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Mark Ochendusko, retired City Manager

Trackdown Management is on the Move!

Please note that we are in the process of moving from Cerritos to Rancho Mirage. We originally estimated that we will have a two to three month window between leaving Cerritos and landing in Rancho Mirage. We will do our best to keep production going, but should we fail along the way, please be assured that we will make it up to you. We apologize in advance for any inconvenience.

---**Jack A. & Susan Simpson**

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Women Serving in Cities from West Sacramento to Wheatland

This Special January 2021 issue of the Newsletter recognizes some of the women who work in California cities alphabetically listed between West Sacramento and the City of Wheatland. This is the 49th issue dedicated to women executives in California cities.

Many profiles are not available. Some city web pages neglect to present some responsible position incumbents. We apologize to those we miss. We try hard to acknowledge all those serving in California cities.

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Amanda Berlin is the West Sacramento Assistant City Manager. She previously served as Senior Counsel in a private law firm in Sacramento for more than 9-years (August 2006-October 2015), and she was an

Associate Attorney for another firm from 2004 until August 2006. She began her current assignment as Assistant City Manager in October 2015. Amanda earned a BS in environmental engineering from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, and a JD from Santa Clara University School of Law in 2003.

West Sacramento Director of Economic Development **Tina Gontarski** served as the Director of Housing and Community Investment from January 1994 until June 2009 (15 years and 6 months). She was appointed Community Development Director in July 2009.



Charline Hamilton is the West Sacramento Director of Community Development. Charline joined the West Sacramento city staff as an Associate Planner in June 2004.

After serving as a Senior Planner, she was promoted to Development Services Manager in January 2008. Charline became the Director in February 2011. She earned a BA in business administration and management from Saint Mary's College of California.



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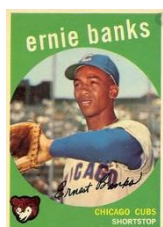
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Evelyne Hayden is the Director of Finance at the Fire Department Training Facility in West Sacramento.

West Sacramento Recreation Supervisor **Kathleen "Katie" R. Houser** is President of the Recreation Section of CPRS. She has earned an MPA.



Justine Jimenez has 30-years of experience in education, including teach and implementing programs in Early Childhood Education, K-12, and Special Education Programs. Justine has worked for the City of West Sacramento for nearly 12-years; first as Director of Early Learning Services (July 2009 – December 2018). In December 2018 Justine became the Business Manager of the West Sacramento Home Run program, a dynamic educational program for community young people; a High-Quality Universal Preschool. Justine earned a BA in English and American literature from the University of California, Santa Cruz, and a Masters degree in early childhood education from Pacific Oaks College.



Michelle Kimura joined the West Sacramento city staff as a Senior Clerk in May 2007. She worked as a Secretary from May 2008 to July 2012, when she was promoted to Financial Specialist. She has served in her current position for nearly 9-years. Michelle earned a BA in nature and culture from the University of California, Davis.

Others found, include: **Denise Kotko**; **Liane Lee**, Human Resources Manager; **Kaitlyn Montez**; **Ellen Nakata-Harper**; **Maureen Pascoe**; **Diane Richards**; **Bonnie Rinchak**; **Amber Saiyasit**; **Lynda Vargas**; **Carolyn West**; and **Wendy Williams**. We sincerely apologize to those we missed.



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Westlake Village is a Los Angeles County city on the Ventura County border. The city is named for the master-planned community of Westlake Village. The community straddles the line between Ventura and Los Angeles counties, with a lake at the center. About two-thirds of the community was annexed by the City of Thousand Oaks. The remaining portion incorporated into the City of Westlake Village in December 1981. The 2019 estimated population is 8,217. Former Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim Manager **Mike Scioscia** is a resident, as is longtime voice of the Los Angeles Dodgers **Vin Scully**. **Rob de Geus** is the City Manager. He was appointed after longtime City Manager **Ray Taylor** retired. Ray served as City Manager for 25-years (January 1993-August 2018). **Beth Schott** is the City Clerk. **Josephine Wilson** serves as the Westlake Village Administrative Services Director.



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Taylor Rowlands Pineda is the Community Services Coordinator in Westlake Village. While attending classes at California Lutheran University, Taylor was a Features Editor (August 2016-May 2017) and then Editor-in-Chief of The Echo (May 2017-May 2018). The publication was

awarded first place at the 2018 California College Media Awards for Best News Series. In August 2017, Taylor served as a Community Service Intern in Westlake Village in 2017 and joined the city staff as a Community Services Specialist in August 2018, after serving a three-month period as Editor-At-Large for the Malibu Magazine (May 2018-July 2018). Taylor was promoted to Community Services Coordinator in November 2019. She earned a BA in communications from California Lutheran University.



Megan Sinkula is the Associate Planner in the City of Westlake Village. Tulane University in New Orleans and then went to law school, Loyola University in New Orleans. After law school Megan moved west to California, a childhood dream, and she worked for the California Coastal Commission before joining the Westlake Village staff in 2020.



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Cathy Thompson has been serving as the Interim Human Resources Director in Westminster from April 2020. Cathy began her public services career in the 1990s. She served as a Community Development Analyst in Long Beach starting in October 1999 after working more than 6-years for the Los Angeles Community Development Commission as a Community Representative and as an Assistant Property Supervisor (July 1993-October 1999). Cathy joined the City of Redondo Beach staff in January 2000 as a Human Resources Analyst and Administrative Analyst. In August 2006 she became the Human Resources Manager in the City of Cypress, where she worked for nearly 11-years. In May 2017 Cathy was appointed Director of Human Resources and Risk Manager in the City of Norwalk. She now works as a Human Resources Consultant starting in August 2020, and she came to Westminster in that capacity in April 2020. Cathy is also an accomplished singer, songwriter and recording artist. She earned a BA and MPA from California State University, Long Beach, and she earned a Certificate in Human Resources from California State University, Dominguez Hills.

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Shelley Dolney Stevens is an Administrative Assistant for the Community Development Director in Westminster. After working in the private sector starting in 1989, Shelley joined the city staff in 2006.

She served as the Treasurer in the *Westminster Municipal Employee's Association* in 2011-2012. In March 2013, Shelley became a Senior Administrative Assistant in the City of Upland. She returned to Westminster to a Senior Administrative Assistant position in October 2015. Shelley has attended classes at Orange Coast College, Golden West College and Coastline Community College.

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Justina Cruz is listed as the Public Works Director, and **Sally Traylor** is listed as the Finance Director in 2016. Each of these individuals are listed either serving, or have served, on the City Council.



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Wheatland is a Yuba County city that incorporated in 1874. A post office opened in Wheatland in 1866. In 1888, **Edward Duplex** was elected Wheatland's

Mayor. He was the first black person to be elected Mayor of a western United States city. His original barbershop still stands on Main Street in Wheatland. The 2019 estimated population is 3,873. **Jim Goodwin** is the City Manager and **Lisa Thomason** is the City Clerk. Jim follows, among other former Wheatland City Managers, **Steve Wright** who joined the city as Interim City Manager, was appointed City Manager, and then retired nearly 10-years later. Lisa has served as City Clerk since May 2000; nearly 21-years.

Toni Gugliottui is an Administrative Assistant for the Wheatland Police Department. She began her current work assignment in February 2009; twelve years ago. Prior to that she served as a consultant for a couple years (2008-2010), and before that she was a teacher and Assistant Principal with the Foresthill Union School District. She worked for the District for nearly 23-years (1985-2008). Toni earned an AA and an AS in administrative justice from Yuba College, and she earned a BA and MS in social science, English and education from California State University, Chico. Toni has served as a Volunteer Administrative Assistant for the Yuba College Modular Police Academy (2014).

Susan Mahoney is the Director of Finance in Wheatland, and **Cindy Brumley** is the Senior Accountant. **Kaylie Rogers** is the Account Clerk.

"What a loss. Hank Aaron, baseball great who became a voice for civil rights, dies at 86."

—**Katie Couric**

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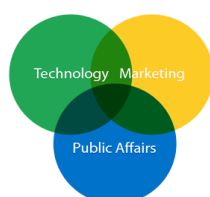


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Tripepi Smith is actively involved with several local government groups and associations with the goal of staying close to trends in local government, learning quickly about best practices and ensuring effective partners with local government. Staff of the firm can be found at industry conferences organized by the League of California Cities, the California Contract Cities Association, the Municipal Management Association of Northern California, the Municipal Management Association of Southern California, the Association of California Cities, the Municipal Information Systems Association of California, and the California Utility Executive Management Association, among others. **Tripepi Smith** is also a sponsor of many of these organizations.

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The California City Management Foundation (CCMF) awarded **Tripepi Smith** the industry partner of the year for support on behalf of the city management profession.

The Municipal Management Association of Northern California (MMANC) awarded **Tripepi Smith** the Booster Award for support of the Association and its membership.

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A favorite area for many current and former local government officials, like retired City Clerk **Kathy Mendoza**, and retired City Manager **Ernie Garcia**. These pictures were taken just feet from each other.



Picking Up the Pieces: San Jose Deputy City Manager **Kim Walesh** will retire at the end of March. Kim joined the San Jose city staff in 2003 with the economic development team. She

was appointed Deputy City Manager and Economic Development Director in August 2017. Prior to her San Jose service Kim was a Governor's Fellow in Indiana (1986-1987; Senior Policy Analyst for SRI International (1989-1993); and she co-founded an economic consultant firm (1993-2002). Kim earned a BA from Valparaiso University and a Master of Public Policy, Business and Government from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. Santa Monica Public Works Director **Susan Cline** is joining the City Manager's Office as Acting Assistant City Manager. Interim City Manager Lane Dilg requested Susan's assistance to work with her and Deputy city Manager Anuj Gupta. COVID -19 has peaked in Los Angeles County requiring executive stability. Susan will serve a six-month term beginning January 18. Interim City Manager Lane will leave Santa Monica this Spring. Malibu City Manager **Reva Feldman** has been dealing with policy regarding a member of the Council requesting special research and document searches taking substantial amounts of the staff's time. The City Council is considering policy to prevent a member from monopolize the staff's time. Reva served as Assistant City Manager before being elevated following the retirement of City Manager **Jim Thorsen**. A well-regarded City Manager, Reva is a member of the Board of Trustees for the California City Management Foundation (CCMF). Morgan Hill longtime Economic Development Director **Edith Ramirez** is the new Assistant City Manager in Morgan Hill. She is replacing Assistant City Manager **Leslie Little**, who is retiring following a 43-year public service career. Edith worked for the San Jose Redevelopment Agency for 11-years prior to joining the Morgan Hill city staff



Martinez City Manager **Eric Figueroa** and **Ryder Smith** of **Tripepi Smith** at a city event.

In October 2011. She earned a BA in political science and an MA in public administration from San Jose State University. Los Altos appointed veteran retired City Manager **Brad Kilger** as Interim City Manager following the resignation of City Manager **Chris Jordan**, after 4-years in the position. Brad is a past President of the League of California Cities City Manager's Department. Since retirement he served as Interim City Manager in South Lake Tahoe. Brad retired as the Martinez City Manager in 2019. He also served as City Manager in Benicia, Ceres and Yucca Valley. South Lake Tahoe City Manager **Joe Irvin** recently earned the designation of Credentialed Manager from ICMA. Prior to coming to South Lake Tahoe, Joe served as the Assistant City Manager in Healdsburg starting in 2018. From 2005 until 2018, Joe worked for the City of Sequim, Washington as the City Planner (2005-2011) and the Assistant to the City Manager (2014-2018). From 2011 to 2014 Joe worked for the City of Marco Island, Florida as the Zoning Administrator. Coronado City Manager **Blair F. King** is among the finalist for the City Manager position in Bainbridge Island, Washington. Blair began his city government career in 1983 as a Redevelopment Specialist in Eureka. Since, he has served as Soledad City Manager (1991-1994), and City Manager in Imperial Beach (1994-1996); Half Moon Bay (1997-2001); Lodi (2005-2010). His City Manager tenure in Coronado started in 2010. In 2015, Blair received a 35-year ICMA Service Award.



Jon Shull, Chief Executive Officer of the California JPIA, was recently elected President of the Board of the Association of Government Risk Pools (AGRIP). AGRIP represents pooling organizations across the United States, providing education, resources and best practices.



More Pieces Picked Up:
Corcoran City Manager **Kindon Meik** has been selected to serve as the next City Manager in the City of Calabasas. He has been the Corcoran City Manager

since November 2011. He will take over for Calabasas Interim City Manager **Don Penman** in March. Corcoran Chief of Police **Ruben Shortnacy** will serve as Acting City Manager until a new Corcoran City Manager is appointed. Turlock City Manager **Toby Wells** was placed on leave January 7 so that an investigation can proceed. The reason for the investigation was not released to the public. Toby began his public service career in 1994 as an Engineer for the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District. He worked in engineering capacities for Turlock, Livermore and Ceres, where he was City Engineer (2011-2012). He was appointed City Manager in the City of Ceres in 2014. Toby hired as the Turlock City Manager in April 2020. Toby earned an AA in civil engineering from Modesto Junior College, and a BS in civil engineering from California State University, Fresno. Laguna Beach City Manager **John Pietig** has announced his retirement. John has served as City Manager since 2010. He previously worked as the Assistant City Manager (2001-2010). Prior to working in Laguna Beach, he was the Deputy City Manager in Alhambra (1999-2001), Assistant to the City Manager and Budget Director in Riverside (1995-1999). He began his public service career in Riverside as an Intern in 1989. He was promoted to Financial Management Analyst (1990-1992) and then Administrative Services Manager (1992-1995). He earned a BA from Washington State University, and an MPA from the Maxwell School at Syracuse University. John will retire in June, 2021. Bell City Manager **Paul J. Phillips** is a veteran municipal government executive. Paul served as City Manager in South El Monte, Lawndale, Artesia, Covina and the City of Industry, among other executive assignments. He also served for a time as the Deputy Executive Director for the California Contract Cities Association, and as Interim City Manager in Maywood (2009). Following the resignation of Calabasas City Manager **Dr. Gary Lysik** in May 2020, retired veteran City Manager **Ray Taylor** was appointed Interim City Manager until November 2020. Another veteran City Manager, **Don Penman**, took over in November. Don served as City Administrator in San Fernando (1982-1990), Baldwin Park (1990-1993) and Arcadia (2008-2012). He also served in executive positions in Simi Valley. Since his retirement Don has served in a number of "Interim" assignments, including Interim City Manager in San Fernando, Temple City, Azusa



Archive picture of **Larry Kosmont** and his son Gavin at a Los Angeles Dodgers game.

(twice), Covina, and Ventura. Don received a 35-year ICMA Service Award in 2010. **James Vanderpool** has been the Anaheim City Manager since September 2020. Jim previously served as the City Manager in the City of Buena Park (2012-2020), and he worked in Buena Park for 25-years. He earned a BA from Purdue University and an MBA from the University of Phoenix.

SHORTS: *Bellflower Deputy City Clerk (2004-2020) **Karen L. Avery** retired and moved out of State. ***Elaine Andersen**, Folsom City Manager, earned a BA from the University of California, Berkeley. *Hawaiian Gardens Finance Director **Linda Hollinsworth** is the Chair of the Governance, Transparency and Labor Relations Committee of the Fiscal Officers Department of the League. *Redding Assistant City Manager **Sheri DeMaagd** is an alumnus of California State University, Chico. ***Tabatha Miller**, Fort Bragg City Manager, has updated the local disaster evacuation plan, including tsunami inundation maps, with emergency evacuation routes to aid local visitors in hotels and other places of public lodging. *Retired Director of Public Works in the City of Bellflower, **William "Bill" McConnell** has passed away at the age of 94. ***Greg Larson**, retired Los Gatos City Manager, served as Chief Deputy and Chief of Staff to California State Controller **Steve Westly** (January 2002-June 2006). *Former Tripepi executive **Karalee Darnell** is currently the Government Affairs Manager for Disneyland, and a member of the Yorba Linda Planning Commission. *Paso Robles Civic Engagement Coordinator **Shonna Vear Howenstine** joined the city staff as a Tourism Coordinator in March 2007 and served in that position until July 2017 when she was promoted to her current post. *Moorpark Administrative Specialist **Valorie Flores** (2017-present), previously worked for the Bank of America (1988-2005); leaving as an Assistant Vice President. ***Annie Krdilyan** has worked for the City of Calabasas for nearly 13-years, and currently serves as the Executive Assistant to the Mayor, City Council and City Manager. ***

Notes and Letters from Readers:

Short update on myself you can use in the Trackdown Newsletter if you wish. I have been retired for a few years as a city manager, but still staying involved in local government. Currently serving on the board of trustees of the Auburn Public Cemetery District and selected for this year as its President. Interesting switch to being a policy maker. Local government issues remain the same.

Just hoping that because I am now involved with a cemetery district, it is not my final call.

Always look forward to the Newsletter.
Thanks,

--**Earl Wilson**

Note: Earl served as City Manager in Rio Dell (1991-1995), and as City Administrator in Weed (1998-2011).

Hi you two. Nice newsletter as always, and so happy for you and the move to Rancho Mirage. Have a beautiful time with your family, and we look forward to seeing you soon.

--**Sharon Olivito**

Just thought I would let you know that I have been Interim City Manager in the City of Calabasas. This is my seventh Interim City Manager assignment. Wow time flies.

Hope things are going well for you and your family and all are healthy during these trying times. I miss the luncheons with the other folks that you and **Greg Korduner** coordinate, and hopefully it won't be much longer before we can enjoy each other's company again.

--**Don Penman**

Note: Don refers to the "Proof of Life" lunches.

Tommy Lasorda passed away on January 7, 2021 in Fullerton. He was 93 years old. He was the Manager of the Los Angeles Dodgers from 1977 to 1996.

"The difference between the impossible and the possible lies in a person's determination."

--**Tommy Lasorda**



Another great newsletter (January, 2021). I really enjoyed the pictures.

Thought I would share, my Mom, who turned 83 Wednesday, made memory quilts for her family. Mine is pretty special and I have attached a picture. She found fabric that told a story of each of us!

--**Wade McKinney**

Note: We agree Wade! Pretty darn special! Wade, a retired Indian Wells City Manager, is past President of CCMF. He previously served as City Manager in Shafter and Atascadero.

I just wanted to introduce myself and thank you for mentioning me in the August 2020 City Manager Newsletter. I was contacted by former Long Beach City Manager Pat West this morning who informed me about the entry, which I proudly shared with my family. I enjoyed reading the newsletter and have since signed up to receive future editions.

I am proud to have had the opportunity to work for former Cerritos and Lake Forest City Manager Gaylord Knapp and current Cerritos City Manager Art Gallucci. I have truly enjoyed my time in Cerritos, and hope to work here for many more years.

I wish you and your family continued good health during the COVID-19 pandemic.

--**Torrey Contreras, ASLA/MPA**
Senior Assistant City Manager
City of Cerritos