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## California's City Finance Directors Have A Big Job During Poor Economic Times

During the current prolonged economic crisis that has all levels of government and the private sector reeling, finance issues are continually in the spot light. Department heads have always been important people to the professional administration of governments, especially in city management. Department head "managers" are generally hard working important cogs in any successfully management team. So with that in mind, we set out to produce a list of some of California's city Finance Directors. We started by visiting the ICMA Who's Who Directory, and found that few Finance Directors are ICMA members.



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This is Trackdown's **Jack Simpson** and his grandson **Tyler Simpson** at the Meteor Impact Crater east of Flagstaff, Arizona; near Winslow. It was formerly known as the Canyon Diablo Crater, and fragments of the meteorite are officially known as Canyon Diablo Meteorites. Scientists refer to the crater as Barringer Crater in honor of **Daniel Barringer**, who was first to suggest that it was produced by a meteorite impact. It is about 4,000 feet in diameter, and 570 feet deep. The crater was created about 50,000 years ago.



## California's City Finance Directors

As usual, we used the ICMA Who's Who as our primary research tool. Unfortunately, much of the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) listing of Finance Directors in California is outdated. So, in order to pull this list together we started with the ICMA directory and tried to find additional information on agency web sites and with other online research pages. The result is a list with a random order and with many folks with little or no profile information. Finance Directors focus on their responsibilities and the tasks at hand, and their backgrounds and biographical profiles are hard to find...not a priority.

## Trackdown Posse Roster:



**Gregory Korduner**, Retired, Huntington Park CM  
**Howard Chambers**, Lakewood  
**Mike Egan**, Norwalk  
**Lyle Defenbaugh**, CalTrust  
**Ernie Garcia**, Retired Norwalk City Manager  
**Joe Tanner**, Retired City Manager  
**Dave Carmany**, Manhattan Beach  
**Ken Bayless**, Greater L.A. Vector Control District  
**Kevin O'Rourke**, KOLGS  
**George Rodericks**, In Transition  
**Richard Ramirez**, American Canyon  
**Vern Lawson**, Lancaster  
**Don Penman**, Retired Arcadia City Manager  
**Jason Gonsalves**, Joe A. Gonsalves & Son  
**Anthony Gonsalves**, Joe A. Gonsalves & Son  
**Paul Gonsalves**, Joe A. Gonsalves & Son  
**S. R. (Steve) Thatcher**, C.M., MPA, Senior Partner, SRT Associates  
**Ernesto Marquez**, Hawaiian Gardens  
**Gary K. & Mary Jo Sloan**, Retired La Mirada City Manager  
**Jan Perkins**, Management Partners/ICMA  
**Andy Takata**, Banning  
**Marcia Raines**, Millbrae  
**Anthony R. Ybarra**, South El Monte  
**Arthur C. Simonian**, Simonian Consulting, Inc.  
**Ken Caresio**, Retired Duarte City Manager  
**Carlos Urrutia**, Retired Rocklin City Manager  
**Michael P. Busch**, President, Urban Futures, Inc.  
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**Doug LaBelle (Maui Doug)**, Retired Chino Hills City Manager  
**John Keisler**, Long Beach  
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**Rod B. Butler**, Patterson  
**Debbie Smith**, Independent Cities Finance Authority  
**Fred Latham**, Retired Santa Fe Springs City Manager  
**Anthony Lopez**, Retired City Manager  
**Marshall Linn**, Urban Futures, Inc.  
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**Linda Lowry**, Pomona  
City of Cerritos  
**Roy Pederson**, ICMA Past-President  
**Bruce Williams**, Retired City Manager  
**Mark H. Persico**, AICP  
**Troy Butzlaff**, Placentia  
**Clay J. Curtin**, Manhattan Beach  
**Mindy Lynn Jacobs**, Intellibridge Partners  
**Rod Foster**, Colton  
**Gerald Forde**, Huron  
**Jim Gilley**, The Gilley Group, LLC  
**Oliver Chi**, Barstow ACM  
**Dale Geldert**, Retired CDF Director  
**Rita Geldert**, Retired Vista City Manager  
**Susan Simpson**, In-N-Out Burger  
**Gene Rogers**, Moreno Valley Retired City Manager  
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**Chuck Robinson**, Deputy City Manager, Walnut  
**Gary Milliman**, Brookings, Oregon  
**John Gillison**, Rancho Cucamonga



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City Managers lean on all of their department heads, but especially the Finance Directors in order to keep a steady hand on the tiller, particularly during turbulent economic times. The economy is suffering and the State is changing the playing field while it takes care of itself by diverting traditional local revenues to its coffers. State actions dilute local control and local revenue sources, stressing the need to keep a close watch on monthly, or weekly balance sheets. We salute the Finance Directors while recognizing the good work they do for municipal governments everywhere. We hope you enjoy this list:



Ukiah Director of Finance **Gordon Elton** began his public service career as an Accountant with the City of Glendale in 1984. In 1986 Gordon was appointed Director of Finance in Coconino County, Arizona with offices in Flagstaff. He relocated to California in 1989 to accept the Director of Finance post with the Ramona Municipal Water District. His next position was Director of Finance for The Sea Ranch Association in The Sea Ranch, California in 1992. Gordon moved to Ukiah in 1994 when he was appointed Director of Finance there. He earned a BA in Business Administration from Ottawa University.

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Retired City Manager and Finance Director **Don Pruyn**, 65, served as the Finance Director and then City Manager in San Dimas. Don began his career as an Administrative Assistant in La Mirada in 1971. In 1975 he joined the Duarte staff and worked various positions during his rise to the Assistant City Manager for Community Services post. In 1991 Don served as the Director of Administrative Services in Lake Forest. He was appointed City Manager in San Dimas in 1993 and served in that position until 1999. Don did an Interim Finance Director stint in Norwalk in 2000 before joining the Huntington Park staff as Finance Director with now retired City Manager **Gregory Korduner**. Don retired from Huntington Park at the end of 2007. After his retirement Don worked for a time as the Housing Project Manager for the Tri-City Mental Health Center in the San Gabriel Valley where retired City Manager **Jesse Duff** is the Executive Director. Don was born in Los Angeles and raised in Bellflower. He earned a BA from California State University, Fullerton and an MPA from California State University, Long Beach. He and his wife Joyce are avid MLB Angel fans.



This is **Don Pruyn** on the right sitting with former City Administrator **Ray Harris** at an Angel's game in Anaheim.





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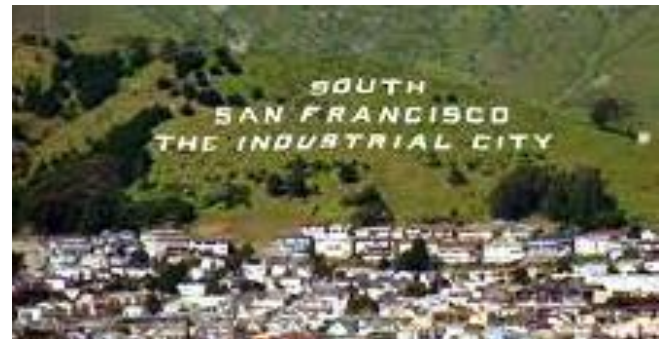
**Chu Thai**, Finance Director, in South Pasadena, lists his first municipal government position as Budget Manager in Morgan Hill from 2001 until 2006 when he joined the Beverly Hills staff as Budget & Management Officer. He left Beverly Hills in 2008, and in 2009 he was appointed Finance Director in South Pasadena. Chu earned a BS-URP from California Polytechnical University, Pomona. (He finally left the "hills"...Morgan and Beverly in 2008.)

Encinitas Finance Director **Jennifer H. Smith** began her public service career as an Intern in Chapel Hill, North Carolina in 1996. She then took another Intern position in Cary, North Carolina (1996-1997), prior to moving to California where she took a Management Intern position with Encinitas in 1997 when the City Manager there was **Lauren M. Wasserman**. Jennifer was promoted to Assistant to the City Manager in 2001 and served in that post until she was selected to serve as Finance Director in 2005. Jennifer earned a BA from the University of Delaware and an MPA from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. In 2010 she received a 10-year ICMA Service Award.



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**Jim Steele** has served as the Finance Director for the City of South San Francisco since his appointment in January, 1999. Jim began his public service career in 1985 as a Budget Analyst in Palo Alto when **William Zaner** was the Palo Alto City Manager. Jim was promoted to Budget Manager in 1990 and became Manager of Investments & Debt Planning in 1995. He left the Palo Alto city staff in 1999 when he was selected to serve as the South San Francisco Finance Director.



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San Mateo County's City of Burlingame Finance Director-Treasurer **Jesus Nava Jr.** began his public service career as an Intern for a Kansas Housing Authority in 1982. In 1983 he was appointed to an Analyst position with the Office of Management & Budget in San Antonio, Texas. He moved to California in 1986 to take an Analyst position in Santa Barbara. In 1989 he was recruited to serve as the Assistant to the City Manager in Denton, Texas, and in 1992 he was selected to be the Assistant City Manager in Laredo, Texas. on the banks of the Rio Grande River. Jesus was appointed City Manager in Las Cruces, New Mexico in January, 1997. Jesus returned to California in May, 2000 to serve as a Deputy City Manager in San Jose. He was appointed to the Burlingame Finance Director/Treasure post in January, 2003. He is a Past President of the International Hispanic Network (2010-2012). Jesus served on the ICMA Government Accounting Standards Advisory Council, among other assignments. He served some 4-years as a GSE Host for Rotary International between 2008 and 2012. Jesus earned a diploma from El Colegio de México in Mexico City; a BA from the University of Texas, Austin; and an MPA from the University of Kansas. In 2008 he received a 25-year ICMA Service Award



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**James Larson** served as the Finance Director in King City from 2007 until 2011. He is currently in the Greater Seattle Area, listed as a Government Administration Professional.

**LaRae Brown** has served as the Finance Director for the City of Millbrae since 2007. **Marcia Raines**, who is a member of the CCMF Board, is the Millbrae City Manager. Prior to joining the Millbrae staff, LaRae served as the Controller in Oakland.

Ceres Finance Director **Sheila Cumberland** has served in her position since 2006. Currently she is also serving as the Ceres Deputy City Manager in a reorganization that requires broader duties and responsibilities for her position. Sheila earned a BS from California State University, Stanislaus



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Hayward's Director of Finance is **Tracy Vesely**. Prior to joining the Hayward staff earlier this year (2012), she served as the San Leandro Finance Director for about a year. Prior to that she was the Budget Director for the City of Berkeley for more than a dozen years. Tracy is an Affiliate Member of ICMA. She earned a BA from Arizona State University and so completed an Executive Seminar at the University of California, Berkeley.

In April of this year (2012) San Leandro City Manager **Chris Zapata** appointed **David Baum** to the San Leandro Finance Director post vacated by **Tracy Vesely**, when she joined to Hayward staff. David is a former Chief Financial Officer for the San Jose Redevelopment Agency, a position he held for some 20-years. He took an early retirement as the State of California moved to abolish redevelopment agencies, and served for a time after that as the Interim Finance Director in Hercules. David earned a BA in Economics from Stanford University.



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Former Murrieta Finance Director **Suzanne Wellcome** began serving as Interim Finance Director in 2007. Suzanne retired after 14-years of service as the Finance Director/Treasurer for the City of Del Mar. Prior to joining the Del Mar staff she served as an Accountant for the Montana State Department of Transportation. Even prior to that, Suzanne served as the Supervising Auditor for the State of Montana Legislative Auditor's Office. She is a licensed CPA by the State of Montana. When she joined the Murrieta staff as Interim Finance Director she was an employee of Moreland & Associates, Inc. She served in the Murrieta position until **Joy Canfield** was made the permanent Finance Director. Joy was a long-time Finance Manager in Escondido, where she worked with Director of Finance **Gil Rojas**.



Former Bradbury City Manager **Katie Pitcher Wilson**, currently with Willdan, participated in the 2012 Murrieta Mud Run on September 8, 2012.





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**Tamera Haas** is the Assistant Finance Director for the City of Santa Clara, which was founded in 1777 and incorporated in 1852. Prior to joining the Santa Clara city staff in 2010 Tamera served eight months as the Finance Manager in the City of Sonoma. Before joining the city staff in Sonoma she served as the Interim Finance Director in Petaluma. She also worked as a Financial Consultant with Macias Gini O'Connell, LLP, and as the Finance Director/Treasurer for Healdsburg between 2004 and 2008. She served as the Finance Director in the City of St. Helena between 1999 and 2004. Prior to that she work a little more than 5-years as a Budget Analyst in Santa Rosa starting in 1994. She began her working career with KPMG Peat Marwick as a Supervising Senior Accountant in 1988. She left KPMG in 1992 and became a Cost Analyst for the James River Corporation in 1992. She worked there until June, 1994. She earned a BA in Business and Accounting from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo. She is a member of the California Municipal Treasurers Association (CMTA).



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**Laura M. Nomura** is the President of the California Society of Municipal Finance Officers Association (CSMFO). She began her career in 1985 as a Staff Auditor for Union Bank of California. In 1987 she took a Senior Auditor



position with Wickes Companies, and in 1988 she went to work for the Nissan Motor Acceptance Corporation as a Senior Accountant. In 1994 Laura became a Government Services Audit Manager with McGladrey & Pullen, and in December, 1998 she began a stint as a Utilities Principal Analyst with the City of Riverside Public Utilities. She was appointed Controller of the Scully Companies in March, 2000, and in January, 2003 she took the Controller post for the City of Riverside. In January, 2007 Laura was appointed Finance Director in Hemet, and she joined the Irwindale staff as Director of Finance/Treasurer in October, 2008. Laura earned a BA in Accounting at California State University, Fullerton.

In 2007 longtime Murrieta Finance Director **Teri Ferro** resigned to accept the same position in the City of Oceanside. She had served as Murrieta Finance Director for some 16-years, and began her new position in Oceanside in November, 2007. Teri was honored as the 66th Assembly District's 2001 *Woman of the Year* by Assemblyman **Dennis Hollingsworth**.

San Pablo's Finance Director is **Bradley J. Ward**.

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**Ann Rathbun** serves as the Finance Manager and City Clerk in the City of Greenfield.



**Barry Whitley** has served as the Finance Director in American Canyon since November, 2006. Previously he was the Cloverdale Finance Director for nearly 5-years starting in January, 2002. Barry earned a BA in Business Administration/Accounting from California State University, San Bernardino. Barry is a member of CSMFO and the California Municipal Treasurers Association (CMTA).



In 1985 **Don Rhoads** began his career as a Staff Accountant for Grant Thornton LLP in the private sector. In 1986 Don took a Senior Accountant post with Dennis Hylton & Company, CPAs. Don joined the public sector in 1988 as an Accountant II with the City of Porterville. He was appointed Assistant Finance Director in Porterville in 1990. Don joined the Monterey city staff in 1995 as that City's Finance Director. He earned a BS from California State University, Fresno and a Masters of Liberal Arts, History from the Harvard University Extension School. Don is a Certified Public Accountant.



This year's League of California Cities' conference logo was designed by **Jenifer Forsythe**, who has served as the web specialist for San Mateo since July 2001. She designed and maintains the San Mateo website and the San Mateo Police Activities League website among other assignments. A Trackdown congratulations to Jenifer for a job well-done.



**Connie Rogers Elmore** is a retired Finance Director who last served in San Jacinto as Interim Finance Director with City Manager **Barry McClellan**. Connie served in San Jacinto between 2007 and 2011 when she retired. Prior to that Connie served as the Finance Director in the City of Perris between 2001 and 2004. She had an 11-year tenure in Moreno Valley starting in 1988 and leaving in 1999 as the Controller/Division Manager. Connie is a graduate of George S. Parker High School, Class of 1974. She earned a BA and an MPA at California State University, San Bernardino.

It was 1985 when **Dan Jordan** graduated from St. Francis High School on Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge where his brother John currently serves as the Assistant Dean of Students and a Social Studies Teacher. Previous to being appointed the first La Cañada Flintridge Finance Director in 2008, Dan serve with the Simi Valley city staff as the Budget Director. Before joining the Simi Valley staff Dan served in an Intern position in La Cañada Flintridge. Dan earned a BA from the University of California, Irvine; and an MAPP and PhD in political science from Claremont Graduate University. Dan also serves as an Adjunct Associate Professor at the **USC** Sol Price School of Public Policy. It is reported that Dan enjoys competing in triathlons and surfing.







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**Lori Ann Guzman Farrell** is the Director of Finance for the City of Huntington Beach. Lori began her career in 1981 as an Associate Budget Examiner for the New York State Division of the Budget. In 1996 she was appointed Director of Financial Compliance, Claiming and Revenue with the City of New York, administration for Children's Services. In 2000 Lori moved west to California where she took a Financial Advisor position with Morgan Stanley Smith Barney. After about 3-years on the private side, Lori accepted the appointment to be the Lomita Director of Finance. After 3-years in Lomita, Lori joined the Long Beach city staff as the City Controller in 2006, and in 2007 she took the added duties of Chief Financial Officer (CFO) in Long Beach. Lori joined the Huntington Beach staff as Finance Director in December, 2010. In addition to her Huntington Beach responsibilities, Lori has been appointed to the seven-member Long Beach Transit Board of Directors, where she serves as the Board Secretary/Treasurer. She earned a BA in Anthropology/Psychology from Barnard College at Columbia University, and an MPA in Public Policy, Government and Finance from Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs.

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**Evelyne Hayden** is the Director of Finance in the City of West Sacramento.

**Pauline Marx**, the President-Elect of CSMFO, is the Chief Assistant Treasurer in the City & County of San Francisco. Pauline joined the Office of the Treasurer and Tax Collector in January, 2005 after serving 9-years as Finance Director and



Treasurer in the City of Emeryville. She is a native of New York City. Pauline earned a BA from the University of Michigan and an MBA from Yale School of Management. She has lived in the San Francisco Bay Area since 1979, working for both investment banking firms and local government agencies.

Of course, we have missed many fine Finance Directors and managers in this random list. We have attempted to present a good representative group of California's municipal finance professionals. We hope you find it of interest, though we do apologize for the many professionals who were omitted. Only the direction of the research, production time and space dictated who was included. We give a Trackdown salute to all of California's municipal government Finance professionals.





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**Picking Up The Pieces:** Well, once again we screwed up and we apologize. While Seal Beach Interim Chief of Police **Keith Kilmer** served as the Chief in Bell Gardens, he did not retire when he left that post. He moved from Bell Gardens to become the Chief of Police in San Bernardino in June, 2009. He left there in October, 2011. Thank you to Cypress Administrative Services Manager **Andrew Tse** for the "heads-up." Marysville City Manager **Steve Casey** has retired after nearly 10-years with the City, and Palm Beach County, Florida Director of Financial Management **Walter Munchheimer**, 64, has been appointed to replace him. Walter lists Eureka as his hometown, and he is a University of California, Davis alumnus. Retired American Canyon City Manager **Richard Ramirez** is available for interim assignments. He manages the Interim Public Management Services (IPMS) web page. You may contact IPMS at 916-769-7598. Burbank City Manager **Mike Flad** has accepted the appointment to be the next City Manager in the City of South Gate. Mike has served with the Burbank city staff for 22-years; as City Manager since 2008. **Michael Colantuono** of **Colantuono & Levin** has been appointed to a 3-year term commencing on October 14, 2012 with the State Bar, the agency that regulates the practice of law in California. Michael is the City Attorney in Grass Valley and Auburn. Manhattan Beach Management Analyst **Clay Curtin** is the current President of the Municipal Management Association of Southern California (MMASC). Colton City Manager **Rod Foster** has been serving as the Co-Chair of the OPEB Subcommittee for the City Managers Department of the League of California Cities with Los Gatos Town Manager **Greg Larson**. The OPEB nomenclature was created by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and generally stands for: Other Postemployment Benefits. Shasta Lake City Manager **Carol Martin**, 54, has announced that she will retire November 30 to spend more time with her family. She has publicly recommended that Assistant City Manager **John Duckett**, 50, be appointed to replace her. One of his duties is to oversee the Shasta Lake Finance Department. John has been with the Shasta Lake city staff since 1993. **Carol Martin** worked about 16-years with the City of Anderson, nine as Finance Manager, prior to joining the Shasta Lake staff in 1997 as Finance Director. She was appointed City Manager in 2006. Tehachapi City Manager **Greg Garrett** has been named as an award finalist by Film Liaisons California Statewide (FLICS) for the 18th Annual "California On Location Awards." Public employees are recognized for delivering outstanding service and on-location



support to the film industry. Greg is a nominee for the associations highest honor along with Kern County Fire Department Captain **Tony Martinez**, and Bureau of Land Management Realty Specialist **Elaine Hanson**. Greg is also nominated for FLIC's City Employee of the Year along with **Gabriel Martinez** of the Los Angeles Police Department; and **Caroline Weigandt**, an Administrative Assistant with the City of Half Moon Bay. The 2012 awards will be presented at the Langham Hotel in Pasadena on October 28. Veteran Lakewood City Manager **Howard Chambers** earned a BS in Criminology/Public Administration at California State University, Long Beach; a MA in Planning & Public Administration from Pepperdine University; and an MPA from the University of Southern California (USC). Pinole Assistant City Manager **Michelle Fitzer** is joining the Antioch city staff as the Administrative Services Director beginning October 1. In addition to her Assistant City Manager duties in Pinole, Michelle also served as the city's Human Resources Director. She worked with Pinole for 6-years. **Tripepi Smith** Senior Business Analyst **Jessica Hernandez** has been appointed to a Senior Administrative Analyst post with the City of Cudahy where **Hector Rodriguez** is City Manager. Retired Corcoran City Manager **Ron Hoggard**, 63, will face incumbent Supervisor **Richard Valle**, 42, in a November runoff for the District 2 Supervisor in Kings County. Both candidates oppose the California High-Speed Rail Authority's planned rail line through the center of rural Kings County. Diamond Bar City Manager **Jim DeStefano** was spotted at the September 22nd *Cruisin' For A Cure* fundraising event for prostate cancer care and research at the Orange County Fairgrounds. **Stanley Morgan**, a former Assistant City Manager in Dairy Valley...now Cerritos...and a former Mayor and Council Member in Anderson, currently lives in Vacaville where he operates Winners Ink & Toner. Past MMASC President **Carl Alameda**, Senior Management Analyst in La Cañada Flintridge, is Vice President of the USC Price School Alumni Association Board of Directors, and a Board Member of the USC Board of Governors, as well as, a Board Member of the USC City/County Management Fellowship.





**More Pieces Picked Up:** Emeryville City Manager **Pat O'Keeffe**, prior to joining the Emeryville staff, served as the Director of Community Development for the City of El Cerrito. Pat earned a BA and MPA from San Francisco State University. Pat replaced former Emeryville City Manager **John Flores**, who retired after 30-years in public service. **Peggy Flynn** has been appointed to serve as the Novato Public Communication Coordinator. Peggy has worked in communications and public information rolls with the San Jose Redevelopment Agency, the Santa Clara Valley Water District, and the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District. Cypress Administrative Services Manager **Andrew Tse** has worked for the cities of Paramount, Bell Gardens and Seal Beach. Andy earned an MPA at California State University, Dominguez Hills. Highland



City Council Member **Sam Racadio**, a former City Manager, was spotted in the Exposition area during the 2012 Annual Conference of the League of California Cities. We apologize for missing him in the list in our last issue. Sam is a former President of the City Managers Department of the League. **J. Kelly Sessions** has served as the Fremont Fire Department's Business Development Manager for the past 8-years. He was a Special Assistant to the Fire Chief. He has been hired to serve as the Assistant to the City Manager in San Pablo to work with City Manager **Matt Rodriguez**. He has more than 20-years in the public sector, including positions in: Colma, Clayton, and Oakland. **Lorraine Okabe** is the Assistant Director of Education and Conferences for the League of California Cities. She can be reached at: [LOkabe@cacities.org](mailto:LOkabe@cacities.org) **Ben Wong**, former Regional Public Affairs Manager; Executive Director of the Los Angeles County Division of the League of California Cities is currently working with the Southern California Edison Company in Local Public Affairs. **Karen Suiker** has served as the City Manager in Trinidad, California since March, 2011. Karen previously served as the Interim City Manager in Blue Lake, and she held a number of different post with the County of Humboldt. Retired City Manager **Arne Croce** will receive one of ICMA's highest and most prestigious awards of recognition, the *Distinguished Service Award*, for his professional work with the City of Bell in the aftermath of the crisis there. Blue Lake, formerly the Town of Scottsville, is a city in Humboldt County on the Mad River 16 miles northeast of Eureka. Previously the City Manager in Lake Butler, Florida, **John Berchtold** has served the Blue Lake City Manager since May, 2010. According to Associated Press writers **Jason Dearen** and **Alicia Chang**, there are 17 desalination proposals in California concentrated along the Pacific Coast.

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However, desalination projects have been stymied by skyrocketing construction costs, huge energy requirements for operating plants, regulatory delays and legal challenges over environmental impacts on marine life. Only one small plant on Monterey Bay is currently pumping drinking water.



Atascadero City Manager **Wade McKinney**, CCMF Board President, tells us



that CCMF is inviting participation at "The New and Future City Manager Seminar" scheduled for November 9-11, 2012 at the Fairmont Hotel, Newport Beach (Near the John Wayne Airport). The Seminar registration cost of \$325 includes: materials, hotel accommodations, and all meals. Those interested should make inquiries to Melissa Au-Yeung of Laguna Hills at telephone no. 949-707-2621, or email Melissa at: [mau-yeung@ci.laguna-hills.ca.us](mailto:mau-yeung@ci.laguna-hills.ca.us) The next meeting of the City Managers' Department of the League of California Cities is scheduled for January 30-February 1, 2012 in San Francisco. Fillmore City Manager **Yvonne Quiring** has accepted the appointed to be the Davis Assistant City Manager/Administrative Services Director, and Fire Chief **Rigo Landeros** has been appointed Fillmore Interim City Manager.