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Retired City Manager Doug LaBelle, OC Fair Board Member

Doug LaBelle, former Chino Hills City Manager is currently the Vice Chair of the OC Fair & Event Center Board of Directors. The OC Fair will open its gate in 2021 after the pandemic closure in 2020. The Fairgrounds in Costa Mesa will

be open July 16 through August 15. There will be limited capacities each day, and advanced online ticket reservation and some programming changes will be in place. Doug plans to attend the OC Fair with his three grandchildren Matthew, Elle and Evan. Look for them and say "Hello." Please reserve your tickets for the OC Fair by going online at: www.ocfair.com

Doug began his public service career in 1964 as an Intern for Garden Grove. Since then, he has held executive positions in La Mesa, Marysville, Cerritos, Huntington Beach, Signal Hills, in addition to Chino Hills.

Executive Professionals in Humboldt County Cities

There are seven (7) incorporated cities in the Humboldt County. They include: Arcata, Blue Lake, Eureka (county seat), Ferndale, Fortuna, Rio Dell, and Trinidad. This issue acknowledges some of the executives currently serving in these Humboldt County cities.

Humboldt County cities are in the Redwood Empire Division of the League of California Cities. Rio Dell Mayor **Debra Garnes** is the 2020-2021 President of the Division, and Fortuna Mayor Pro Tem **Tami Trent** is the Second Vice President. League Regional Public Affairs Manager **Sara Sanders** provides division staff assistance.

This issue does not claim to be comprehensive. It highlights some of the cities' professional executives in Humboldt County. We apologize up front to those we may have missed. Not all career profiles are posted for easy access.

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Arcata is a Yurok Indian word meaning, "Where there is a lagoon." The community was first settled in 1850 with the name "Union," and the Union post office opened in 1852. In 1860 the town of Union changed its name to Arcata. By the late 1850s redwood timber replaced the diminishing gold field bounty as the area's economic driver. The City of Arcata incorporated in February 1858. The community's 2019 estimated population is 18,431. The City Manager is **Karen Diemer** and the City Clerk is **Bridget E. Dory**. The Chief of Police is **Brian Ahearn**.



Arcata City Manager **Karen Diemer** began her public service career as a Recreation Supervisor for the City of Eureka in September 1991. In August 1996 Karen joined the Arcata city staff in the Department of Environmental

Services and Park and Recreation. She spent more than 18-years in that department. She worked as the Deputy Director of Environmental Services before becoming City Manager. In November 2014 Karen was selected to serve as the Arcata City Manager. She has worked for the city nearly 25-years. Karen earned a BA from Humboldt State University. She received a 10-year ICMA Service Award in 2019.



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Beverly Hills Marketing & Economic Sustainability Manager **Laura Ann Biery** recently participated at the BMW Performance Driving School near Palm Springs. Laura was able to drive some high-performance vehicles.

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Ondrea Starzhevskiy is the Arcata Director of Finance. In 2011 Ondrea went to work for a national firm as a Audit Associate in Chicago. From 2014 to 2016 she served as a Senior Corporate Accountant for the Guggenheim

Partners. In September 2016 Ondrea took a Senior Accountant position with the Housing Authority of the County of Santa Cruz, and in January 2018 she was appointed Controller of the Authority. Ondrea joined the Arcata city staff as the Finance Director in September 2018. She earned a BS in accounting from the University of Massachusetts, Boston, and an MS in accounting from the Franklin W. Olin Graduate School of Business at Babson College.

Arcata's Recreation Division has an open position for a Deputy Director of Community Services. There are two "Heathers" working in Recreation Supervisor posts: **Heather Schmidt** and **Heather Leigh Stevens**.



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Blue Lake is a city in Humboldt County. It is located on the Mad River northeast of Eureka. In 1876 a post office opened named "Mad River." The Blue Lake post office was established in 1878. Blue Lake incorporated in April 1910 and consolidated Blue Lake, Powersville and Scottsville. The 2019 estimate population of Blue Lake is 1,245. **Amanda Mager** is the City Manager and City Clerk for Blue Lake. [There are no Starbucks in Blue Lake. Also, there is no traffic signal, medical clinic, movie theater, or a pot store.] **Cameron S. Mull** in the Parks & Recreation Director.



Amanda Mager was appointed Blue Lake City Manager starting April 15, 2016. Amanda was selected by the only all-female City Council in California. [California has 482 cities. Only 72 of them have City Councils with women majorities, and only one...Blue Lake...has an all-women City Council.] **Amanda** is a Wiyot tribal member of the Table Bluff Reservation. She is a multi-generational Blue Lake resident. She worked as a Community Development Planner for the Yurok Tribe for 15-years prior to being appointed City Manager. She was a basketball coach and active with the local Little League, and the Saddle Club. Amanda succeeded retired City Manager **John Berchtold**, a Life Member of ICMA, who moved to Harbor Beach, Michigan to be near family. John had served as the Blue Lake City Manager starting in 2010.



"I don't want to play golf. When I hit the ball, I want others to chase it."

--**Roger Hornsby**



Retired Baldwin Park CEO **Shannon Yauchzee** and his daughter **Sarah Yauchzee** stop at a Lava Tube cave during a 150-mile off-road trip in the Mojave Desert. The picture on the right is an abandoned borax mine in the Mojave Desert.



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Miles Slattery worked as a Chemist for an Environmental Monitoring and Technical Services in San Diego from 1998 to 2006. In March 2006 Miles joined the Eureka city staff as a Project Manager. He was elevated to Deputy Public Works

Director in November 2011, and in July 2013 he was appointed to serve as the City's Parks and Recreation Director. In July 2020 Miles was named Interim City Manager and in December 2020 Miles was appointed Eureka City Manager. Miles earned a BS in fisheries biology from Humboldt State University.

Robert "Bob" Holmlund served as the Eureka Director of Development Services from 2014 until he resigned in 2019 to seek a private sector position. Bob earned a Master's degree in Environment and Community Planning from Humboldt State University.



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Jay Parrish has served as the Ferndale City Manager since October 2006. Jay was first appointed Interim City Manager after City Manager **Michael Powers** left to become the City Manager for King City. He previously served as the Interim City Manager in the City of Rio Dell in 2005-2006, where he had previously served 8-years as a member of the City Council. He is an alumnus of Humboldt State University. In 2015 he received a 10-year ICMA Service Award.

Delo Freitas serves as Ferndale City Planner. She worked as an Assistant Planner in the City of Eureka in 2015-2018, and then she worked as an Associate Planner for a private firm. She also served as Senior Planner in the City of Arcata starting in August 2019. Delo earned a BA from the University of Washington and attended the Environmental Resources Engineering program at Humboldt State University.



Left to right standing: **John W. Jameson, Ray Harris, Jack Simpson, John E. Maulding, Frank G. Tripepi,** and **Dan W. Heil**. The lady seated is **Mary Cabrera**. These are the original *Certificated Urban Managers*.



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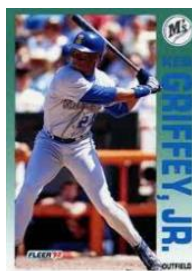
West Covina City Manager **David Carmany** and the city's public works crew.

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Fortuna, located on the shore of the Eel River near where it enters the Pacific Ocean, was formerly known as "Slide," and the "Springville." Slide for the Slide Hill that was a fixture in 1874. The Springville name came from the development of the Springville Mill, a lumber mill for the nearby redwood forest. Since there was already a Springville in California, the post office was named Slide in 1876. The name was change to Fortuna in 1888. Fortuna was incorporated in February 1906. The 2019 estimated population of Fortuna is 12,269. Fortuna, like the City of Bellflower, is "The Friendly City." **Merritt Perry** is the City Manager and **Siana Emmons** is the City Clerk and Human Resources Manager. **Aaron Felmlee** is the Finance Director.



Fortuna City Manager **Merritt Perry** began his working career as a Senior Project Manager for a private consulting engineering firm in 2003. He became a Civil Engineer with the firm in March 2003. After 9-years, he joined another private firm in Eureka in January 2012. In July 2014 Merritt was appointed City Engineer and Director of Public Works for the City of Fortuna. After serving as Interim City Manager following the resignation of City Manager **Mark Wheelley**, he was selected to serve as City Manager in December 2018. Merritt earned a BS in environmental engineering from Humboldt State University.



"Talent may get you on the field,
but it's effort & attitude that will
keep you there."

--Ken Griffey Jr.



Jeff Collier on the hunt: Here are a few photos taken on a prairie dog hunting trip where retired Whittier City Manager **Jeff Collier** participated. He and his group stayed at Buffalo Springs Ranch, which used to be the headquarters for the XIT Ranch. It is located at the very top of Texas, just east of Texline, Texas, and about one mile south of the Oklahoma State line. The XIT Ranch was the largest fenced ranch in the world at one point – 3 million acres! All the photos were taken at Buffalo Springs Ranch except for the hunting photo which was taken about 40 miles away in northeast New Mexico. Jeff explains that the Ranch Manager house is quite dilapidated but is fascinating to see. It was built in 1887!



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Duane V. Rigge served in the United States Navy from 1966 to 1992 when he left the service as a Commander in the United States Naval Reserve. In 1993 Duane began working as the General Manager of the Manila Community Service District in Arcata. In 1996 he was appointed City Manager in the City of Blue Lake. Duane took the Fortuna City Manager post in 2002 and served there until 2012. He is an ICMA Credentialed Manager. Duane earned a BA at California Polytechnic State University, and an MBA from John F. Kennedy University. In 2012 Duane received a 20-year ICMA Service Award.



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Rio Dell was previously known as Eagle Prairie, Rio Del and Wildwood. Rio Dell is located on the west bank of the Eel River. The city was first named "Tokemuk" by the native inhabitants of the area. The community was finally named Rio Dell after the long-established Rio Dell Hotel. The first post of at Rio Dell opened in 1876. Rio Dell was connected to the company town of Scotia by a ferry provided by the big lumber mill in Scotia. Entertainment that was not permitted in the company town, was available in the south Rio Dell area known as Wildwood. Moonshine, gambling and prostitution was available there. Rio Dell did not incorporate until February 1965. The 2019 estimated population is 3,349. **Kyle Knopp** is the City Manager and **Karen Dunham** is the City Clerk. **Jeff Conner** is the Rio Dell Chief of Police.



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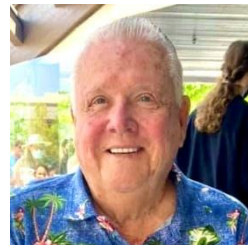


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Rio Dell City Manager **Kyle Knopp** previously worked as the Mendocino County Assistant Chief Executive Officer (2012-2014). He replaced Rio Dell City Manager **Jim Stretch** following his retirement in 2014. Kyle started his public services career as an Intern for Congressman **Mike Thompson**. He later worked as an Administrative Analyst for the Humboldt County Administrative Office (2008-2009). He joined the staff in the County of Mendocino in 2009 as an Administrative Analyst and was promoted in 2010 to a Senior Administrative Analyst position. In 2011, Kyle was appointed Deputy Chief Executive Officer, and in 2012 he became the Assistant Chief Executive Officer for Mendocino County. Kyle earned a BA from Humboldt State University and an MPA from Sonoma State University. In 2019 Kyle received a 10-year ICMA Service Award.



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Trinidad is located north of the Arcata-Eureka Airport on the shore of the Pacific Ocean. Trinidad was the original county seat of

Trinity County from 1850 to 1851, and that Klamath County from 1851-1954. The city became part of Humboldt County when it was founded with Eureka as the county seat. Klamath County was dissolved in 1874. Trinidad incorporated in November 1870. It is one of the smallest cities in California with a 2019 estimated population of 355. [Former Paramount Mayor and Council Member **Ted Mosier** moved to Trinidad in the 1980s.] **Eli Naffah** is the Trinidad City Manager and **Gabriel Adams** is the City Clerk.



Eli Naffah was named Trinidad City Manager in March, 2019 to replace Interim City Manager **Dan Berman**. Eli previously served as City Manager in Crescent City (2006-2008), and in Rio Dell (2002-2005). He started his public service career in 1983 as and Administrative Intern in the City of La Mirada. He worked as an Economic Development Specialist in Montebello (1993-1995) and served as a Development Specialist in Huntington Beach (1995-2000). Eli moved north in 2000 to become the Economic Development Director in Antioch. He earned a BA from John Carroll University and a Doctorate from Southland University. In 2008 Eli received a 20-year ICMA Service Award. He has served as an Associate Professor at the College of the Redwoods.

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Stephen Howe: Senior Consultant



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Trieu Le: Project Manager/Consultant



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Picking Up the Pieces: Former Anaheim City Manager **Chris Zapata**, 61, is the new City Manager in the City of Sausalito. Chris has an impressive 30-year record of City Manager experience. He has served as the City Manager in Anaheim (2018-2020), San Leandro (2012-2018), National City (2004-2012), and prior to that he worked

for three cities in Arizona, in two of them as City Manager. Chris earned a BA from Northern Arizona University. In 2016 he received a 25-year ICMA Service Award. Chris served as President of the ICMA Local Government Hispanic Network (2007-2008). Coronado is recruiting for a new City Manager. Coronado City Manager **Blair King** was accepted the position of City Manager in Bainbridge Island, Washington. Retired Anaheim City Manager **David Morgan**, now an executive recruiter, has been retained to assist the city with finding a new City Manager. In the meantime retired Coronado City Manager **Mark Ochendusko** has been appointed to serve as Interim City manager. Retired Newport Beach City Manager **David Kiff** is the new Interim Executive Director for the Sonoma County Community Development Commission. County Administrator **Sheryl Bratton** made the appointment. Dave most recently served as the Interim City Manager in Sonoma. Following his retirement he served as Interim City Manager in Huntington Beach and for the City of Healdsburg. Foster City has proposed the creation of a new Deputy City Manager position in its 2021-2022 proposed budget. The new Deputy City Manager will serve as a department head and report directly to City Manager **Peter Pirnejad**. **Marcus Fuller** has been selected to be the new City Manager in the City of Rialto beginning June 21. Marcus has served as Assistant City Manager in Palm Springs since 2014. He previously served as the Rialto Public Works Director and City Engineer. He began his public service career in 1996 with La Paz County, Arizona. Marcus earned a BS in civil engineering from Northern Arizona University, and an MPA from California State University, San Bernardino. City Manager **Dave Sykes** of the City of San Jose. Dave began his career in San Jose in 1987 as a part-time engineering trainee in the Public Works Department. He worked his way up in the Department to become the Director of Public Works and the City Engineer. Dave has served as City Manager since September 2017. He earned a BS and MS in civil engineering from San Jose State University. He also earned an AA degree from West Valley College. He is a licensed civil engineer in California.



Prices at a Long Beach station in May, 2021

Retired Indio City Manager **Mark Scott** is the new Interim City Manager in the City of Lincoln. Mark has worked as a City Manager in the cities of Indio, San Bernardino, Burbank, Fresno, Culver City, Beverly Hills, and Spartanburg, South Carolina. Mark began his public service career in 1983 in Beverly Hills as an assistant. In 1990 he served as the Community Development Director in the City of Santa Clarita. Mark received a 40-year ICMA Service Award in 2019. He earned a BA from California State University, and an MBA from Stanford University. He is a Trackdown Posse Member. Cupertino City Manager **Deb Feng** resigned in May 2021. She said that she will be pursuing other opportunities outside the City of Cupertino. Deb was appointed City Manager in 2018. The Silicon Valley Business Journal name Deb as a 2021 Woman of Influence. She is a Silicon Valley native. She previously worked more than 30-years in the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) at the Ames Research Center on Moffett Field. Deb earned a MBA from San Jose State University. Selma City Manager **Teresa Gallavan** was removed from her position in May 2021. Teresa was appointed City Manager in October 2018. Teresa previously worked in Economic Development and as Assistant City Manager in the City of Lompoc. Prior to that she was the Riverside County Economic Development Agency's marketing and cultural services manager.



Retired Coronado City Manager, now Interim City Manager, **Mark Ochendusko** and City Manager **Blair King**, who is leaving for a city in the State of Washington .



More Pieces Picked Up:

Turlock Human Resources Manager **Sarah Eddy** was appointed Acting City Manager taking over on May 27 when Acting City Manager **Gary Hampton** reached his PERS imposed limit. Sarah was born and raised in Turlock. She has worked for the City for 32-

years, starting her Turlock city staff career in August 1988 in the City Manager's Office. Sarah earned a BS and MBA from California State University, Stanislaus. City Manager **Tabatha Miller** joined the City of Fort Bragg in March 2018. Her prior experience includes practicing law for several years in Washington State, and working with a startup legal tech firm in Bellevue, Washington. She served as the Administrative Services Director in Lake Havasu City, Arizona. She also served a time as the Financial Services Director in Dedona, Arizona, Finance Director for the Alderwood Water and Wastewater District in Washington State, and Administrative Services Director for the City of Aspen, Colorado. Tabatha is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA). She earned a BS in accounting from Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, and a J.D. from Gonzaga Law School in Spokane, Washington. Long Beach City Manager **Tom Modica** appointed **Meredith Reynolds**, the City's Park Planning and Partnership Bureau Manager in the Parks, Recreation and Marine Department, to the position of Special Deputy City Manager for Recovery. Meredith will oversee the implementation of various coronavirus pandemic recovery programs. Prior to Long Beach, Meredith worked for the City of Irvine, first as an Environmental Programs Administrator (2011-2012) and then as Community Services Administrator (2012-2015). Meredith earned a MPPM from Carnegie Mellon University. She is a Coro Fellow and worked a 9-month program with the City of Menlo Park's City Manager's Office. West Hollywood Assistant City Manager **David Wilson** has been selected to replace longtime retiring City Manager **Paul Arevalo**. David joined the West Hollywood staff in 1999 as a Project Development Administrator. In 2004 he took a Senior Management Analyst post, and in 2008 he became the Budget & Compensation Manager. David was appointed Director of Finance & Technology Services, and he was elevated to Assistant City Manager effective July 11, 2018. David earned a BA from the University of California, Berkeley and a Master degree in Planning from the School of Policy, Planning and Development at the University of Southern California (USC).

Redondo Beach City Manager **Joe Hoefgen** has announced his retirement in mid-November. Joe became the Interim City Manager in 2014 and he was appointed City Manager in January 2015. He previously served as the Redondo Beach Community Services Director (2011-2014) for about three years. He held local government positions in Kansas, Texas before he came to California. He served as a Management Analyst in Encinitas (1990-1992), Assistant to the City Manager in Del Mar (1992-1996), and Del Mar Assistant City Manager (1996-2007). Joe worked as the Palos Verdes Estates City Manager from 2007 to 2011. He then joined the Redondo Beach staff. Joe earned a BA from Emporia University and an MPA from the University of Kansas. He received a 35-year ICMA Service Award in 2017.

Ernest C. "Ernie" Marriner, Jr. died in Grinnell, Iowa on January 23, 2013 from heart failure. Ernie was born in Waltham, Massachusetts. He was hired in 1952 as an assistant with the City of Inglewood. He was the first President of the organization that today is the Municipal Management Association of Southern California (MMASC). Ernie served as the City Manager in Pittsburg, California (1955-1968), and City Manager of the City of Lafayette (1968-1982), from where he retired. Before coming to California and after he was discharged as a Captain in the U.S. Army Medical Administrative Corps in 1946, Ernie served in two cities in the State of Maine as Town Manager (1947-1951). Ernie is a graduate of Coburn Classical Institute and of Colby College. He also earned an MPA from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University.



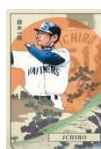
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Still More Pieces Picked Up: A roster listing of the 1982 City of Bellflower administration lists: **Jack A. Simpson**, **Robert Fleming**, **Mark A. Fullerton**, **Anton "Ski" Brykoski**, **Debra Bauchop**, **Sylvia Rodriquez**, **Sheree Millikan**, and **Shelly Scott**. The City Attorney was **Maurice O'Shea**, and **Josephine Triggs** is listed as the City Clerk. Former Coronado Chief of Police **Arthur LeBlanc** passed away at the age of 84 on October 5, 2010. Art served as the Coronado Chief from 1969 to 1980. He then served as the Chief of the San Diego Unified Port District Harbor Police from 1980 until his retirement in 1991. Art was born in Detroit on April 20, 1926. He served in the U. S. Navy from 1944 to 1947. He earned a BA from California State University, Los Angeles, and an MPA from La Verne College. Art was also a graduate of the FBI National Academy.

SHORTS: *Cypress City Engineer **Kamran Dadbeh** has retired. *Coachella Economic Development Director **Gabriel Martin** is the new Coachella City Manager replacing the retiring City Manager **Bill Pattison**. *West Covina City Manager **David Carmany** said that city consultant **Dr. Basil Vasantachart** will help the city create its own Health Department. *Palm Springs Chief of Police **Bryan Reyes** will retire in August after 27-years working for the department. *City Manager **Jennifer Cervantez**, a former Assistant City Manager in La Habra, is the first female City Manager for the City of Santa Margarita. *Calexico City Manager **Miguel Figueroa** earned a BS from California State University, Long Beach and an MPA from Syracuse University's Maxwell School. *Unincorporated Locke, California was built on ten-acres between 1893 and 1915, and is now known as the Locke Historic District near Sacramento. ***Juli (Greenberger) Mortensen** is the Human Resources Analyst for the City of Fort Bragg, California, and she earned a BBA from Pittsburg State University in Pittsburg, Kansas, and an MA in HR and an MA in computer resources from Webster University. ***Edward Tom Owens** graduated from Robert A. Millikan High School in Long Beach in



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1961, earned an MBA from Pepperdine University, and currently lives in Salem, Oregon. *Beverly Hills Marketing & Economic Sustainability Manager **Laura Ann Biery** recently participated at the BMW Performance Driving School near Palm Springs, and was able to drive some high-performance vehicles. *Berkeley Deputy City Manager **David White** resigned the position of City Manager in the City of Fairfield after nearly 5-years to work with Berkeley City Manager **Dee Williams-Ridley**. ***Steve Danley** has served as the Fullerton Acting City Manager since the dismissal of City Manager **Ken Domer**. *Conserve water, it is important to everyone! ***

