

# City Manager Newsletter by **Trackdown**

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California City Managers in "O" Cities



## California City Manager in Cities With Names That Begin With the Letter "O"

This issue of the City Manager Newsletter by Trackdown features a list of public managers who work in cities that have names that begin with the letter "O." Nothing magical about the list; just another way to look at California city managers. We have identified the "O" cities of Oakdale, Oakland, Oakley, Oceanside, Ojai, Ontario, Orange, Orange Cove, Orinda, Orland, Oroville, Oxnard and the County of Orange. We hope that you enjoy this issue. Please take a minute to send us a comment. We need all the help we can get.

Pictured here are **Kristine Guerrero**, Regional Public Affairs Manager for the League of California Cities, and Claremont Council Member **Sam Pedroza**, CCCA Legislative Committee Chair, Kristine and Sam attended the March meeting of the California Contract Cities Association City Managers/Administrator's Committee in Monterey Park. Los Angeles County D.A. **Jackie Lacey** and **Kosmont Companies** Founder and President **Larry Kosmont** addressed the group. Larry focused on AB 690.

**14th Annual Knapp Golf Classic  
Monday, May 20, 2013**




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## City Manager in "O" Cities



Oakdale City Manager **Bryan M. Whitemyer**, 37, began his public management career in 2001 as a Code Enforcement/Assistant Planner in the City of Ceres. In 2003 Bryan joined the Modesto staff as a Management Analyst, and in 2007 he was appointed Assistant City Manager in Patterson. After 3-years as the Patterson Assistant City Manager, Bryan was selected to serve as the City Manager in Hughson. He was recruited to be the Oakdale City Manager starting in February, 2013. Bryan earned an undergraduate degree from Brigham Young University and an MPA from California State University, Stanislaus. He is an Oakdale High School graduate and currently resides in Oakdale. He took over the City Manager post from Interim City Manager **Chuck Deschenes**, a retired Waterford City Manager. Bryan serves on the Stanislaus Council of Governments Management and Finance Committee, and he is a member of the Board for the Stanislaus Animal Services Agency.



Country Singer **Casey Simpson** sang the National Anthem at the Opening Day Ceremonies for a Long Beach youth league. Here she is with **Tyler Stibal**, son of Matt & Erin Stibal.



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**Deanna J. Santana** began her public management career as a Management Intern with the City of Oakland. She then served in an Oakland Management Analyst post from 1995 until 1999 when she was appointed Assistant to the City Manager in San Jose. Deanna served as the Acting San Jose City Clerk in 2004, and in 2005 she was the San Jose Chief of Staff. She was selected to served as a San Jose Deputy City Manager in 2006, where she served until being recruited to fill the Oakland City Administrator position. She became the Oakland City Administrator on August 1, 2011. Deanna earned a BA in Rhetoric and Ethnic Studies from the University of California, Berkeley and an MA in City Planning from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). In 2011 she received a 10-year ICMA Service Award. She serves on the Board of Directors for Women Leading Government (WLG). The San Francisco Business Times honored Deanna by listing her on the 2012 List of Most Influential Women in Business.



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Oakland Assistant City Administrator **Fred Blackwell**: As Assistant City Administrator, Fred Blackwell has functional oversight external service department and customer service initiatives. Prior to his position in Oakland, Fred served as Executive Director of the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency (SFRA). Before joining SFRA, Fred was the Director of the San Francisco Mayor's Office of Community Development, where he oversaw the City's Community Development Block Program. Fred earned a BA in Urban Studies from Morehouse College, and a graduate degree in City Planning from the University of California, Berkeley.



Oakland Assistant City Administrator **Scott P. Johnson**: Directed fiscal and internal operations for several local governments, including the cities of Santa Clara and Milpitas, and Santa Clara County. Prior to his appointment of Assistant City Administrator, Scott served for 10 years as the Director of Finance for the City of San Jose. He is a California Certified Public Accountant (CPA). Scott earned a degree in Business Administration with a minor in Accounting from California State University, Hayward.

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**HR Green, Inc.** Vice President **George Wentz** earned a BS in civil engineering from Michigan State University and an MPA from Keller Graduate School. In 2004 George was named as one of the top 50 Public Works Trendsetters in the United States.

**Alexandra Orologas** began her public service career in 2005 as an Intern in the District Attorney's office in Santa Cruz County. In 2006 she served as a Campaign Coordinator for a San Jose City Council candidate. In 2007 she took a Graduate Intern post in San Jose, and in 2008 she was slotted as a San Jose Management Fellow. In 2010 Alexandra was appointed to an Executive Analyst I post, and she served as a Senior Executive Analyst in an "Acting" capacity in 2010-2011. In 2011 she was appointed to a San Jose Executive Analyst II position. Later that year (2011) she joined the Oakland staff as the Chief of Staff to the City Administrator. Alexandra earned a BA from the University of California, Santa Cruz, and an MPA from San Jose State University.

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"If I knew I was going to live this long, I'd have taken better care of myself."

--**Mickey Mantle**, New York Yankee Outfielder

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Oakley City Manager **Bryan H. Montgomery** started his municipal government career as a City Management Intern in Provo, Utah in 1993. IN 1994 Bryan was appointed Assistant City Manager in Alamogordo, New Mexico where he served for about 3-years. In 1997 he was appointed to serve as the City Administrator in Rupert, Idaho. A year later in 1998 Bryan took the City Manager position in Mesquite, Nevada where he served for about 7-years. In 2005 he moved to California when he was appointed to the Oakley City Manager post. Bryan earned a BA in International Government Relations, and an MPA from Brigham Young University's Marriott School of Management. He speaks Spanish and has served in local government consulting capacities in Latin America. He teaches night classes at San Francisco State University. In 2003 he received a 10-year ICMA Service Award. He was a 1993 recipient of an ICMA Conference Assistance Scholarship.



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### City Manager in "O" Cities

**Nancy Marquez** is the current Assistant to the City Manager in Oakley. In 2004 Nancy graduated from Freedom High School located in Oakley, and earned a BA from San Francisco State University in 2009. Nancy earned an MPA from San Francisco State University in 2011. Prior to joining the Oakley city staff Nancy worked as a Community Organizer for the Contra Costa Interfaith Supporting Community Organization in Martinez.

Oceanside City Manager **Peter A. Weiss** began his public management career in 1986 as an Assistant Civil Engineer in Oceanside. Peter has never worked for any other public agency. In 1988 he became an Associate Civil Engineer, and in 1989 he was promoted to Senior Civil Engineer. Peter served as the Acting Deputy City Engineer in 1992-1993, and in 1993 he was appointed to the Deputy City Engineer position. After serving as Acting City Engineer in 1995-1997, Peter was selected to serve as the Oceanside City Engineer. He was appointed to the Director of Public Works position in 2000 and serve there for some seven-years. Peter was selected to serve as the Oceanside City Manager in 2007. He earned a BS in civil engineering technology from the University of Pittsburgh, Johnstown. In 2012 Peter received a 25-year ICMA Service Award. Peter is a former Ironman triathlete.



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Oceanside Senior Planner **Richard T. Greenbauer Jr.** is an Affiliate Member of ICMA. He began his public service career in 1999 as an Associate Planner in San Juan Capistrano. Richard joined the Oceanside staff in 2006 in his current Senior Planner position. He earned a BA from California State University, Fullerton. In addition to his city duties, Richard is a Lieutenant Commander (LCDR) serving with the Pacific Strike Team in the U. S. Coast Guard Reserves.



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"Half the lies they tell about me aren't true."

--Yogi Berra



## City Manager in "O" Cities



**Robert F. Clark** is the current City Manager in the City of Ojai in Ventura County. His first City Council meeting was in February, 2011. Prior to joining the Ojai staff Rob served about 7-years as the Town Manager in Mammoth Lakes starting in 2004. Prior to that he served for about 10-years as the City Manager in Avalon and held various position over 13-year period in the City of Laguna Beach, including Deputy City Manager. Rob took over the Ojai City Manager post from Interim City Manager **John Baker**. Rob earned a BA in Economics from the University of California, San Diego, and an MPA from the University of Southern California (**USC**). It is said that Rob enjoys horseback riding.

**Steve McClary** works as the Ojai Assistant to the City Manager. Prior to joining the Ojai staff Steve served in the City of Fillmore for about 11-years. Steve grew up in Woodland Hills and graduated from El Camino Real Senior High School there. He then attended Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, Washington. One of Steve's duties is to oversee the City of Ojai web site.



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**Chris Hughes**, 49, is the current City Manager in the City of Ontario having been appointed to that position in 2010. Prior to his appointment to the Ontario City Manager post, Chris served as the city's Fire Chief. Chris replaced City Manager **Greg Devereaux**, who took the Chief Administrative Officer job in San Bernardino County. Chris went to work for Ontario in 1988 as a firefighter and EMT. While with the Fire Department he served in a number of capacities including: Fire Captain, Fire Training Captain and Deputy Chief. He was promoted to the Fire Chief post in December, 2004 succeeding former Fire Chief **Jim W. Bowman**, who retired from the post.



Ontario Deputy City Manager **Al Boling** joined the Ontario staff in 1997 as an Internal Auditor. He had previously worked 8-years as a Senior Auditor for a Defense Contract Audit Agency. In 1999 he took a Project Manager/Auditor post, and in 2000 he was appointed to the Ontario Human Resources Director position. Al was selected to serve as the Ontario Fiscal/General Service Director in 2001 where he worked for a half-dozen years. He was promoted to Deputy City Manager in 2007. Al earned an Associate of Science degree in Economics from Chaffey College, and a BS in Public Accounting from California State University, San Bernardino.



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**City Manager in "O" Cities**

After working for Orange County for about 24-years, **John W. Sibley** was appointed Orange City Manager to replace retired City Manager **Dave Rudat**, who spent 33-years in office. John worked in a number of various department director position while with Orange County, including: Integrated Waste Management, Resources and Development, Employee Relations, Management and Budget, and he also worked in the County Executive's Office. In June, 2005 John began to serve four-months as the Orange Interim City Manager prior being appointed City Manager. John earned a BA and MPA from California State University, Fullerton. John also teaches a course, Art of Administration, offered by the Division of Political Science and Criminal Justice at California State University, Fullerton. In his spare time he enjoys playing tennis and retreating to Big Bear.



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In 1994, former City Manager **Jim Barisic** founded Brandywine with a business plan to help revitalize established neighborhoods and to convert existing underutilized space into needed housing.

Brandywine plans are being reviewed seeking approval from the city to build 51 townhomes across the street from the Richard Nixon Presidential Library & Museum. .

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**In Memory of former City Manager Gaylord Knapp and his son Scott Knapp**

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**Dennis Bradshaw**, former Mayor  
**Bruce Channing**, Laguna Hills City Manager  
**Mike Fleager**, Chino Hills City Manager  
**Art Gallucci**, Cerritos City Manager  
**Christi Hamilton**  
**Dan Joseph**, former City Manager  
**Doug La Belle**, former City Manager  
**Tom Mauk**, former county CEO & City Manager  
**Don Powell**, Interim Artesia City Manager  
**Mark Pulone**, Aliso Viejo City Manager  
**Dave Ream**, former City Manager  
**Gene Rogers**, former City Manager  
**Jim Ruth**, former City Manager  
**Bob Williams**, former City Manager

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"Never make predictions, especially about the future."  
 --Casey Stengel

## City Manager in "O" Cities

Orange Cove is a city in Fresno County southeasterly of Reedley. The Orange Cove 2010 census population was 9,078. **Samuel A. Escobar** is the Orange Cove City Manager. He was appointed to the City Manager post in August, 2011. Prior to being selected to serve as City Manager, Samuel served as an Assistant Engineer in Sanger, and as a Project Manager for Orange Cove (2005-2007). He began his working career in 2002 in the private sector working for a Costa Mesa architect. Prior to Samuel's appointment Orange Cove Chief of Police **Frank Steenport** served as the Interim City Manager for several months from the time City Manager **Alan J. Bengyel** left office.



Orinda City Manager **Janet S. Keeter** started her public service career in 1985 as an Assistant Coordinator of the San Joaquin County Hazardous Materials program.

She joined the Lodi city staff in 1991 as an Administrative Assistant to the City Manager where she worked for a couple of years before serving as the city's Education Coordinator from 1993 to 1995. She joined the Tracy city staff in 1995 as the Economic Development Manager/Executive Director, and in 1997 she returned to Lodi to serve as the Deputy City Manager. Janet served as the Interim City Manager in Lodi in 2004-2005, and she became Deputy City Manager in 2005. That same year, Janet was selected to serve as the Orinda City Manager. She earned a BA from the University of California and an MPA from California State University. In 2010 she received a 25-year ICMA Service Award.

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**Peter R. Carr**, 53, was stationed in the State of Washington from 1986 to 1990 as a Captain in the US Air Force. Pete went to work in the private sector from 1990 until 2007 when he was selected to serve as the Biggs City Administrator. After working in Biggs for about 5-years he was recruited to serve as the Orland City Manager. Orland, the most populous city in Glenn County, is located northerly of Willows. Pete earned a BA in business administration from California State University, Sacramento. Pete has volunteered as a coach and adviser for the Boy Scouts and youth baseball teams.

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May 16 - 19, 2013

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ICMA's West Coast Regional Summit, designed to gather ICMA members, state

association members and leaders, and other local government professionals, for professional development and information sharing, is planned for **April 18-19, 2013** at the Las Vegas Marriott. This year's theme, **ICMA: GREAT BY CHOICE**, will focus on a discussion of Jim Collins' *Twelve Questions for Leadership Teams* as he outlined in his keynote address at the 98th ICMA Annual Conference in Phoenix/Maricopa County, Arizona.

ICMA Executive Director **Bob O'Neill** and **Felicia Logan**, Director of Leadership Development, will lead a thought provoking ICMA University Workshop based on the work of **Jim Collins** and his book, *Great by Choice*. The agenda will feature discussion leaders from the west coast who will share their application of Jim's ideas in their communities.

The Summit is a full professional development package in just 24 hours; it launches at 1:30 p.m. Thursday and wraps up by noon on Friday.  
**Registration Fee: \$285**

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**Room Rate:** ICMA rate of \$99; *Indicate that you are attending the ICMA West Coast Regional Summit.*

**Questions:** Contact **Sallie Ann Burnett** at [sburnett@icma.org](mailto:sburnett@icma.org)

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When **Glenn H. Duffey** resigned in June, 2012 from the Oroville City Administrator post to become the Compton City Manager, **Pat Clark**, Director of Business Assistance and House was appointed Interim City Administrator. In November, 2012, **Peter Cosentini** was appointed Interim City Administrator. Peter received a 25-year ICMA Service Award in 2004. Glenn served as the Integrated Waste General Manager for the Sacramento Utilities Department from 2000 to 2006. From 2006 to 2010 he served as the Chief Assistant Director of Planning & Public Works in Yolo County. He was appointed Oroville City Administrator in 2011. Glenn earned a BA from the University of Redlands and an MPA from California State University, San Bernardino. Peter began his public management career as an Administrative Intern in Lodi in 1972. In 1975 Peter served an Internship with the staff of the California State Assembly, and in 1977 he was an Administrative Intern in Marina, and he took a similar position with Gilroy that same year. In June, 1978 Peter was appointed Assistant to the City Manager in Delano, where he served until 1980 when he was hired as an Administrative Assistant in San Bruno. In 1984 Peter became the Lompoc Assistant City Administrator, and he moved to a similar post in Oceanside in 1988. Peter was appointed City Manager in Galt in July, 1991. In February, 1996 Peter was appointed City Manager in Calistoga where he served for two-years. He served as the Santa Paula City Manager starting in 1998. He also served as City Manager in Half Moon Bay, San Jacinto and Montebello. He earned a BA and MPA from Chico State University.



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Oxnard Deputy City Manager **Grace Magistrate Hoffman** joined the Oxnard staff in 1983 as a Senior Management Analyst. After about 7-years in that position Grace was selected to serve in the Oxnard Office of Management & Budget in 1990. In 1997 she was promoted to Deputy City Manager. Grace earned a BS and MPA at the University of Southern California (**USC**). In 2012 she was the recipient of a 30-year ICMA Service Award.

Former Oxnard Assistant City Manager **Karen Burnham** was appointed Interim City Manager in early February, 2012 after City Manager **Ed Sotelo** was placed on paid leave. Ed has since retired.

**Bob Franz** has been serving as the Acting CEO in Orange County since the resignation of Chief Executive Officer **Tom Mauk** last August after 8-years in the office. Bob join the Orange County administration as Deputy CEO/Chief Financial Officer in January, 2007. He has served in public management positions for some 40-years, including positions in Glendale, Huntington Beach and Montebello.



## City Manager in "O" Cities



**Tom Mauk** began his public management career in 1967 as an Administrative Analyst for the City of Los Angeles. In 1970 he joined the Montclair city staff as the Assistant City Manager, and he served in that post until 1976 when he was appointed to the Norco City Manager position. Tom left Norco in 1980 when he was selected to fill the Whittier City Manager post. Tom served about 19-years as the Whittier City Manager. In 1999 he took the City Manager position in La Habra and served there until 2002. After a couple years in the private sector, Tom joined the Orange County staff as the County Executive Officer in 2004, and served there for 8-years until 2012. Tom earned a BS from California State Polytechnic College, Pomona, and an MPA from the University of Southern California (USC). In 2009 Tom was the recipient of a rare 40-year ICMA Service Award. He served on the ICMA Executive Board as a Regional Vice President, 1997-2000, and he served as the President of the League of California Cities City Managers' Department, 1995-1996.

Yes, it is rare that we include county officials in the Trackdown lists, but in this case both **Tom Mauk** and **Bob Franz** a number of city governments well. They are both "city managers." We hope you find this "O" list entertaining as well as informative.

### Green California Summit and Exposition

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April 18-19, 2013

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## "Tee Off With Tye"

Annual California Contract Cities Association  
Municipal Seminar Golf Tournament  
May 16, 2013



2013 California Contract Cities Association Annual Golf Tournament Committee meeting to put the final touches on the May 16 event during the CCCA's 54th Annual Municipal Seminar in Indian Wells. The "Tee Off with Tye" tournament entry fee is \$195 per golfer. For information call **Kelli Lofing** at 562-622-5533. Pictured here from left to right around the table are: **Gregory Korduner, Tony Olivito, Sam Olivito, John Kelly, Ernie Garcia, Ray Harris, Paul Philips, and Richard Fierro.**

### CCCA City Managers/Administrators Committee Meeting Thursday, March 28, 2013 in Monterey Park

Los Angeles County District Attorney **Jackie Lackey** and Economic Development Expert **Larry Kosmont** of the **Kosmont Companies** address the well-attended monthly committee meeting. Among those in attendance (this is not an official roll call) included: Committee Chair and Paramount City Manager **Linda Benedetti-Leal**; La Mirada City Manager **Tom Robinson** and Deputy City Manager **Anne Haraksin**; San Dimas City Manager **Blaine Michaels**; Lakewood City Manager **Howard Chambers** and Deputy City Manager **Carol Flynn Jacoby**; Diamond Bar City Manager **Jim Destefano**; Claremont City Manager **Tony Ramos** and Council Member **Sam Pedroza**, Chair of the CCCA Legislative Committee; Cudahy City Manager **Hector Rodriguez**; ICFA Executive Director **Debbie Smith**; Cerritos City Manager **Art Gallucci**; Rolling Hills Estates City Manager **Doug Prichard**; Norwalk City Manager **Mike Egan**; Lynwood City Manager **Roger Haley**; Lawndale City Manager **Steve Mandoki**; La Cañada Flintridge City Manager **Mark Alexander**; Santa Fe Springs City Manager **Thad McCormick**; South El Monte City Manager **Tony Ybarra**; Duarte City Manager **Darrell George**; **Matt Knabe** of **Englander, Knabe & Allen**; CCCA President **Diane Martinez**, a Paramount City Council Member; CCCA Executive Director **Sam Olivito**, Deputy Executive Director **Paul Philips** and Communications Director **Tony Olivito**; **Mark Risco** of **Willdan Financial Services** and **Willdan** Senior Vice President **Frank G. Tripepi**. We apologize to those we missed.

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# STIFEL

**Stifel**, a full-service brokerage and investment banking firm, established in 1890, acquired **Stone & Youngberg** several months ago and is now transitioning to the parent company name. Stone was among California's most solid public agency investment bankers for years. The old name will be missed by many old-timers.



**Picking Up the Pieces:** Four Walnut Creek staffers have been placed on paid administrative leave while the city conducts an internal investigation into their allegedly failing to report suspected child abuse by another city employee who has been dismissed. City Manager **Ken Nordhoff** confirms the investigation. Bradbury is recruiting for a Management Analyst. Applications are to be submitted by Wednesday, April 10. A Bachelor's degree in Public Administration or Business Administration or a related field is required. Retired Los Banos City Manager **Steve Rath**, who retired at the end of last October, reserved 13-years as the Los Banos City Manager starting in 1999. Los Banos is nearing a decision on a new City Manager. The Acting City Manager has been Police Chief **Gary Brizzee**. Novato is considering an endorsement of a safe-driving program that would seek local driver pledges that would require participants to commit to practicing safe driving habits throughout the city, including not texting or talking on a cell phone while driving. Residents who sign the pledge, which begins at the end of the month, will get decals. Longtime Lemoore City Manager **Jeff Britz** has resigned following a City Council vote to terminate him. Jeff has served as the Lemoore City Manager since 2004. Police Chief **Jeff Laws** is the initial Acting City Manager. A 200-foot wind turbine will soon be in Coronado's Centennial Park. The new wind turbine will generate enough electric power to supply all the golf carts on Coronado Island. Since it is a Federal Project, no local or State planning or environmental regulations apply due to Federal preemption. Chico's new Assistant City Manager **Mark Orme** has filled the position vacated in January by former Assistant City Manager **John Rucker**. Chico City Manager **Brain Nakamura** continues to work toward the implementation of a departmental reorganization to improve cost-efficiency and effectiveness.



Martinez City Manager **Philip Vince** is an MPA graduate of San Francisco State University. Phil is a Past President of MMANC (2004). He previously served as Town Manager in Moraga. San Anselmo Town Manager **Debra Stutsman** reports that residential burglaries in San Anselmo and other Central Marin cities have increased during the past several months. Debra notes that in a majority of the burglaries entry has been gained through unlocked doors or windows. Debra has been with San Anselmo for 22-years, ten as the Town Manager/Administrator. She earned a BA from California State University, Hayward/East Bay. Monterey City Manager **Fred Meurer** is planning to retire this summer after 22-years in the post. The city is considering recruitment issues at this time. Former Hanford Deputy City Manager **Mary Lindsay** has filed legal action accusing the City and the former City Manager of workplace discrimination against women and illegal retaliation against a former colleague. The former Deputy City Manager has testified in several cases involving former Hanford City Managers. Former City Manager **Hilary Straus** left Hanford in February, 2012, and **Mary Lindsay** was terminated in May, 2012. Hilary is currently serving as the Assistant City Manager in South Pasadena. Former Draper, Utah City Manager **Layne P. Long**, 57, is the new City Manager in the City of Marina. He takes over for Interim City Manager **Doug Yount**, who took the helm about a year ago when former City Manager **Tony Altfeld** was relieved of duty. Layne left Draper in June, 2012. Laguna Woods City Manager **Leslie Keane**, 64, was taken to Mission Hospital in Mission Viejo for facial injuries and an injured right arm following a single party accident while she drove a scooter on Friday, March 22. Leslie was driving an electric .scooter on Moulton Parkway near El Toro Road. The accident occurred at 8:41 in the morning. According to CiteZONE Vice President **Mary Soto**, her firm has two goals in their processing that differ from any other citation processing service, which are a) a full web-based system that can be accessed from any computer, cell phone or laptop; and b) their Public Access Zone which allows citizens better access to the system in order to allow them to contest citations, pay fines, inquire about specific citations, view any photographs taken that relate to a specific citation.





**More Pieces Picked Up:** Petaluma City Manager **John Brown** has had his employment agreement extended for six-years. Originally from Southern California, John previously served as the City Administrator in Woodburn, Oregon and as City Manager in Jackson. Imperial County's City of Westmoreland incorporated in 1934. Elected City Treasurer **Anne Graham**, and City Clerk **Sally Traylor**, who also serves at Finance Officer, handle the administrative functions for the Westmoreland city organization. Carlsbad Interim City Manager **John W. Coates** has dropped the "Interim" from his title and settled in to be the replacement for retired City Manager **Lisa Hildabrand**. John previously served as the Carlsbad Assistant City Manager and Parks & recreation Director. He joined the staff in January, 2010. Prior to that he served as the Director of Community Services in Santee. He has a BS from Virginia Tech and an MPA from Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia. Before **Chuck Prince** was appointed to replace **John Longley** as Avalon City Administrator in 1988, he previously served as the Assistant City Administrator in Oroville. Retired Fairfield City Manager **Kevin O'Rourke** is serving as the Interim City Manager in Santa Ana.



## Steve Laffoon

(April 12, 1943 - March 15, 2013)

Born in Long Beach, Steve worked as a Building Inspector for several cities, but was employed by the City of Long Beach for most of his career. He was a Long Beach Woodrow Wilson High School graduate. He retired in 2009. A Memorial Service was held for Steve at Calvary Chapel Los Alamitos, March 24, 2013.



California Contract Cities Association Director of Communications **Tony Olivito** setting up the audio visual equipment prior to the March meeting of the CCCA City Managers/Administrators' Committee.

## Billie Lee Brehm (1928 - 2013)

Los Alamitos Interim City Manager **Gregory Korduner** lost his mother **Billie Lee Brehm** when she passed away on the Monday morning, March 25, 2013. Billie was born April 12, 1928 in Nena, Wisconsin. She is survived by her sons **Gregory D. Korduner** and **Paul Michael Korduner**, daughters-in-laws Karen and Susan, and grandchildren Lauren, Alison, Samuel, Sean, Justin, and Suzette. This picture was taken during the past year.



**Greg Korduner** and his mother **Billie Lee Brehm**



**Sylvia Rodriguez & Susan Simpson** who worked together on the Hawaiian Gardens staff in the early 1980s. Sylvia also worked at Bellflower city hall.