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Rural Cities City Managers, Counties A thru N



**Patricia J. Megason** is the Executive Vice President of the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC). Here she is pictured with **Anthony D. Gonsalves** of the **Joe A. Gonsalves & Son** Professional Legislative Representation firm that represents about 50 cities Stateside. Anthony and his sons **Jason Gonsalves** and **Paul Gonsalves** are well-respected local government lobbyists well-versed in the issues affecting California cities.

## City Managers Serving in Rural County Cities

There are 32-member counties in the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) organization. We have provided a list of ICMA member city managers who serve in cities in these counties. We used the ICMA Who's Who Directory as our primary resource. In this Special February, 2013 newsletter, the first installment of this list is provided. The list presented here includes managers listed in the ICMA Who's Who directory, who are serving cities in RCRC member counties with county names beginning with A thru M. Some cities are not listed by ICMA as there are no ICMA members on their staffs. We are focusing on the ICMA members but have attempted to improve the biographical information with additional on-line research.


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### Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC)

As the League of California Cities does for its member cities, RCRC works with its member counties to advocate on behalf of rural issues at the State and federal levels. RCRC provides the rural county perspective on issues such as land use, water and natural resources, housing, transportation, wildfire protection policies, and health and human services, among other subjects. The core RCRC mission is to improve the ability of small, rural California county governments to provide services by reducing the burden of State and federal mandates and to promote a greater understanding of rural county issues and the unique challenges that face California's small population counties.

RCRC President and CEO **Greg Norton** was appointed to the organization's top management post in June, 2006. He joined the RCRC staff in 2000. Greg earned a BA in Business Administration and Accounting from Harding University. He also completed the Executive Program in Leadership Excellence at the University of California, Davis. Greg served in various local government management positions for more than 14-years prior to joining the RCRC staff. He has several years of auditor experience.



Found in  
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**Patricia J. Megason** is the RCRC Executive Vice President. She joined the RCRC staff in 2002 as the Vice President of Governmental Affairs. Patricia is responsible for the day-to-day operations of RCRC and manages the governmental relations functions, including legislative and regulatory affairs at both the State and federal levels of government. Prior to coming on board with RCRC Patricia was a founding member and Managing Director of a Sacramento legal and consulting firm. She served as the Director of California State Parks from 1997 to 1999, and prior to that was the Chief Deputy Director for Legislative Affairs for State Parks. Before working for State Parks, Patricia was a senior consultant for the California State Legislature for a decade. She served as a consultant to the Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee. Patricia earned a BA in Government from California State University, Sacramento.

There are thirty-two RCRC member counties stretching from Oregon to Mexico and Nevada to the Pacific Ocean including the counties of: Alpine, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, Del Norte, El Dorado, Glenn, Imperial, Inyo, Lake, Lassen, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Modoc, Mono, Napa, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, San Benito, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, Tulare, Tuolumne, Yolo, and Yuba. In this issue the list includes city manager from cities in the counties from Alpine to Mono.

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There are no incorporated cities or towns in Alpine County. In Amador County the incorporated cities include: Amador City, Lone, Jackson, Plymouth and Sutter Creek. Jackson and Sutter Creek are listed in the ICMA Who's Who.



**Michael S. Daly** began his municipal government career in Manhattan Beach in 1983 as an Administrative Aide. In 1984 Mike was promoted to Administrative Analyst, and he was named to the Manhattan Beach Administrative Services Manager post in 1991. In 1994 Mike was promoted to Administrative Services Director. Mike left Manhattan Beach in 1995 to take the City Manager position in Rio Dell, California. He was selected to serve as the Jackson City Manager in 1999. Jackson is the county seat of Amador County with a population just under 5,000. Mike earned a BA from San Jose State University and an MPA from the University of Southern California (**USC**). In 2008 Mike received a 25-year ICMA Service Award.



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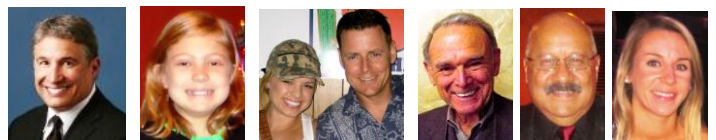
Sutter Creek City Manager

**Sean R. Rabe** began his public service/management career as a Transportation Planner with the Amador County

Transportation Commission beginning in 2006 after serving a little more than 5-years as Editor/General Manager of the Amador Ledger Dispatch. In 2008 Sean joined the Sutter Creek staff as the Assistant City Manager. He was elevated to the Sutter Creek City Manager post in 2010. Sean earned a BA at California State University, Sacramento and an MPP from California State University, Northridge.

Butte County has four incorporated cities including Chico, Gridley, Oroville and Paradise, where Town Manager **Chuck Rough** (pronounced "Row") has retired and Assistant Town Manager **Lauren Gill** is taking the post. Paradise is not listed on the ICMA list.

**Robert E. Hickey Jr.** served in the United States Air Force from 1974 to 1997. After leaving the Air Force as an Aircraft Maintenance Superintendent he was selected to serve as the City Manager in Live Oak. After serving in Live Oak from 1999 to 2007, he became the Colusa City Manager from 2007 to 2008. He was appointed to his current assignment as the Gridley City Administrator in 2008. Bob earned a BS from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University. Robert is recommended for approval as an ICMA Credentialed Manager.





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In 1993 **Brian S. Nakamura**, 48, born and raised in Lodi, began his public management career as a Budget Analyst with the Elk Grove Community Services District. Later that same year (1993) Brian joined the Winters staff as a Land Use Planner. He moved to a position with Yolo County as a Budget & Grants Manager in 1994. Brian was appointed City Manager in Sutter Creek in 1996 where he served for about three-years before being appointed City Manager in Oregon City, Oregon in 1999. Brian returned to California in 2003 to take the Director of Public Works position in Riverside. In 2005 he was selected to serve as the City Manager in Reedley. Brian was appointed City Manager in Banning in 2008. In 2009 he was appointed to serve as the Hemet City Manager, and he served there until being appointed to his current position as the Chico City Manager in 2012. Brian had a part-time teaching post at California Baptist University between 2002 and 2012. He earned a BA from California State University; and an MPA and DPA from the University of Southern California (**USC**). Dr. Nakamura received a 10-year ICMA Service Award in 2005.


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When **Glenn H. Duffey** resigned in June, 2012 from the Oroville City Administrator post, **Pat Clark**, Director of Business Assistance and House was appointed Interim City Administrator. In November, 2012, **Peter Cosentini** was appointed Interim City Administrator. Peter received a 25-year ICMA Service Award in 2004. Glenn served as the Integrated Waste General Manager for the Sacramento Utilities Department from 2000 to 2006. From 2006 to 2010 he served as the Chief Assistant Director of Planning & Public Works in Yolo County. He was appointed Oroville City Administrator in 2011. Glenn earned a BA from the University of Redlands and an MPA from California State University, San Bernardino. Peter began his public management career as an Administrative Intern in Lodi in 1972. In 1975 Peter served an Internship with the staff of the California State Assembly, and in 1977 he was an Administrative Intern in Marina, and he took a similar position with Gilroy that same year. In June, 1978 Peter was appointed Assistant to the City Manager in Delano, where he served until 1980 when he was hired as an Administrative Assistant in San Bruno. In 1984 Peter became the Lompoc Assistant City Administrator, and he moved to a similar post in Oceanside in 1988. Peter was appointed City Manager in Galt in July, 1991. In February, 1996 Peter was appointed City Manager in Calistoga where he served for two-years. He served as the Santa Paula City Manager starting in 1998. He also served as City Manager in Half Moon Bay, San Jacinto and Montebello. He earned a BA and MPA from Chico State University.

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Angels Camp is the only incorporated city in Calaveras County, and Colusa and Williams are the Colusa County cities. None of the three are ICMA listed. Del Norte County has one incorporated city Crescent City. In 1988 **Eugene M. Palazzo** went to work for Nevada County as a Planning Technician. Between 1990 and 1993 Gene served the City of Folsom as an Associate and Assistant Planner. He joined the Riverbank staff in 1993 as the Director of Planning, Building & Economic Development. Five years later in 1998, Gene was selected to be the Assistant to the City Administrator in Yuba City. Gene next join then-City Manager **David M. Jinkens** as the Director of Redevelopment/Housing in South Lake Tahoe in 2003. Gene was appointed to his current assignment as City Manager in Crescent City in 2011. Crescent City is the county seat and only incorporated city in Del Norte County. Gene earned a BA in Geography for Humboldt State University and an MPA from Golden Gate University. Gene received a 20-year ICMA Service Award in 2012.

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El Dorado County's Placerville and South Lake Tahoe are not listed, and Glenn County's Willows is not listed either. However, Orland City Manager **Peter R. Carr** is listed.

**Peter R. Carr**, 53, served in the United States Air Force from 1986 to 1990, and was a Captain when he left the service in Washington. He went to work in private industry with General Mills, International Paper Company and TFI Benchmark from 1990 to 2006. Pete was appointed City Administrator in Biggs, California in 2007, and after serving in that post for some five-years he was selected to serve as the Orland City Manager starting in 2012. Orland is the most populous city in Glenn County with a 2010 Census population of 7,291. Pete earned a BA in business administration from California State University, Sacramento. Pete has volunteered as a coach and adviser for the Boy Scouts and youth baseball teams.

In Imperial County Brawley, Calexico, Holtville and Westmorland are not listed. Calipatria and El Centro are included on the ICMA list.

Calipatria City Manager **Romualdo J. Medina** was appointed to his current assignment in 2000. Previous to his appointment Rom was the owner of R. J. Medina Construction. He previously served on the Calipatria Unified School District Board of Trustees (1987-1995). Calipatria is located in Imperial County. Rom earned an AA from Imperial Valley Community College; a BA from San Diego State University and an MPA from National University. In 2010 Rom received a 10-year ICMA Service Award.



Looking at a sunset from Folsom



El Centro, incorporated in 1908, is the county seat of Imperial County. **Ruben A. Duran** is the El Centro City Manager. From 1979 to 1986 Ruben served as an Internal Audit Operations Analyst in Phoenix, Arizona. He was appointed Finance Director in Avondale, Arizona in 1986, and was elevated to Assistant City Manager in 1987. Ruben served as the Avondale Assistant City Manager for some 13-years. In 2000 he left for Northern California when he was selected to serve as City Administrator in Oroville. Ruben returned south in 2003 to become the El Centro City Manager. Ruben earned an AA from Phoenix College and an AA in Business/Accounting at the same institution. He earned a BA at Western International University. He also studied at Arizona State University. In 2009 Ruben was the recipient of a 30-year ICMA Service Award.

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ICMA does not list Inyo County's City of Bishop nor is Clearlake in Lake County listed. However, Lake County's Lakeport appears. **Margaret M. Silveira**, 55, born in the Azores in Portugal, has served as the Lakeport City Manager since April, 2010. Prior to moving to Lakeport, Margaret served as the City Manager in Gustine. She succeeded City Manager **Jerry Gillham** to become Lakeport's third City Manager; the first being **Randy Johnsen**. Margaret served as the Director of Housing and Economic Development in Riverbank between 1999 and 2007 before she was appointed to the Gustine City Manager post. Margaret earned an AA from Modesto Junior College and a BA from Chapman University in Orange. She also earned a special Certificate in Strategic Management of Public Organizations from the Goldman School at the University of California, Berkeley. Margaret received a 10-year ICMA Service Award in 2011.



A night view of Lakeport City Hall.

Lassen County's Susanville is unlisted in the ICMA directory, as is Madera County's Chowchilla, but Madera is listed. In 1977 **David R. Tooley** took a Management Intern position with Dallas County, Texas. He was then hired as a Budget Analyst in Beaumont, Texas in 1978 where he was promoted in 1980 to Administrative Assistant to the City Manager. In 1984 Dave was selected to serve as the City Manager of Sulphur Springs, Texas. He moved to California in 1987 when he was recruited for the Eureka City Manager post where he served until 1991. David was appointed to the Madera City Administrator position in 1993. Madera was incorporated in 1907, and is the county seat of Madera County. The first Madera Post Office opened in 1877. **David Tooley** earned a BS and an MPA from Southern Methodist University. David received a 30-year ICMA Service Award in 2010.



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There is no incorporated city or town in Mariposa County, but Merced County has six, but only two are listed in the ICMA directory. Atwater, Dos Palos, Gustine and Los Banos go unlisted. Livingston City Manager **José Antonio Ramirez**, 40, worked in the private sector between 1997 and 2000. José is a native of Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico. In 2000 he was appointed City Administrator in Orange Cove, California and in 2003 he was recruited to serve as the Firebaugh City Manager. José served in Firebaugh for about eight-years before he was appointed to the Livingston City Manager post. He took over in Livingston from Interim City Manager **Vickie Lewis**, who took the post in an interim capacity following the departure of former City Manager **Richard Warne**, who is the current City Manager in **Twentynine Palms**. José is a California State University, Fresno alumnus. In 2011 he received a 10-year ICMA Service Award.



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"No city should be too large for a man to walk out of in a morning." ~**Cyril Connolly**





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Alturas in Modoc County is not on the ICMA list, but Mammoth Lakes on Mono County is there. **David G. Wilbrecht**, 41, is currently serving as the Town Manager in Mammoth Lakes, California. David began his public sector career in 1994 after spending about 5-years on the private side starting in 1989. He was appointed Deputy Director of Parks & Recreation for Federal Way, Washington. In 2000 David moved south to California to become the Director of Parks & Recreation for the Town of Mammoth Lakes. In 2003 David was selected to serve as the Chief Administrative Officer in Mono County. He served in this Chief Appointed Administrative Officer post for about 8-years. In 2011 David was selected to serve as the Mammoth Lakes Town Manager. He earned a BA from Central Washington University and an MPA from Seattle University. In 2010 David received a 10-year ICMA Service Award. He has served as the Chair to the Mammoth Lakes Trail System Coordinating Committee.



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In 1997 **Marianna Marysheva-Martinez** served about a year as an Analyst/Researcher for the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG). She served as a Performance Management Analyst in the San Francisco Controllers Office from 1998 until 2000. In 2000 Marianna joined the Oakland city staff as a Financial Analyst, and she was promoted to Budget Director in 2001. She left Oakland in 2005 to move south and become the Assistant City Manager in Lynwood. Marianna left Lynwood in 2006 and began a series of Finance and Management Consulting assignments. She returned to the Oakland staff in 2008 when she was appointed Assistant City Administrator. Marianna left Oakland in 2011 and stepped into the Interim Town Manager position in Mammoth Lakes. Later that year (2011) following the appointment of a City Manager, she assumed the Assistant Town Manager position. Marianna earned a BA from San Francisco State University and an MPP from the University of California, Berkeley. In 2012 Marianna received a 10-year ICMA Service Award. She served on the ICMA Awards Evaluation Panel from 2009 to 2012.



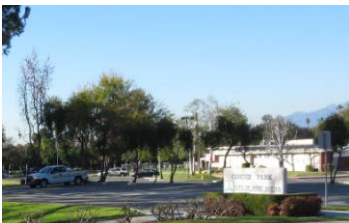
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This concludes the list for this issue. We hope you enjoyed reading the information we have presented. We are committed to present the rest of the RCRC member counties' cities list in a second installment in the near future. Those listed in this issue include: **Michael S. Daly** of Jackson; **Sean R. Rabe** of Sutter Creek; **Brian S. Nakamura** of Chico; **Robert E. Hickey Jr.** of Gridley; **Peter C. Cosentini** of Oroville; **Eugene M. Palazzo** of Crescent City; **Peter R. Carr** of Orland; **Romualdo J. Medina** of Calipatria; **Ruben A. Duran** of El Centro; **Margaret M. Silveira** of Lakeport; **David R. Tooley** of Madera; **José Antonio Ramirez** of Livingston; **John M. Bramble** of Madera; and **David G. Wilbrecht** and **Marianna Marysheva-Martinez** of Mammoth Lakes. **Dana E. Shigley** of American Canyon; **Michael W. Parness** of Napa; **Gary Broad** of St. Helena; and **Steven R. Rogers** of Yountville will kick-off the second installment. We continue to find ways to recognize city managers throughout California. It is a difficult vocation and the recognition is well-earned.



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**Picking Up the Pieces:** Colton City Manager **Rod Foster** has been appointed to replace retired Laguna Niguel City Manager **Tim Casey**. Rod will start his new position in March. With Palos Verdes Estates City Manager **Judy Smith's** last day in office February 22, former Palos Verdes Estate Chief of Police **Dan Dreiling** has agreed to serve as Interim City Manager until May 15 or when a city manager is hired to replace him. It is reported that Judy and her husband **Martin Smith**, an editor with Orange Coast Magazine, are relocating to Orange County. **Paul Cayler**, 47, the former City Manager in Willits, has been appointed Interim City Manager in Cloverdale. Filling in behind the resignation of City Manager **Nina Regor**, who is the new City Administrator in Camas, Washington. Thousand Oaks Assistant City Manager **Mark Watkins**, 51, has been selected to be the new Ventura City Manager replacing Interim City Manager **Johnny Johnston**. Johnny has held the position since last September following the resignation of eight-year City Manager **Rick Cole**. **Bob Murray & Associates** provided executive recruiting services for the Ventura selection process. Mark worked for Ventura between 1987 and 2001, first as a Civil Engineer and then as the Maintenance Services Manager. He joined the Thousand Oaks staff as the Deputy Public Works Director. Retired veteran City Manager **Kevin O'Rourke**, a Senior Consultant with **Public Alternative Retirement System (PARS)**, has been appointed to serve as the Interim City Manager in Santa Ana. Kevin has been City Manager in Stanton, Buena Park and Fairfield, and he has served as Interim City Manager in Stockton and Woodland. He is a Past President of the City Managers' Department of the League of California Cities, and a former West Coast Regional Vice President on the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) Executive Board. Kevin is also a past member of the California City Management Foundation Board of Trustees, and he is a member of the Cal-ICMA Board. **Phil Green**, retired Chief of Police in Corte Madera and Larkspur, died on Sunday, February 10, 2013, while visiting family in Southern California. He was 72. Chief Green retired as the Chief of the "Twin Cities" police force in 2010. He lived in Novato. At the time of his retirement he was the longest serving police chief in California. He began his law enforcement career with the San Rafael Police Department in 1961.

Albany City Manager **Beth Pollard** is exploring options for fulfilling the duties of the Fire Chief following the Piedmont decision to stop sharing its Chief with Albany. Fire Chief **Edward Tubbs** served both cities, but plans to retire May 31. Piedmont City Administrator **Geoffrey Grote** recommended that the shared chief arrangement be discontinued indicating that Piedmont does not have sufficient administrative staff to continue with a half-time chief. **Arne Croce**, retired San Mateo City Manager and more recently the Interim Chief Administrative Officer in Bell, is the new Executive Director of Peninsula Family Service in San Mateo. Peninsula Family Service offers programs in child development and education; support of healthy family interaction; parent education and coaching; wellness and life-long learning for older adults; and financial empowerment. Novato City Manager **Michael Frank** recently delivered a State of the City address and reported that retail sales and incomes are on the rise, hotel vacancies are down and small businesses are opening at an increasing rate. He noted that there is an impending construction of an *In-N-Out Burger* planned for the Vintage Oaks Shopping Center, among other developments. Businesses in Novato are opening at an increased pace. Firebaugh City Manager **Laura Weyant** has submitted her resignation, and Finance Director **Pio Martin** has been appointed Acting City Manager. Firebaugh's financial struggles include a projected \$1.2 million general fund deficit. Tustin Deputy City Manager **Chuck Robinson** worked in the Laguna Beach Public Works Department from 1999 to 2002. He earned a BA in Communications for California State University, Fullerton and an MPA from the University of La Verne. With Campbell City Manager **Amy Brown** taking the Santa Clara County Director of Agriculture and Environmental Management post, the new Campbell City Manager will be Cupertino Director of Parks and Recreation **Mark Linder**. Mark held various position with San Jose, including Deputy City Manager, between 1995 and 2008 when he joined the Cupertino staff. Previous to that he served as Assistant Town Manager in Los Gatos and Assistant General Manager with the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District. Mark earned a BA from Macalester College and an MPA from San Jose State University. San Rafael Assistant City Manager **Jim Schutz**, 44, was recognized as the recipient of the 2013 *John H. Nail Memorial Award* during the annual meeting of the City Managers Department of the League of California Cities in San Francisco. The award recognizes the top municipal assistant. Jim became the San Rafael ACM in 2007. La Mirada Public Works Director **Steve Forster**, a 23-year veteran of the La Mirada city staff, has resigned his position.



**More Pieces Picked Up: Rob Johnson** is the new Menifee City Manager, continuing to serve in an interim capacity. He has served as Interim City Manager since last November when City Manager **William Rawlings** stepped down. Retired Temecula City Manager **Shawn Nelson** will be providing some consulting assistance. He is expected to report directly to the Menifee City Council. Atascadero Assistant City Manager and new Pismo Beach City Manager **Jim Lewis** has been awarded special recognition by the California City Management Foundation for his Outstanding Contribution to the Profession. He received the award in San Francisco during the 2013 Annual League of California Cities City Managers Department meeting. Former Marin County Community Development Agency Administrative Services Manager **Garrett Toy** has begun his tenure as the new Town Manager in Fairfax. Former Town Manager **Michael Rock** is the City Manager in Lomita. Addressing a State of the City luncheon program, Paramount City Manager **Linda Benedetti-Leal** said that despite statewide financial challenges, the City of Paramount remains fiscally healthy. Members of the California Contract Cities Association 2013 Golf Tournament Committee includes: retired Norwalk City Manager **Ernie Garcia**; CCCA Executive Director **Sam Olivito**; long-time waste management professional **Richard Fierro**; former City Administrator and Deputy L.A. County Supervisor **Ray Harris**; CCCA Assistant Executive Director **Paul Philips**; and retired Huntington Park City Manager **Gregory Korduner**. The tournament is planned for Thursday, May 16, 2013 in Indian Wells as part of the 54th Annual Municipal Seminar of the California Contract Cities Association. **Richard Fierro** is currently an Environmental Services Professional located in Chino, California. In Partnership with the League of California Cities, the Los Angeles County Division of the League hosted a 2013 Legislative Reception on Thursday, February 7. Under the leadership of LA County Division Executive Director **Robb Korinke** the successful event was held at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena. **Maureen O'Connor**, 66, who served as San Diego Mayor from 1986 to 1992, is charged with misappropriating \$2 million of her late husband's charitable foundation by gambling it away. Prosecutors claim that the former Mayor gambled away more than \$1 billion. She has pleaded "not guilty." Under an arrangement with federal prosecutors, she has two years to repay the \$2 million taken from the R. P. Foundation, established by her late husband, who was a co-founder of the Jack-In-The-Box chain. It is reported that she claims her video poker habit was caused by a brain tumor. Veteran City Manager **Allen Parker** is the new Acting City Manager in San Bernardino.



ICMA's West Coast Regional Summit, designed to gather ICMA members, state association members and leaders, and other local government professionals, for professional development and information sharing, is planned for **April 18-19, 2013** at the Las Vegas Marriott. This year's theme, **ICMA: GREAT BY CHOICE**, will focus on a discussion of Jim Collins' *Twelve Questions for Leadership Teams* as he outlined in his keynote address at the 98th ICMA Annual Conference in Phoenix/Maricopa County, Arizona.

ICMA Executive Director **Bob O'Neill** and **Felicia Logan**, Director of Leadership Development, will lead a thought provoking ICMA University Workshop based on the work of **Jim Collins** and his book, *Great by Choice*. The agenda will feature discussion leaders from the west coast who will share their application of Jim's ideas in their communities.

- **Charlie Bush**, Deputy City Admin., Issaquah, WA
- **Betsy Fretwell**, City Manager, Las Vegas, NV

The summit agenda will also include discussion of regional issues, updates on current ICMA initiatives, and an emphasis on the future of the profession and the value of ICMA membership. The Summit is a full professional development package in just 24 hours; it launches at 1:30 p.m. Thursday and wraps up by noon on Friday. **Registration Fee: \$285**

**Las Vegas Marriott Reservations:** 800-228-9290

**Room Rate:** ICMA rate of \$99; *Indicate that you are attending the ICMA West Coast Regional Summit.*

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In the ICMA 1981-1982 Directory of Members **Roger L. Kemp** is listed as the City Manager in Seaside beginning in December, 1979. He had previously held various position in Oakland, including Assistant to the City Manager. In 2007 Roger received the Outstanding Alumni of the Year Award for his "Distinguished Service in the Field of Public Administration" from the School of Public Affairs at San Diego State University. Roger is the Founder and President of Kemp Consulting, LLC. He has been appointed Practitioner in Residence for the Department of Public Management, College of Business at the University of New Haven. He served as Vallejo City Manager, 2005 to 2006, and he was the Town Manager in Berlin, Connecticut in 2008-2009.

## **Reminder: ICMA Annual Awards Nominations Deadline Approaching**

Have you or a colleague made a significant difference in the quality of life for your residents, your staff, or for local government management? If so, share the news about those accomplishments by nominating a person or program for an ICMA Annual Award. Applications are being accepted through March 8, 2013.



**Greg Larson**, Cal-ICMA President and Los Gatos Town Manager recognizing City Manager **Pat Martel**, Daly City, at the annual City Managers' meeting in San Francisco on behalf of Cal-ICMA, for her service on the ICMA Executive Board. Picture by **Kevin Dugan**.



**Scott Mitnick**, Thousand Oak City Manager and Past President of Cal-ICMA receives a recognition plaque from current Cal-ICMA President and Los Gatos Town Manager **Greg Larson**. The presentation was made at the annual League of California Cities City Managers' meeting in San Francisco in early February. Many thanks to **Kevin Dugan** for the picture. We appreciate it very much.

Being a city manager is "...like playing hackie sack and juggling at the same time." ---**José Antonio Ramirez**,  
Livingston City Manager



The **Wes McClure Award** Honoring a City Manager of Distinction was established by the City Managers' Department of the League of California Cities in order to recognize the values and principals essential to public management professional conduct. **Wes McClure**, former City Manager in San Leandro, passed away at the age of 94 on December 20, 2009. Wes was a true professional and the award is named in his honor and memory. It does not necessarily need to be presented on an annual basis but whenever appropriate to recognize an outstanding individual. The Award was first presented in 2012 at the annual City Manager meeting in Indian Wells to Santa Monica City Manager **Rod Gould**. In 2013 the **Wes McClure Award** was presented to San Bruno City Manager **Connie Jackson**. Connie was presented the Award on Thursday, January 31, 2013 in recognition of her contributions and accomplishments during her 34-year local government career, and for the outstanding leadership and management of the immediate aftermath of the horrific PG&E pipeline explosion in San Bruno, and all her hard work with the National Transportation Safety Board and during the negotiations with PG&E which resulted in a \$50 million trust agreement to rebuild the Crestmoor Neighborhood, and a \$68.75 million restitution settlement on behalf of the entire San Bruno Community. Connie was nominated for this award by her peers through the San Mateo County City Managers Association. This picture show Santa Monica City Manager **Rod Gould** (who presented the Award to Connie) and Connie at the 2013 Annual City Managers' Department of the League of California Cities in San Francisco. The picture was provided by CCMF President and Atascadero City Manager **Wade McKinney**.



A long-time ICMA member, retired Rosemead City Manager, and former La Puente Interim City Manager, **Frank G. Tripepi** maintains his no-nonsense work ethic even at the League of California Cities City Managers Department meeting in San Francisco. Frank is a **Willdan** Senior Vice President. Thank you to CCMF President **Wade McKinney**, Atascadero City Manager, for the picture. We sincerely appreciate it.