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California "Beach" Cities Managers; Our Second Attempt

We are returning to one of our previous subjects. In September, 2009 we distributed a Special "Beach" Issue of the City Manager Newsletter by Trackdown. There have been a few changes and we have improved our data gathering in some areas too. So, with Summer on the horizon we are once again focusing on City Managers in coastal cities with "Beach" in their name.

Another reason for this re-visit, is that the League's City Manager Department Meeting in February gave us a reminder of the subject. When the Department Meeting was in San Diego County at La Costa, Santee City Manager **Keith Till** and Huron City Manager **Jerry Forde** got together to do some surfing. Hence the reminder of "beach" cities.



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There are unincorporated beach communities and well-known beach locations throughout California, including places like: Mission Beach, Ocean Beach, Swami's Beach, Windansea Beach, Shell Beach, Avila Beach, Moss Beach, Pescadero Beach, Rockaway Beach, Venice Beach, Pebble Beach (for all you golfers...right Bruce!); Seabright Beach, Johnson's Beach (on the river in Sonoma County), Guerneville Beach, (also on the river), Monte Rio Beach (also on the river), Aliso Beach, Capistrano Beach, Doheny Beach, Sunset Beach, Glass Beach and others.

It is said that Windansea Beach, located at the foot of Nautilus Street in La Jolla, is the best beach in San Diego County because there are no tourists and it is absolutely beautiful. It is reported that Windansea Beach has waves when most other spots are flat. It is named for an oceanfront hotel that burned down in the late 1940s. Swami's Beach is an internationally known surfing spot in Encinitas.



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We have identified a dozen California cities with the word "beach" in their names. Three of those cities are not listed in the ICMA Who's Who Directory: Grover Beach, Imperial Beach and Pismo Beach.

Grover Beach is located in San Luis Obispo County with a population of a little more than 13,000 people. The city was named "Grove City" upon incorporation in 1959. The name was changed in 1992 at a local election. The community was originally founded in 1887 by **Dwight William Grover** as the Town of Grover. **Robert Perrault** is the current Grover Beach City Manager. He was appointed in 2006 and replace Interim City Manager **John Dunn**. Bob served as the Colfax City Manager from 2001 until his Grover Beach appointment. He served as Cloverdale City Manager for 10-years starting in 1990, and prior to that he was the Assistant City Manager in Healdsburg and he worked on the Simi Valley staff. He has a BA from California State University, Northridge.



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Imperial Beach was founded in 1887 when more than 2,000 workers came to nearby Coronado to build the now historic Hotel del Coronado. It was the largest resort in the world at the time. Imperial Beach incorporated in 1956. It is known for its sand castles, surfing and fishing from the landmark Imperial Beach wooden pier. The community currently has a population of a little more than 26,000. It is only 5 miles northwest of downtown Tijuana, Mexico. Boca Rio beach break has been rated as the second best surfing spot in San Diego County, second only to Black's Beach and the Scripps Canyon area. Black's Beach is also famous as a clothing optional recreation area.

Gary Brown is the current Imperial Beach City Manager. In 1969 Gary served as a VD Epidemiologist for HEW in Florida. In 1969 he became an Urban Intern for HUD in Georgia, and in 1970 he was appointed a HUD Housing Specialist there. In 1971 Gary moved to North Carolina where he took a Community Development Representative post with HUD. In 1972 he was appointed to his first city position as an Evaluation Director for Winston Salem, North Carolina. He was promoted to Community Development Coordination in 1976 and then was selected to serve as the Winston Salem Community Development Director in 1978. Gary moved west to Colorado in 1984 when he was appointed Community Development Director in Lakewood, where he served as Acting Assistant City Manager in 1985. Gary left Lakewood, Colorado in 1988 when he was appointed Deputy City Manager in Tempe, Arizona. He served as the DCM until 1995 when he was chosen to be the Tempe City Manager. Gary served in Tempe until 2000. He moved to California in 2003 to serve as the Imperial Beach City Manager. Gary has earned a BA from the University of Florida and an MBA from Wake Forest University. In 2010 he received a 35-year ICMA Service Award.



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Pismo Beach is a coastal California city of some 7,700 people in the southern part of San Luis Obispo County.

Kevin M. Rice, serves as the current City Manager in Pismo Beach. Kevin was appointed in 2004 replacing City Manager **Suzanne Bragdon**, who resigned in May, 2003. Kevin was born in Henderson, Nevada and moved to La Mirada as a young child and then graduated from high school in Gainesville, Georgia. He attended the U.S. Military Academy at West Point with a BS in engineering. After graduation, he served in the infantry for three years, and then served duty in Germany, China and South Korea. From 1997 to 2000 Kevin was stationed as an Army attache at the U.S. Embassy in Beijing, China. He was appointed to the Pismo Beach City Manager post following his discharge from the Army. He serves on the Community Board of the French Hospital Medical Center (FHMC) in San Luis Obispo.



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Hermosa Beach was incorporated in 1907 and celebrated its 100-year anniversary on January 14, 2007. It has a population of just



under 20,000. Hermosa Beach's beach is popular for sunbathing, beach volleyball, surfing and paddle boarding. Notable residents include: retired Indianapolis race car drivers **Bill Simpson** and **Peter Revson**; actor **Jack Black** grew up in Hermosa Beach; comedian & television host **Jimmy Kimmel**; professional volleyball player and Olympic Gold Medalists **Kerri Walsh** and **Misty May Treanor**; **Ozzie and Harriet Nelson** of "The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet" television show; retired professional football player and now a Sports Analyst **Michael Strahan**; and many more.

Hermosa Beach City Manager **Stephen R. Burrell** began his public service career path in Rolling Hills Estates in 1973. In 1976 he left there as Assistant to the City Manager to become Assistant City Manager in San Clemente. In July 1979 Steve was appointed Capitola City Manager, where he served nearly 15-years before coming to his current assignment as Hermosa Beach City Manager. He has announced his retirement in March after 18-years. He has a BA from California State University, Long Beach. Steve received a 35-year ICMA Service Award.



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Like Grover Beach's **Bob Perrault**, Huntington Beach City Administrator **Frederick A. Wilson** is a veteran of the Simi Valley staff where **Mike Sedell** is the current City Manager. Fred started there in 1983 as an Administrative Assistant, and went to Chino in 1986 for an Administrative Assistant II post. In 1987 he took the Assistant to the City Administrator position in San Bernardino and was promoted to Assistant City Manager in 1990. Fred became San Bernardino City Manager in April, 1997. He left there in 2008 to take his current post. Fred has a BS from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, and an MPA from California State University, Northridge. He has a 25-year ICMA Service Award.



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Laguna Beach City Manager **John F. Pietig** began his public service/management career as an Intern in Riverside in 1989. He was subsequently promoted in the Riverside organization to Financial Management Analyst II in 1990; Administrative Services Manager in 1992; and Assistant to the City Manager/Budget Director in 1995. In 1999 John was appointed Deputy City Manager in Alhambra, and he served there until he was selected to serve as Assistant City Manager in Laguna Beach in 2001. When long-time Laguna Beach City Manager **Ken Frank** retired, John was elevated to the City Manager post in 2010. He has earned a BA from Washington State University and an MPA from the Maxwell School at Syracuse University. In 2009 John was recognized with a 20-year ICMA Service Award.

Laguna Beach Assistant City Manager **Christa L. Johnson-Seely** was a Management Analyst in Alameda in 1996 and was elevated to Assistant to the City Manager in 1997. In 2006 Christa left Alameda to become the Assistant Town Manager in Windsor. She worked there until last year (2011) when she was selected to serve as the Laguna Beach Assistant City Manager. Christa earned a BA from the University of California, Santa Barbara, and an MPA from San Francisco University. She has served as a member of the Cal-ICMA Board, and in 2006 she received a 10-year ICMA Service Award.

'If we do not change our direction, we are likely to end up where we are headed.'
--Chinese Proverb



Tiny Simpson, who will be 93-years old this month, is pictured here with her granddaughter **Jacki "Cookie" Simpson Beebe**, and her great-granddaughter **Dani Beebe** and great-grand son **Eric Beebe**.

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Pat West has an MBA from California State University, Dominguez Hills, and a Masters in Recreation Administration from California State University, Los Angeles. Pat also earned a BA from the University of California, Irvine. Pat started his city career at the age of 16 on the "beach" as an Ocean Lifeguard in Huntington Beach. Pat went on to be the Assistant Director of the Recreational Instructional Program at UCLA. He later worked 25-years in Paramount, starting on the Parks & Recreation Department staff under Parks & Recreation Director **Ellen Ward**, who is currently a member of the Signal Hill city council. Pat later served as Paramount's Community Development & Redevelopment Director and then Paramount City Manager for 11-years. He accepted the Community Development Director position in Long Beach in 2005, and he was appointed City Manager in September, 2007. Pat is an accomplished triathlete. He is an avid bicycle rider, and participates in ocean swims.

Long Beach Assistant City Manager **Suzanne M. Frick** worked some 22-years with the City of Santa Monica starting as an Associate Planner in 1983. She became the Santa Monica Director of Planning and Community Development in 1994. She was appointed Director of Planning and Building for Long Beach effective April 18, 2005, and elevated to Assistant City Manager in December, 2007. Suzanne grew up in Riverside. One of her early jobs was as a Park Ranger in Yellowstone National Park. She earned a BA from the University of California, Santa Barbara and a Masters in Urban Planning from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. Suzanne played softball in college and, according to her boss, she currently participates in triathlons.

State Officials Strike Again: "Things are constantly changing," says **Dale Earnhardt Jr.** while hocking insurance on television. Well! That seems to be the truth? Someone else said, "The more things change, the more they stay the same." This certainly describes the relationship between California State Government and our State's local governments.

Local government traditionally receives the highest marks from the public for doing a cost-efficient job of providing public services. On the other hand, the State has developed a reputation for being unable to craft budgets within the tolerances of its' annual revenues. Governor **Jerry Brown's** actions against the economic development successful local redevelopment agencies is not the first time the State has dipped into local revenues.

It appears that the State continues to seek to reap the revenue success of ours to fund its' lack of ability to operate within its own means.

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Long Beach Business Operations Bureau Manager **John P. Keisler** is a Past President of the Municipal Management Association of Southern California (MMASC). John was born in San Luis Obispo, but has roots in Long Beach. His father **John Robert Keisler**, pitched for California State University, Long Beach, setting a shutout record of eight games. From 2000 to 2003 John was a "Teach for America" teacher in Newark, New Jersey, earning his teaching credential through St. Peter's College in Jersey City, N.J. In 2003 he came to California to work as a Policy Assistant for the Orange County Division of the League of California Cities. In July, 2005 John took a Management Assistant post with Long Beach. In 2006 he became a Performance Management Analyst working with the City Manager's office, and in 2008 he was selected to serve as the Animal Care Services Business Manager. John has a BA from St. Olaf College in Minnesota and an MPA from **USC**.

Thomas B. Modica is the Long Beach Public/Government Affairs Manager. Tom began his public service career as a Research Assistant for the University of Arizona in 2000. In June, 2001 he took an Intern post with Tucson, and in July, 2002 he came to California to become a Management Assistant with Long Beach. A year later Tom was selected to be a Special Assistant to the City Manager and in January, 2005 he assumed his current post. Tom has a BA and MPA from the University of Arizona in Local Government Administration and Finance.



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Manhattan Beach is an affluent beachfront community south of El Segundo and north of Hermosa Beach. The City has a population of approximately 35,000. Around 1902 the beach suburb was named "Manhattan Beach" after the developer's home town, Manhattan Beach, Brooklyn, New York. The City was officially incorporated in 1912. Notable celebrity residents of Manhattan Beach include: Actor **Kevin James** and Actor **Owen Wilson**; professional basketball players **Blake Griffin**, **Luke Walton** and **Sasha Vujacic**; former major league baseball player **Nomar Garciaparra** and his Woman's World Cup soccer player wife **Mia Hamm**; soccer players **Landon Donovan** and **Cobi Jones**; professional tennis player **Maria Sharapova** and former LPGA golfer **Pearl Sinn**.

While veteran City Manager **David N. Carmany** was finishing the BS curriculum for his degree at **USC**, he began his public management career as an Administrative Assistant in Lancaster in 1978. In 1980 David went to Grand Terrace as an Administrative Assistant to the City Manager, and in March, 1981 he was appointed Assistant City Manager in Alhambra. After nearly 6-years he left Alhambra to accept the Agoura Hills City Manager appointment. In 1993 Dave became the Malibu City Manager and in 1997 he was selected to serve as the Pacific City Manager in Northern California. After leaving Pacific Dave took a Regional Manager position with the staff of Public Agency Retirement Services (PARS) in 2004 working with the late **Kevin J. Murphy**. In June, 2007 David returned to public management as the City Manager in Seal Beach. David moved from Seal Beach to take the Manhattan Beach City Manager post in 2011. In 2007 he was awarded a 25-year ICMA Service Award.



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Clay J. Curtin is a Management Analyst in Manhattan Beach and a member of ICMA. Before joining the Manhattan Beach staff in 2009, Clay was a Management Analyst II in West Covina between 2006 and 2009. Clay earned a BA at Washburn University and an MPA & CAS at the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University. Clay is the current President on the Executive Board of the Municipal Management Association of Southern California (MMASC).



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David A. Kiff is the Newport Beach City Manager succeeding veteran City Manager **Homer Bludau** upon his retirement. Dave started his government career as a staffer for the California State Senate in 1988. In 1991 he became a Consultant to the Senate Local Government Committee, and in 1994 he joined the staff of Senator **Marian Bergeson**. In 1994 Dave joined newly elected Supervisor Bergeson's staff in Orange County, and then joined the Orange staff in October, 1996. In 1998 Dave became the Assistant to the City Manager in Orange, a position he left in September, 1999 to take a Deputy City Manager appointment in Newport Beach. Dave has a BS from California State University, Sacramento and an MGA from the Fels Institute at the University of Pennsylvania. He has a 20-year ICMA Service Award. A native Californian, Dave is a four-time Ironman triathlete. He also volunteers with the Orange County AIDS Walk, and with the Festival of Arts in Laguna Beach.
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William P. Workman has served as the Redondo Beach City Manager since 2005. He is a Past-President of MMASC (1981-82). He was the John H. Nail Memorial Award winner in 1983. In his early days Bill worked as the Assistant to the City Manager in Glendora, and Assistant City Manager in Oceanside. In 1987 Bill became the General Manager of the Yorba Linda Water District. He went to Corona in 1990 as the Assistant City Manager and was appointed City Manager in 1996. When Bill left Corona he joined the Huntington Beach staff as Assistant City Administrator for about 4-years before he was recruited for his current post. Bill has a BA from California State University, Fullerton and an MPA from **USC**. Bill leads an active life outside of his public service. In 2004 he ran in the 108th Annual Boston Marathon.

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Seal Beach has a population of a little more than 24,000. In the early years the area was known as Anaheim Landing, and by the 20th century it was known as Bay City. At its 1915 successful incorporation election the City was name Seal Beach. The United State Navy's Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach was originally consturcted during World War II for loading and unloading ammunition for the Pacific Fleet warships ported in Long Beach and San Diego. With the closure of the Concord Naval Weapons Station in Northern California, the Seal Beach facility has become the primary source of munitions for the U.S. Pacific Fleet.



City Manager **Jill R. Ingram** served as an Assistant to the Superintendent in the Downey Unified School District starting in 1986. In 2000 she left public education when she was appointed City Clerk in Cypress, where she served until 2006. That year she took the Clerk of the Board post for the Orange County Fire Authority. In 2008 Jill joined the Seal Beach city staff as an Assistant to the City Manager, while **David Carmany** was the Seal Beach City Manager. Jill became the Assistant City Manager in 2011, and when David left for the Manhattan Beach City Manager position, Jill was tapped to succeed him as Seal Beach City Manager.

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Fire Chief **David Ott** became Solana Beach City Manager in August, 2006 following the resignation of City Manager **Barry Johnson**, who left to practive psychotherapy. Born in Grand Haven, Mlchigan, David moved with his family to San Diego in 1963. He took classes at San Diego State University, and earned two BA degrees in firefighting from Cogswell Polytechnical College in Sunnyvale. He also holds two Master's degress in management from Grand Canyon University in Arizona and from the University of Redlands. He was a U.S. Forest Service Firefighter at Camp Pendleton and in Coronado before becoming the Public Safety Director and Assistant City Manager in Imperial Beach. He came to Solana Beach as Fire Chief in 2003 and soon added the Del Mar Fire Chief's duties under a joint fire management services agreement.

That is our 2012 "Beach Cities" List. It is somewhat changed from our 2009 effort. We hope you enjoyed reading about the "Beach Cities" managers.



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Picking Up The Pieces: **Jill Anderson**, 48, will officially start as the new Riverbank City Manager on February 27. Riverbank has not had a full-time City Manager for nearly a year when City Manager **Rich Holmer** was put on leave in March of last year. Jill has nearly 20-years of municipal government experience, though this is her first City Manager job. She worked in Norwalk with then-City Manager **Ernie Garcia** in Los Angeles County, and she was the Seaside Assistant City Manager in Monterey County. Jill will be relieving Interim City Manager **Pam Carder**. Past MMASC President, Barstow Assistant City Manager **Oliver Chi** has degrees from both **USC** and **UCLA**. Oliver is a former Rosemead City Manager. After 18-years of service, Hermosa Beach City Manager **Steve Burrell** has announced his retirement in March. Steve came to Hermosa Beach in 1993 from Capitola, where he served as City Manager for 15-years. With City Manager **Patrick Glover** retiring, the City of Chino has begun a formal recruitment for his replacement by retaining professional executive recruitment firm **Bob Murray and Associates**. Santa Rosa Assistant City Manager **Jennifer Phillips** is the current Chair of Women Leading Government. **Lori Sassoon**, City Manager of Villa Park is Vice Chair, and Senior Management Analyst in the Santa Clarita Recreation and Community Services Department,

Sarona Vivanco serves as the WLG Financial Chair. Retired City Manager **Lauren Wasserman** is the Interim Director of Public Services in Coronado. City Manager **Alex McIntyre** is returning to California to accept the City Manager post in Menlo Park. Alex, 50, has been serving as City Manager in Lake Oswego, a Portland suburb. Prior to that he served in Marin County as an Assistant to the County Administrator from 2006 until 2008, and he also served as City Manager in Portola Valley (1997-2000) and Tiburon (2000-2006). He will succeed retired Menlo Park City Manager **Glen Rojas**. Veteran City Manager **Harold L. "Hal" Schilling** died at his home in Sherwood, Oregon on January 14. He was 72-years old. Hal served as City Manager in Indio from 1998 until 2002, when he retired. He began his public service career as a Military Policeman in the U.S. Army. In 1964 he went to work for the city planning department in Los Angeles. He was appointed Principle Planner in Garden Grove in 1968, and became a Staff Associate in 1969. Hal was selected to serve as Assistant City Manager in Simi Valley in 1970. He became the Simi Valley Deputy City Manager in 1973 and was appointed City Manager Pro Tem in 1974. In 1974 Hal took the Milwaukie, Oregon City Manager post, and in 1979 he became the Chandler, Arizona City Manager. He served there until he took the Aspen, Colorado City Manager post in 1984. He was City Manager in Reno, Nevada in 1986. Hal came back to California in 1991 to served as the Lancaster City Manager. Hal tried the private side for a few years until he was appointed City Manager in Ontario, Oregon in 1995. Hal earned an AA from Los Angeles Valley College, a BA from California State University and an MPA from **USC**. Former State Senator **Denise Moreno Ducheny** is a candidate for Congress. Desert Hot Springs City Manager **Rick Daniels** co-hosted a fundraiser for the Ducheny campaign at the Palm Desert offices of Noble and Company. Rick says he hosted the event on his own time and that it has nothing to do with city business. Former South Gate Police Chief **George Troxcil** has succeeded former City Manager **Ronald Bates**. Ron is now City Manager in Pico Rivera. George is the former South Gate Police Chief. He has been serving as Interim City Manager since Ron left. **CalPERS** earned 1.1% on investments in 2011.

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More Pieces Picked Up: Aurora Wilson, currently the Community Resources Director for the Coachella Valley Association of Governments, and the widow of the late **Roy Wilson**, who served as a member of the Riverside County Board of Supervisors, is a candidate for City Council in Palm Desert. American Canyon's new City Manager **Dana Shigley** has a BS from California State University, San Bernardino and an MA from California State University, Sacramento. Upland City Manager **Stephen Dunn** has a budget challenge that finds expenditures growing more quickly than revenues. Public sector management psychologist **Dr. Bill Mathis** moderated a recent community meeting used to explain the Upland budget picture. Colma City Manager **Laura Allen** co-authored an article published in the January/February, 2012 issue of PM Magazine with **Amanda Thompson**, Planning Director of Decatur, Georgia. The article is entitled: "Think You Can't Measure Resident Engagement? Think Again!" You will find it on Page 16 of the issue. **Randy Bynder**, a 25-year Rancho Mirage employee, has been selected to be the City's next City Manager succeeding the retiring **Patrick Pratt**. Pat has been with Rancho Mirage for 33-years, the last 21 as City Manager. Randy is currently the Community Development Director. He came to work for the City straight out of graduate school at **UCLA**. **Dr. Frank Benest**, retired Palo Alto City Manager, was presented with a 2011 ICMA Distinguished Service Award. Frank has served some 36-years in the city management craft. Vallejo approved a 5-year employment agreement with new City Manager **Dan Keen**, the current City Manager in Concord. Vallejo Assistant City Manager **Craig Whitton** will serve as Acting City Manager from February 1 until March 4, when Dan reports. Dan's base salary has been set at \$270,000. Former Artesia Assistant **Lynn Karl Nordby**, who went on to serve as City Manager in Enumclaw and Bainbridge Island, Oregon, and served with **Willdan Financial Services** before his current assignment as a Public Policy and Management Consultant with Municipal Research and Services Center in Seattle, Washington, authored "Maintain The Sharpest Tools" in the January/February issue of PM Magazine. Redondo Beach Assistant City Manager **Maggie Healy** retired at the end of 2011 after nearly 30-years of working on the Redondo Beach city staff. Maggie plans to attend Pacific Coast University School of Law.



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**One of the featured Sessions:
Thursday, February 2, 2012**

**When Managers Hit the Wall: Strategies for Personal
Survival and Good Government**

Problem-solving and creative fixes are what great city managers do. They generally can maintain or enhance services, hire great staff and satisfy council desires for special projects. Times have become more challenging and financial crisis limits options. Managers need to be aware of how the rules have changed for themselves and their councils. This problem-solving session discusses the new rules, guidelines and recommendations for survival, and re-emphasizes healthy approaches to today's challenges.

PRESIDER:

Dr. Bill Mathis, Management Psychologist, Mathis Group

SPEAKERS:

Bob Deis, City Manager, Stockton

Artie Fields, City Manager, Inglewood

Wade McKinney, City Manager, Atascadero



CCCA City Managers/Administrators January Committee Meeting

A full-house of Associates, City Managers and staff assembled for the January 26 meeting of the California Contract Cities Association's City Managers/Administrators Committee. The meeting was held in Monterey Park. Committee Chair **Tony Corrales**, the City Manager in Calabasas, called the meeting to order and introduced the program speakers.

Natalie Salazar of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department reported on plans for the 24th Annual City Managers' Education Seminar with the Department. Planned presenters include: State Controller **John Chiang**; Los Angeles County CEO **William Fujioka**; District Attorney **Steve Cooley**; Chief Probation Officer **Jerry Powers**; **Jon Shull** of the California JPIA; and Santa Clarita City Manager **Ken Pulskamp**, a past President of the League's City Managers Department, will moderate a session with Los Angeles County Sheriff **Lee Baca**.

Montebello City Administrator **Larry Kosmont**, President & CEO of the Kosmont Companies, addressed the winding down and demise of Community Redevelopment Agencies. It will not be a simple process, but it appears that the Governor, Senator Steinberg and Legislature are bent on taking the local RDA funding to help pay down the State's multi-billion dollar deficit.

Though a comprehensive attendance list was not available, we jotted down some names to give representative accounting of who attended, including: CCCA President **James R. Bozajian**, Mayor of Calabasas; Rolling Hills Estates City Manager **Doug Prichard**; **Mark Alexander**, La Cañada Flintridge City Manager; Monterey Park City Manager **Paul Talbot**; Artesia City Manager **Maria Dadian**; Commerce City Administrator **Jorge Rifa**; Lynwood City Manager **Roger Haley**; Diamond Bar City Manager **Jim DeStefano**; Montebello City Administrator **Larry Kosmont**; Executive Director **Sam Olivito** and **Tony Olivito** of the CCCA staff; **Lisa Novotny**, Lakewood Assistant City Manager; **Carol Jacoby**, Lakewood Deputy City Manager; **Debbie Lopez**, Assistant City Manager, Pico Rivera; **John Kelly** of TNT Fireworks; **Jose Vera** of **Stone & Youngberg**; **Roxanne Diaz** of Richards Watson & Gershon, Indio City Attorney; **Frank G. Tripepi** of **Willdan**, a retired City Manager; and **Tom Landiorio** of **MuniServices**.



Matt Knabe of Englander Knabe & Allen, a highly professional community communications and public relations firm, poses here with veteran Commerce City Administrator **Jorge Rifa**.

Even More Pieces Picked Up: **Paul Hogan**, formerly of the city staffs in Hawaiian Gardens and Lomita, is currently a professional long-haul truck driver. He recently emailed Trackdown from Indianapolis on his way to Dallas. California's **John Clark** and **Tom Odom** are among the final six final candidates for the Ashland, Oregon City Manager post. John is the Garden Grove Human Resources Director. Tom is a former Greenfield, Grover Beach and Lomita City Manager, who is currently the Rancho Palos Verdes Public Works Director. He previously served as the RPV Parks and Recreation Director. **Diana Ingersoll** has been appointed Acting City Manager in Seaside to replace City Manager **Ray Corpuz**, who is the new Salinas City Manager. Diana has been the Deputy City Manager since 2006 and before that the Seaside Public Works Director. With Concord City Manager **Dan Keen** about to assume the City Manager post in Vallejo, Assistant City Manager **Valerie Barone** has been appointed Interim City Manager. Atherton Interim City Manager **John Danielson** was forced to resign because the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) rejected the town's request to extend his contract one more year. Deputy City Clerk **Theresa DellaSanta** will act as Interim City Manager and John will assist her through a consulting agreement. Veteran Lakewood City Manager **Howard L. Chambers**, 67, has been re-appointed City Manager from his retired and "Interim" status. He has agreed to a three-year employment agreement, and will "un-retire." Howard has served as Lakewood's top executive since 1976. Chico City Manager **Dave Burkland** has announced his pending retirement after 5-years on the job. Dave has served as City Manager since being name Interim City Manager when City Manager **Greg Jones** left the city staff. Petaluma City Manager **John Brown** is addressing a legal action brought against the city by a former Council Member and long time critic of the City government **Bryant Moynihan**. The claim is that the City has misspent sewage treatment fees. A recent audit of the water and wastewater fund supports the accounting. Former Sacramento City Manager **William Edgar**, 72, has been appoint to the Central Valley Flood Protection Board by Governor **Jerry Brown**.

