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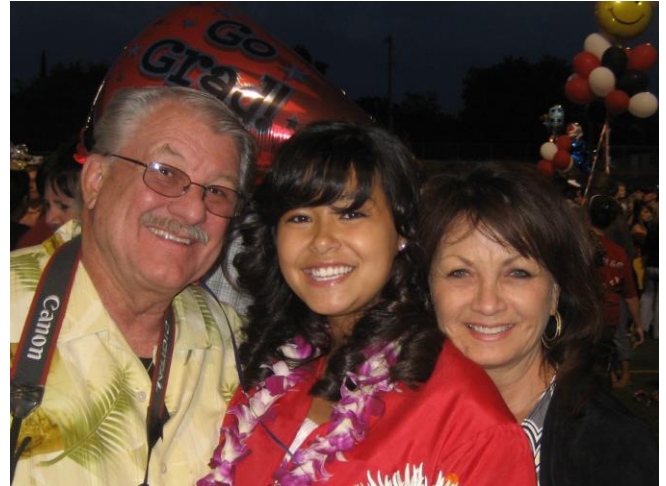
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## California’s City Manager “Johns”

Yes! California city management has many “Johns.” There are many city managers, assistants and Department Heads who are Bills, Bobs...err, Williams, Roberts, Daniels and Richards too. However, every city hall and administrative office features a “John” or two.

Let’s have some fun! So suffice it to say that the reason we are naming “Johns” is because my late-father is **John Woodson “Jack” Simpson**, and we have a son named John...**John Kimmett Simpson**...who we are very proud of, who lives in Billings, Montana where he is a high school teacher and an assistant varsity football coach. Besides “John” is a good name to start this kind of listing... just because.



Trackdown Management Services’ Jack A. Simpson and Susan Simpson happily pose with Granddaughter **Brittney Sugar** following her high school graduation ceremonies at Cordova High School in Rancho Cordova on Friday, May 30, 2008.

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## California's City Manager

### "Johns"

Of course, each and every one of us uses a "john" from time-to-time, so the John name has a personal familiarity for us all. Since we are talking city managers, though we wish it would never happen, occasionally one of us demonstrates poor judgment and becomes a "john," a fact newspaper and other media folks enjoy writing about in headlines. This situation usually ends with a resignation or a sacking. These are not the Johns we have listed here.

**John Adams** helped draft the Declaration of Independence in 1776, and served as the Second President of the United States. **John Hancock** signed the Declaration extra large so that King George could read his name. **John Adams'** son **John Quincy Adams** was a U.S. Senator from Massachusetts, served as the sixth U.S. President, and was a member of the House of Representatives during the last 17-years of his life.

California Lt. Governor **John Garamendi** gave the Saturday morning breakfast session "Keynote Address" at the 49th Annual Municipal Seminar of the *California Contract Cities Association* Conference, "Taking the Greening Path," May 29 – June 1 in Indian Wells.

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Back in the '70s and early '80s there seemed to be more "Johns" around. One of the nicest "tough guy cops" we met in those years was LASD Inspector **John Arruda**. (The Inspector rank is now "Commander.") One of John's staff at the time was a young Sergeant named **John Hammargren**, who became a good friend, and later retired from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department as a Commander. There was also **John Anderson**, who like Hammargren, served as a Station Commander at Lakewood Station, retired as an LASD Chief and then joined the "dark side" as a member of the Bull Head City City Council. Also in the public safety pew was **John England**, who served as Los Angeles County Forester and Fire Warden (Fire Chief) for a time.



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Another '60s and '70s John in the "contract city" county gang was **John E. Maulding** of the County Engineers office. Among his assignments were a District Engineer position, the official county SOB for a time (Superintendent of Building), and the Chief Engineer in the Mapping Division. Later John took his match games, rope tricks and "woofel dust" to the private side where he joined the leadership at *Willdan*. John was the *San Gabriel Valley Water Master* when he passed away. John was our son John's Godfather.



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There have been three League of California Cities' City Managers' Department Presidents named John: **John Wentz** of Beverly Hills, in 1959; **John Goss** of Chula Vista, 1993-94; and **John Thompson** of Vacaville, 2000-01.

Some "Johns" come to mind on whom we are either unable to find career/biographical information, or whom we have named in a previous list, including: **John Donlevy**, of Winters; **John Dever** of Long Beach (February 2008 issue); former Bellflower & Signal Hill City Manager **John W. Jameson**; former La Mirada and Commerce City Manager **Claude John Klug** (March, 2008 issue); retired Long Beach City Manager **John Mansell** (March, 2008 issue); Paramount Assistant City Manager **John Moreno**; Roseville Assistant City Manager **John Sprague**; La Palma Assistant City Manager **John DiMario**; and **John Oliver**, former Deputy to Los Angeles County Supervisor **James Hayes** and later an elected City Clerk in Redondo Beach.



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Outside of city management there are many, many notable "Johns," including: **John Wooden**, the "Wizard of Westwood," **UCLA's** most successful basketball coach; Major League Baseball catchers **John Roseboro** of the Los Angeles Dodgers, and **Johnny Bench**, who visited with his Cincinnati Reds team; actor and funnyman, known as one of the "Blues Brothers," **John Belushi**; ultra conservative political organizer **John Birch**; rocker **John Bonjovi**; another funnyman/actor known for his roles in *Spaceballs*, *Uncle Buck*, *Cool Running* and many others, **John Candy**, who died of a heart attack in 1994; actor and Cubs and Chicago White Sox fan **John Cusack**; designer/developer of the Pontiac GTO muscle car and the "Back to the Future" DeLorean, the late-**John DeLorean**; Beverly Hills resident, the famous Watergate trial witness and defendant **John Dean**; **John C. Fremont**, who was one of the first pair of United States Senators from California, and in 1856 was the first Presidential candidate of the new Republican Party; Emmy winning actor for his role of Dan Connor on *Roseanne*, **John Goodman**; former Super Bowl winning Oakland Raiders' Head Coach and celebrated football broadcaster **John Madden**; one of the first modern preservationist/environmentalist and Founder of the Sierra Club and former resident of Martinez, **John Muir**; Salinas Valley native, and one of the best-known and most widely read American writers of the 20th Century, **John Steinbeck**; actor/dancer **John Travolta**; former **USC** and NFL Rams Head Football Coach **John Robinson**; and actor and patriot **John Wayne**. Of course, there are scads more California "Johns" that are famous and/or notable.



## City Manager "Johns"

We have attempted to present a good representative list of city management "Johns" in this issue of the City Manager Newsletter by Trackdown. Again, we have utilized the ICMA Who's Who Directory as our primary research tool. Please forgive any errors. No omission has been intentional, and we apologize for either and both.

Former Berkeley City Manager **John L. Taylor**, whose last listed position in the ICMA Who's Who Directory is Clerk of the Board for the City and County of San Francisco, began his career as an Administrative Assistant in Xenia, Ohio in 1955. In May, 1956 he became the Municipal Manager in Narberth Borough, Pennsylvania, and in September, 1960 he took a similar position in Lakewood Township, New Jersey. In January, 1964 John was appointed Assistant City Manager in Fresno, and in November of the next year he became City Manager. In February, 1968 John became the City Manager in Kansas City, Missouri, and he served there until his appointment as Berkeley City Manager in February, 1974. He left Berkeley in 1976 and spent the next 8 years consulting and working in private business. In April, 1982 he became the Clerk of the Board in San Francisco, and he retired in 1999. John has a BA from Middlebury College, Vermont and an MGA from the University of Pennsylvania. He has earned a 35-year ICMA Service Award, and was the recipient of the Clarence E. Ridley Award presented by ICMA in 1971. John currently lives in Vancouver, Washington.



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**John M. Bingham** is another current Vancouver resident. He earned a BS and an MS from Brigham Young University, and began his public service career in 1965 in Orem, Utah. After a short stint on the private side, John was selected as an Administrative Assistant in Hanford in 1968. He was appointed City Administrator in Riverbank in November, 1970, and in 1975 he was selected as City Manager for Hazelwood, Missouri, where he only served for three months. In 1976 John became City Manager in Newman and in 1978 he moved to the City Manager position in Sunnyside, Washington. Between 1981 and 1989 John worked on the private side until he was appointed City Manager in Lathrop. In February, 2000 John became the Selma City Manager, and he took the McCook, Nebraska City Manager job in November, 2000. His last listed City Manager position is Damascus, but it fails to say whether it is Syria, Oregon, Virginia, Pennsylvania or some other Damascus. John has earned a 25-year ICMA Service Award.

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California Redevelopment Association Executive Director **John F. Shirey** got his career started in 1972 as an Administrative Assistant in Monterey Park. He was appointed to a Legislative Analyst position in Long Beach in 1975, and moved to the Director of Intergovernmental Relations in 1976. In 1979 John took a position with the National League of Cities in Washington, D.C. He returned to California in late 1982 to be the Assistant Executive Director on the Los Angeles County Community Development Commission, where he only work for about a month before being appointed Deputy Chief Administrative Officer and then in 1986 Assistant Chief Administrative Officer in Los Angeles County. In April, 1987 John returned to Long Beach as the Assistant City Manager. In October, 1993 John became the City Manager of Cincinnati, Ohio where he served for a little more than 8-years. He assumed the CRA Executive Director position in 2002. John has a BS from Purdue University and an MPA from USC. He was a 2001 recipient of the ICMA Program Excellence Award for Outstanding Partnerships: Intergovernmental Cooperation. He has a 25-year ICMA Service Award.

### City Manager "Johns"

**John W. "Jack" Slota** has earned a 35-year ICMA Service Award. His first position was in 1971 as an Administrative Assistant in Placentia. In 1978 Jack became the Assistant to the City Administrator in Placentia and the Assistant City Administrator in July 1982. He left Placentia in May, 1993 to be the City Administrator of Gridley where he retired in February of this year (2008).

**Grandson Tyler Pouncéy** shakes hands with Buzz Lightyear at Disneyland in Anaheim; May, 2008.



### M.D. "Mac" McKeown Birthday Celebration

An 85th birthday celebration for retired City Manager **M. D. "Mac" McKeown** on July 18 at Parker's Lighthouse in Long Beach included: **Ray Harris**, **Bill Holt**, **Andy Lazzaretto**, **David Lund**, **Arnoldo Casillas**, **Lainey McKeown**, Guest of Honor **Mac McKeown**, **Judy Chilcot**, **Charlie Wagner**, **John Johnston**, **Judy Stark**, **Pat West**, **John Keisler** and **Jack Simpson**.

### City Manager "Johns"

**John H. Danielson** is the new Interim City Manager in the newly incorporated City of Willdomar. In 1988 John was an Assistant Director of Community Services in Benicia. In 1991 he went to Santa Clarita as the Community Services Manager, and worked there until he was appointed Village Manager in Incline, Nevada on the shores of beautiful Lake Tahoe. John was appointed City Manager in Elk Grove in 2001 and served there until April of this year. He has a BS from the University of California, Davis.



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**John E. Tooker** began his local government career as a Personnel Analyst for the County of San Bernardino in 1972. In 1974 John moved to Orange County for a similar position. After as a Program Director for the Intergovernmental Council between late 1974 and 1976, John was appointed Personnel Officer in Santa Barbara. In July 1981 he became the Assistant to the City Manager in Santa Barbara, and in 1986 he was appointed Assistant City Manager in Oxnard. In November, 1991 John was selected to be the Yucaipa City Manager where he served until this year. He has a BA from CSU, and a 30-year ICMA Service Award.



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Ventura County Executive Officer **John Johnston** passed the County's reins to his top deputy **Marty Robinson** on April 1 and retired. A third-generation Southern Californian, John's father...also John...worked with many California city incorporations. John, known as "Johnny" to many, began his public service career as an Intern in Artesia in 1965. Following another semester as an Intern in Paramount, Johnny became the Assistant City Manager in Compton, prior to his return to Artesia as City Manager in 1968. In about 1971 Johnny moved to Ojai as City Manager. Following a few years in real estate development, Johnny spent most of the 1990s as the Deputy Executive Officer for the Los Angeles County Superior Court. In 1998 he was appointed to head up Ventura County's Parks Department, and then became the Director of the General Services Agency. In 1999 Johnny was appointed "County Administrative Officer" and soon after the Board changed his title to "County Executive Officer." He is a graduate of California State University, Long Beach. He finished the 2003 Los Angeles Marathon and likes to play the guitar.



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Orange City Manager **John W. Sibley** began his career in 1973 as an Assistant to the City Manager in Tustin. In 1976 he joined the Orange staff and served in various positions until 2001 when he was appointed Assistant City Manager. He has been City Manager since March, 2005. John has a BA from Cal Poly, Pomona and an MPA from California State University, Fullerton.



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Cypress City Manager **John B. Bahorski** began his city government career in 1985 as a Management Assistant to the Deputy City Manager in Dallas, Texas. In 1987 he became the Assistant to the City Manager in Del Mar, and in 1992 John was appointed City Administrator in Calistoga. John was selected to be the Grover Beach City Manager in 1995, and in 1997 he took the Dana Point City Manager position. In 2001 John moved to Seal Beach as City Manager, and he was appointed in Cypress in February, 2007. John has a BPA from Wayne State University and an MPA from Ohio State University. He has earned a 20-year ICMA Service Award.

Since 2003 **John M. Wohlmuth** has been the Executive Administrator for the Coachella Valley Association of Governments. He started his career in 1983 as an Intern in Grand Terrace, and became an Administrative Assistant in the Public Works Department in Palm Desert in 1986, starting a 13-year run with the city, serving as: Senior Administrative Assistant, Environmental Manager, Administrative Assistant to the City Manager, and Assistant City Manager/Director of Administrative Services. John left Palm Desert in December, 1999 to accept the County Administrative Officer position in Mono County. John has a BS from the University of California, Riverside and an MPA from CSU. He has a 20-year ICMA Service Award.

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Porterville City Manager **John R. Longley** began his career in 1974 as an Administrative Adie for the League of California Cities. In 1975 he took an Administrative Assistant position with Rio Vista, and in May, 1976 he was selected in Greenfield to serve as their City Manager. In 1980 John moved to the Avalon City Manager position and in 1982 he became City Manager in Farmersville. John returned to Avalon in 1984 and worked there until he was appointed City Manager in Marina in 1988. He has been in Porterville since 2002. John has an AA from Porterville College, a BA from San Jose State University and an MA from the University of California. He has a 30-year ICMA Service Award.



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**John R. Gillison** began his city government career in Cerritos as a Management Analyst in 1994. John moved to Pomona in 2000 as a Principal Management Assistant, became the Assistant to the City Manager in 2001, and was named Deputy City Manager in December 2002. John was appointed Sierra Madre City Manager in 2005, and moved to Rancho Cucamonga in 2007 to serve as Deputy City Manager/Administrative Services Director. John has earned a 10-year ICMA Service Award.



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**John A. Meyer** is the Vice Chancellor for Resource Management/Planning at the University of California, Davis. Following about 5-years as a consultant, John became a Special Assistant Management Intern in Oakland in 1985. In 1987 he went to Davis as the Assistant to the City Manager, and then Deputy City Manager in 1988. After working with Shannon Associates between May, 1989 and October, 1990 John was appointed Davis City Manager and served there until June, 2002, nearly ten years. John has a BA from the University of California and an MPA from USC. He has a 10-year ICMA Service Award.

Only the second "John" to serve as MMASC President, **John P. Keisler** is a Performance Management Analyst in the City of Long Beach (the first "John" MMASC President was **John Shirey**, 1975-76). John has served as a Long Beach Management Analyst with rotations in the Budget Office, City Manager's Office, Department of Library Services, and the Port of Long Beach. He has bachelor degrees in Philosophy and Religion from St. Olaf College in Minnesota. He also has an MPA from USC. As part of the Teach For America Program, John taught for three years at Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary School in Newark, New Jersey. Prior to joining the Long Beach staff, John worked two-years with the League of California Cities, Orange County Division and the Orange County Council of Governments.

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Former Manteca Deputy City Manager **John E. Nowak** started as a Senior Community Planner in Nashville, Tennessee in 1974. In 1976 he was elevated to Principal Community Planner, and in 1979 he did a 5-month service with the State of Tennessee as a Local Affairs Coordinator. In October, 1979 he became a Community Development Analyst for the Mid Cumberland Council of Governments in Tennessee. In August, 1981 John joined the Lancaster staff as an Administrative Assistant. In 1986 John went to San Marino as the Assistant City Manager and was appointed City Manager in 1987. In 1991 he was selected to be the Lawndale City Manager. He went to San Gabriel as the Deputy City Administrator in 1992, and in 1998 he joined the Moorpark staff as the Assistant City Manager. In 2000 John moved to Culver City as the Assistant Chief Administrative Office. In 2003 John went to San Bernardino County as the Redevelopment Administrator, and in November 2007 he joined the Manteca staff. He resigned in July. He has a BA from Siena College in New York and an MPA from West Virginia University. John has a 30-year ICMA Service Award.




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**John L. Maltbie** has been the County Manager in San Mateo County since 1989. His career started in 1968 in San Jose. He worked in Santa Clara County, and served as City Manager in Milpitas and Glendale, Arizona. John has a 35-year ICMA Service Award, a BA and an MA from San Jose State University. In 2001 he received the ICMA Program Excellence Award for Outstanding Partnerships: Public-Private.



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**Michael Colantuono** leads the firm's LAFCO practice along with **Holly Whatley**. Michael was a member of the Commission on Local Government in the 21st Century which proposed what became a complete revision of the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act, which governs LAFCOs.

Michael is General Counsel of the Yuba County LAFCO and conflicts counsel to the LAFCOs of Nevada, Orange and San Diego County. Holly is assistant conflicts counsel for San Diego LAFCO and lead counsel in a suit against that agency involving an annexation for a Home Depot project. C&L represents LAFCOs, cities, and special districts and other parties with respect to all manner of LAFCO proposals; the firm served as *pro bono* counsel to the Hacienda Heights incorporation effort which made the ballot in Los Angeles County a few years back.

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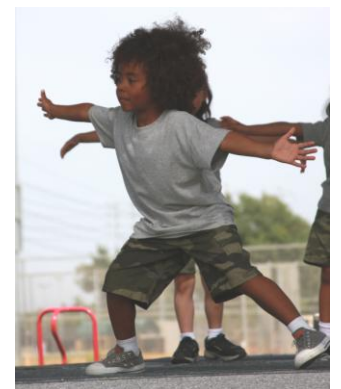
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**P**icking Up the Pieces: In late June, Oakland Mayor **Ron Dellums** put City Administrator **Deborah Edgerly** on administrative leave until her July 31 retirement. Oakland Community and Economic Development Agency Director **Dan Lindheim** is Acting City Administrator. La Mesa City Manager **Sandra L. Kerl** has worked with the city since 1987, and has a BA and MBA from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. Millbrae City Manager since October 2004 **Ralph Jaeck**, 63, will retire in October, and may do interim work or resume his college teaching career, but will pursue more time with his family. Fontana Mayor **Mark Nuaimi** is also the Assistant City Manager in Colton. Sonoma City Manager **Linda Kelly** and staff are taking refuge in temporary office space while their 100-year old City Hall receives a refurbishing, ADA upgrades and minor adjustments to the upstairs workspace. **Charles Cate** was the first Calabasas City Manager, appointed in 1991 and served until he retired 8-years later. Laguna Woods City Manager **Leslie Keane** is the City Managers' Department 2008 appointee to the League's Policy Committee on Administrative Services. Ashland, Oregon City Administrator **Martha J. Bennett** was a Management Intern in Pinole for more than a year in 1992-93. South El Monte, where **Tony Ybarra** is City Manager and **Jennifer Vasquez** is Assistant City Manager, was awarded a \$76,828 California Department of Transportation grant to improve the Santa Anita/Tyler Avenue corridor. In September San Leandro City Manager **John J. Jermanis Jr.** (another "John") will retire after 37 years with the city, a dozen as city manager, and Assistant City Manager **Steve Hollister** will be Interim. Former Oakland City Manager **Robert Bobb** (1997-2003), currently the President of the Washington, D.C. school board, is working as a consultant to assist Oakland shore up the city's administration. **Jay Tashiro** is the Interim Town Manager in Moraga with **Phil Vince** taking the helm in Martinez behind the retirement of City Manager **Don Blubaugh**.

We must give an Honorable "John" Mention here to **Leroy Ken "Catfish" Johnson**, a genuine character, who was known when working undercover to use the aliases: **Ashley Monitgue III** or **Dr. Krackleton Hobbs**. "Catfish" helped us develop an awesome friendship with the late **Howard Earle**, then-Assistant Sheriff. After Howard left the department he was a professor at California State University, Los Angeles, and taught occasional classes at California State University, Long Beach and **USC**. Howard is considered by many to be the "Father of Police Community Relations." The last we heard, "Catfish" was living in Florida.

Pismo Beach Public Works Director and City Engineer **Dennis Delzeit**, 62, has retired. On July 12, 2008 Rolling Hills Estates City Manager **Doug Prichard** swam from the beach at Aquatic Park in San Francisco out and around Alcatraz Island in 1:28.57 to finish 7th of 35 swimmers in the *Third Annual "Swim Around The Rock"* event. Visalia Assistant City Manager **Carol Cairns**, 61, the City's first full-time female police officer in 1971, is retiring after 38-years with Visalia where she worked for six different city managers. Rising fuel costs are causing price increases across the board, including the ferry tickets for the Alameda/Oakland line on the Harbor Bay route. Alameda City Manager **Debra Kurita** has authority to raise the fares again if fuel prices continue to climb and are not offset by increased ridership. Pacific Grove City Manager **Jim Colangelo**, 49, has resigned but will stay on until mid-December to help the city with the transition to a new city manager. Scotts Valley City Manager since 1991 **Chuck Comstock**, 60, has retired and **Steven Ando**, the Deputy City Manager, is slated for the position. Colma City Manager **Diane McGrath** retired effective August 1st.



**On the left** is San Francisco Giants' super fan **Tim Kerr** in the uniform jersey (Tim is the Turlock City Manager), and former Giants' 2nd baseman **Robby Thompson** at an Inter-league game in Cleveland this summer. Robby played major league baseball for 11-years (1986-96); all with the Giants. **On the right** is Grandson **Tyler Pouncéy** hip hop dancing at a special City of Cerritos program at the Cerritos Regional Park early this summer.

## City Manager Prichard Swims Around Alcatraz Island

This is the first time in our short history that we have pushed our newsletter to eleven pages, but we think this story is well worth it. Sure "The Incredibles" are a cartoon family, but they have nothing on the real life California City Manager "Mr. Incredible." We have provided a *Reader's Digest* version of Rolling Hills Estates City Manager **Doug Prichard's** account of his awesome performance in the Third Annual "Swim Around the Rock" event in San Francisco...a distance of 3.25 miles "out, around and back."



City Manager Douglas R. Prichard began his public management career in Bellflower as an Administrative Assistant in 1982. He moved to Rolling Hills Estates in 1985 as the Assistant City Manager, and he was appointed City Manager in 1990. Doug has a 20-year ICMA Service Award. Doug has a BA from the University of California.

On July 12, 2008, Doug swam from the beach at Aquatic Park in San Francisco out and around Alcatraz Island (The Rock). Doug did it in 1:28:57 and finished seventh out of 35 swimmers, and second among men who made the swim without wetsuits. At 50-years old he has been able to weather the stresses of the city management craft and find the time to keep extraordinarily fit.

Doug's wife Kathy stepped in to be the official race photographer as the planned photographer had to bail at the last minute. The water was a "cool" 58 degrees; Doug says it was "manageable." Those interested in viewing a map of the course should visit the web site at:

<http://www.waterworldswim.com/sar/intro.html>

During this "Swim Around The Rock" event Doug said that he saw a red swim cap from time-to-time but for the most part he was left alone to find his pace and seek the quickest course line. Finding and taking the right course is part of the appeal of open water swimming. It is not simply about putting your head down and churning out strokes. It requires handling unpredictable currents, course management and judgment, adjusting to changing conditions and sometimes relying on just plain luck. Of course, a well-prepared swimmer makes his or her own luck.



Doug, ever the City Manager, notes that the event "...was an extremely well run event." He says that the organizers are expert at putting on such an event from the Coast Guard cooperation in temporarily closing the channel to shipping, to the tests swims, the briefings, the safety kayaks, the timers, the post-race feast and the awards presentation...Doug says, "...handled expertly..." by Race Director **Pedro Ordenez** and Events Manager **George Rehmert**.

Doug notes that the winning time was 1:14:01 by a male without a wetsuit. He also points out that the sixth place swimmer, ahead of him by more than a minute, was a fourteen year old girl...no wetsuit. There are some awesome swimmers out there and Doug Prichard is among them.

Doug's next big swim challenge is the ten mile Maui Channel. He plans to swim solo from Lani to Maui on August 30. In the meantime Doug is the new Chair of the California Contract Cities Association's City Manager and Administrators' Committee.

