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With local government revenues on the decline, either due to a failing economy or through State legislative actions, more and more jurisdictions are exploring outsourcing or "contracting out" as a method of economizing. Contracting out is nothing new to the members of the California Contract Cities Association. The CCCA staff and membership can be helpful to those searching for ways to contract services. The contract cities concept, or "Lakewood Plan," was conceived to provide "home rule" and "local control" while providing needed local services and facilities in the most cost-efficient manner.



Banning City Manager **Andrew J. Takata**, and Placentia City Administrator **Troy L. Butzlaff** at the 98th Annual Conference of the International City/County Management Association in Phoenix, Arizona, October 7-10, 2012. Andy has a 30-years ICMA Service Award and Troy has a 20-year Award. (Picture by **Frank G. Tripepi**.)



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Members of the *California Contract Cities Association* gathered at the La Costa Resort in Carlsbad for the organization's 32nd Annual Fall Seminar, October 5-7, 2012. With the California economy as it is, and budgets are they are...not to mention the barely under \$5 per gallon gas price for regular, we opted to commute rather than seek lodging. We drove to the seminar site on Saturday morning, and, we are quite glad that we attended. Executive Director **Sam Olivito** and staff and the CCCA Special Events Committee Chaired by Rosemead Mayor **Sandra Armenta** did a wonderful job of providing an informative program on important topics of the day.

Saturday morning is usually a good time to travel southerly on Interstate 5, if you are early enough, and we seemed to be on Saturday, October 6, 2012. Leaving Cerritos on the Artesia Freeway (Route 91) you touch Buena Park and Fullerton to catch the I-5 south. The 78 mile trip was an easy drive through Anaheim, Lake Forest, Laguna Hills, Santa Ana, Mission Viejo, San Juan Capistrano, San Clemente and Oceanside in order to reach the La Costa Resort in Carlsbad.

Sharon Olivito greeted everyone with a smile and provided us with seminar identification. Along with a good cup of morning coffee, a nice continental breakfast faire was also provided. Carlsbad Mayor **Matt Hall** was on hand to greet the seminar participants, and he tipped everyone off to a local Oktoberfest event that evening.



Lisa Hildabrand, Carlsbad City Manager. Lisa joined the Carlsbad staff in 1991 as the Finance Director. She was appointed City Manager in 2007.



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Emergency Preparedness: Are You Ready For The Big One? was the topic for the first session of the day. Three members of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Emergency Preparedness Bureau and Los Angeles County Fire Chief **Daryl L. Osby** were introduced by Diamond Bar Mayor **Ling-Ling Chang**, to make presentations.

We all need to be better prepared to face disasters that may visit our area. We need to improve our awareness to cope with and respond appropriately to emergency situations that may come our way from storm damage to earthquakes, tsunamis and other major threats, such as: floods, fire, civil unrest, and terrorist attacks.

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Chief Osby provided a description of his service experiences in New Orleans during the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Katrina was the costliest natural disaster (more than \$81.2 billion in 2005 dollars), and one of the five deadliest hurricanes in U.S. history. At least 1,833 people died as a result of the hurricane and subsequent flooding. The storm surge from Katrina caused 53 different levee breaches in the greater New Orleans area, flooding 80% of the city.

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Also, the group discussed the March 11, 2011 Tsunami that devastated Japan. The Japanese are the ultimate disaster

planners and have prepared much better than other. However, their containment walls were not high enough for the waves that reach heights of more than 10-meters. A 9.0 earthquake rocked Japan and triggered the tsunami with waves hitting the eastern Japanese coast, killing hundreds of people. This was the fifth-largest earthquake in the world since 1900. The fall-out from this natural disaster included explosions at the Fukushima nuclear power plant, rolling black-outs, entire towns and villages being swept away and the long-term economic ramifications of the devastation. Following the tsunami 1.4 million people went without running water; 2.5 million households did not have heat or electricity; more than 400,000 people were moved to evacuation centers; and 700 bodies washed ashore. Exacerbating the already grave situation was the cold weather making hypothermia another problem for survivors.



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All natural disasters are "local," and local governments provide the initial responders. **The 3 P's of catastrophe** include: 1) **Prepare**, prior to a disastrous event we should be prepared; 2) **Protect**, our response during an event should be appropriate; and 3) **Perform**, to do the "right things" after or following the event. This was an "eye opening" session.



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A 11:30 session focused on California's Next Generation of Leaders. **Frank V. Zerunyan** of **USC** and **David Huntoon** of the Rose Institute for Local Government introduced some young people to address the seminar. Frank, a CCCA past President and a member of the Rolling Hills Estates City Council, is a Senior Fellow and Director of Executive Education for the **USC** Sol Price School of Public Policy.



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Atascadero Assistant City Manager **Jim Lewis**, a past President of MMASC, has a hobby/side business making wine. Here he is harvesting Zinfandel grapes for his "Red Claw" winery. Jim says, "It is a great year!"



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Panelists included students **Lizzy Breiter**, and **Cat Shleh**, both college Juniors, and **Abhi Nemani**, a Rose Institute alumnus who is the Director of Strategy and Communications for Code for America. These three are good representative examples of the best and the brightest in our colleges and universities today. One of the phenomena that was discussed is how instead of face-to-face interactions, the social media is becoming more and more prevalent. Abhi explained that he went to the Rose Institute because of an interest in politics, and there he developed a local government perspective. A hot topic is how can technology be used to change the way things are done by local governments. One of the self-described "Geek" approaches of the young people describing information exchange was: "word of mouse, rather than word of mouth." Demographic age groups look for information in differing ways: Print media; Cable news; and now Social media. Times they are a changin'.

"We might come closer to balancing the Budget if all of us lived closer to the Commandments and the Golden Rule." --**Ronald Reagan**



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At the 12:30 luncheon session, Los Angeles County CEO **Bill Fujioka** addressed the group, and **Patrick Mallon**, the LA-RICS Executive Director provided an update report on the LA-RICS project. The Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System's (LA-RICS) mission is to provide the finest mission-critical communication system with an unwavering focus on the needs of public safety professionals.

Steve Arakawa, Bay Delta Initiatives Manager for the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California addressed the seminar group at the 2 o'clock session with the topic: *"Water, Water Everywhere: Equitable Distribution a Must."* Steve addressed the Bay Delta Conservation Plan. He said that California's water challenge starts where the rivers and streams of the Sierra Nevada merge into the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, the "hub" of the State water system. Steve described how the Delta's ecosystem has deteriorated, and that with age the levee system is increasingly vulnerable to failure by earthquakes, floods and other natural forces. The Bay Delta Conservation Plan has been crafted to improve the State's water supply reliability and restore the Delta's ecosystem.

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Dr. Bill Watkins presented the 2:45 p.m. afternoon session on an "Economic Forecast: Is California's Future Golden?" Bill is the Executive Director for the Center for Economic Research and Forecasting for California Lutheran University. He pointed out that the mindset of State leadership has changed over the years. He said that laws and regulations that are costly to business should be repealed to help improve commerce. He noted that world renown author **Taylor Caldwell** best described the attitude of the 1960s and before when she said, "If they can't do it in California, it can't be done anywhere." This is not the current attitude about our State. It seems that it has been difficult for State leadership to recognize that there is a problem.



Diamond Bar City Manager **Jim DeStefano** listens as **Dr. Bill Watkins** makes his presentation.



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Learning and sharing information is important regardless of the economic climate. In fact, when things are going bad is when understanding and assistance is most needed. It is like the marketing rule that when things are going bad, it is imperative to continue a high impact marketing/advertising campaign. That's when it is needed most.



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CCCA Executive Director **Sam Olivito** and CCCA President **Diane Martinez**, Mayor of Paramount.

Among the "contract cities" Fall Seminar attendees were City Managers: **Jim DeStefano** of Diamond Bar; **Linda Benedetti-Leal** of Paramount; and Rosemead City Manager **Jeff Allred**. Linda is the current Chair of the CCCA City Managers & Administrators' Committee. Former City Managers at the 2012 Fall Seminar included: **Frank G. Tripepi**, retired Rosemead City Manager, who also served an Interim City Manager assignment in La Puente and is currently a Senior Vice President with **Willdan**; **Wesley Wolf**, former Hawaiian Gardens City Administrator and the Founder of **Wolf & Company**; former Pico Rivera City Manager **Chuck Fuentes**, who currently serves as the Interim General Manager of the Central Basin Municipal Water District; and **Jack A. Simpson** of Trackdown, a former City Administrator in Bellflower. Of course, other executives included: Los Angeles County CEO **Bill Fujioka**; Los Angeles County Arts Commission Executive Director **Laura Zucker**; Los Angeles County Fire Chief **Daryl L. Osby**; and CCCA Executive Director **Sam Olivito**. **Larry Kosmont**, former City Manager and Founder of the **Kosmont Companies**, was registered for the seminar too.

"Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment." --Will Rodgers



CCCA Fall Seminar attendees gather for a special communications demonstration.

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City Manager Participants:

James DeStefano, 59, was appointed Diamond Bar City Manager in 2006, becoming the City's 4th City Manager since its 1989 incorporation. Jim succeeded City Manager **Linda Lowry**, who served as Diamond Bar City Manager from May, 2001. Linda is currently serving as the Pomona City Manager. Jim had more than 30-years of local government experience prior to his appointment. Just prior to his City Manager appointment in Diamond Bar, Jim worked as the Director of Community Development in Chino Hills, where **Doug La Belle** was then the City Manager. He took the Chino Hills department head post in 2005 after working for Diamond Bar so his City Manager appointment was like returning home.

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Through the years Paramount has had a number of city managers, but none more respected as a professional public manager than current City Manager **Linda**



Benedetti-Leal, 57. Linda came to the city manager position when her boss, City Manager **Pat West** resigned to accept a position with the City of Long Beach, where he is currently the City Manager. Linda had been serving as the City's Assistant City Manager. She had more than 22-years of city government experience at the time of her Paramount City Manager appointment in 2005. She earned a law degree from Yale University and is bilingual (Spanish/English).

Jeff Allred, 56, was appointed to serve as the Rosemead City Manager in 2009 when he replaced Interim City Manager **Jeff Stewart**, who is the current Bellflower City Manager. At the time of his appointment **Jeff Allred** served as the Norco City Manager for some 5 and a half years. He was the Assistant City Manager in La Verne with a 13-year tenure prior to his Norco service, and he was the Director of Personnel and Risk Management for the City of Downey prior to that. He also previously held posts in El Monte and West Covina. Jeff earned a BA from the University of La Verne and an MPA from California State University, Los Angeles.

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It was our pleasure to have the opportunity to share some time with the seminar participants. In addition to those we have already mentioned we got to greet or chat with: Artesia Mayor **John Lyon**; Bellflower Mayor **Dan Koops**, Mayor Pro Tem **Ray Dunton**, Council Members **Scott Larsen** and **Sonny Santa Ines**; Cerritos Mayor **Jim Edwards**; Calabasas Council Member **James Bozajian**, a CCCA past President; Paramount Council Member **Diane Martinez**, the current CCCA President; Pico Rivera Mayor **Bob Archuleta**; Rosemead Council Member **Margaret Clark**; **Jacque McMillan** of the Metropolitan Water District; **Jill Reiss** and **Derek Rojas** of Valley Vista Services; **Phil Hawkins**, **Art Chacon** and **Bob Apodaca** of the Central Basin Municipal Water District; **Ryder Smith** of **Tripepi Smith & Associates**; **Bill Pagett** of Willdan Engineering; **Jose Ometeotl** of Willdan Financial Services; **Robert Sausedo** of ABM; former Bellflower Mayor and CCCA Past President **Randy Bomgaars**; and **Tony Olivito** of the CCCA staff.



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Long-time Paramount City Engineer **Bill Pagett** of Willdan Engineering is a former National Champion K-boat (blown fuel flat bottom circle boat) Champion, and he has been known to frequent some of the NASCAR tracks to this day. Taking a line from the movie "Top Gun," he says that "he has a need for speed."

While attending the "contract cities" Annual Fall Seminar, it was good to have the opportunity to privately chat with CCCA Executive Director **Sam Olivito**. I first met Sam when he was an executive with the old RTD. He took the California Contract Cities Association Executive Director post in 1984 when the first Executive Director **George Voigt** stepped down. It occurred to the two of us that many of the people of the new association leadership never met or do not remember George and his wife **Marge Voigt**, who did the original staff work for the "contract cities." I told Sam, "Heck, few of those around these days know or remember that I served as a City Manager/Administrator for more than 25-years." Time marches on!



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Of course, we will have missed acknowledging someone who attended the CCCA Annual Fall Seminar, and for that we apologize. Those who attended were treated to a wonderful educational opportunity. We salute the *California Contract Cities Association* for its successful pursuit of excellence. The bottom line here is that the seminar was exceedingly worthwhile. Trackdown urges everyone to consider attending these important sessions. Call the CCCA staff at 562-622-5533 and learn more about the association.



Retired City Managers **Don Pruyn** and **Gregory Korduner** having a little Italian dinner prior to attending a local high school football game. They watched Bellflower beat Norwalk in a "come-from-behind" overtime victory, 45-44.



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More than 2,500 members, sponsors, guests and exhibitors attended the 98th Annual Conference of the International City/County Management Association in Phoenix/Maricopa County, Arizona, October 7-10, 2012. ICMA-RC was the principal sponsor of the conference with a program title: "Building Community; Rising to Seize the Opportunities."

Sir Ken Robinson delivered the Opening General Session keynote address. He is an internationally recognized leader in the development of creativity, innovation and education. Many of the California city management contingent contributed to the program. Among them was: Campbell City Manager **Amy Brown**, who served as a panelist for a session entitled: "I Was the Future Once: Understanding the Younger Generation." Santa Clarita City Manager **Ken Pulskamp** served on the "Prioritizing Your Life for Success" panel, and **Kevin O'Rourke** was on the "Encore Career Choices" panel led by **Frank I. Benest**. Of course, others served too.



Next year's ICMA 99th Annual ICMA Conference is planned for Boston, September 22-25, 2012. Here are some picture taken at the conference submitted to Trackdown. (Special thanks to **Phil Smith-Hanes**.)





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Picking Up The Pieces: George Rodericks, 45, is the new City Manager in Atherton. George previously served as City Manager in Belvedere and Villa Park, and was an Assistant City Manager in La Mirada. He began his public service career in 1991 as an Administrative Intern in La Mirada, and held positions in Rancho Palos Verdes and La Habra Heights before returning to La Mirada. Willows City Manager **Stephen Holsinger** was a major topic of public discussion at a recent City Council meeting with people calling for his termination. Steve will get a formal performance review by the City Council, two members of the city staff and two members of the public. This situation seems to be somewhat driven by inadequate city revenues and budget concerns. Palo Alto City Manager **James Keene** has announced his selection of **Eric Nickel** to serve as the next Palo Alto Fire Chief effective November 13. Chief Nickel has been serving as the Deputy Chief for the Novato Fire Protection District for the past 5-years. He has more than 25-years of fire service experience. Former Palo Alto Fire Chief **Nick Marinaro** retired in June, 2010, and Chief of Police **Dennis Burns** has been serving as the Acting Director of Public Safety. Chief Nickel earned a BS from California State University, Long Beach. **Paul D. Cayler** is currently the City Manager in Willits, the eastern terminus of the California Western Railroad; otherwise known as the "Skunk Train." He earned a BA from California State University, Chico. Greenfield has appointed **Susan Ashley Stanton** to be its new City Manager effective November 12. Susan, formerly named **Steve Stanton**, was the Largo, Florida City Manager for 17-years, and subsequently had a sex change, or gender-reassignment surgery. On Monday, October 1 the Norwalk city staff, where **Mike Egan** is City Manager, discovered that a number of bronze dedication plaques and public art statues were stolen, presumably to be melted down to be able for the material to be sold. Norwalk estimates the value of the City's loss at \$67,000. Other cities should be aware of crimes relating to public art and metals theft. A Norwalk investigation is ongoing. Retired La Verne City Manager **Marty Lomeli** was recently spotted at the Chateau de Versailles wearing a beret. He says that this pretty French place is cold and drafty, and a real fixer upper. Palo Alto City Manager James Keene has announced the appointment of **Peter Pirnejad** as the new Palo Alto Development Services Director. Peter most recently served as the Assistant Director of Economic and Community Development in Daly City. Simi Valley City Manager **Laura Behjan** addressed the Simi Valley Community Council at the Lost Canyons Golf

Club last month. An historical note: **Bob Chavez** resign his position as the Whittier Director of Parks at the age of 47 in July, 2006 to become a consultant. MuniServices' **Fran Mancia** is a new CCMF Board member. Buena Park City Manager **James B. Vanderpool** was appointed to his current post in July, 2012, and is a Buena Park staff veteran of more than 17-years. He was originally hired in the Public Works Department, and later served as the City's Convention and Visitor's Bureau administrator. He also served as the Internal Support Services Director, which include Human Resources/Risk Management and Purchasing. He was elevated to Deputy City Manager prior to his appointment to the Buena Park City Manager post. **Steve Robbins**, 59, General Manager of the Coachella Valley Water District died last month of leukemia. He had been scheduled for a transplant the day before he died. Steve was a 25-year veteran of the CVWD staff. He was named General Manager and Chief Engineer in 2003. Shasta Lake is negotiating with Assistant City Manager **John Duckett**, 50, to replace City Manager **Carol Martin**, who is retiring November 30. Novato City Manager **Michael Frank** has introduced **Chris Stewart**, 62, as the city's new Economic Development Manager. **Tom Evans** has served as Interim City Manager in Lake Elsinore since the dismissal of City Manager **Bob Brady** in March. A new Lake Elsinore City Manager will not be selected until after the November City Council election. California Lutheran University graduate **Scott Smith**, a Seal Beach resident, has been appointed Executive Director of the Cerritos Regional Chamber of Commerce. Three retired City Managers attended Bellflower High School at the same time. Retired La Mirada City Manager **Gary Sloan** was a senior in 1963; retired Camarillo City Manager **Jerry Bankston** was a junior; and former San Dimas City Manager **Don Pruyn** was a sophomore. **Ashley Wallace**, who earned a BS from Vanderbilt University and an MPA from the University of Southern California (**USC**) is a Graduate Management Intern in Huntington Beach. Veteran retired City Manager **Anthony Bonilla Lopez** had spinal fusion surgery in April and is hoping to be released to work sometime this month. Tony served as City Manager in Corning, Orange Cove, Hawaiian Gardens, and McFarland. He also served in varying capacities in other jurisdictions. He graduated from Long Beach City College, and earned a BS and MPA from California State University, Long Beach.



More Pieces Picked Up. Pasadena City Manager **Michael Beck** has announced the appointment of **Phillip Leclair** to the Pasadena post of Chief Information Officer in charge of the City's Department of Information Technology. He joined the Pasadena staff in 2008 and served as the Acting CIO and Deputy Chief Information Officer. *Another historical note:* In 1986 Paramount Assistant City Manager **Sanford M. Groves** resigned to accept a similar position with the City of Richmond, Virginia. Paramount City Manager **William Holt** reorganized to eliminate the ACM post, and he appointed Finance Director **Richard Leahey** and Director of Human Services **Patrick H. West** to two new Deputy City Manager positions. Chula Vista City Manager **Jim Sandoval** traveled to China with representatives of the Port of San Diego on a nine-day trip to urge Chinese investment in port facilities. The Port and the city have partnered for years on Chula Vista Bayfront projects. The delegation met with potential investment groups, including the China Investment Corp. Gold Hill, Oregon has hired retired veteran City Manager **Dale Shaddox** as Interim City Manager. He retired from full-time public service in 2004. He previously served as the Interim City Manager in Brookings, Newport, Shady Cove, Phoenix, Talent and Myrtle Creek, Oregon. Dale began his career as an Administrative Assistant in Buena Park in 1975. He also worked in Chico as an Administrative Assistant and then Community Services Assistant before moving to Yreka as Assistant City Manager in 1995. Dale served as the Yreka City Manager starting in 1996, and then served as City Manager in Cotati and Hollister prior to moving to Eagle Point, Oregon. He has an AS from Cypress College; a BA from California State University, Fullerton; and an MPA from California State University, Chico. CCMF's "Meet Your City Manager" YouTube video program now includes an interview with San Luis Obispo City Manager **Katie Lichtig**, who says; "Cities make California better...day-in and day-out." This CCMF series of City Manager interviews is supported by **MuniServices**. A new earthquake early-warning system has been installed by **Bay Area Rapid Transit** (BART) to detect earthquakes seconds before the ground starts shaking to allow trains to slow in an effort to prevent derailments. The system was designed with the aid of University of California, Berkeley scientists and is similar to one already in serves in Japan. Walnut Creek Assistant to the City Manager **Matthew D. Huffaker** earned a BS in political science from Point Loma Nazarene University, and an MPA from California State University, East Bay. Milpitas City Manager **Tom Williams** has appointed Soledad Community

Development Director **Steven McHarris** to serve as the Milpitas Planning and Neighborhood Services Director. Vice Admiral **David H. Buss** relieved Vice Admiral **Allen G. Myers** as the Commander, Naval Air Forces, and is now considered Naval Aviation's 6th "Air Boss." The Naval Air Forces' mission is to man, train, equip and maintain a Naval Air Force that is immediately employable, forward deployed and engaged. The change of command ceremony was conducted aboard the aircraft carrier USS Nimitz (CVN 68) October 4, while docked at the US Naval facilities in Coronado. Commander U.S. Pacific Fleet, Admiral **Cecil E. Haney** awarded Vice Admiral **Allen G. Myers** the Navy Distinguished Service Medal during the change of command ceremony. Port Hueneme City Manager **Dave Norman** resigned October 8 at the request of the City Council after nearly 6-years on the job. 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 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.



More Women to acknowledge:

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