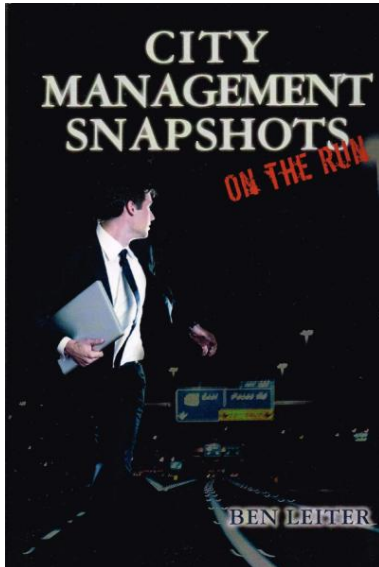


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California "O-City Managers"

Football season is well underway, and talk of awesome "O-lines" or weak "O-lines" can be heard during game broadcasts. Well, California has an awesome "O-city manager-line-(up)." We have devised a list of some of the California "O-city managers."

One of the "First O-city manager" families has got to be the "Ovroms." Denise is a former City Manager and currently an executive with **HdL Companies**, and her husband Bud, a former City Manager, was recently appointed General Manager of the Los Angeles Convention Center. Others that jump to mind include **Tim O'Donnell** of Brea, active in City Manager leadership, and **Scott Ochoa** of Glendale. Then there is retired City Manager **Kevin O'Rourke**, who recently completed an Interim City Manager assignment in Santa Ana.

Written by a long-time highly professional well-respected City Manager, this book is a "must read" by every City Manager, former City Manager, would-be City Manager and everyone else. It was released on Amazon.com in September. <http://www.amazon.com/City-Management-Snapshots-On-Run-ebook/dp/B00FOBPTVU>

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Our list includes those just previously mentioned and a few others who are currently serving, along with some "oldie but goodies" who have retired. We hope that you enjoy this list:

Denise E. (Parker) Ovrom is currently a Principal at **HdL Companies**. **HdL Companies** serves cities, counties and special districts throughout California providing a variety of audits, analytical services and software products. Denise began her public management career as an Administrative Assistant in Simi Valley in December, 1972 where she worked until July, 1975. In February, 1980 Denise joined the Claremont staff as an Administrative Analyst. She was promoted to Assistant to the City Manager/Finance Director in June, 1981. Denise left Claremont in 1984 to take the Assistant City Manager position in Brea, where she served until July, 1990 when she was selected to serve as the City Manager in Temple City. Denise left Temple City in 1994, and in 1995 she was appointed Assistant City Manager in Beverly Hills, serving in that post until 2001. She joined the **HdL Companies** in February, 2002; nearly a dozen years ago. Denise earned a BS and MPA at the University of Southern California (**USC**). She and her husband Bud, also a former City Manager, live in Burbank.



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Robert R. "Bud" Ovrom began his public management career in December, 1970 as the Assistant to the City Manager in Simi Valley, where he worked until September, 1973. In 1974 Bud was appointed Assistant City Manager in Monrovia, and in February, 1977 he was elevated to the Monrovia City Manager position. Bud left Monrovia in 1983 when he was selected to serve as the Downey City Manager, and in 1985 he moved to Burbank as that city's City Manager. Bud served as the Burbank City Manager for some 17-years. He left there in 2003 at the age of 57-years old to become the Chief Executive Officer-Administrator of the Los Angeles Community Redevelopment Agency. He took over from departing Administrator **Jerry Scharlin**. Bud joined Mayor **Antonio R. Villaraigosa's** administration as Deputy Mayor for Commercial and Residential Development in July, 2005. Bud was then appointed General Manager of the City of Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety. He is currently serving as the Executive Director of the Los Angeles Convention Center. Bud earned a BA from the University of California and an MPA from the University of Southern California (**USC**). In 2001 he was the recipient of a 30-year ICMA Service Award. There is a park in Burbank named for Bud: Robert Ovrom Park and Community Center. Ovrom Park is the first newly active park to be developed in the City since 2002. The park was completed in the fall of 2008.

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Mike Egan, Norwalk
Lyle Defenbaugh, CalTrust
Ernie Garcia, Retired Norwalk City Manager
Joe Tanner, Interim City Manager, Rio Vista
Dave Carmany, Manhattan Beach
Ken Bayless, Greater L.A. Vector Control District
Kevin O'Rourke, KOLGS/PARS & Santa Ana Interim CM
George Rodericks, Atherton
Richard Ramirez, Retired City Manager, American Canyon
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Anthony R. Ybarra, South El Monte
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Sam Olivito, California Contract Cities Association
Jack Lam, Retired Rancho Cucamonga City Manager
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Brea City Manager **Tim O'Donnell** is from a "public service family." His mother and father served on Congressional staffs, and two of his brothers-in-law are City Managers; La Mirada's retired City Manager **Gary Sloan**, and South El Monte City Manager **Tony Ybarra**. Tim has been active in many of the City Manager craft support and development groups and served as the 2013 City Manager in Residence for the Davenport Institute of Public Engagement and Civic Leadership at the Pepperdine University School of Public Policy. Tim began his public management career as an Administrative Assistant in Bellflower in 1976. In 1979 he was appointed Human Services Manager in Garden Grove, and he worked there until 1983 when he was selected to serve as the Assistant City Manager in Signal Hill. After about 7-years in Signal Hill, Tim was recruited to serve as the Brea Assistant City Manager in 1990 when **Frank Benest** was City Manager. When Frank moved on to serve as the Palo Alto City Manager, Tim was elevated to the Brea City Manager position in 2000. Tim earned a BA at California State University, Los Angeles. He was the recipient of a 35-year ICMA Service Award in 2011. Tim has served on many ICMA committees and board, and was a member of the Cal-ICMA Board from 2006 to 2009. He currently serves at an ICMA Legacy Leader starting in 2007.

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Scott W. Ochoa began his public management career as an Administrative Intern in Monrovia in 1993 during the time he was completing his undergraduate degree. In 1996 Scott took a Management Analyst II position in Monrovia and before the end of that year he was promoted to Senior Management Analyst. In 1997 Scott took on the duties of Assistant to the City Manager, and in 1999 Monrovia's then-City Manager **Don Hopper** promoted Scott to the Assistant City Manager position. Scott was appointed Monrovia City Manager in 2004 following Don's retirement, and served in that post for the next 8-years. He was appointed Glendale City Manager in 2012. Scott earned a BA from Claremont McKenna College and an MPA from the University of Southern California (**USC**). He was the recipient on a 10-year ICMA Service Award in 2012. Scott is a Past-President of the San Gabriel Valley City Managers' Association, and he has served on the Board of Directors of the San Gabriel Economic Partnership.



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While attending college classes, **Frank J. Oviedo** worked in the private sector between 1995 and 1997. In 1997 he joined the Santa Clarita staff as a Management Analyst. In 2002 Frank moved to Northern California when he was selected to serve as the Assistant to the City Manager in Elk Grove, and in 2004 Frank was appointed to the Elk Grove Deputy City Manager post. Frank head back to Southern California in 2009 when he was recruited to serve as the City Manager in Wildomar. After about three-years in the Wildomar position, Frank returned to Santa Clarita as the Assistant City Manager in January, 2013. He earned a BA in Sociology from Fresno State University and an MPA from Arizona State University. In 2008 Frank received a 10-year ICMA Service Award. He serves on the ICMA Advisory Board on Graduate Education.



Theresa Battaglia Gutierrez and **Leilani Ines Brown** at an informal 20th Anniversary of working together on the Bellflower city staff. Currently Theresa is with Lakewood and Leilani is the Newport Beach City Clerk. Theresa planned the successful event!



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In 1982 **Tom Odom** served as the Downtown Development Director in Monroe, Louisiana. He worked there until 1985 when he became the Planning Director for Camp Verde, Arizona. In August, 1989 Tom took the

Community Economic Development Director post in Coolidge, Arizona, and in February, 1992 Tom moved to Surprise, Arizona as the Assistant City Manager. Tom's next move was to California when he became the City Manager of Greenfield in November, 1994. Tom was selected to serve as the Grover Beach City Manager starting in January, 1998. In August, 2001 he was recruited to serve as the Lomita City Manager in Southern California, where he worked for more than 8-years. In November, 2009 Tom was appointed Public Works Director in the City of Rancho Palos Verdes, and he left there in June, 2012 when he was appointed County Administrative Officer in Siskiyou County, located in the Shasta Cascade region on the Oregon border. Yreka is the County Seat. Tom earned a BA from Northeast Louisiana University in Monroe. Country Music Artist **Tim McGraw** is another Northeast Louisiana University alumnus.

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David Ott served as the Deputy City Manager and Public Safety Director in Solana Beach, when he was selected in August, 2006 to succeed City Manager **Barry Johnson**, who resigned to leave city government to practice psychotherapy. David also served as the Fire Chief for both Solana Beach and Del Mar from July, 2003 to October, 2009. Prior to moving to "North County" Dave was a member of the Coronado staff. Born in Grand Haven, Michigan, Dave moved to San Diego with his parents in 1963. He earned two bachelor's degrees in firefighting from Cogswell Polytechnical College in Sunnyvale, and two master's degrees in management from Grand Canyon University in Arizona and the University of Redlands. He worked as a fire fighter in the U.S. Forest Service at Camp Pendleton, and in Coronado before becoming the Imperial Beach Public Safety Director and Assistant City Manager.

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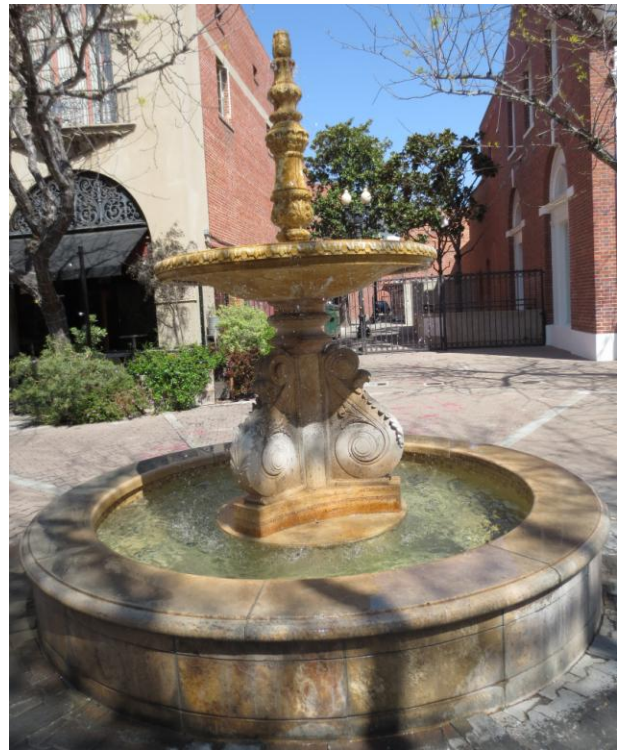
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Mark Orme worked with the Hemet staff for some 13-years. He was the Deputy City Manager and had served a time as Interim City Manager following City Manager **Brian Nakamura's** departure to be the Chico City Manager. Mark began his public sector career as a Congressional Aide to Representative **Sonny Bono** (of Sonny & Cher fame) and later following Sonny's accidental skiing accident death, Representative **Mary Bono-Mack**. While with the Hemet city staff, Mark served in the number two spot. Once he was replaced as the Interim City Manager he resigned from the Hemet staff to move to Chico as that city's Assistant City Manager, rejoining City Manager **Brian Nakamura**. Mark is not listed in the ICMA Who's Who Directory.



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Retired City Manager **Mark J. Ochendusko** began his public management career in 1984 as a Personnel Analyst in La Mesa. After three years in the La Mesa position, Mark was selected to serve as the Director of Administrative Services in Coronado in 1987. He left Coronado in 1991 and relocated to Temecula where he became the Assistant City Manager for about a year prior to his appointment to the City Manager post in Campbell, California. Mark returned to Southern California in 1996 when, at the age of 41, he was selected to succeed City Manager **Darrell Essex**, who had served as the Cypress City Manager for 34-years. Mark left Cypress in 1999 when he was presented with the opportunity to return to Coronado as that city's City Manager. He worked there for the next 11-years before retiring. Mark earned a BA and MPA from San Diego State University. In 2004 he received a 20-year ICMA Service Award. Mark served on the Board for the City Managers' Department of the League of California Cities, 2002-2004, and he served on the Cal-ICMA Board from 2003 to 2005.

Bellflower Staff Reunion After 20-Years:

**Theresa Battaglia Gutierrez,
Jack A. Simpson, and
Leilani Ines Brown**



**Michael Sakamoto, and his
wife Annie**



Gonzalo Vazquez



**Bruce G. Leach, and
Lisa Ynez Hughes**



**Candice Phillips Kosmont
Fullencamp, and
Nelson Oliva**



**Debbi Chase Manley, and
Debra Vanzant**

These picture were taken at an informal Bellflower city staff reunion. These people worked for the City of Bellflower during the time **Jack A. Simpson** served as City Administrator, which was between 1980 & 1993. Theresa organized the event, she currently works for the City of Lakewood. Others are retired, except:

Leilani currently serves at the Newport Beach City Clerk, Gonzo is a manager in the Public Works Department in Cypress, Lisa works in the Anaheim City Manager's office, and Debra works for Santa Clarita. Candace is a Community Executive Officer for Merit Property Management in Orange County.

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We included a biographical sketch of **Kevin O'Rourke** in our May issue this year when we highlighted the Kevins in California city management. However, **Kevin O'Rourke** is certainly one of the City Manager "O's." He began his working career in the private sector in 1975. In 1977 he was hired to serve as the Director of Human Resources for the City of Stanton in Orange County. In 1981 Kevin was chosen to serve as the Assistant to the City Manager, and in 1982 he was appointed Stanton City Manager/City Clerk. Kevin left the Stanton management team in 1985 when he was selected to be the Buena Park City Manager; a post he held for a dozen years. In 1997 Kevin travelled to Northern California to become the City Manager in Fairfield. He retired from Fairfield, home of Jelly Bellies jelly beans, in 2008 and founded his KOLGS consulting firm. In 2009 Kevin travelled to Stockton to serve as the Interim City Manager; in 2010 he took the General Services Director post in Solano County in an interim role; and in 2011 he was appointed Interim City Manager in Woodland. He recently completed an impressive stint as the Interim City Manager in the City of Santa Ana. Kevin has joined the good people of **PARS** as a Senior Consultant to help with their Public Agency Retirement Services. Kevin earned a BA from La Salle College. He has served as President of the City Managers Department of the League of California Cities (1997-1998), and he served on the ICMA Executive Board as a Regional Vice President (2000-2003). Kevin has also served on the Cal-ICMA Board and the Board of CCMF. In 2007 he was the recipient of a 30-year ICMA Service Award. Kevin has developed a liking for traveling to Australia where he is well-known in city management circles. This past year Kevin visited some of his relatives in Ireland.



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John O'Sullivan began his working career as an Accountant for the City of Seal Beach in 1968. About 5-years later in 1973 John was named to the Assistant City Manager position in San Juan Capistrano. In 1978 he moved north to serve as the Director of Administrative Services in Walnut Creek where he served until 1980 when he took his first walk of the private sector side. In 1981 John was selected to serve as the Finance Director in Hayward. He then rejoined the private sector as the Assistant Executive Director of the Community Development Commission. In 1988 John was appointed City Manager in Fontana. When John left Fontana in 1991 he rejoined the private sector. He is currently listed in the ICMA Who's Who Directory as the Manager of Public Finance for Zions First National Bank in Oakland. John earned a BS from California State University. He received a 20-year ICMA Service Award in 1989.



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Paul S. Ogden started his public sector career as a Right of Way Agent for the California Highway Department in 1963. In 1966 he joined the Oakland city staff as a Real Estate Officer, and in 1973 he took a Property Manager position with Salinas. Paul was promoted to Senior Management Assistant in Salinas in 1976, and he work in that post for about a half-dozen years. In 1982 Paul was appointed City Manager in the City of Hollister where he served until 1987. He returned to Salinas as the Assistant Development Director in 1988, and in 1996 he was selected to serve as the Auburn City Manager. He retired in 2003. Paul earned a BA from San Jose State University and an MPA from Hayward State University. In 1999 he received a 35-year ICMA Service Award.

We have identified a number of additional "O-city managers" including: **Lawrence G. Olson**, former Carson City Administrator; **Michael O'Connor**, former City Manager in Ontario and Lomita; the late **Carlos L. Ortega**, former Palm Desert City Manager; **John Ornelas** of Bell Gardens; **Patrick O'Keefe** of Emeryville; **Nelson Oliva** of Hawaiian Gardens and Hercules; **Linda Kay Oliveri**, who served as the Interim City Administrator in Commerce; **Lynne Ohlson**, the Public Safety Business Manager in Berkeley; and former City Managers **Jack Osteen Jr.** and **Thomas W. Oglesby**. Someone also said that you cannot think of "O-city managers" without including past MMASC President **Oliver Chi**, who is a former City Manager in Rosemead and currently the Assistant City Manager in Barstow. Of course, we missed some folks, and for that we apologize. We hope you enjoy this information.



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Picking Up the Pieces: Manhattan Beach City Manager **David Carmany** has been dismissed. Dave is a veteran City Manager and had served as the City Manager in Seal Beach prior to joining the City of Manhattan Beach in January, 2011. He replaced former City Manager **Geoff Dolan**, who was also terminated. Dave had previously served as City Manager in Pacificia, Agoura Hills and Malibu. He also served as a **PARS** executive for a time. Finance Director **Bruce Moe** has been selected to serve as Interim City Manager. Carson Director of Community Services **Raymond Cruz** is the new City Manager in Rolling Hills. Ray replaces City Manager **Tony Dahlerbruch**, who left in May to become the Palos Verdes Estates City Manager. Prior to his Carson service Ray was the Assistant to the City Manager in Glendale. Retired Hermosa Beach City Manager **Steve Burrell** has been serving as the Rolling Hills Interim City Manager. La Puente City Manager **Bret Plumlee** is the new City Manager of Los Alamitos, taking over from Interim City Manager **Gregory Korduner**. Bret began his career in 1988 in the La Mirada Finance Department. He worked as the Finance Director in Rolling Hills Estates (1995-1998), El Segundo Director of Administrative Services (1998-2007), and La Quinta Assistant City Manager (2007-2011) prior to becoming the La Puente City Manager in 2011. Retired La Verne City Manager **Martin Lomeli** has been appointed Interim City Manager in La Puente. Following a closed session to discuss his employment, Martinez City Manager **Phil Vince** resigned abruptly effective immediately on Friday, October 18, 2013. Assistant City Manager **Alan Shear** will serve as the Interim City Manager until a replacement is found for Phil. Phil is a past President of MMANC. Phil worked in Novato for more than 17-years in various position. He then served as the Town Manager in Moraga from 2004 to 2008 until his appointment in Martinez.

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More Pieces Picked Up: Poway City Manager **Penny Riley**, 53, has announced her intention to retire effective early next calendar year. Penny has worked for the City of Poway since March, 1988, starting as a college intern. She worked her way up to senior management positions and was appointed Assistant City Manager in 2004 under longtime City Manager **Jim Bowersox**, a former Cerritos staff member. City Manager **Rod Gould** replaced Jim and served in Poway until 2009 when he was appointed City Manager in Santa Monica. Penny was appointed City Manager in 2010. Her last day will be January 24, though her official end date will be February 28. She plans to continue course work at Marantha Bible College and serve on a short-term mission trip to Zimbabwe. Corte Madera Town Manager **David Bracken**, who also serves as the Town's City Engineer, was injured in a motorcycle accident about 1 p.m. of Sunday afternoon, September 29, on Highway 1 near Bolinas. David said he slid out on a turn in the road. He was transported by ambulance to the Marin General Hospital. Bolinas is an unincorporated coastal community in Marin County known for its reclusive nature. Is in only accessible by unmarked roads and directional road sign along State Highway 1 that point to the town have been removed by local residents. **Houston-Swain** is the fourth Los Angeles executive to leave since the election of Mayor **Eric Garcetti**. Regina has served as the General Manager of the Department of Disability for the past 9-years. She is retiring after a 32-year career with the City of Los Angeles. She joins Port General Manager **Geraldine Knatz**, Fire Chief **Brian Cummings** and Housing Executive Director **Mercedes Marquez**, who have all announced that they are leaving city service. Retired La Mirada City Manager **Thomas E. Robinson** has announced the founding of TR Management Services, Inc., a management consulting firm. Tom draws on more than 40-years of local government experience. He worked in Cerritos and Commerce prior to joining the La Mirada city staff in 1985. He was appointed City Manager in 2008. He earned an MPA at California State University, Long Beach. Parlier Interim City Manager **Shun Patlan** took the position in June after the dismissal of former City Manager **Lou Martinez**. Shun has worked for the City of Parlier for more than three decades. He became the Public Works Director in 2010. Brea City Manager **Tim O'Donnell** was named 2013 City Manager in Residence for the Pepperdine University's Davenport Institute for Public Engagement and Civic Leadership at the School of Public Policy. The Davenport Institute was established in 2011 as part of a collaborative effort developed by Cal-ICMA to offer

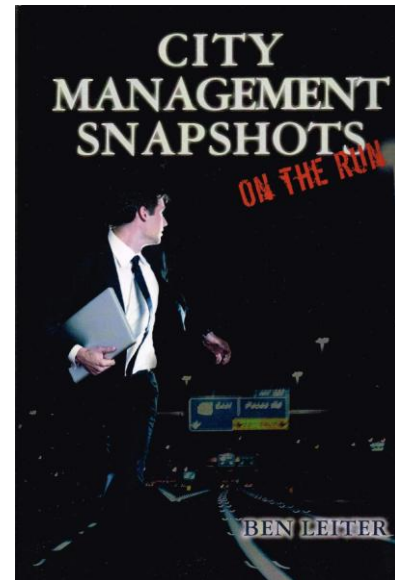
Pepperdine University graduate students in the public policy and public administration programs the opportunity to learn first-hand from some of the best City Managers in California. Emeryville City Manager **Sabrina Landreth** is the former Oakland Budget Director. In June, 2013 she replaced City Manager **Patrick O'Keeffe**, who retired last April. City Attorney **Michael Biddle** served as the Interim City Manager until Sabrina's appointment. Sabrina earned an Engineering degree from MIT and a Master's in Public Policy from the University of California, Berkeley. Antioch City Manager **Jim Jakel**, 57, served as the Martinez City Manager from December, 1989 until June, 1996 when he became the Executive Director of the Contra Costa Council, an economic development advocacy group. In December, 2003 he was appointed to the Antioch City Manager position. He worked in Alameda prior to being appointed City Manager in Martinez, and he began his career as a Junior Planner in Antioch in 1980. Jim has announced his retirement at the end of the year (2013). Alameda Mayor **Marie Gilmore** is married to ESPN college football sportscaster **Rod Gilmore**. They met while they attended law school at Bolt Hall School of Law at the University of California, Berkeley. The current City Manager in Alameda is **John Russo**, 54, former Oakland City Attorney and past President of the League of California Cities. **Arnold Dowdy**, who served as the Grover Beach City Manager from 1974 until 1991 died at the age of 70 on Tuesday, October 15, 2013. When Arnold left Grover Beach in 1991, he became the City Manager in Santa Paula. He returned to Grover Beach in 2001 to serve as Interim City Manager. After retiring, Arnold served a term as a member of the Grover Beach Parks, Recreation and Beautification Commission. He began his public management career in 1974 in the Grover Beach Finance Department. He was born in December, 1942. Arnold earned an AA from Paducah Junior College in Kentucky, a BA from California State University, Los Angeles and an MPA from the University of San Francisco.

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CCMF President **Wade McKinney** without his signature orange fedora. Wade is the City Manager in Indian Wells.

Still More Piece Picked Up: Long Beach City Manager **Pat West** has announced the appointment of the former Director of Government Affairs and Strategic Initiatives **Tom Modica** to the Long Beach Deputy City Manager position. Tom joined the Long Beach city staff in 2002 as a Management Assistant. **Marianna Marysheva-Martinez** is a seasoned executive with fifteen years of municipal government experience. She worked in a large organization as the Assistant City Administrator in Oakland, and a smaller jurisdiction as Town Manager in Mammoth Lakes. She recently resigned her post in Mammoth Lakes. Marianna earned a BA from San Francisco State University and a Master's in Public Policy from the University of California, Berkeley. Marianna was instrumental in guiding the Town of Mammoth Lakes through a bankruptcy filing in 2012, and for the successful mediation and settlement of the Mammoth Lakes Land Acquisition (MLLA) lawsuit. **Charles Chieppo**, a research fellow at the Ash Center of the Harvard Kennedy School, reports that San Jose Mayor **Chuck Reed** is leading the charge for a ballot measure that would amend the California state constitution to allow state and local governments to reduce pension benefits for current public employees. **Brad Ausmus**, who played 18-years in Major League Baseball including stints with the San Diego Padres and Los Angeles Dodgers, has been appointed Manager of the Detroit Tigers. Brad was inducted into the National Jewish Sports Hall of Fame in 2004. Most recently he worked in the San Diego Padres' front office as a Special Assistant from 2010-2013. Lakeport City Manager **Margaret Silveira** and the City's Department Heads have been conducting a business outreach walking door-to-door in the business districts. They contacted business owners or managers to solicit suggestions or hear concerns regarding local economic development issues. Long Beach Business Relations Manager **Erik Sund** has resigned from the Long Beach staff to accept the Assistant City Manager position in the City of San Clemente. Long Beach Budget Manager **Dennis Strachota** has taken over Erik's old position in Long Beach. Erik, previous to Long Beach, worked in the Cities of Downey and Irvine.



A "must read" for city managers and would-be city manager. Author **Ben Leiter** says: "I am a grey man, a bureaucrat. Budgets, staff meetings, zoning hearings, union negotiations, and more staff meetings constituted my world..." during a career that spanned some 44-years. He continues: "I encountered the best of people and the worst of people. On one level, this is just a City Manager memoir; on another, it reflects life themes." City Management Snapshots: On The Run was released by Amazon.com on September 18. It is non-traditional and candid and well-worth reading.



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