

# City Manager Newsletter by **Trackdown**

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Four former City Managers: **Robert Hinderliter** and **Frank G. Tripepi** on the left, and **Denise Ovrom** and **Lloyd de Llamas** on the right. These pictures were taken on Tuesday, August 27, 2013 at a Special HdL Companies' 30th Anniversary Celebration at the Summit House in Fullerton. Bob left Commerce in 1983 and started a company to provide sales tax auditing services to local governments. He developed the first sales tax management program which ultimately needed legislation to permit independent verification of State Board of Equalization's sales tax distributions. Lloyd left Monterey Park in 1987 and partnered with Bob to help further develop HdL. Frank helped lobby the needed legislation and Denise joined the firm after serving as a City Manager in Temple City and as Assistant City Manager in Beverly Hills.

## California City Professionals from the "Hill"

A "hill" is a naturally raised area of land, not as high or craggy as a mountain. Some of the synonyms for "hill" include: high ground, prominence, hillock, foothill, hillside, rise, mound, knoll, butte, and hummock. "Hill" is also an informal name for Capitol Hill, which may give the word a government bent. The distinction between a hill and a mountain is unclear and largely subjective. As a native of the west, mountains to me mean something like the Sierra Nevada's not the Catskills. When attending an ICMA conference at the Concord Hotel in New York's "Catskill Mountains," I could not find the "mountains." The Catskills are more like wooded "hills;" but still a lovely area to visit.


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## California City Professionals from the "Hill"

We found only three California cities with the word "hill" in their name. That is "hill" singular, not "hills," plural. They are Morgan Hill, Pleasant Hill and Signal Hill. Their "plural" friends include: Agoura Hills, Beverly Hills, Chino Hills, Hillsborough, Laguna Hills, Los Altos Hills, Rolling Hills, and Rolling Hills Estates.



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## California City Professionals from the "Hill"

At any rate, this list is a representation of city managers who have worked or still work on the "hill." We have also wrapped it up with short listings of the plural neighbors; those working in the "hills." We start with Morgan Hill, Pleasant Hill and Signal Hill.

**David C. Biggs** served as the Morgan Hill City Manager between 1992 and 1995. David got his start in public management as an Administrative Intern in Santa Ana in 1980. He then worked as a Assistant Planner and then an Economic Development Specialist in Santa Ana. David joined the Long Beach city staff as a Development Project Manager in 1984. In 1988 David went to South Australia and served as a Development Manager. He was appointed to the Morgan Hill Economic Development Director position when he returned to the States in 1990. David was appointed City Manager in Morgan Hill in 1992. David left Morgan Hill and moved to Southern California in 1995. He was appointed Director of Economic Development in Huntington Beach and served in that position for about 10-years. In 2005 David was selected to serve as the Assistant City Manager in Redondo Beach. He took the Tustin City Manager post for a time in 2010-2011, and then served as the Interim Assistant City Administrator in Montebello. David was appointed City Manager in Carson in 2011 and served there until earlier this year (2013). David earned a BA from California State University, Fullerton, and an MBA from the University of California, Irvine. In 2012 he was the recipient of a 30-year ICMA Service Award.

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**David M. Jinkens** served as the Morgan Hill City Manager from 1996 to 2000. David began his public service career as an Executive Intern in the California Lieutenant Governor's Office in 1971. He was a Teacher in Fremont between 1971 and 1973, when he was appointed to a Project Assistant post for the City of Fremont. In 1974 David was selected to serve as the Soledad City Manager. Then David served as the City Administrator in Oroville starting in 1977; City Manager in Avalon in 1982; and City Manager in Manteca in 1983. David then became the Morgan Hill City Manager, leaving the position in 2000 to take the Elk Grove City Manager post. After a year or so on the private side in 2001-2002, David was appointed to the City Manager position in South Lake Tahoe. David retired from South Lake Tahoe in 2010. He earned an AB and an MPA from the University of California. David was the recipient of a 35-year ICMA Service Award in 2008.



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**J. Edward Tewes** served as the City Manager in the City of Morgan Hill from January, 2000 until he retired last March (2013). Ed began his career in 1971 as a Management Intern in Pasadena, and he was hired as the Assistant to the City Manager in October, 1973. In 1979 Ed joined the Long Beach staff as an Intergovernmental Relations Officer. In June, 1982 Ed was appointed Deputy City Manager and he became the Long Beach Assistant City Manager in September, 1985. Ed was selected to serve as the Clovis City Manager in 1986. He was selected for the Modesto City Manager position in March, 1991. After 8-years and five months, Ed left Modesto to take the Morgan Hill City Manager assignment. Ed earned a BA from Claremont Men's College and an MPA from the University of Southern California (USC). Ed served as a member of the Board of the City Managers Department of the League of California Cities (1995-1996).



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In January of this year (2013) **Steve Rymer** was appointed to the Morgan Hill City Manager post. Steve began his public management career in Maplewood, Minnesota in 1994 as a Recreation Program Assistant. Steve moved to New Brighton, Minnesota in 1996 to take a Community Center Manager job, and in 2000 he became the New Brighton Director of Parks & Recreation. Steve moved to California in 2011 to take the Director of Parks & Recreation in Morgan Hill. In 2011 he was appointed Director of Community Services and then he became the Morgan Hill City Manager in January. Steve earned a BS in Recreation, Parks, and Leisure Studies at the University of Minnesota, and an MPA from Hamline University in St. Paul, Minnesota. In 2009-2010 Steve served on the ICMA Task Force on Welcoming New Members.



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In 1994, former City Manager Jim Barisic founded Brandywine with a business plan to help revitalize established neighborhoods and to convert existing underutilized space into needed housing.

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Pleasant Hill's current City Manager **June W. Catalano** served as the Director of Community Development in the City of Laguna Beach from 1981 to 1987. She moved to Santa Ana in 1987 and served as the Director of Planning & Building until 1989. After a year or so on the private side in 1990 and 1991, June joined the San Leandro staff as the Development Services Director, where she worked for about 7-years. In 1998 June was selected to serve as the Assistant City Manager in Milpitas. June was appointed City Manager in Martinez in 2001, and after serving there for about 5-years, she was selected to serve as the Pleasant Hill City Manager in 2006. June continues to serve as the Pleasant Hill City Manager. She earned a BS from the University of Tulsa and an MS from Syracuse University. June is a former member of the CCMF Board. In 2009 she received a 25-year ICMA Service Award.



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In 1972 **Michael Ramsey** took a Police Officer position in Los Gatos. He moved to the Visalia Police Department in 1975 as a Police Officer, and took a Purchasing Agent position with Visalia in 1977, starting his rise through that organization: Transit Manager, 1980; Director of General Services, 1981; Director of Research & Development, 1987; Director of Development Services, 1991; and Assistant Executive Director for Redevelopment in 1994. Mike left Visalia in 1996 when he was selected to serve as the Antioch City Manager. He was appointed to the Pleasant Hill City Manager position in 2002; serving in that post until 2006. He earned a BA from Loma Linda University. In 2006 Mike was the recipient of a 30-year ICMA Service Award. He lists his current residence in Visalia.



Trackdown's **Jack Simpson** outside of Pleasant Hill city hall.

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In 1973 **Joseph M. Tanner** started serving as the City Manager of the City of Galt. After about an 11-year tenure in Galt Joe was appointed City Manager in Emeryville in 1984. In 1987 Joe was recruited by Pleasant Hill to serve as City Manager, and he served in that position for about 14-years. Joe left Pleasant Hill in 2002 and served in some special assignments. In 2002 he served as the Assistant City Manager in Alameda for a time, and in 2004 he was appointed City Manager in Pacifica. Joe left Pacifica in 2007 to address the challenges of serving as the Vallejo City Manager. After Joe left Vallejo in 2009 he served as Interim City Manager in Rio Vista, 2012-2013. Joe earned an AA at American River College, a BA from California State University, and an MPA from Golden Gate University. Joe, who is currently a Pleasant Hill resident, was the recipient of a 35-year ICMA Service Award in 2008.

**Steve W. Wallace** serves as the Pleasant Hill Director of Public Works and Community Development.



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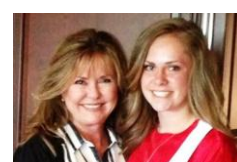
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**Kenneth C. Farfing** is the Signal Hill City Manager. Ken has about 34-years of experience in five different Southern California cities. Ken has served as the Signal Hill City Manager since 1996. He served as the South Pasadena City Manager between 1991 and 1996. He served as the Assistant City Manager in Downey from 1988 to 1991. Previous to that he work in planning and redevelopment posts in the City of La Verne, including as the Community Development Director from 1981 to 1988. He began his career as a student Administrative Intern in Santa Fe Springs. Ken earned a BA in history from the University of California, Berkeley and a Master's degree in urban planning from the University of Southern California (**USC**). Ken is a past President of the Gateway Cities City Manager's Group. He has earned a reputation for his expert knowledge of water quality issues.

**Charlie Honeycutt** is the Deputy City Manager and **Rebecca Burleson** is the Assistant to the City Manager/Deputy City Clerk in Signal Hill.



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**John W. Jameson** was 25-years old when he was appointed City Manager in Signal Hill. John began his career as a Staff Assistant in Hawaiian Gardens in October, 1972. In February, 1973 John was elevated to an Executive Assistant position. He left Hawaiian Gardens in 1974 when he was selected to serve as the Signal Hill Assistant City Manager. John was appointed to the Signal Hill City Manager position in June, 1975. John left Signal Hill in 1978, and after a short term as the Interim City Administrator in Hawaiian Gardens, he was appointed to the Bellflower City Administrator position. John decided to leave public management in 1980 and took a position with a large land development company. He earned a BA from California State University, Long Beach. John earned a reputation for being a near-scratch golfer. He currently lives in Seal Beach.



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In 1989 **Doug La Belle** became the Signal Hill City Manager. Doug began his public service career as an Administrative Intern in Garden Grove in September, 1964. He became a Garden Grove Junior Administrative Analyst in 1965, and moved to San Diego County in 1967 to take an Administrative Assistant post in La Mesa. Doug became the La Mesa Assistant City Manager in 1969, and left La Mesa in 1972 to become the Marysville City Administrator. [When Doug was appointed to the La Mesa Assistant City Manager position in 1969, **Gaylord Knapp** was a Planner in the La Mesa Planning Department. Gaylord went on to serve as a City Manager in Cerritos and Lake Forest.] Doug returned to Garden Grove in 1973 as the Director of Community Development, and in 1977 he was appointed Director of Environmental Affairs in Cerritos. Doug was selected to serve as the Huntington Beach Deputy City Administrator in 1984 and worked there for 5-years. In 1989 he was recruited to be the Signal Hill City Manager. After a half-dozen years in Signal Hill, Doug was appointed City Manager in Chino Hills in 1995. He retired from Chino Hills after 14-years as City Manager. Doug earned a BA from the University of California, and in 2005 he was the recipient of a rare 40-year ICMA Service Award. Doug has Chaired the Knapp Golf Classic Committee for the past 13-years. The tournament is held in memory of former City Manager **Gaylord Knapp** and his son **Scott Knapp**, with all proceeds going to benefit the Huntington's Disease Society of America (HDSA).

## California City Professionals from the "Hill"

Big Bear Lake City Council Member **David Caretto** is a former Signal Hill City Manager. Dave began his professional local government management career in 1973 as a Planning Technician in the City of Lynwood. In September, 1973 Dave joined the Signal Hill staff as a Planning Assistant. In February, 1976 he was selected to serve as the Signal Hill Assistant City Manager, and in March, 1978 he was appointed City Manager. Dave left Signal Hill in 1984 and became the Assistant City Manager in Pico Rivera. He was appointed City Manager in Irwindale in October, 1992; serving there until 1996. Dave then became the General Manager and Secretary for the South Orange County Wastewater Authority (SOCWA) with offices in Dana Point. Dave retired from that position after a 10-year tenure. He earned a BA and MA in geography from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). He is the current President of the Rotary Club of Big Bear Lake Foundation.



Longtime Brea City Manager **Tim O'Donnell** began his public management career as an Administrative Assistant in Bellflower in 1976. He moved to Garden Grove in 1979 as the Human Services Manager, and in 1983 he was selected to serve as the Assistant City Manager in Signal Hill. Tim served as the Signal Hill Assistant City Manager for about 7-years before he was recruited for a similar post in Brea in 1990. Tim moved from the Assistant City Manager post to the Brea City Manager position in 2000. He earned a BA from California State University. In 2001 Tim received a 35-year ICMA Service Award. Tim has been active contributing time for committee work with ICMA, and as a Cal-ICMA Board Member. Tim is currently the Chair of the City Managers' Department Committee on Preparing the Next Generation.

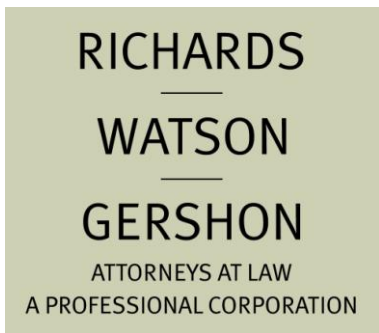
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**Louis Sheppard** is a Life member of ICMA. Lou began his career in 1957 as an Administrative Intern in San Leandro. In 1958 he took an Administrative Assistant position with Fremont. In April, 1964 Lou was appointed City Manager in Delano, and after service there for about 4-years he was selected to serve as the City Manager in San Pablo. Lou was the San Pablo City Manager for a little more than 10-years. In November, 1977 he took the Executive Director of the Pasadena Redevelopment Agency. After nearly a 4-year stint in the private sector, Lou was appointed to the Signal Hill City Manager position in 1985. He left there in 1987 to become the Commerce City Administrator. Lou retired at the end of 1994. He earned a BA and an MA from the University of California.







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**Jonathan Shull** began his public service career as an Administrative Intern in San Luis Obispo in 1984. He served as an MIS Analyst Intern in Syracuse, New York in 1986, and in 1987 he went to work for the City of Cerritos as an Administrative Assistant. In 1991 Jon was appointed Assistant to the City Manager/Personnel Manager in Signal Hill. He served in Signal Hill for 4-years before being hired as the Assistant to the Executive Director of the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority (CJPIA). He became the Assistant Executive Director in 1997 and was appointed Executive Director following Bill Holts retirement in 2002. Jon's current title is Chief Executive Officer for the California JPIA. Jon earned a BA at California Polytechnic State University and an MPA from Syracuse University. In 2012 Jon was the recipient of a 25-year ICMA Service Award.

We apologize to anyone who should have been included but was left out. We did our best to find as much information as possible. We were unable to find information on former Signal Hill City Manager **Fred Baxter**. The last heard of Fred he was managing a auto parts store somewhere in Oregon.



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**Larry Stevens**, P.E., Project Director in Governmental Services at HR Green, was recently elected President-Elect of the American Public Works Association (APWA)

And now a few of the plural "hills" folks:

Former League of California Cities staff member **Greg Ramirez** is the City Manager in Agoura Hills. Greg has served as the Agoura Hills City Manager since November, 2003 starting first in an "interim" capacity. He earned a BS in Economics from California Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo and a Master from California State University, Hayward. **Nathan M. Hamburger** is the Agoura Hills Assistant City Manager.

In Beverly Hills, a Los Angeles County city incorporated in 1914, **Jeffrey C. Kolin** is the City Manager. Jeff, who began his career as a Recreation Superintendent in Newport Beach, previously served as the City Manager in Pittsburg and Santa Rosa. He also served as a Recreation Superintendent in Anaheim and was the Director of Parks & Recreation in Santa Clarita, where he served as Assistant City Manager prior to becoming the Pittsburg City Manager. He is a past President of the City Managers Department of the League of California Cities (2008-2009), and is a long-time member of the California City Management Foundation (CCMF) Board. **Mahdi Aluzri** is the Assistant City Manager. He returned to city service in Beverly Hills after working two-years as the Deputy City Manager in Rancho Cucamonga.

"Pretentious people are like cross stitch pieces, they look fine and pretty at the front. But twisted and messed up at the back." --Unknown author

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**California City Professionals from the "Hills"**

**Michael S. Fleager** was appointed to be the third Chino Hills City Manager in February, 2009 following the retirement of City Manager **Douglas La Belle**. Mike joined the Chino Hills staff as the Community Services Director in July, 1999. He previously served as the Community Safety Manager in Cerritos, and he began his career as a Probation Officer for the County of Orange.

**Randy Schwartz**, who previously held positions in Pacifica, Brisbane, and Burlingame, was the Community Services Director in San Bruno when he was appointed Town Manager in Hillsborough earlier this year (2013). Randy earned a BS from the College of Charleston and he attended the University of South Carolina School of Law. He began his career as a Recreation Coordinator in Pacifica in 1982.

Laguna Hills City Manager **Bruce E. Channing**, a Past President of the City Manager Department of the League of California Cities, started his career in 1976 as an Administrative Intern in Santa Monica. After working as an Administrative Analyst in Pasadena (1977-1981), Bruce joined the Yorba Linda management team as Assistant City Manager in 1982. He was appointed City Manager in Laguna Hills in 1991. He earned a BA and MPA from the University of Southern California (**USC**). Bruce is a member of the CCMF Board. In 2001 Bruce was the recipient of the ICMA Award for Programs for the Disadvantaged in Memory of Carolyn Keane. In 2006 he received the ICMA Program Excellence Award for Community Health & Safety.

**Carl Cahill** has served as the City Manager in the Town of Los Altos Hills since 2006. Prior to his City Manager appointment, Carl had served as the Los Altos Hills Planning Director between 1999 and 2006. He was a Planner in Pittsburg, California from 1994 and 1999. Carl earned an MPA from California State University, East Bay.

Retired Hermosa Beach City Manager **Stephen R. Burrell** is serving as the Interim City Manager in Rolling Hills. Steve served as the Assistant to the City Manager in Rolling Hills Estates from 1973 to 1976. He took the Assistant City Manager post in San Clemente in 1976, and he became the Capitola City Manager in 1979 City Manager and served in that post for 24-years. Steve joined the Hermosa Beach executive team in 1994. Steve is filling in behind City Manager **Anton Dahlerbruch** who recently resigned from Rolling Hills to take the City Manager position in Palos Verdes Estates.

**Douglas R. Prichard** has served as the City Manager in Rolling Hills Estates since 1990. Doug worked in Bellflower from 1982 to 1985, when he left as the Assistant to the City Administrator to become the Rolling Hills Estates Assistant City Manager. Doug earned a BA from the University of California and in 2012 he was the recipient of a 30-year ICMA Service Award. Doug gain notoriety when, as part of the local government campaign to object to the State discontinuing Redevelopment Agencies and diverting local government revenues to the State budget, he was video recorded playing a banjo and singing a ditto state local government's position. He also gained notoriety when he successfully participated in the Alcatraz Island swim; from the shore out and around the island and back to the shore. He also swam solo from the Hawaiian Island of Lani to the Island of Maui. Another member of the Rolling Hills Estates executive team is Assistant City Manager **Gregory A. Grammer**.



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"Cerritos" means "little hills" in Spanish

**Scott Hanin**. City Manager in El Cerrito, which means "little hill"





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

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

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

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"The thing about "trust" is that it is not something you can force on people through an exercise. Yes, good teams have individuals with trusting relationships. However, trust is earned over time. Trust is earned not simply controlled through directions and orders." --**Jack A. Simpson**

**Picking Up The Pieces:** Placentia Assistant City Administrator **Ken Domer** has been selected to serve as the new Assistant City Administrator in Huntington Beach. Ken previously served as the City Manager in Villa Park. Former Tulare Assistant City Manager **Randy Murphy** is the new City Administrator in Oroville. Randy will step into the position relieving Interim City Administrator **Peter Cosentini**. Former Oroville City Administrator **Harold G. Duffey** resigned last summer to take the City Administrator post in Compton. Longtime Redding civil engineer **Frank Sawyer** has died. He was the chief engineer on the Redding City Hall project. Walnut Creek Assistant City Manager **Lorie Tinfow** has been selected to serve as the new City Manager in Pacifica. Lorie's last day with Walnut Creek is September 13. Lorie joined the Walnut Creek staff in 2006, and previously served as the Administrative Services Director in Pleasanton. According to City Manager **Steve Harding**, Jurupa Valley may seek to disincorporate by December if the Legislature fails to approve legislation that would restore funding to the city. On July 1, 2011 Jurupa Valley became California's newest city. Located in Riverside County, the city expects to run out of funding by July, 2015 after the State took critical vehicle-license fee revenue without replacing it. Less than a month after he was appointed to the Carson City Manager position, City Manager **Sam Ghaly** has been terminated.

m replaced former City Manager **David Biggs**. Carson Director of Administrative Services **Jackie Acosta** will again serve in an Interim City Manager capacity. Sam has a long professional history as a Building & Safety Official. Interim City Manager **Ron Bradley** reported that the Hemet City Council will interview six final candidates for their City Manager position. Former City Manager **Brian Nakamura** is the Chico City Manager, and former Assistant City Manager **Mark Orme** is the Chico Assistant City Manager. Siskiyou County, a northern most California county, is interested in seceding from the State of California. The Board of Supervisors voted 4-1 to pursue secession action. This is the first action in a long process that includes approvals from the State Legislature and the U. S. Congress. Siskiyou County would invited other neighboring California counties and contiguous Oregon counties to join in the effort to create a new state. Grass Valley City Administrator **Daniel C. Holler** has resigned to seek new opportunities in either the public or private sectors. Dan has served as the Grass Valley City Administrator for the past 5 and a half years. Dan began his career with executive positions in Glendora and West Covina. He is a former Budget & Fiscal Officer, and County Manager in Douglas County, Nevada. The year Dan joined the Grass Valley staff (2008) he was the recipient of a 20-year ICMA Service Award. Dan is a past President of the Local Government Managers Association of Nevada (2004-2006). Many City Managers and former City Managers have visited the Wood Ranch BBQ & Grill in the Cerritos Town Center. Though this is not a comprehensive list, it is good partial representative of city managers who have enjoyed this Cerritos venue: **Art Gallucci**, Cerritos; **Howard Chambers**, Lakewood; **Wade McKinney**, Indian Wells; **Gary Chicots**, former South El Monte; **Doug Dunlap**, former Pomona; **Ernesto Marquez**, Hawaiian Gardens; **Jeff Stewart**, Bellflower; **Ray Harris**, former Hawaiian Gardens; **Mike Sakamoto**, former Hercules; **Greg Korduner**, Interim Los Alamitos; **Ernie Garcia**, former Norwalk; **Nelson Oliva**, former Hercules; **Mike Egan**, Norwalk; **Jim Lewis**, Pismo Beach; **Jim Barisic**, former Artesia; **Paul Philips**, former Covina; **Kevin O'Rourke**, Santa Ana Interim; **Wes Wolf**, former Hawaiian Gardens; and **Bill Crowe**, former Rosemead.

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**More Pieces Picked Up: Bob Murray and Associates** is assisting the City of Chino Hills with their recruitment to fill City Manager **Mike Fleager's** position.

Mike was appointed City Manager in February, 2009 following City Manager **Doug La Belle's** retirement. Mike plans to retire this year at the end of November. Mount Shasta's new City Manager **Paul Eckert** is on the job. Paul replaced City Manager **Ted Marconi**, who retired. Paul is the former City Manager in Sioux City, Iowa. Paul and his wife Julie have two sons who are now students at Mount Shasta High School. His son Ben is a senior and Reed is a freshman. Benicia City Manager **Brad Kilger** is the 2013 President of the City Managers Department of the League of California Cities. Berkeley City Manager **Christine Daniel** has been addressing issue surrounding the sale of the Berkeley Main Post Office building to the University of California. A citizen group opposes the sale, and opposition includes an encampment on the post office grounds. Monrovia City Manager **Laurie Lile**, appointed in April, 2012, has announced her plans to retire effect October 14. Laurie previously served as the Assistant City Manager in Palmdale. She said that she and her husband plan to move to Nevada. Word is that former Commerce City Administrator and **HdL Companies** Founder **Robert Hinderliter**, is relocating his residence to Seal Beach near the Main Street area. Laguna Woods Interim City Manager **Christopher Macon**, 27, has become the youngest City Manager in an Orange County city. He has been appointed City Manager three weeks after the retirement of City Manager **Leslie Keane**. He previously work on the Claremont City staff. He joined the Laguna Woods staff in 2007 and has been serving as the Public Safety Director. Redondo Beach City Manager **Bill Workman** has announced the appointment of **Kym Vieira** as the city's new Director of Human Resources. Kym previously worked for Stanislaus County. She earned a BA in Criminal Justice and an MPA from California State University, Stanislaus. Willits City Manager **Adrienne Moore** has been dealing with a problem with the Willits city water. The city continues to receive calls regarding poor



taste and odor of the water. Adrienne assure waters users that the water is safe to drink. Retired Pico Rivera City Manager **Dennis Courtemarche** and his wife Kathy were seen visiting Washington D.C. this past month. Rio



Vista is operating with its 3rd Interim City Manager since City Manager **Hector De La Rosa's** contract was not

renewed in June, 2012. Interims have included **Roger Wong**, **Joseph Tanner** and **Joseph Tanner Jr.**, who is a candidate for the permanent appointment. Roger went traveling with his retired wife, Joe ran out of PERS hours, and Joe Jr. is currently minding the store. **Stephen Compton** has served as the Colton Interim City Manager since April, 2013. He began his career in 1977 as a Police Officer, and he has worked in a number of Finance Department posts, including Finance Director in Indio (1999-2002), Soledad (2009-2010), and Fountain Valley (2011-2012). He is the Principal/Owner of the consultant firm: Compton & Associates (2010 to the present).



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A whole generation of baby-boomer managers has or will soon retire. Because this has been a "quiet crisis," the professional associations have not responded with substantive support for senior managers who are struggling with how to successfully transition to their next life phase and develop fulfilling "encore" chapters. The Cal-ICMA Board has authorized the development of a Senior Manager/Encore Manager Initiative and created a committee to guide the effort. For further information on the Initiative, contact one of the following members of the Cal-ICMA Senior Manager/Encore Manager Committee:

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**REFLECTIONS ON A CAREER IN PUBLIC SERVICE**

As my final day as La Mirada City Manager approaches on September 15, 2013, I want to share some reflections on the things that have made my career a truly remarkable personal experience.



My 40 years of local government service includes 28 years in City of La Mirada plus six in both Cerritos and Commerce. I have had the good fortune of meeting and working with literally thousands of extraordinarily talented and dedicated elected and appointed officials, public employees, community and business leaders, and volunteers. Many work quietly behind the scenes, and don't always get the recognition they deserve. Their contributions are many, and they do much good for their communities. I will always treasure the time we have spent working together.

We have been linked by a desire to build better, safer and more vibrant communities that provide the quality of life and economic opportunities that people want and need. We have faced great challenges through the years, but our shared resolve and commitment have enabled us to overcome most obstacles. Along the way, we have scored many notable achievements and successes.

My five years as City Manager in La Mirada were dominated by impacts of the Great Recession that swept our nation and much of the world. Guiding the City through the most difficult economic challenges in its history was very demanding. The entire La Mirada team pulled together to restructure operations and maintain service levels as we reduced full-time staffing by approximately one-third and part-time staffing by a similar amount.

We also worked together to reduce crime by more than 30% in the past five (5) years. Measure I, the one percent sales tax approved by more than 66% of voters in November 2012, will yield long term benefits in our community as infrastructure is improved.

Earlier, as Community Services Director, I served on the team that designed and built the award-winning Splash! La Mirada Regional Aquatics Center, which is enjoyed by more than 250,000 people each year. I also led the development of the City's Community Services Master Plan and Social Service Model Plan that made these operations more efficient.

All of those involved in these projects and many others should feel a great sense of personal satisfaction in knowing that they have contributed so much to enhancing their communities.

In the years ahead, I look forward to spending more time with family and friends. My passport and suitcase will undoubtedly get more use, and I will also be available to assist various local organizations.

I appreciate the important service Trackdown has provided through the years to the city management profession in California, and wish you continued success in the future.

**Tom Robinson**

City Manager

City of La Mirada

NOTE: Deputy City Manager **Jeff Boynton**, 34, has been appointed to succeed City Manager **Tom Robinson**. Jeff joined the La Mirada city staff about 12-years ago. He originally came to work for the city in 2001 as an Administrative Aide in public safety. He was promoted to Assistant to the City Manager in 2009 and named Deputy City Manager in August, 2012. Jeff earned a BA and MBA from California State University, Fullerton.



The late  
**Craig Nealis**, former City Manager  
City of Rolling Hills