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City Managers Assist the League of California Cities

Each year California City Managers contribute considerable time and effort to aid the League of California Cities with its various programs and missions; from education and training to researching and lobbying. The 2012 Annual Conference of the League just recently concluded in San Diego. We salute the League and the good work it does for California local governments.



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This picture was taken in the Exposition area at the 2012 Annual League of California Cities Conference. On the left is **Mark Risco**, President & CEO of **Willdan Financial Services**, and on the right is **Benicia** City Manager **Brad Kilger**, President-Elect of the City Managers Department of the League. In addition to serving in a technical advisory role, the City Managers Department strives for continued acceptance and the advancement of city management through the professional and ethical standards of the ICMA Code of Ethics.

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Though from time-to-time other locations are scheduled, the City Managers' Department of the League usually holds its annual meeting in February in Monterey. However, the 2013 program is planned for January 30 to February 1 in San Francisco. Even in hard economic times...some would say, "especially" during hard times...interaction, training & education, and networking are important to professional development and the provision of needed public services.

Those who participate with the League City Managers' Department, ICMA, CCMF and other professional groups, are generally the leaders in the California city manager community. We salute each and everyone for the time and effort dedicated outside of their daily city managers duties.

As listed on the League web page, the 2011 - 2012 City Manager Department of Officers included: Laguna Hills City Manager **Bruce Channing**, President; Benicia City Manager **Brad Kilger**, President Elect; Rolling Hills City Manager **Anton Dahlerbruch**, Vice President; retired Livermore City Manager **Linda Barton**, Immediate Past President; and soon-to-retire Santa Clarita City Manager **Ken Pulskamp**, Department Director (Ken is also a past President of the department.) Terms for these positions are for one year, ending in September, except the director, who serves a two-year term.

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Department Subcommittees include: OPEB, Chaired by Los Gatos Town Manager **Greg Larson**; Government Transparency and Civic Engagement, Chaired by Placentia City Administrator **Troy Butzlaff** with Lafayette City Manager **Steven Falk** serving as Vice Chair; and the Committee on Diverse Communities, Chaired by Modesto Deputy City Manager **Dee Williams-Ridley**.




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Each year the department President appoints a City Manager representative to serve with each of the League's eight policy committees to help with technical information and to ensure that the City Managers' Department has a voice in the process of considering policy issues. The City Managers' Department Policy Committee Representatives for 2011-2012 include: Belmont City Manager **Greg Scoles**, *Administrative Services*; Yountville Town Manager **Steve Rogers**, *Community Services*; Santa Clarita Assistant City Manager **Ken Striplin**, *Employee Relations*; Lathrop City Manager **Cary Keaten**, *Environmental Quality*; El Cerrito City Manager **Scott Hanin**, *Housing, Community & Economic Development*; Port Hueneme City Manager **David Norman**, *Public Safety*; Hayward City Manager **Fran David**, *Revenue & Taxation*; and former Fairfax Town Manager, now the Lomita City Manager **Michael Rock**, *Transportation, Communication & Public Works*. We are honored to acknowledge the extra efforts of these members of California's city management community.



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Though we recognize the invaluable contributions of President **Bruce Channing**, the Executive Board, and the Subcommittee leaderships, most of them have been listed in previous Trackdown efforts. In this issue we have changed our focus to a list of the League Policy Committee City Manager representatives, and we feature a short description of our day in San Diego at the 2012 Expo.

Belmont City Manager **Greg Scoles**, who is the City Managers' Department policy committee representative for the *Administrative Services Committee*, began his public management career in 1977 as an Administrative Assistant in Los Alamitos. In 1980 Greg moved to Oregon when he was appointed Director of Planning in The Dalles. He returned to California for a Planning position in Pinole in 1982, and in 1986 he was appointed Planning Director in Tiburon. After a time in the private sector (1987-1993), Greg was selected to serve as the Community Development Director in Newberg, Oregon. In 1996 he was recruited to be the Assistant City Administrator in Ashland, Oregon, and in 2000 he was elevated to the Ashland City Administrator post. Again Greg returned to California when in 2002 he was appointed Deputy City Manager in Santa Rosa where **Jeff Kolin** was City Manager. In 2010 Greg was selected for his current position as the Belmont City Manager. He earned a BA from California State University, Long Beach and an MPA from the University of Southern California (**USC**). Greg was a 2002 recipient of the ICMA Program Excellence Award for Outstanding Partnerships: Intergovernmental Cooperation. He received a 25-year ICMA Service Award in 2008.



Thanks go to Atascadero Assistant City Manager **Jim Lewis** for this picture of **Jack Simpson** and Willdan Senior Vice President **Frank G. Tripepi**. Jack and Frank worked together in city management in the early 1970s. Jim is one of the very best young California city managers on the rise.



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9-year old **Jessie Hearther** of Coronado prepares a dinner for her family, while wearing "McKinney Orange."

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Community Services Committee representative is Yountville Town Manager **Steve Rogers**. Steve started his career in Olathe, Kansas as an Intern to the Public Works Director in 1985. He took an Administrative Intern post in Mesa, Arizona in 1986, and in 1987 he was hired on as an Administrative Assistant in Santa Paula. He was elevated to Assistant to the City Administrator in 1989, and in 1990 Steve left Santa Paula and California for the opportunity to serve as the Assistant to the City Administrator in Ann Arbor, Michigan. In 1991 Steve returned to California to take the Assistant to the City Manager position in Indio. He was elevated to the Indio Administrative Services Director post in 1994 when **Fred Diaz** was City Manager (Fred is currently the Fremont City Manager). In 1996 Steve was selected to serve as the Assistant City Manager in San Bruno where he served for some 8-years. In 2004 he was chosen to serve as the General Manager/Chief Executive Office of the North Tahoe Public Utility District and he became a resident of Kings Beach on the north shore of Lake Tahoe. Steve was recruited for his currently post as Yountville Town Manager in 2007 where he succeeded **Kevin Plett** and Planning Director **Bob Tiernan**, who served as Interim Town Manager following Kevin's departure. Steve earned a BA from the University of Michigan and an MPA from the University of Kansas. He was the recipient of a 25-year ICMA Service Award in 2011.

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Employee Relations Committee representative during the past year has been Santa Clarita Assistant City Manager **Ken Striplin**. Ken's public management career began in 1996 when he was hired in Santa Clarita as an Administrative Analyst. He became a Management Analyst in 1997, and was elevated to Assistant to the City Manager in 2001. During his time in that post he also served as Interim Technology Services Manager and Interim Human Resources Manager. Ken was appointed Assistant City Manager in 2004 where he has worked closely with City Manager **Ken Puskamp**. With **Ken Puskamp** to retire, **Ken Striplin** has been selected to succeed him as Santa Clarita City Manager. Ken earned a BA and MPA from California State University, Northridge, and a PhD from Pepperdine University. In 2011 he received a 10-year ICMA Service Award. He has served as a member of the CCMF Board.

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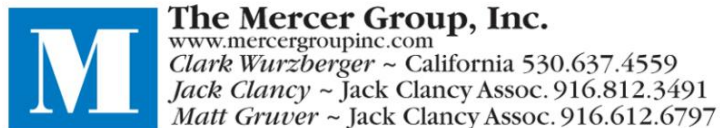


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Cary Keaten, 50, has been the city manager representative to the Environmental Quality policy committee of the League of California Cities for 2011-2012. Cary served as the Lathrop City Manager until April of this year when he was named the General Manager of the Solano Irrigation District in Vacaville. Cary work for Lathrop for some 10-years, his last three as City Manager when he took over for former City Manager **Yvonne Quiring**. He served as Assistant City Manager, and was the Director of Public Works prior to that since 2002. He came to Lathrop from the Deputy Director of Public Works position in Morgan Hill, a city staff he joined in 2000. Prior to his work in Morgan Hill Cary worked in the private sector between 1986 and 2000. He earned a BS in civil engineering from the University of Wyoming. An avid outdoorsman, he has scaled the face of El Capitan in Yosemite National Park, among other challenges.



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"He (Shoeless Joe Jackson) was the finest natural hitter in the history of the game." - **Ty Cobb**



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El Cerrito City Manager **Scott Hanin** has served as the city manager department representative to the *Housing, Community & Economic Development* policy committee of the League of California Cities. In 1989 Scott went to work as a Senior Analyst in the Mayor's Office of Operations in New York City, New York. In 1991 he tried the consulting, and a half dozen years later in 1999 he was appointed Executive Director of the West Contra Costa Integrated Waste Management Authority. After serving there for a time, Scott was selected to served as the El Cerrito City Manager in 2001. Scott has served as the Chair of the Contra Costa Public Management Association (PMA). He earned a BA from the University of Delaware and an MPA from New York University. In addition, Scott completed a special Executive Seminar program at the University of California, Berkeley. Scott is a recipient of the 2012 ICMA Community Sustainability Award. He received a 10-year ICMA Service Award in 2007.



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Port Hueneme City Manager **David J. Norman** served as the Public Safety policy committee representative for the City Managers' Department. Dave began his public management career in 1989 as an Administrative Assistant in Lubbock, Texas. In 1990 he moved west to California where he took a Property Manager position with Eureka. In 1991 Dave moved to Morgan Hills to accept a Project Manager post, and in 1992 he took a Development Specialist position with the City of San Bernardino. Dave was hired as an Administrative Assistant in Lompoc in 1995; was promoted to Assistant to the City Administrator in 1998; and Assistant City Administrator in 2001. Dave joined the Aliso Viejo staff in 2002 as the Assistant City Manager and he was elevated to City Manager in 2002. He was appointed City Manager in Cypress in 2005, tried consulting for a time in 2006 and was appointed to his current post as Port Hueneme City Manager in 2006. Dave earned a BA from California State University, Long Beach and an MPA from California State University, Hayward. In 2005 he was the recipient of an ICMA Program Excellence Award for Outstanding Partnerships: Intergovernmental Cooperation. He received a 20-year ICMA Service Award in 2009.

Hayward City Manager **Frances David** served as the City Managers' Department representative on the *Revenue & Taxation* police committee of the League. Fran began her public service career in 1971 as an Employment & Training Specialist in Pittsburg, California. In 1975 she was appointed to the Director of the Employment, Training, & Aging Administration in San Mateo County. Fran moved to Daly City in 1979 when she was selected to serve as the Assistant to the City Manager. She lists her next assignment as Assistant to the City Manager/Chief of Staff to Vice Mayor in Berkeley/Oakland from 1993 until 1996 (since Berkeley and Oakland are separate municipal jurisdictions there is some confusion). In 1996 Fran was appointed to serve as the Director of Finance in Berkeley where she worked for some 10-years. In 2006 she took the Hayward Assistant City Manager post, and served as Acting City Manager on two occasions prior to being appointed Hayward City Manager in 2010. Fran earned a BS at California State University, Hayward and an MBA from Golden Gate University. She also has a Certificate for attending the State Disaster Management program in San Luis Obispo, and a certificate for participating in the University of California, Berkeley Executive Seminar. Fran received a 30-year ICMA Service Award in 2011.

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Michael K. Rock, 47, began his public service career in 1993 as a Waste Reduction Coordinator for Yolo County. After about 4-years in that position, he was promoted to Management Analyst in 1997.

Mike left Yolo County in 1999 when he was hired as Street Manager for Sacramento. In 2000 he returned to Yolo County for a Project Director post. In 2002 he went to work for the City of Rocklin as the Operations Manager, and in 2007 he was appointed Public Works Director in Fairfax. When Town Manager **Linda Kelly** left to take a position in another city, Michael was appointed Fairfax Town Manager in 2008. Just recently he moved to Southern California to take the Lomita City Manager position following the retirement of **Dawn Tomita**. Michael earned a BA and MPPA from California State University, Sacramento. He received a 10-year ICMA Service Award in 2010.



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Retired Porterville City Manager **Guy Huffaker**.

League of California Cities 2012 Expo: One Persons Experience

By Jack A. Simpson



Even during hard economic times, training, information gathering and networking remain important. Each year the League of California Cities presents California cities with the state's signature municipal government event at their annual conference and exposition.

During the 2012 Annual Conference and Expo of the League of California Cities we ventured south to San Diego to visit with some of those gathered for the event. San Diego is a great conference destination with convenient hotels, wonderful restaurants, and a nice convention center with great display and meeting facilities, not to mention that Petco Park, where the San Diego Padres play, and the rich nightlife of the Gas Lamp district are close by.

Thursday, September 6 was the first day of school for our grandson Tyler, so I waited to see him off on his first day, and take the traditional pictures by the front door, before heading south on Interstate 5 toward San Diego. I found a place to park in the underground parking facility at the San Diego Convention Center at a little past 10 o'clock that morning.

After walking a good distance in the wrong direction toward where the last LCC conference was held in San Diego, I discovered the venue change and got turned around and directed right. Of course, the conference badge police were pulling entryway sentry, so I knew some good old fashion retired city manager ingenuity had to be used; either that or cough up a pocket full of gold that is not available to most fixed income Social Security recipients.

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Once entry was achieved, I spent some time visiting old friends at the Willdan booth, which was conveniently located near the front where they were one of the first companies attendees saw upon entering. We salute **Francesca Fuentes** and the marketing folks who secured that location. During our repeat visits to the booth we had the opportunity to chat with a number of Willdan representatives, including: Francesca, **Frank G. Tripepi**, **Bill Pagett**, **Mark Risco**, **Adel Freij**, **Chris Fisher**, **Lew Gluesing** and a few others. Mark is the current President and CEO of  **Willdan Financial Services**.

It was good finding retired Fairfield City Manager **Kevin O'Rourke** at the **PARS** booth. Kevin has completed some interim assignments since retiring, including Interim City Manager stints in Stockton and Woodland, and as an interim department head in Yolo County. Kevin currently serves on the Cal-ICMA Board. He is a past President of the City Managers' Department of the League, and a past Regional Vice President on the ICMA Executive Board. He is also a past member of the CCMF Board. He recently joined the PARS team as a Senior Consultant. Among the other **PARS** personnel we greeted were **Mitch Barker**, Executive Vice President; and **Faith Hermann**, Senior Client Services Coordinator.

Kevin took me by the arm and marched me across the aisle in front of the PARS booth to where **Mark Curran** was helping hold down the Piper Jaffray booth. Mark is a long-time member of the CCMF Board, where he has served as Treasurer. He had a great story of purchasing a home in Napa only to find out later that **Dr. Bill Mathis** and **Janice Mathis** will be neighbors. Yes "Virginia" it is a small world after all!

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This is **Faith Hermann** and **Kevin O'Rourke** of **PARS**. Kevin is a retired Fairfield City Manager. He has completed interim manager assignments in Stockton and Woodland. He is a past President of the City Managers' Department of the League and a former ICMA Regional Vice President.



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Urban Futures, Inc. Founder and Chief Executive Officer **Marshall Linn** stopped to chat and swap old tales. He has been attending League events for about the past 40-years or so. We did not see **Urban Futures** President **Mike Busch**, who does a great job of covering the needs of California cities. Marshall continues to keep busy with public agency consulting services. **UFI URBAN FUTURES | Incorporated**

Lloyd de Llamas and the other good folks at **HdL Companies** had a very nice booth at the Exposition. We kept running into Lloyd all over the hall as he canvassed the event. We also had occasion to chat with **Denise Ovrom** of **HdL Companies**.  Both Lloyd and Denise are former City Managers.

Veteran retired Porterville City Manager **Guy Huffaker** and **Cindy Schaer**, formerly a planner with the Willdan Sacramento office staffed a booth for Quad Knopf, a civil engineering, planning, biology, surveying, construction management and landscape architecture company, headquartered in Visalia. Guy is a former member of the CCMF Board.

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CALTRUST Lyle Defenbaugh worked the **CalTrust** booth. He allowed me to take a load off and sit with him in the booth for a time. I met Lyle back in the early 1980s when he served as a Consultant to the Assembly Local Government Committee, Chaired then by former Assembly Member **Dominic Cortese**. **CalTrust** provides competitive investment opportunities as an alternative to the State administered Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF). With the demise of CRAs, many local agencies have developed a mistrust of placing their reserve funds with the State. **CalTrust** provides a competitive return and liquidity. While sitting with Lyle, Cerritos Mayor **Jim Edwards** stopped by to chat.

We were happy to see **George Wentz** and **Roy Stephenson** at the **HR Green** booth. **George Wentz**, a former Menifee City Manager, is currently a Vice President and area manager for governmental services in Southern California for **HR Green**. In 2004 George was named as one of the top 50 Public Works Trendsetters in the United States. George was a Senior Vice President with Bureau Veritas' California services from 2000 to 2007. He worked as a Vice President for Norris Repke in 2008, and then joined the Winzler & Kelly staff later that year (2008). In 2009 George was appointed City Manager in Menifee where he served for nearly two-years. In 2011 George joined **HR Green's** California team as a Vice President working with long-time well-known City Engineer and Public Works professional **Roy Stephenson**. Prior to joining **HR Green**, Roy worked with Bureau Veritas, but he is well-known by most "old-timers" as one of the founders of BSI.



While stopping by the **MuniServices** booth in search of **Fran Mancina**, I was able to talk with **Ryder Smith** and **Jessica Hernandez** of **Tripepi Smith & Associates**. The Tripepi Smith staff works closely with **MuniServices** to help with their outreach.



We ran into **Fran Delach** and his wife **Peggy Delach**, who is a member of the Covina City Council. Fran is a retired Azusa City Manager and currently serving as the Interim Executive Director of the San Gabriel Valley COG. Fran is also a Managing Principal with **Kelly Associates Management Group**.



We stopped by the **Bob Murray & Associates** booth to chat with **Bob Murray** and **Judy LaPorte**. Judy formerly worked with longtime Rocklin City Manager **Carlos Urrutia**. She said that she worked with the Rocklin staff for a dozen years. **Bob Murray** has developed an excellent reputation as an effective executive recruiter, bringing a personal approach to providing quality services.



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California Contract Cities Association Executive Director **Sam Olivito** and association President **Diane Martinez**, Mayor of Paramount, were working the CCCA information booth. While chatting with them, I had the chance to talk with Gardena City Manager **Mitch Lansdell**. Mitch is a veteran City Manager, and it was good having the opportunity to talk to him.

Down the aisle from the CCCA the **USC** Price School of Public Policy had a booth. There we saw Senior Fellow **Frank Zerunyan**, J.D., a member of the Rolling Hills Estates City Council and a past President of the CCCA. Also, La Cañada Flintridge City Manager **Mark Alexander** was there. Mark thoughtfully handed me a **USC** identification conference badge ribbon. Thank you Mark!



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One of the first City Managers I ran into was **Tom Robinson** of La Mirada. **Thomas E. Robinson** joined the La Mirada staff as the Community Resources Manager in 1985 when the City Manager was **Gary Sloan**. Tom became the Community Services Director in 2001 and served in that capacity until he was appointed Acting City Manager in August, 2008; about a month before he was made La Mirada City Manager. Tom previously work for the cities of Commerce and Cerritos. He earned a BA in Journalism and an MPA from California State University, Long Beach. Tom is a past President of the Rotary Club of La Mirada. Tom plans to retire at the end of the current year.

We had lunch in the exposition hall with **Bill Pagett** and **Frank Tripepi**. It brought back good memories of old times. Both of these gentlemen are highly professional and "doers." At lunch we ran into **Larry Kosmont** of the **Kosmont Companies**. Larry is a former City Manager and recently concluded an Interim City Manager assignment in Montebello. We also saw Walnut City Attorney **Mike Montgomery**.

Of course, we will miss someone when we try to list those we saw at the Expo, but we are going to try anyway. Please accept our apology in advance if you know you saw me and I miss you in the list. The old brain simply isn't what it used to be.



La Mirada Deputy City Manager **Anne Haraksin** and Camarillo Assistant City Manager **Dan Paranick** at the Expo. These two had never met prior to this year's event.

In addition to those we have already listed, our walks around the exposition allowed us to see: **ABM** Director of Local Government Services **Robert M. Sausedo**; **Heather Renschler**, President and CEO of **Ralph Andersen & Associates**, and her team members **John Goss**, a saxophone playing retired Chula Vista City Manager; and **Dave Morgan**, a retired Anaheim City Manager; La Mirada Deputy City Manager **Anne Haraksin**; Camarillo Assistant City Manager **Dan Paranick**, who previously worked in Simi Valley with now retired City Manager **Mike Sedell**; **Manny De Dios** of **NEWCOMB DeDIOS FINANCIAL GROUP**; **Newcomb De Dios Financial Group**; **Tony Olivito** of the California Contract Cities Association; **Jennifer Fernandez** of eCivis; **Ken Steele** of AECOM headquartered in Orange; **Brad McKinney** of the Claremont executive staff; **David Huntoon** of the Rose Institute; and **Scott Hammond**, of Erickson - Hall.

In was nice to have the opportunity to chat with retired Anaheim City Manager **Dave Morgan**. His Anaheim Executive Assistant **Lisa Hughes** previously served on the Bellflower city staff when I worked there. I enjoyed working with Lisa. She developed into a highly valuable and professional executive staff member.

We also chatted with or spotted: **Rod Wood**, retired Beverly Hills City Manager & interim in Indian Wells; **Michael Colantuono** of **Colantuono & Levin**; Santa Monica City Manager **Rod Gould**; Pico Rivera City Manager **Ron Bates**; **Eric Figueroa**, LCC staff; Atascadero Assistant City Manager **Jim Lewis**; **Dominic Milano**, RKA Consulting Group; Santa Clarita City Manager **Ken Pulskamp**, and ACM **Ken Striplin**, who has been appointed to succeed his boss; **Marc Mitchell** of Cerrell Associates; Walnut's excellent City Manager **Rob Wishner**; Placentia City Administrator **Troy Butzlaff**; Lakewood Assistant City Manager **Lisa Novotny**, and Deputy City Manager **Carol Flynn**; and Brea City Manager **Tim O'Donnell**.

Though it appeared that attendance was down a bit, the exposition was well attended and the hall was full of vendors. The League continues to do good work under Executive Director **Chris McKenzie** and his outstanding staff.



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Anthony D. Gonsalves joined **Joe A. Gonsalves & Son** in January, 1977. Anthony previously served as a member of the California State Senate staff for a year and a half. The political process in Sacramento is exceedingly complex, with more than three decades of experience, Anthony has had the opportunity to master such complexities. Anthony is widely recognized as one of Sacramento's most successful lobbyist with the longest tenure.

In December, 1998, **Jason A. Gonsalves**, joined **Joe A. Gonsalves & Son**. This gave **Joe A. Gonsalves & Son** the proud distinction of being the first California lobbying firm to have three generations of legislative advocates in one firm at the same time. This distinction continued until Joe passed away in July, 2000. Jason has successfully represented many clients before the Legislature and with various state department and agencies in the areas of local government finance, utilities and commerce, public employees' retirement, workers' compensation, telecommunications, and conflict of interest issues.

In October, 2004, **Paul A. Gonsalves**, joined **Joe A. Gonsalves & Son**. Previously, Paul served as a Legislative Aide to Assembly Member Rudy Bermudez. Paul earned a BA in Political Science with a minor in Public Administration from San Diego State University.

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Picking Up The Pieces: We recently goofed and we apologize. We mentioned erroneously that Planning Director **Jack Wong** was now plying his trade in Long Beach. NOT! Long Beach Development Services Director **Amy Bodek** continues to provide highly professional services in that community. We apologize to everyone for our error, especially Amy, Long Beach City Manager **Pat West** and Jack, too. Retired Ventura County Chief Executive Officer **Johnny Johnston** has been appointed Interim City Manager in the City of Ventura replacing City Manager **Rick Cole**, who has resigned. Johnny retired in 2008. He will serve in Ventura until a permanent replacement can be found. Johnny is a former Artesia & Ojai City Manager. He will work without pay or benefits in Ventura. South Pasadena City Manager **Sergio Gonzalez** appointed former Hanford City Manager **Hilary Straus** to serve as Assistant City Manager. The South Pasadena ACM post has been unfilled for nearly a year. Hilary, who is a past President of Cal-ICMA and a former member of the CCMF Board, will lead the South Pasadena staff in economic development, labor negotiations and human resources. It has been reported that "octomom" **Nadya Suleman** and her 14-children are moving from La Habra to Palmdale. **Don Hannah** is the La Habra City Manager and past ICMA President **David Childs** is the new Palmdale City Manager. Newport Beach Public Works Director **Steve Badum** has been appointed Assistant City Manager filling in behind retired Assistant City Manager **Dana Smith**. Deputy Director of Public Works **Dave Webb** will step up to the Public Works Director post. City Manager **Dave Kiff** also announced that Deputy Finance Director **Dan Matusiewicz** is the new Finance Director which was vacated by **Tracy McCraner** in July. Also, Dave recommends that Human Resources Director **Terri Cassidy** be appointed Deputy City Manager. Atwater City Manager **Kathy Kivley** has been relieve of her duties and terminated. Kathy was placed on administrative leave last month. The city's budget issues continue with all options open, including bankruptcy. El Monte city officials fired 13 lifeguards and a pool manager for making a spoof video of South Korean pop star Psy's "Gangnam Style." The El Monte Aquatic Center lifeguards "Lifeguard Style," was produced off the clock on their lunch break while awaiting their next shift to begin. Management did not get the humor and called the video "inappropriate and disgusting." New Eastvale City Manager **Carol Jacobs**, 50, who previously served as the Stanton City Manager, earned a BA and an MPA from California State University, Fullerton. Gilroy City Manager **Tom**

Haglund accepted the resignation of Interim Fire Chief **Roger Bloom** following Roger's arrest in a sting operation when he was caught buying alcohol for a minor. He was only on the job about a month, and now the city is searching for another interim chief. **J. Andrew Schlange** is the Interim General Manager of the Salton Sea Authority. The Salton Sea Authority is a joint powers authority made up of Riverside and Imperial Counties, the Imperial Irrigation District, Coachella Valley Water District and the Torres-Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians. 34th SUPERFROG Triathlon (1.2 mile ocean swim/56 mile bike/13.1 mile run) is schedule for Sunday, September 30, 2012 in Coronado. This is the longest-standing half-iron man race in the world. It was created by U.S. Navy SEALs as a training opportunity for the Ironman World Championship in Hawaii. **Lance Armstrong** will participate in the 2012 SuperFrog Triathlon. City Manager **Don Bradley** of Cathedral City is the longest-serving City Manager in the Coachella Valley. He was appointed to his current post in 1999. Though rumored to retire at the end of the year, Don has yet to confirm such. Emeryville Assistant City Manager **Delores Turner** is the Board of Directors President of the *California Public Employers Labor Relations Association* (CALPELRA). CALPELRA is a professional, nonprofit California association established in 1975. Its members are public sector management representatives responsible for carrying out the labor relations/human resources programs of the jurisdictions they serve. Fillmore City Manager **Yvonne Pimentel Quiring** has submitted her resignation effective October 1. She has been named Assistant City Manager and Administrative Services Director in Davis. She replaces former Davis Assistant City Manager **Paul Navazio**, who is currently the Woodland City Manager. During Yvonne's 26-year municipal experience she has served in positions with the cities of Fresno, Stockton, Lathrop and Fillmore. Former Manteca City Manager **Steve Pinkerton** is the Davis City Manager.



More Pieces Picked Up: **Dayle Keller** is the new Interim City Manager in the City of El Monte. She has signed an employment agreement providing she will serve a maximum of six-months in the post. Dayle is filling in behind the resignation of City Manager **Rene Bobadilla**, who has been appointed to the Huntington Park City Manager position. Dayle is a retired Baldwin Park Chief Executive Officer. Chico City Manager **Dave Burkland**, 60, has retired and Hemet City Manager **Brian Nakamura** has been appointed to succeed him. Dave joined the Chico city staff some 20-years ago, and served the past 5-years as City Manager. He says that in retirement he will have more time to play volleyball, ride his off-road motorcycle, and learn how to fly fish. Fremont City Manager **Fred Diaz** reports that his city has reversed a trend of reducing the number of city positions since 2003 with the addition of four police officers for the coming year; bringing the sworn officers in the Fremont department to 185. Retired City Manager **Lauren Wasserman** reports that his son **Scott Wasserman** is the Parks & Recreation Director in Commerce and that his daughter-in-law **Pamela Wasserman** just accepted an appointment to be the Park and Recreation Director in Bell. **The application closing date for the Laguna Niguel City Manager position is Sunday, October 7, 2012.** Bell City Manager **Doug Willmore** is reported by Los Angeles Times writer **Jeff Gottlieb** to have said, "All it would have taken was one person in authority to blow the whistle. Randy Adams could have been that one person." When **Randy Adams** was the Bell Chief of Police he was one of the highest-paid law enforcement officers in the nation. Bell has filed a law suit claiming that the former Chief owes the city hundreds of thousands of dollars. Sacramento City Manager **John Shirey** has acknowledged that city workers have over-used city credit cards, while he plans to scale back the number of credit cards issued as he addresses the issue of city credit card spending. When City Manager **David Ream** retired in May, 2011, Police Chief **Paul Walters** was appointed City Manager and Police Commissioner, a dual role position. Santa Ana City Council Member **Claudia Alvarez**, a candidate for a seat on the Rancho Santiago Community College District Board, lists the City Manager/Police Commissioner as one of her endorsers. According to the Orange County Register she lists him on the endorsement list as "Police Chief Paul Walters." La Cañada Flintridge Director of Administrative Services **Kevin Chun** earned a BA from the University of California, Irvine, and an MPA from the University of Southern California (**USC**). Kevin worked in the cities of Irvine, Culver City and Bellflower previous to his appointment to work with

City Manager **Mark Alexander** in La Cañada Flintridge. Artesia City Manager **Maria Dadian** has announced her retirement effective October 19. Maria has been with Artesia for more than 18-years; the past 12-years as City Manager. Beginning in 1975, Maria's career took her from South El Monte to Hawaiian Gardens to the City of Artesia. She earned a BA from California State University, Los Angeles. 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 Developer Samuelson & Fetter has filed a lawsuit seeking \$106 million from Monrovia. S & P has dropped the City's bond issuer rating to BBB-plus from A, citing the lawsuit and a substantial drop in the general fund reserves. City Manager **Laurie Lile** is optimistic that the lawsuit dispute will be settled. While Seal Beach City Manager **Jill Ingram** is out of the office, Interim Chief of Police **Keith Kilmer** is Acting City Manager. Keith is the second Interim Chief since the retirement of Chief **Jeff Kirkpatrick** in June, 2011. Interim Chief **Robert Luman** stepped aside due to PERS retirement system rules and Keith was appointed behind him. He retired as the Bell Gardens Chief of Police in 2006. Prior to that he rose through the ranks of the Long Beach Police Department to the rank of Commander. Los Angeles City Council Member **Bill Rosendahl**, 67, has been diagnosed with a rare ureter cancer. He has lost 45 pounds in the past two months while undergoing chemotherapy and radiation treatments. He has kept in touch with his staff and constituents through use of the social media and visits to his home. He recently returned to city hall with the aid of a walker. 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. Long Beach will be the site of the 118th Annual CSAC Meeting November 27-30 at the Long Beach Convention Center/Hyatt Regency.

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