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54th Annual CCCA Municipal Seminar



Paramount City Manager **Linda Benedetti-Leal** was a recipient of the prestigious California Contract Cities Association El Gran Matador Award at the 54th Annual CCCA Municipal Seminar, May 16 - 19, 2013 in Indian Wells. Linda is seen here with Paramount Assistant City Manager **John Moreno** following the awards luncheon program at the Renaissance Esmeralda Hotel.

54th Annual Municipal Seminar of the California Contract Cities Association

By Jack A. Simpson

"Networking, team building and taking advantage of training and educational opportunities are important to developing excellence."

Members of the California Contract Cities Association met for their 54th Annual Municipal Seminar entitled: "Best Practices for Building Stronger Communities," at the Renaissance Esmeralda Hotel in Indian Wells, May 16 - May 20, 2013. Paramount Council Member **Diane J. Martinez** closed out her year as President of the organization and Diamond Bar Council Member **Steve Tye** was installed as the new 2013-2014 CCCA President; and Artesia's **Victor Manalo** was installed as Vice President.

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Our experience with the CCCA and its' annual conferences reaches back to when the late **Gladys Illiff** of Paramount; the late **George Nye** of Lakewood; the late **Jack Tyrell** of Temple City; and **Larry Chimbole** of Palmdale served as Presidents in the 1960s. As when it was organized, the organization remains built around the "ins and outs" of the provision of cost-effective and efficient services through contracting out.

CCCA was born as an association of cities in November 1957 following the birth of the Lakewood Plan in 1954 through the hard work of City Attorney **John Sanford Todd** and the incorporation of the City of Lakewood. The original CCCA cities include: Lakewood, Bellflower, Duarte, La Puente, Norwalk, Paramount, Rolling Hills and Santa Fe Springs.



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George Voigt was selected in the late 1960s to serve as the Association's first Executive Director, and he and his wife **Marge Voigt** became known Statewide and beyond for their work on behalf of the "contract cities." When George decided to retire after some 20-years with the CCCA, **Sam Olivito** was recruited in 1985 to be the next Executive Director. Though Marge continued to help out with the annual conferences for a number of years, Sam and his wife **Sharon Olivito** have become synonymous



with the excellence of the California Contract Cities Association and its quest to protect and champion good cost-effective government.

Many conference delegates and participants arrive on Wednesday so as to be available early the next morning to participate at the annual golf tournament on Thursday, usually held at the Indian Wells public course. Since many folks arrive early at the venue, a group of sponsor companies joined together to host a "kick-off" dinner for the early-arrivals. This year the event was held at the home of **Anthony and Evelyn Gonsalves** on Wednesday evening, May 15. Sponsor companies included: Cerrell Associates; CLIMATEC; Erickson Hall; **Fulbright & Jaworski, LLP**; **Keenan & Associates**; **MuniServices**; **Newcomb Williams Financial Group**; Republic Services; **Stifel**; **Willdan**; and **Wolf & Company**. The highlighted companies are Trackdown Sponsors.



At the Wednesday evening dinner at the home of **Anthony and Evelyn Gonsalves**, from L to R: **Frank G. Tripepi**, retired city manager, currently Senior Vice President with **Willdan**; **Mark Risco**, President of Willdan Financial Services; **Darrell George**, City Manager of Duarte; and Banning City Manager **Andy Takata**. Andy is an internationally recognized water polo official in his spare time. He has officiated at the Olympic Games.

We were pleased to see a number of city managers in attendance. Though we may not have noted them all, those who attended the wonderful get-together included: Norwalk City Manager **Mike Egan**; Banning City Manager **Andy Takata**; retired Norwalk City Manager **Ernie Garcia**; Duarte City Manager **Darrell George**; La Puente City Manager **Brett Plumlee**; Coachella City Manager **David Garcia**; Lakewood City Manager **Howard Chambers**; Lakewood Assistant City Manager **Lisa Novotny** and Deputy City Manager **Carol Flynn**; Norwalk Human Resources Manager **Ernie Hernandez**; Los Alamitos Interim City Manager **Gregory Korduner**; former City Administrator and founder of **Wolf & Company**, **Wesley Wolf**; former City Manager and current Deputy Executive Director for the CCCA **Paul Phillips**; former City Administrator **Ray Harris**; retired City Manager **Frank G. Tripepi**, currently with **Willdan**; and CCCA Executive Director **Sam Olivito**. Again, we apologize to those city managers we may have missed.



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Retired Norwalk City Manager **Ernie Garcia** and his wife **Diane Garcia** pose here with Los Angeles County Supervisor **Don Knabe** and **Richard Fierro** at the home of **Anthony & Evelyn Gonsalves** in Indian Wells.

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Others we noted in attendance at the Wednesday evening dinner event included: **Anthony and Evelyn Gonsalves**; **Jason and Tracy Gonsalves**; **Paul and Jamie**

Gonsalves; **Jerry Gonsalves**; **David Huntoon** of the Rose Institute; **Mark Risco**, President of Willdan Financial Services; **Fran Mancina** of **MuniServices**; **John Telesio**, formerly with CDS and now a waste management consultant; **Greg Nordbak**, a former Mayor and Council Member in Whittier, currently with Republic Services; **Sam Pena** of Republic Services; **Daniel Kim** of **Fulbright & Jaworski**; **Richard and Mary Fierro**; **Bill Pagett** of Willdan Engineering and his wife Donna; also with **Willdan** were **Francesca Fuentes**, **Adel Frej** and **Lew Gluesing**; **Janees Williams** of **Newcomb Williams Financial Group**; **Jose Vera** of **Stifel**; **Leon Garcia**; **Scott Hammond** of Erickson-Hall; and CCCA Past Presidents that included: **David Spence** of La Cañada Flintridge; **Sally Flowers** of Artesia; **Cheri Kelley** of Norwalk; **James R. Bozajian** of Calabasas; and out-going President **Diane Martinez** of Paramount.



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Thursday mornings "revelie" came early as the "Tee Off With Tye" golfers assembled and teed-off at an early hour. Some people took the day off and drove out to the course at "0-dark-30" to participated in the tournament, and to join those who arrived the previous day. We tried to note the City Managers in the group of participants. The managers we noted include: Huntington Park City Manager **Rene Bobadillo**; Norwalk City Manager **Mike Egan** and Human Resources Manager **Ernie Hernandez**; retired South Gate Public Works Director and former Walnut City Manager **Bob Dickey**; Los Alamitos Interim City Manager **Gregory Korduner**; Lakewood City Manager **Howard Chambers**; retired Norwalk City Manager **Ernie Garcia**; Paramount Community Services Director **Vince Torres**; Chino City Manager **Matt Ballantyne**; Walnut City Manager **Rob Wishner**; former City Administrator and retired Transportation Deputy Supervisor **Ray Harris**; Santa Clarita City Manager **Ken Striplin**; and former El Monte City Administrator **Jim Mussenden**.

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--Mark Twain

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Among the many others who participated were: Los Angeles County Supervisor **Don Knabe**; **John Kelly** of TNT Fireworks; refuse disposal consultant **Richard Fierro**; **Harvey Englander** and **Matt Knabe** of **Englander Knabe & Allen**; and CCCA Executive Director **Sam Olivito**. **Tony Olivito** piloted a golf cart with passenger **Cheri Kelley**, past CCCA President of Norwalk, to help assure the safety, hydration and comfort of the tournament participants while on the course in the hot desert sun.

Following the tournament awards ceremony and raffle, conference registration opened and then that afternoon the hospitality suites became available, and the annual Welcome Reception was held. We had the fortunate opportunity to chat with Los Angeles County Sheriff **Lee Baca** during the reception. Also there were, longtime City Attorney **Michael Montgomery**, currently serving as the Walnut City Attorney; Chiefs **Tom Laing** and **Roberta Abner** of the L.A. County Sheriff's Department; and Assistant Sheriff **Todd S. Rogers**, who also serves as a member of the Lakewood City Council.



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Los Alamitos Interim City Manager **Gregory Korduner** and California Contract Cities Association Deputy Executive Director **Paul Philips** chat prior to the golf tournament. Paul is a former City Manager in South El Monte, Lawndale, Artesia and Covina.



The registration/check-in table for the "Tee Off With Tye" tournament at the 54th Annual CCCA Municipal Seminar.



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Pico Rivera Mayor **Gustavo Camacho** served as the Chairperson of the day as the Opening Session officially kicked-off the seminar sessions at 8:30 Friday morning. The exhibit area was full of displays and attendees. Indian Wells Mayor **Mary T. Roche** welcomed the group to her city, and President **Diane Martinez** welcomed the group to the 54th Annual Municipal Seminar of the California Contract Cities Association.

Past President **Randy Bomgaars**, a former Bellflower Mayor and City Council Member, and Past President **Harold Hoffman** of Lawndale respectively delivered the Invocation and lead those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Session No. 1 was entitled: "Getting the Most Out of Your Law Enforcement Services." West Hollywood Mayor and Past CCCA President **Jeffrey Prang** served as the session moderator.

We sat with **Bob Dickey** during this session, and Bob, God Bless him, re-joined the Trackdown Posse. We appreciate all of our posse members. If not for them and our Sponsors we would be unable to continue distributing the City Manager Newsletter by Trackdown.

Cerritos Director of Public Safety **Greg Berg** was one of the Session No. 1 speakers and did a marvelous job. He noted that Cerritos, where **Art Gallucci** is City Manager, is always looking for ways to do a better job with the public's resources. Assistant Sheriff **Terri McDonald** and Lt. **Jeff McWaid** also spoke at this session.

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Rosemead Council Member **Sandra Armenta** presided at Session No. 2, "Are We Ready For the Big One? Earthquake Preparedness." Lt. **Bobby Wyche** of the Sheriff's Department's gave a very interesting and informative presentation that included video clips with amazing earthquake footage. When a major earthquake hits, the disaster and all of its challenges hits everyone in the area at the same time. Everyone needs to be prepared to survive without electric power and the comforts it provides: lights, refrigeration, and electric power for computers, pumps and appliances. It may be impossible to get vehicle fuels. Retired LASD official **Natalie Salazar** addressed the importance of the CERT program. The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program is an all-risk, all-hazard training. This valuable course is designed to help you protect yourself, your family, your neighbors and your neighborhood in an emergency situation.

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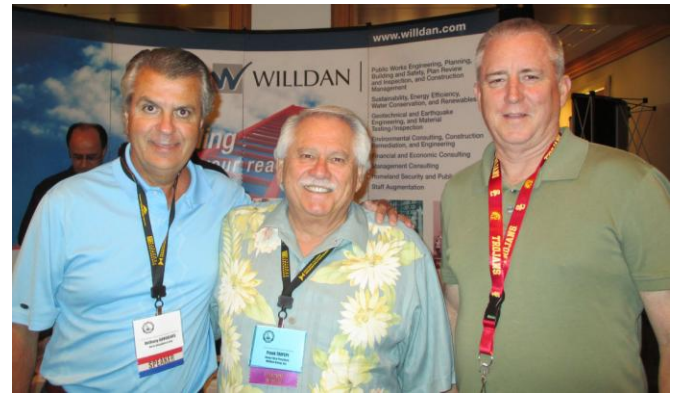
Southern California Edison Company's Local Public Affairs Chief of Staff **Glen Becerra** presented "Shared Challenges" at the Friday luncheon program.

It was our good fortune to sit at a luncheon table with: **David Huntoon** of the Rose Institute; **Jennifer Quan** of the League of California Cities; **Larry Kosmont**, a former City Manager and Founder of the **Kosmont Companies**; **Jose Vera** of **Stifel**; **Jose Ometeoti** of Willdan Financial Services; **Gregory Korduner**, Los Alamitos Interim City Manager; **Fran Mancina** of **MuniServices**; and **Frank Tripepi** and **Bill Pagett** of **Willdan**.

Friday's Session No. 3, "From Legislator to Legislative Advocate," was worth waiting for even though **Bev Hansen** was unable to appear. **Robert Naylor** of Robert W. Naylor Advocacy and **Anthony Gonsalves** of **Joe A. Gonsalves & Son** provided a thought provoking and historical visit to California legislative actions.

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Anthony D. Gonsalves of **Joe A. Gonsalves & Son**; **Frank G. Tripepi**, Senior Vice President, **Willdan**; and Norwalk City Manager **Mike Egan** in the conference display area. Note that Mike is displaying a **USC** lanyard.



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Following the scheduled speakers the good people of the Central Basin Municipal Water District hosted an ice-cream social that encouraged participants to gather in the display area and network. In addition to many of those already listed here, in attendance were: Commerce City Administrator **Jorge Rifa**; Bellflower City Manager **Jeff Stewart**; **Ernesto Marquez**, Hawaiian Gardens City Manager; Norwalk Council Member **Mike Mendez**; **Mark Alexander**, La Cañada Flintridge City Manager, and Diamond Bar City Manager **Jim DeStefano**.



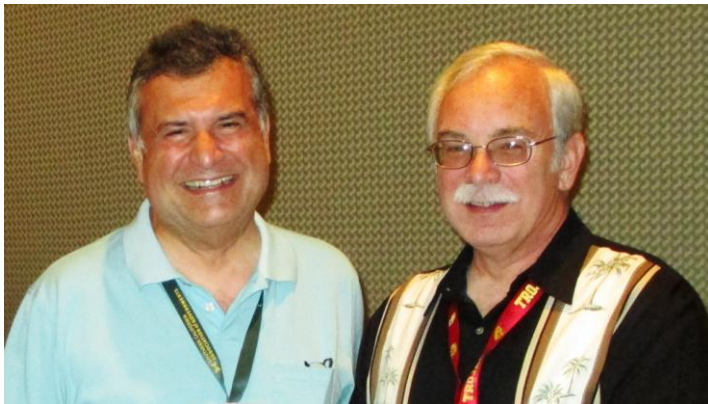
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Artesia Council Member **Victor Manalo**, an Associate Professor at California State University, Los Angeles, served as the Saturday Chairperson of the day. [The new Artesia Interim City Manager **Bill Rawlings** was unable to attend the seminar.]

Saturday sessions opened with a Keynote breakfast presentation by **Gordon Graham**, ah ha, entitled: "The Ten Families of Risk: What Government Leaders Need to Know." Those we noted at this presentation include: Signal Hill City Manager **Ken Farfsing**; Lakewood City Manager **Howard Chambers**; **Jon Shull** of the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority; and Pomona City Manager **Linda Lowry**. I sat at a table that included Norwalk's **Cheri Kelley**, **Mike Egan** and **Ernie Hernandez**. **Gordon Graham** was his usual entertaining and instructive self. He highly recommends "...on going background checks" of public staff members, instead of the one time at application and forget about it.



City of Commerce City Administrator **Jorge Rifa** and Signal Hill City Manager **Ken Farfsing**. Ken gave a presentation on "Stormy Waters: Update on L. A. County Storm Water Funding Initiative." Ken is recognized as an expert on municipal water quality management issues.



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Past CCCA President **Frank V. Zerunyan**, Mayor of Rolling Hills Estates and with **USC** Price School of Public Policy, served as moderator for Session No. 4, the "Next Generation of Economic Development." Those on the panel included: Long Beach Mayor **Bob Foster**; **Kristina Raspe**; **Christi Hogin**; and **Larry Kosmont** of the **Kosmont Companies**. Mayor Foster stressed the use of public/private partnerships. **Larry Kosmont** noted that there are no easy ways to economic development in California without the "tax increment" tool. He noted that 85% of state revenue comes from sales & income taxes. Unemployment, at 10% or greater, needs to be addressed. Kristina shared the 35 acre mixed use The Village at **USC**. **Christi Hogan** is the City Attorney for Lomita, Malibu and Palos Verdes Estates.



These ladies are responsible for a great deal of the work required by the California Contract Cities Association for its Annual Municipal Seminar. The hard work of **Kelli Lofing** and **Sharon Olivito** are crucial to the events success. Thank you Ladies!

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Past President **Laura Olhasso**, La Cañada Flintridge Mayor, presided at Session No. 5: "Why County Government Matters." Los Angeles County Fourth District Supervisor **Don Knabe** and retired CAO **David Janssen** were the presenters. Supervisor Knabe, who is a former Cerritos Mayor & Council Member, said that there are 2.3 million residents in Los Angeles County without health insurance. The "Affordable Care Act" is a major issue to be addressed.



Pomona Council Member **GINNA E. ESCOBAR**; Claremont City Manager **Tony Ramos**; retire LASD executive **Natalie Salazar**; and **Brad McKinney** of the Claremont city staff.

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Session No. 6 was the traditionally scheduled "Views From Sacramento." CCCA Legislative Committee Chair **Sam Pedroza**, Claremont Council Member, presided and State Senators **Bob Huff** and **Cathleen Galgiani** made presentations. It was noted that more than half of the State budget is for education. The Legislature focuses on education, jobs creation, and public safety realignment. Senator Galgiani also discussed a proposal to build two tunnels to divert water around the Sacramento Delta to replace the original proposal to build a peripheral canal with a \$25 Billion price tag.

Saturday's luncheon session featured an address by recently elected Los Angeles County District Attorney **Jackie Lacey** on "Public Integrity and the Office of the District Attorney." She underlined that it is important that we all "...must stay humble."

Those we shared a luncheon table with included: **David Rendeiro** of **Keenan & Associates**; Pomona City Council Member **GINNA ESCOBAR** and City Manager **Linda Lowry**; **Ray Harris**; **Wolf & Company** Founder **Wes Wolf**; **Debbie Smith**, Executive Director of the **Independent Cities Finance Authority**; and **Gregory Korduner**, Interim Los Alamitos City Manager.



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"Regional Mobility and Airport Access Governance," and "Risk Management: Crisis Control, Media Relations, Contracting Out, and Labor Negotiations" were the last two Saturday sessions. Lakewood Council Member **Diane DuBois** moderated the "mobility" session, and CJPIA CEO **Jon Shull** moderated the "risk management" session.

The President's inaugural reception, and the Installation Banquet "Under the Desert Sun" were held that evening. Supervisor **Don Knabe** served as Master of Ceremony, and Senate Republican Leader **Bob Huff** served as the Installing Officer for incoming President **Steve Tye** of the Diamond Bar City Council. Also installed were: Vice President **Victor Manalo** of Artesia; and Secretary/Treasurer **Gustavo Camacho** of Pico Rivera, where Dr. **Ron Bates**, Ph.D. is City Manager.

Sunday morning's "Getaway Brunch" held its traditional excellence, though we did hear a comment that the children's raffle was missed. All-in-all the 54th Annual California Contract Cities Association Municipal Seminar was a success.

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We apologize to everyone we may have missed in this narrative. We have less-than-a-photographic memory. We congratulate the CCCA for a successful event. Some others we may not have mentioned that we saw there include: Cerritos City Manager **Art Gallucci**; Lomita City Manager **Mike Rock**; West Hollywood City Manager **Paul Arevalo**; **Robert Sausedo** of Psomas; **Derek Rojas** of Valley Vista Services; **Roy Stephenson**, **George Kutchins** and **George Wentz** of HR Green; **Lyle Defenbaugh** of State Fund; **Al Warot** & **John Bellas** of PMC; **Steve Andersen** of Schaefer Ambulance; **Dickie Simmons** & **Erin Stibal** of Supervisor Knabe's office; **Dr. Bill Mathis**; **Kristine Guerrero** of the League of California Cities; La Mirada Deputy City Manager **Jeff Boynton** & Council Member **Andrew Sarega**, and many more.



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Marcus A. Allen is a former Chief Deputy Controller in Los Angeles and Deputy Chief of Staff in charge of operations and finance in the Mayor's office. Prior to working for Los Angeles, among other posts, Marcus worked as the Chief Deputy at the Los Angeles County Probation Department, and as a Public Affairs Planner for the Southern California Gas Company. He has a BA from **UCLA** and a MPPS from the University of Chicago.



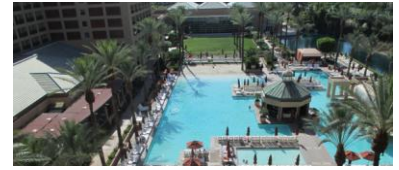
Picking Up the Pieces: Hughson's new City Manager **Raul L. Mendez** is a former senior management consultant with the Stanislaus County Chief Executive Office. He takes over for former City Manager **Bryan Whitemyer**, who left to take the Oakdale City Manager post. Retired Modesto Chief of Police **Mike Harden** has been serving as the Hughson Interim City Manager during the recruitment. Raul worked for Stanislaus County for 12-years and previously worked for San Jose. Longtime Republican political strategist and pollster **Stephen Kinney** passed away last weekend at the age of 69. Steve lost his battle with prostate cancer. He is survived by his wife Cynthia. We met Steve in the early years when he worked for then State Senator **George Deukmejian**. At his death Steve was a partner of Public Opinion Strategies, L.L.C. In addition to Governor Deukmejian, Steve's impressive client list included: Governor **Peter Wilson**, former State Treasurer **Matthew Fong**; **Doug Ose**, **Jim Brulte**, Los Angeles County Supervisor **Don Knabe** and many others. Steve was born in New Mexico. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1962 to 1966. He lived in Redondo Beach. More than 7,000 attendees are expected for the 107th Annual Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Conference in San Francisco from June 2 through June 5, 2013. San Francisco Chief Assistant Treasurer **Pauline Marx** is the current President of the California Society of Municipal Finance Officers (CSMFO). Retired Simi Valley City Manager **Mike Sedell** has been appointed to serve on the Ventura County Pension Board. Ventura County Taxpayers Association objected. Mike is a highly respected veteran City Manager. Moreno Valley City Manager **Henry Garcia** has resigned. Assistant City Manager **Michelle Dawson** was elevated to the City Manager post. Henry has agreed to retire effective December 1, 2013. Henry previously served as the City Manager in Rialto. Ralph Andersen has been selected to do the executive recruitment for the City of Anaheim City Manager position. **C. Raymond Wood** was the founding President of the California Society of Municipal Finance Officers (CSMFO), 1958-1959. Ray was the Finance Director in Beverly Hills at the time. **R. Neal Bearden** of Hayward was the President in 1960. **Stan Dean** oversees the work of both the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District (SRCSD) and the Sacramento Area Sewer District (SASD). Stan joined the Sanitation Districts staff in 1993. He earned a BS from Lafayette College and a MS in Environmental Engineering from the University of California, Davis. SASD serves parts of unincorporated Sacramento County and the cities of Rancho Cordova, Elk Grove and Citrus Heights. **Claudia Goss** is the District's Public Affairs Manager.





More Pieces Picked Up: Veteran City Manager **Lee M. Roberts**, who served as the Napa City Manager between 1953 and 1977, died on April 29 at the age of 94 in his Sacramento home. He was a stamp

collector and enjoyed travelling throughout the world. Lee served as Assistant City Manager in Richmond and Yuba City prior to being appointed Napa City Manager at the age of 34. Former City Manager **Robert "Bud" Ovrom** has been appointed Interim Executive Director of the Los Angeles Convention Center. He has been serving as the General Manager of the Los Angeles Department of Building & Safety. Bud previously served as the City Manager in Burbank, Downey and Monrovia. Long Beach City Manager **Pat West** has appointed Deputy City Manager **Reggie Harrison** to lead the new Department of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Communications; a consolidation effort to improve cost-effective services. Reggie will remain a Deputy City Manager for the immediate future. **Sal Flores** of the Irving J. Moskowitz Foundation presented a \$10,000 check to **Matt Asner**, Chair of California Autism Speaks at the Hawaiian Gardens Bingo Club in early May. Matt is a film and television producer and the son of legendary actor **Ed Asner**. Autism Speaks funds research on effective methods for early Autism diagnosis, and increasing Autism awareness. **Ernesto Marquez** is the Hawaiian Gardens City Manager. Biggs City Administrator **Mark Sorensen** participated in the 105th Anniversary celebration for the Biggs Carnegie Library on Saturday, April 20. It was a grand celebration of 105 years of uninterrupted library service in Biggs. The Biggs Volunteer Action Group and the Biggs Women's Club hosted the day and planned the event, which included a book sale and crafts for the attending children. Santa Maria City Manager **Rick Haydon** served as the Assistant City Manager for 11-years prior to his appointment to replace retired Santa Maria City Manager **Tim Ness** in January, 2012. Tim served as the Santa Maria City Manager for 16-years. Walnut Creek City Manager **Ken Nordhoff**, who has been dealing with an internal investigation of four (4) staff members who were placed on administrative leave as part of charges of alleged child sex abuse in the city's Leshner Center for the Arts, has been removed from the investigation replaced by an independent consultant. The consultant will make discipline recommendations. Retired La Mirada City Manager **Gary K. Sloan** and his wife Mary have been living in the Palm Springs area. They have decided to relocate to a home in Corona to be closer to friends and family, though they will miss the convenient golf courses.



Joe Guzzetta, General Manager of the Joshua Basin Water District, is the new Twentynine Palms City Manager beginning in June. Joe is a former City Manager in Desert Hot Springs, Hemet and Corte Madera. Retired Palm Desert Assistant City Manager **Homer Croy** is the Interim City Manager who followed retired City Manager **Richard Warne**. Visalia Assistant City Manager **Mike Olmos** will fill in behind the retirement of his boss, City Manager **Steve Salomon** later this year. Mike worked for Quad-Knott, the cities of Tulare and Reedley and the County of Tulare before joining the Visalia staff as a City Planner in July, 2001. He was appointed Community Development Director in 2002 and became the Visalia Assistant City Manager in 2005. Claremont Council Member **Joe Lyons** injured his hand while working at home on April 22 and was transported to **USC** Medical Center where he underwent nine hours of surgery. Claremont City Manager **Tony Ramos** reports that the Councilman is recovering and doing well. Former Signal Hill Mayor and Council Member **Ellen Ward** used to refer to **Lynn Keyth Durham** as "Bull;" a take-off on the Bull Durham movie. Keyth served in Hawaiian Gardens, Rosemead and Temple City before becoming City Manager in Firebaugh. He later served as City Manager in West Wendover, Nevada. Ellen worked in Artesia, Hawaiian Gardens and Paramount before retiring from the City of Santa Ana, all previous to her Signal Hill service. City Manager **Dave Brennan** of Nevada City is a former Sebastopol City Manager. He took over for the retiring veteran City Manager **Gene Albaugh**, who is remembered as a fine coach and teacher. **Michael B. Giancola** is the new Orange County Executive Officer. He previously served as Orange County's Director of Waste & Recycling. Mike first join the county staff in 1977 as a Park Attendant at Mile Square Park. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1980 to 1985, and rejoined the county working in the Harbor, Beaches and Parks Department. He went to work for the County's waste & recycling department in 1986. He has a BA from the University of Phoenix.



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Even More Pieces Picked: Corpus Christi, Texas Assistant City Manager **Susan Thorpe** previously served as City Manager in the cities of Rowlett and Bedford, Texas. Prior to those assignments Susan serve as the Assistant City Manager in Tracy, California for four and a half years (April, 1993 - September, 1997). **Stephanie Hayes**, Deputy Recorder/Billing Clerk in the City of Monticello, Utah, attended Foothill Community College in Mountain View, California. According to a population report released by the California Department of Finance, Santa Clarita, where **Ken Striplin** serves as City Manager, is the state's fastest growing city. Los Angeles remains the state's largest city with a population of 3,863,839. Missouri City Manager **Frank Simpson**, 48, of College Station died of a heart attack at the end of April. Frank served as the City Manager in Missouri City between 2004 and 2011. He was the City Manager in College Station for less than a month, though had served as Deputy City Manager and Interim City Manager replacing retired City Manager **David Neely** in January. He earned a BA and MPA from Texas A & M University. Following the resignation of Buellton City Manager **John Kunkel**, Buellton Planning Director **Marc Bierdzinski** has been appointed Interim City Manager. Marc joined the Buellton staff in 2005 previously working in the Planning Department in the City of Santa Maria. **Jeffry Gardner** is the City Manager/Finance Director in the City of Plymouth, California. Jeff has a long history of working with local governments as a financial and business consultant. He has worked with Plymouth for the past 23-years. He was appointed City Manager in January, 2011. Jeff graduated from Humboldt State University in Natural Resources Planning, and he is a licensed CPA. Avery Associates has been retained to assist the City of Pacifica recruit a replacement for retiring City Manager **Stephen Rhodes**. After about 6-years as the Pacifica City Manager Steve has decided to retire at the end of July. Portola City Manager **Leslie Tigan** announced her plans to retire earlier in the year. It appears that Blackville, South Carolina Town Administrator **Ian Kaiser** will be Leslie's replacement as the next Portola City Manager. Ian earned an MPA a Golden State University. Kingsburg City Manager **Don Pauley** has announced that he will retire in July. He has served as the Kingsburg City Manager for 13-years. U. S. Army Staff Sergeant **Michael H. Simpson**, 30, has died of injuries he suffered in a bomb blast in Afghanistan. He is the son of Olmos Park, Texas City Manager **Michael W. Simpson**. Prior to serving as a City Manager **Michael W. Simpson** retired as a decorated Army Special Forces Lieutenant Colonel.

Anaheim Public Utilities General Manager **Marcie Edwards** has been appointed Interim City Manager to fill in behind the resignation of City Manager **Bob Wingenroth** to become the Assistant City Manager/Chief Financial Officer in Surprise, Arizona. Ralph Anderson & Associates has been retained to conduct a search for a new City Manager. Marcie has indicated that she is not interested in the permanent appointment. Marcie has served as the Public Utilities General Manager since January, 2001. She was Acting Assistant City Manager between 2009 and 2011. Dinuba Director of Finance **Beth Nunes** has been appointed to the Dinuba Acting Deputy City Manager position. Beth joined the Dinuba staff more than 14-years ago. City Manager **Ed Todd** will step down in January allowing him a number of months to work with Beth in preparation for her promotion to City Manager. Finance and Budget Manager **Cass Cook** has been appointed Acting Finance Director. Also, Community Services Manager **John Carrillo** has been appointed Acting Parks and Community Services Manager. **Christina Gilmore**, Assistant to the Town Manager in the Town of Los Gatos, is currently the President of Municipal Management Association of Northern California (MMANC). **Greg Larson** is the Los Gatos Town Manager and **Pamela Jacobs** is the Assistant Town Manager. In November, 2009 Moreno Valley Assistant City Manager **Betsy M. Adams** was appointed City Manager in Grand Terrace. Betsy was 51 at the time. She replaced City Manager **Tom Schwab**, who retired. Betsy worked with Moreno Valley for 19-years, including two-years as the Administrative Services Director, and 5-years as Assistant City Manager. When San Gabriel City Administrator **Robert Clute** retired in 1992, 35-year old Alhambra Assistant City Manager **P. Michael Paules** was appointed to the post. Robert had served 18-years in the position and **Mike Paules** would do the same. Mike currently teaches at **USC**. **Lindsay Buckley** is the Sustainable Communities Program Coordinator for the Institute for Local Government. She previously served as a Member of the Chico Sustainability Task Force, and before that she served as a Sacramento Valley Energy Program Representative for the Great Valley Center. Lindsay earned a BS from California State University, Chico. **JoAnne Speers** is the Institute for Local Government Executive Director.

