to produce a show alongside so many talented people who worked tirelessly to create a smart, polished and award-winning newscast."

Click the links here to see the winning newscast and her acceptance speech.