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### San Diego State University Grads in the California City Management Community

Here we go with a random presentation of a few San Diego State University graduates who are in the California city management community. We may have to revisit this subject line later, as there are many San Diego State University graduates service California public agencies. As usual, our primary research tool has been the ICMA on-line Who's Who Directory. Those who are not ICMA members or who have not posted any information may get missed, and we apologize for those omissions.



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### 12th Annual Knapp Golf Classic

Pictured here is retired Chino Hills City Manager **Doug La Belle** and retired Anaheim City Manager **Jim Ruth** as they posed at the reception prior to the awards dinner for the 2011 Knapp Golf Classic at the Western Hills Golf and Country Club. Through Doug's and the Tournament Committee's hard work this year's event was again a successful fundraiser to benefit The Huntington's Disease Society of America (HDSA). During the previous 11 tournaments more than \$265,000 have been raised by the Knapp Golf Classic. Committee members include: **Terry Belanger, Tom Mauk, Don Powell, Mike Fleger, Mark Pulone, Art Gallucci, Dave Ream, Dan Joseph, Gene Rogers, Scott Knapp** (representing the Knapp family), **Jim Ruth, Bruce Channing, Bob Williams** and Chairman **Doug La Belle**. The next event is the Knapp Classic Car Reception, September 10, 4 - 7 p.m. at the Lew Webb Motor Car Company Classic Car Museum and Event Center. Contact **Doug La Belle** for information at email address: [Mauidoug3@hotmail.com](mailto:Mauidoug3@hotmail.com)

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**Laura A. Biery** is a Past-President of the Municipal Management Association of Southern California, and served a Chair of Cal-ICMA in 2010. Laura began her public management working

career as an Intern in [Encinitas](#) in 2002. In 2003 she took an Administrative Trainee position with the County of San Diego, and later that year she went to work for the San Diego LAFCO as a Local Government Analyst. In 2005 Laura was appointed to an Administrative Analyst II post in the City of [Palmdale](#), and in 2008 she joined the [Santa Clarita](#) city staff in an Administrative Analyst position. Laura serves on the Valley Industry Board of Directors in the Santa Clarita Valley. She is a 1997 Los Alamitos High School graduate. Laura earned a BA from the University of California, San Diego, and an MPA from San Diego State University. She was a 2009 ICMA Workplace Diversity Scholarship winner.

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**James F. Benson** became a CETA Intern in San Diego in 1974. Later that same year he was appointed Programs & Budget Division Head for the Naval Ocean Systems Center. In 1981 Jim joined the Coronado city staff as the Director of Administrative Services, and he worked in that position until 1987. That year he was selected to be the Assistant City Manager in Encinitas, where he serve for about 13-years. In 2000 Jim returned to Coronado as the Assistant City Manager/Director of Engineering. He spent another 9-years there. Jim earned a BA from California State University, Los Angeles, and an MPA from San Diego State University. In 2007 he was awarded a 25-year ICMA Service Award.

There are a few of you out there who have not listed your work history with ICMA, which makes you somewhat invisible, though you admirably serve the public. Lynwood Administrative Analyst III **Daniel Baker** earned a BS from San Diego State University and an MPA for California State University, Long Beach. Daniel has been a big help to his boss, Lynwood City Manager **Roger Haley**, as Roger serves as Chair of the Gateway Cities COG City Managers' Group.



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Holtville was originally called "Holton," founded by W. F. Holt and incorporated as a city in 1908. Former Dairy Valley (Cerritos) Mayor and Council Member, and Assemblyman **Joe A. Gonsalves**, who later became a successful lobbyist in Sacramento, was born in Holtville.



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**Laura G. Fischer** began her public service career as a Supervisor with the El Centro Elementary School District in 1990. She served the District for 8-years before moving to a Public Works Analyst post in with the City of El Centro. In 2004 Laura was hired to serve as a Utility Rate Analyst with the Imperial Irrigation District, and in 2005 she was appointed City Manager in Holtville. Laura has earned a BS from National University and an MBA from San Diego State University.

Former Assistant County Administrator for Sonoma County **James M. Andersen** earned a BS from San Diego State University. He was the Assistant County Administrator in Mendocino County from 1987 until 2000 when he was appointed Mendocino County Administrator. He left Mendocino County in 2004 for his Sonoma County post where he worked until 2008. He earned a 20-year ICMA Service Award in 2007.



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Practicing what we preach: Staying in touch is important! At a lunch at Wood Ranch in the Cerritos Town Center: (L to R): Retired El Segundo Assistant City Manager **Bill Crowe**, who previously served as Rosemead City Manager; **Don Wagner**, retired Rosemead Assistant City Manager; **Ray Harris**, retired Hawaiian Gardens City Administrator, who also worked with Los Angeles County and did interim work in Huntington Park; and retired Huntington Park City Manager **Gregory Korduner**, who also served as City Manager in El Monte, and South El Monte.

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Carlsbad City Manager **Lisa Hildabrand**, 55, was a Senior Manager and held various other positions at the accounting firm of KPMG between 1988 and 1991 in their San Diego offices. In 1991 Lisa was appointed Finance

Director in Carlsbad. She was promoted to Assistant City Manager in 2005 and served as Interim City Manager in 2007-2008 after City Manager **Ray Patchett** retired. She was appointed Carlsbad City Manager in 2008. Lisa has a BS from San Diego State University. She earned a CPA, and has developed a highly professional reputation as a municipal finance person.

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City Manager **Kathleen J. Henry** has spent her entire public service career with the City of El Cajon. After serving in an unpaid internship in El Cajon while attending San Diego State University, she started in 1981 as an Administrative Analyst; 1982, Administrative Assistant; 1986, Assistant to the City Manager; 1992, Deputy City Manager; 1996, Assistant City Manager; and in 2004, El Cajon City Manager. Kathi became the first woman to serve as the El Cajon City Manager when she was appointed following retired City Manager **Bill Garrett**, 67, who currently serves on the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District governing board, and is the Executive Director of the California City Management Foundation. She changed her name from **Kathi Hubert**. Kathi has earned a BA and MPA from San Diego State University. She was awarded a 25-year ICMA Service Award in 2009.



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**Michael W. Huse** retired as Pacific Grove City Manager in 2000. He got his start in 1970 as an Administrative Accountant in La Mesa, where he was appointed Administrative Assistant in 1973, and Assistant to the City Manager in 1975. In 1980 Mike was appointed City Administrator in Oakdale. He moved to the City Manager post in Agoura Hills in 1983. Mike was recruited to be the Solana Beach City Manager in 1986 and moved to his final post as City Manager in Pacific Grove in 1994. He earned a BA from San Diego State University. In 2000 he was awarded a 30-year ICMA Service Award.

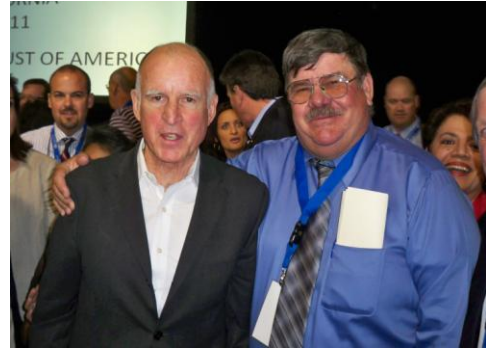


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Blythe incorporated in 1916 and is named for gold prospector **Thomas Blythe**, who owned Colorado River water rights for the region in 1877. **David A. Lane** is the Blythe City Manager, starting in August, 2008. Dave has an AA from San Diego Evening College, a BA from San Diego State University and an MA from the University of Redlands. He began his career in 1990 as an Economic Development Coordinator in Humboldt County. He was appointed County Administrator in Iron County, Michigan in July, 1996. He moved in May, 1997 to the County Administrator position in Centre County, Pennsylvania. In May, 1999 Dave returned west when he became City Administrator in Clearlake. In December, 2005 he moved to the Calimesa City Manager post where he served until accepting the Blythe appointment.

"People who lie are not to be trusted."

## Blythe's Great Solar Energy Project



Investing in America's New Energy Frontier: Here California Governor **Jerry Brown** joins Blythe Mayor **Joey DeConinck** at the groundbreaking ceremony for the Blythe Solar Power Project, the world's largest solar energy project to be built on public lands. **David Lane** is the Blythe City Manager.

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**Sid Morris** became an Administrative Analyst in 1975 in National City, and took an Administrative Analyst II post in Chula Vista in 1977. Sid then moved up in the Chula Vista organization: Senior Administrative Analyst, 1979; Principal Administrative Analyst, 1982; Assistant to the City Manager, 1985; Deputy City Manager, 1986; and Assistant City Manager in 1991, where he worked until 2005. Sid is currently the Director of Planning & Development for the Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation in El Cajon. He earned a BA and an MPA at San Diego State University. In 2000 Sid received a 25-year ICMA Service Award.



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**Marla P. Marcinko** is the Borough Manager in the Borough of Wilksburg, Pennsylvania. She began her public management career in 1989 as the Town Manager in West Deer Township, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. In 1994 Marla was appointed Borough Manager in Zelienople, Pennsylvania, where she served for some 11-years. In 2005 she became the Municipal Manager in Penn Hills, Pennsylvania, and she served there until appointed to her current post in Wilksburg in 2007. Marla has earned a BS from Northern Arizona University and an MPA from San Diego State University. In 2006 she was awarded a 10-year ICMA Service Award. She has served on the Board of the Association of Pennsylvania Municipal Management.

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Range Rider **James G. Marshall** began his public service/management career in 1972 as an Administrative Intern to the City Manager in National City. Following the internship he was hired as a National City Junior Planner. In 1973 Jim took an Environmental Inspector job in Duarte, where he served for a couple of years prior to being selected as the Planning Director in Ceres. In 1978 Jim was elevated to the Ceres City Manager position, and he served there for some 14-years. In 1992 Jim was appointed to the Merced City Manager post, and he served there for the next 16-years. In 2008 he became the Merced Interim City Manager during the recruitment process to find his replacement. Jim earned a BA from San Diego State University. In 2007 he was awarded a 35-year ICMA Service Award. Jim has served as an ICMA Range Rider since 2009.

**Romualdo J. Medina** has served as the City Manager in Calipatria since 2000. Prior to his appointment in Calipatria, he was the owner of R. J. Medina Construction. He previously served as a member of the Calipatria Unified School District Board of Trustees (1987-1995). He has an AA from Imperial Valley College, a BA from San Diego State University, and an MPA from National University. In 2010 Rom was awarded a 10-year ICMA Service Award.



91-year old **Mrs. John W. "Tiny" Simpson**, her eldest granddaughter **Kellee Simpson Hearther** and three great-grandchildren (L to R): **Katie Hearther**, 12; **Jessie Hearther**, 8, Kellee, Tiny and **Jamie Hearther** 10.

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Retired City Manager **Robert Griego** was a federal government Manpower Intern in 1969 in Washington, D.C. In 1977 he was hired by Whittier as a Workforce Planner, and in 1980 he was appointed to an Administrative Assistant post. Bob was elevated to Whittier Assistant City Manager in 1981 and served in that position for some 8-years. In 1989 Bob took the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer post in San Diego County. He returned to Los Angeles County in 1997 when he was appointed Irwindale City Manager. Bob moved back south for a time with in 2000 when he was appointed General Manager of the Otay Water District, but he returned to the Irwindale City Manager position in 2007, and retired in 2009. Bob earned an AA from Barstow College, a BA from San Diego State University and an MPA from UCLA. He served on the ICMA Executive Board as a Regional Vice President, 1992-1994. Bob was awarded a 25-year ICMA Service Award in 2008. Bob currently resides in Olympia, Washington.

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Recently appointed Del Mar Interim City Manager **Mark J. Ochenduszko** was a Personnel Analyst in La Mesa in 1984. In 1987 Mark was hired as the Director of Administrative Services in Coronado, and in 1991 he became the Assistant City Manager in Temecula. In 1992 Mark moved to Northern California to be the Campbell City Manager, and in 1996 he came back south when he was appointed City Manager in Cypress. Mark returned to the Coronado staff as City Manager in 1999 and retired from that position in 2010. He served as a Cal-ICMA Board Member from 2003 until 2005, and he was a member of the Board for the City Managers' Department of the League of California Cities between 2002 and 2004. Mark earned a BA and MPA from San Diego State University. In 2004 he received a 20-year ICMA Service Award.

San Diego State University has many famous alumni and faculty, among them are: **Fred Dyer**, actor and former NFL player for the Rams; **Mark Grace**, former Chicago Cubs first baseman and current color commentator for the Arizona Diamondbacks; veteran entertainer, the late-**Art Linkletter**; actor **Gregory Peck**; actress **Raquel Welch**; **Linda A. Lang**, Chairman & CEO of Jack in the Box; **Robert O. Peterson**, founder of Jack in the Box; **Jerry Sanders**, former Chief of Police and current Mayor of San Diego; Padres Manager **Bud Black**; former NFL star running back **Marshall Faulk**; former NFL coach and current NASCAR team owner, **Joe Gibbs**; former NFL quarterback **Brian Sipe** and many, many more.



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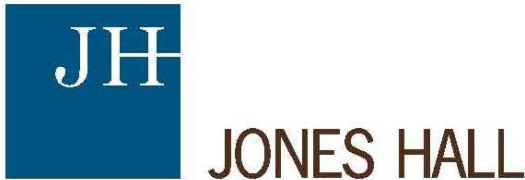


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Chula Vista City Manager **James D. Sandoval** was the Planning & Community Development Director in Imperial Beach in 1983, and took a similar post in Del Mar in 1987. In 1999 Jim was appointed Assistant Director

of Planning & Building in Chula Vista, and in 2003 he was elevated to Director. Jim was selected to serve as the Chula Vista City Manager in 2008. He has a BS from the University of California, Davis; and an MPA from San Diego State University. Jim is a former San Diego section Director for the American Planning Association. [http://www.ci.chula-vista.ca.us/City\\_Services/Administrative\\_Services/City\\_Admin\\_Manager/About/JimSandoval.asp](http://www.ci.chula-vista.ca.us/City_Services/Administrative_Services/City_Admin_Manager/About/JimSandoval.asp)

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**Glenn D. Southard** was an Administrative Services Officer in Riverside between 1974 and 1981. Glenn then became the Assistant to the City Manager in West Covina in 1981, prior to being appointed Assistant City Manager in San Juan Capistrano in 1985. Glenn was then recruited to be the Claremont City Manager in 1988, and he served in that capacity for some-17-years. In 2005 Glenn was appointed City Manager in Indio, retiring from that post in 2010. Glenn earned a BA from San Diego State University and an MPA from California State University. In 2001 Glenn was the recipient of the ICMA In-Service Training Award in Memory of Clarence E. Ridley, and he was also awarded a Program Excellence Award for Collaborative Children And Youth Initiatives from ICMA that year. Glenn was a long-time member of the California City Management Foundation Board of Directors. He served on the Cal-ICMA Board between 2003 and 2005.



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Retired Beverly Hills City Manager **Roderick J. Wood** was an Administrative Intern in Escondido in 1972, and then began moving up in that organization: Assistant Planner, 1972-1976; Associate Planner, 1976; Assistant City Manager, 1980; Interim City Manager in 1981-82, and then returning to the Assistant City Manager post until 1989 when he was appointed City Manager in Indian Wells. In 1992 Rod moved to Northern California to be the Novato City Manager, where he served for a dozen years. In 2004 he was appointed City Manager in Beverly Hills. He served for a time in 2009 and 2010 as Interim City Manager during the recruitment process to find his successor. Rod currently is President of RJ Woods Associates, Inc. He earned an AA from Palomar College, a BPA from San Diego State University and is currently working on an MBA on-line with the California State University system. Rod served as President of the City Managers' Department of the League of California Cities in 2003-2004. He also served as Chair of Cal-ICMA from 2008-2009. He is currently active in the ICMA Legacy Leaders program. Rod received a 35-year ICMA Service Award in 2007. [http://icma.org/en/icma/knowledge\\_network/people/contact/205501](http://icma.org/en/icma/knowledge_network/people/contact/205501)



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There are other notable San Diego State University graduates, including: **Alexandra Zimmermann**, Assistant to the City Manager in Vista, and a former League staffer; **Karen E. Wylie**, Mission Viejo Deputy City Manager; **Poway** Assistant City Manager **Penny Ann Riley**; Newport Beach Assistant City Manager **Dana M. Smith**; Interim Sacramento County Executive **Steven C. Szalay**, a former CSAC Executive Director; Belmont Director of Human Resources **Gregory L. Sam**; former City Manager **Luci Romero Serlet**, currently with the *HdL Companies*; former Barstow and Fontana City Manager **Jack Ratelle II**; **Dr. Roger L. Kemp**, who we've listed previously, who currently is a consultant in Meriden, Connecticut; Lake Forest Assistant City Manager **David E. Belmer**; Carlsbad Deputy City Manager **Cynthia Haas**; and many others.

With our "room constraints" we may need to consider putting another San Diego State University alumni list together for some future issue. For those we left out this time, we apologize. We hope you enjoy the presentation.

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They will never forget you till somebody new comes along"

--**Glenn Frey, John Souther and Don Henley**



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## Norwalk City Manager Ernie Garcia Takes a Well-Earned Retirement



Ernie Garcia and his wife Diane

Veteran Norwalk City Manager **Ernie Garcia** was honored at a special retirement reception and dinner in Norwalk on Friday, June 17, 2011. Ernie always treated his staff as family with the knowledge that it is people who matter in making things work. He firmly believes that an important factor for successful city managers is to have a good sense of humor: don't take yourself too seriously. Ernie is well thought of by his former city manager colleagues. Those attending the retirement program included: **Frank G. Tripepi, Jorge Rifa, Ron Bates, Mike Egan, Linda Lowry, Richard Powers, Jack Joseph, Howard Chambers, Gregory Korduner, Linda Benedetti-Leal,** and Trackdown's **Jack Simpson**. Ernie's son **Greg Garcia**, an Anaheim Deputy City Manager, did an outstanding job addressing the crowd gathered in his Dad's honor.

**Picking Up the Pieces:** Former La Mirada City Manager **Andrea Travis-Miller** is the new Assistant City Manager in San Bernardino. Portola City Manager **Jim Murphy** announced his retirement in early June. Jim served nearly 14-years as the Portola City Manager. **Leslie Tigan**, Administrative Services Manager/City Clerk, will fill in behind Jim. Jim is off to hike and fish in the High Sierras. Those who want tips on fishing Lake Davis can call Jim at home: 530-832-5202. City Manager **Joe Hoefgren**, who came to Palos Verdes Estates in 2007 after 15-years of service in Del Mar, has been terminated. Joe had replaced long-time veteran Palos Verdes Estates City Manager **Jim Hendrickson** when he retired after 17-years as city manager. It appears that Assistant City Manager **Judy Smith** will serve as Acting City Manager in Joe's absence. Pittsburg City Manager **Marc Grisham**, 60, retired in June, 2011. Marc is credited with the success of the downtown Pittsburg redevelopment project. Firebaugh City

Manager **Jose Antonio Ramirez**, 39, has been selected to be the new Livingston City Manager. Prior to coming to Firebaugh Jose was the City Manager in Orange Cove at age 28. Former Livingston City Manager **Richard Warne** is the new City Manager in Twentynine Palms. Interim Livingston City Manager **Vickie Lewis** will remain in the post until her retirement on July 15. Fremont Department of Community Development Business Manager **Don Dorman** has been selected the next Tulare City Manager. He will replace Interim City Manager **Dan Meinert**, who has served since **Darrel Pyle** resigned in November. **John Gillison**, 43, has been appointed City Manager in Rancho Cucamonga as recommended by retiring City Manager **Jack Lam**. John has been the Assistant City Manager for the past two years. Previous to joining the Rancho Cucamonga staff John served as City Manager in Sierra Madre. **Jack Lam** leaves on retirement August 31. Retired City & County Manager, and ICMA Past-President **Roy Pederson** is recuperating from successful cardiac by-pass surgery. He is a former City Manager in Porterville, Montebello, Scottsdale and Colorado Springs. Vista Assistant City Manager **Patrick Johnson** and Assistant to the City Manager **Aly Zimmerman** have been working with San Diego Gas & Electric to be able to report all the intricacies of turning out local street lighting for city budget savings. The Vista City Manager is **Rita Geldert**. The physical and economic ramifications should be thoroughly understood before any action is considered. Campbell Assistant to the City Manager **Al Bito** is the Interim City Manager to fill in behind City Manager **Daniel Rich**, who is leaving for Mountain View. **Mike Parness**, 57, Napa City Manager, returned to City Hall in May following medical leave, which began April 12 so that he could undergo a medical procedure for an unspecified medical condition.

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**Jennifer Quan** of the League of California Cities outstanding staff was presented with the *California Contract Cities Association's* highest honor at the group's June meeting in Rosemead; the El Matador Grande Award. Here Jennifer poses with former Rosemead City Manager and a past El Matador Grande Award winner who is currently an Executive with the Willdan consulting firm: **Frank G. Tripepi**.

**More Pieces Picked Up:** Martinez City Manager **Phil Vince** pointed out, that though it is a tough call, privatizing (contracting out) some services saves the city money on benefits. Also, contractors are only paid for the hours they work, and can be terminated when not needed. Dixon Chief of Police **Jon Cox** has been appointed Interim City Manager with Dixon City Manager **Nancy Huston** set to become the Solano County Assistant Administrator. Former City Manager **Nelson Oliva** (Hercules and Hawaiian Gardens) had successful surgery this past month, and is on the mend. **Lelia Chimbole**, known to her family and friends as "Vicki," passed away on Friday, June 10. She is the wife of former Palmdale Mayor and Council Member, and State Assemblyman **Larry Chimbole**, a past President of the California Contract Cities Association. Larry often attributed his election to the State Assembly to his wife's sparkling personality, innate kindness and good will to everyone she met. Trackdown condolences and prayers go out to Larry and his family. **Vicki Chimbole** is missed by all who knew her. Benicia City Manager **Brad Kilger** has appointed **Michael Dotson** as the new Benicia Parks and Community Services Director effective July 18, following the retirement of

Director **Mike Alvarez**. **Mike Dotson** has worked for the City of Benicia for 15-years and is currently the Assistant Director of Parks and Community Services. Vallejo Water Superintendent **Erik Nugteren**, on paid leave since late May, officially left city employment June 30. He is a well-respected 20-year Vallejo public works employee. Reportedly, Public Works Director **David Kleinschmidt** and Interim City Manager **Phil Batchelor** met with Erik prior to the decision. Erik will pursue other opportunities outside city service. American Canyon, where **Richard Ramirez** is City Manager, is mobilizing opposition to the draft redistricting plans of the California Citizens Redistricting Committee that would separate American Canyon from the rest of Napa County in its Congressional, State Senate and State Assembly Districts. **Michael Allan Bedwell** served as the Menlo Park City Manager from 1964 until 1991. He died March 9, 2008 at the age of 77. After his retirement in 1991 he served as the Interim City Manager in East Palo Alto in 1993. Alameda City Manager **John Russo** recently announced the appointment of **Mike Noonan** as Alameda Chief of Police. Mike has been serving as the Interim Police Chief since July of last year. He has been with the Alameda Police Department since 1986. In Long Beach, where **Pat West** is City Manager, Transportation Programs Manager **Sumire Gant**, 55, has retired leaving Department of Public Works Director **Mark Christoffels** with a difficult job to fill. Before coming to Long Beach some 10-years ago, Sumire worked with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority. Vallejo Interim City Manager **Phil Batchelor** has appointed Tracy's Economic Development Director **Ursula Luna-Reynosa** to head the newly created Vallejo Economic Development Department. She will report to Vallejo for work on July 25. Temecula City Manager **Shawn Nelson**, 51, has announced that he will retire in December after a dozen years as the Temecula City Manager, and 21-years at City Hall. He plans to devote some of his time to a nonprofit project called Jacob's House. Shawn's son, Jacob, was killed in an automobile accident in 2006. Newly appointed Lindsay City Manager **Rich Wilkinson** is the former Chief of the Lindsay Department of Public Safety. He will continue in that roll along with his City Manager duties. Encinitas City Manager **Phil Cotton** has retired.



California Contract Cities Association Executive Director **Sam Olivito** poses with Kinsell, Newcomb & de Dios Investment banking executive **Janees Williams**.



Attractive and function [Hawaiian Gardens](#) City Hall.

**Still Even More Piece Picked Up:** [Riverside](#) City Manager **Brad Hudson** has resigned to take the Sacramento County Chief Executive Officer post. Brad previously worked for Riverside County for more than 14-years. [Sonoma](#) City Manager **Linda Kelly** will be awarded the ICMA Community Partnership Award for her work on the successful Maloney Family Water-Wise Education Garden at the Sonoma Community Center. The award will be presented during the 2011 Annual ICMA conference in Milwaukee on September 21. **Eutimio "Tim" Chapa** is the new [Arvin](#) City Manager. Tim previously worked in the Cities of [Sanger](#) and [Fresno](#), and the school districts in [Sanger](#) and [Parlier](#). He has a BA from Stanford University and an MBA from Santa Clara University. [Pacific Grove](#) is exploring the levying of a "bag tax" to regulate single-use carryout bags (paper or plastic). Senior City Planner **Sarah Hardgrave** notes that such a regulation could encourage shoppers to bring their own reusable bags. Veteran City Manager **Raul Romero** has served as the [La Puente](#) Interim City Manager since January when he replaced **Al Holliman**. Al was appointed Interim when City Manager **Josi Kenline** resigned in December. **Erin Carlstrom**, President of the Redwood Business Alliance, points out that [Santa Rosa](#)'s Police Department has 45% of the City's employees who are paid in excess of \$100,000. [Santa Rosa](#) City Manager **Kathy Millison** has proposed a \$315 million budget, but points out that it does not fix the City's long-term deficit. The Police Department has a \$41.6 million budget baseline, and the 440-member Santa Rosa City Employee Association has reached impasse with the City and is heading to mediation. [Pittsburg](#) is restoring the 91-year-old California Theater, and converting it to a community playhouse in the City's redeveloped downtown. Assistant City Manager **Joe Sbranti** is hopeful the project will be complete in about a year giving the building its original 1920s look. **Pam Carder**, 61, is the Interim City Manager in [Riverbank](#). Pam is serving while the City decides on a new City Manager following the dismissal of City Manager **Rich Holmer**, who was placed on Administrative

Leave at the end of March. Pam is a retired [Lathrop](#) City Manager. City Manager **Chris Zapata** of [National City](#) was among the top five finalist considered for the Chandler, Arizona City Manager position. Interim City Manager **Rich Dlugas**, the former Chandler Assistant City Manager got the nod for the permanent post. **Mindy Jacobs** tells us that MGO and IntelliBridge Partners have moved their [Newport Beach](#) office to MacArthur Court. The telephone numbers remain the same. The new address is: 4675 MacArthur Court, Suite 60; Newport Beach 92660. **Deanna Santana**, 40, is [Oakland](#)'s new City Administrator. [Irwindale](#) City Manager **Sol Benudiz** has resigned to take a job with Southern California Edison. Assistant City Manager **Jeff Collier**, 52, will succeed [Whittier](#) City Manager **Steve Helvey** when Steve begins his retirement no later than January 1, 2012.

**Franklin Dixon "Frank" Lay** (March 18, 1933 – January 26, 2010) passed away in [Long Beach](#) on January 26, 2010 at the age of 76. He earned a BA from **USC**. He worked as an Administrative Assistant in [Montebello](#) and was the Assistant to the City Manager in [Salinas](#). He also served as a Deputy Director of the [Pasadena](#) Redevelopment Agency. In 1968 Frank was appointed City Manager in [Brawley](#), and in 1972 he became the City Manager in [Tracy](#). After that he served as the Urban Renewal Director in [Burbank](#) and then embarked on a long and successful career as a Southern California realtor. In 1991, after obtaining his teaching credential from San Diego State University, Frank was hired as an English and History teacher at Markham Middle School in the Los Angeles Unified School District. He taught for 16-years. His passions were deep sea fishing and **USC** Trojan football.



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