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Former City Managers **Wayne D. Wedin**, **Jim Barisic**, **Ron Molendyk** and **Jeff Collier** at the September 30, 2021 "Proof of Life" lunch at Clearman's North Woods Inn restaurant in La Mirada. Jeff, a retired Whittier City Manager, was recently appointed Interim Deputy City Manager for the City of Fullerton. The next Southern California "Proof of Life" lunch is planned at the same venue at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 2, 2021. Wayne is a former Brea City Manager, Jim served as an Artesia City Manager and he is the Founder of **Brandywine Homes**, and Ron is a former Lake Elsinore City Manager. Wayne, President of Wedin Enterprises, is a member of the Rose Institute Board of Governors.

City Executives in Cities in Kings County

There are four (4) incorporated cities in the Kings County, California: Avenal, Corcoran, Hanford, and Lemoore. This issue acknowledges some of the executives currently or who previously served in these Kings County cities.



Kings County cities are in the South San Joaquin Valley Division of the League of California Cities. Farmersville Mayor **Greg Gomez** is the Division President. League Regional Public Affairs Manager **Rajveer Rakkar** provides Division staff assistance.

Some career profiles of city managers and other public agency staff members are unavailable online. Some refrain from posting profiles, making their information hard to find. Please believe we try to present good information. Apologies to those we miss.

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An 1805 expedition to the area discovered the river they named El Rio de las Santos Reyes...River of the Holy Kings. In 1848 with the conquest of California, the new government changed the name of the river to the Kings River, after which the county was named.



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Hanford is in the south-central San Joaquin Valley and serves as the county

seat for Kings County. In the mid-to-late 1870s the Southern Pacific Railroad spurred growth in labor and population. Hanford was named for **James Madison Hanford**, an executive of the railroad. The earliest known document labeling the settlement as "Hanford" is on a 1876 map of Tulare County which once included the territory of present-day Kings County. Tulare incorporated in 1891, as the need for fire protection was recognize following several major fires that destroyed much of the business district. When Kings County was created in 1893 from the western part of Tulare County, Hanford became the county seat in 1901 and the Star



Restaurant opened on Sixth Street in Hanford across from the Southern Pacific tracks. The Star Restaurant is still doing business at the same

location today. The 2019 estimated population of Hanford is 57,703. **Mario Cifuentes** is the City Manager and **Natalie Corral** is the City Clerk. **Bob Dowd**, a Hanford High School graduate and former Student Body President (1963-1964) and former U.S. Marine, is the Hanford City Attorney.



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Mario Cifuentz II became the Hanford City Manager in November 2019. He previously worked for the City of Visalia starting in April 1986 as a part-time worker at the Visalia Airport.

He left Visalia in November 2019 as the General Services Director. Mario earned a BBA in organizational leadership from Fresno Pacific University. In his personal time Mario likes to work restoring classic vehicles as a hobby.

Christopher Tavaréz is the Hanford Finance Director. Chris worked as an Assistant Controller for San Joaquin Valley College in 2004-2007. He became an Administrative Manager in the City of Visalia in September 2007. After a little more than 10-years in Visalia, Chris was appointed Finance Director for the City of Exeter. He left Exeter in April 2021 when he was hired in Hanford as Finance Director. Chris is an alumnus of Fresno Pacific University.



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Brad Albert is the Hanford Director of the Parks & Community Services Department since May 2020. Brad is from Orange County, where he went to school at Fullerton High School, and Fullerton Junior College. He played football at Humboldt State University, and after graduation went to Visalia to coach football at the College of the Sequoias. He then worked for CSET for a dozen years where he was in charge of the Tulare County Conservation Corps, a job training education program. He next joined the City of Lindsay staff, and then the Santa Clarita staff for four years. He recently worked for the City of Santa Monica. He said that he jumped at the opportunity to join the Hanford staff.

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—**Bob Moawad**



Front Page Pictures of the first 17-Issues of 2021

Here are the 2021 front page pictures of the first 17-issues of the City Managers Newsletter by Trackdown. We are looking for reader's advice. Which picture or pictures do you like the most? We started January with a picture of the fabulous Cerritos Library, and then two of **Mark Ochendusko's** wonderful pictures. Someone said that **Gonzalo Vazquez**, retired from Cypress, is like "Where's Wado?" He shows up in many different adventures. The picture here is Gonz at the Badwater Basin, 282 feet below sea level, in Death Valley. Next there is a picture of the late-great Lakewood City Manager **Howard Chambers**. In the sixth picture is former Bellflower Assistant to the City Manager **Randi Stover** at a ground breaking. Randi is now the Assistant City Manager in Alhambra. Then comes a picture of **Ryder Smith**, the founder of **Tripep Smith**. This firm has become a giant in serving public agencies in the marketing, technology and the public affairs areas. Then there is pretty **Tracy Gonsalves** of Folsom with retired Vallejo City Manager **Joe Tanner**. Tracy is married to **Jason Gonsalves** of the **Joe A. Gonsalves & Son** firm. Next is a picture of retired Chino Hills City Manager **Doug La Belle**. Doug is Vice Chair of the Board of Directors for the OC Fair & Event Center in Orange County. Then comes a power couple

known throughout California. **Rita Geldert** is a retired Vista City Manager and past President of CCMF. Her husband **Dale Geldert** is a former Oceanside Fire Chief who was appointed by the Governor to serve as the Director of the State Department of Forestry & Fire Protection. The next picture shows three Wasco City Managers **Daniel Ortiz-Hernandez**, **Larry Pennell** and **Scott Hurlbert**. The following picture shows pretty **Gracie Lewis** and a friendly dolphin. Gracie is the daughter of Pismo Beach City Manager **Jim Lewis**, a past President of the City Managers' Department of the League of California Cities. The La Quinta Roadrunner is next; a picture by **Susan Simpson**, and then a picture of award winning county executive **Charlie Cameron**, who once worked in Paramount. Retired La Mirada City Manager **Gary Sloan** provided the next picture of a La Mirada alumni group celebrating the retirement of Orange City Manager **Rick Otto**. The 16th pictures is of **Lloyd de Llamas**, **Denise Ovrom**, **Bud Ovrom** and **Jim Starbird**; four former City Managers up a creek without a paddle. The final picture in this group shows **Kevin O'Rourke**, **Rachael Sanders** and **Mitch Barker** of **PARS** after a presentation at the Annual League of California Cities Conference and Exposition. Please let us know what your favorites are! You may look at each issue at: www.trackdownmanagement.net

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Waist high wild oats covered the Kettleman Plains area that Spanish soldiers and explorers call Avenal, which mean "oat field." Native Americans in the area knew that there was oil in

the hills, as there was natural seepage around Coalinga. On March 27, 1927, the Milham Exploration Company drilled a more than 7,000-foot well that produced oil so fine that it had a white color and, according to some, could be used unrefined to fuel automobile engines. The oil discovery made Avenal a boomtown. In 1929, Standard Oil Company surveyed the town site to build a town. The collapse of the once "Oil Fields Capital" came with the intrusion of salt water. In the 1960s there was an influx of agricultural workers into the town, and in the 1970s the California Aqueduct and the opening of Interstate Highway 5 brought a new prosperity. Avenal incorporated in September 1979. The Avenal State Prison opened in 1987, bringing many new families to the city. The 2019 estimated population is 13,496. **Antony V. Lopez** is the Avenal City Manager and **Maria "Angie" Ortiz** is the City Clerk. The Avenal Chief of Police is **Russell Stivers**.



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Anthony V. Lopez worked in the private sector and was the co-founder and CEO of a custom computer business. In March 2017 Anthony joined the Avenal city staff as an Associate Planner. He was selected to serve as the City Manager in October 2020. He earned a BA in women's and gender studies from Georgetown University, and an MPA from the Sol Price School of Public Policy at the University of Southern California (**USC**). He also attended the Instituto Brasil is the study abroad program in Rio de Janeiro, Brasil during the Summer of 2012.

After working in the private sector starting about 2006, **Kao Nou Yang**, took a Research Analyst position with the Secretary of State's internship program (March 2008-2013). She joined the staff of the County of King in January 2013 as an Office Assistant, and she became a Senior Planner in April 2015. After working for Kings County for more than 8-year, Koa was hired by the City of Avenal as the Community and Economic Development Director in March 2021. She graduated from California State University, Stanislaus with a BA in political science.

Griselda Price is the Interim Director of Administrative Services. She has worked as the Finance Assistant in Avenal since August 2014. She was appointed Interim Director in November 2020.



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Corcoran: Corcoran was founded by **Hobart Johnstone Whitley**, who was a prominent land developer in Southern California. The City's main street is named for the founder. He visited the area in 1905. He wanted to name the town "Otis," after **Harrison Gray Otis** of the Los Angeles Times. The City incorporated in August 1914. The local economy then and now is agriculture-based. Corcoran is most famous as the location of a California State Prison. It was home to famous inmates **Charles Manson** and **Juan Corona**. Corcoran is also the site of the California Substance Abuse Treatment Facility. The two facilities housed a combined total of 9,592 inmates on January 1, 2015. Inmates are counted in the US Census and by the California Department of Finance. Incarcerated people in the two facilities comprise more than 43% of Corcoran's 2019 estimated population of 21,960. **Greg Gatzka** is the City Manager and **Marlene Spain** is the City Clerk and Assistant to the City Manager.



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Joseph Faulkner is the Corcoran Public Works Director.

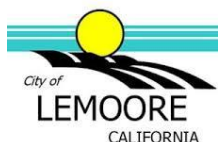
Reuben P. Shortnacy is the Corcoran Chief of Police.



Tom Robinson, Jim Purtee, Jim Barisic and Lloyd de Llamas at the September 30 "Proof of Life" lunch in La Mirada.

Fourteen (14) friends and former colleagues, following COVID safety rules, gathered on Thursday, September 30, 2021, at a Southern California "**Proof of Life**" lunch at the Northwood's Inn restaurant in La Mirada. They included: retired Diamond Bar City Manager **Jim DeStefano**; retired Los Angeles County Sheriff's Commander **John Hammargren**; retired Huntington Park City Manager **Gregory Korduner**; retired City Manager and **HdL Companies** founder, **Lloyd de Llamas**; retired Los Angeles County Supervisor **Don Knabe**; former City Manager and retired county executive **Ray Harris**; former Brea City Manager **Wayne Wedin**; retired La Mirada City Manager **Tom Robinson**; retired Lake Elsinore City Manager **Ron Molendyk**; retired Palmdale City Manager **Jim Purtee**; retired Whittier City Manager and current Fullerton Interim Deputy City Manager **Jeff Collier**; retired Indian Wells City Manager & past CCMF President **Wade McKinney**; and **Jack Simpson**.

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In April 1871, **Dr. Lovern Lee Moore** of France made his home in what was western Tulare County, now the City of Lemoore. It was on the northern shoreline above the high-water mark of Tulare Lake, then potentially the largest freshwater body of water in the United States, outside of the Great Lakes. By the time Dr. Moore arrived, scores of individual farms dotted the landscape, but as Tulare Lake retreated, more land became available. Wells were easy to dig, as the water table was unusually high. Water was plentiful for irrigation from shallow wells farm families installed. Raising sheep and farming grains were principal concerns in the area. Lemoore was not founded until later in 1877. The city was incorporated in July 1900. The 2019 estimated population of Lemoore is 26,725. **Nathan Olson** is the City Manager and **Michelle Speer** is the Assistant City Manager. **Marisa Avalos** is the City Clerk.



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Nathan Olson had a long career in the private sector before coming to work in local government. He worked as a Seed Facility Superintendent in Hanford for nearly 9-years starting in 2003. Nathan then was a Production Supervisor for a food processing firm in Lemoore from 2003 to 2006. He then worked as a Plant Manager for Paramount Farms in Lost Hills (2006-2008). Nathan next went to work for Coca-Cola Refreshments as a Manufacturing/Engineering Manager in Dinuba (February 2009-March 2013). In March 2013 Nathan took an Operations Manager job with Blue Diamond Growers (March 2013 -September 2015). In November 2015 Nathan became the Public Works Director in the City of Lemoore, and in 2017 he was appointed Interim City Manager in the City of Lemoore. Nathan became City Manager in February 2018. He earned a BA in business administration and management from the University of Phoenix. Nathan grew up in Wisconsin, and originally came to Lemoore in 1988 when he was stationed at the Naval Air Station as an aviation hydraulics mechanic.



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Michelle Speer Is the Lemoore Assistant City Manager and Administrative Services Director. She also works in human resources and risk management. Michelle worked as the Assistant to the City Manager starting in 2016 prior to her current position. She was appointed Assistant City Manager in 2017.

Michael Kendall was selected in October 2019 to replace Chief **Darrell Smith**, who retired in December 2019, as the Lemoore Chief of Police. Michael was with the Lemoore Police Department for more than 15-years. He came to Lemoore with the United States Navy in 1999 and settled in the city following his service that concluded in 2003. He graduated from the Basic Peace Officer Academy in January 2004 and began his career as a Reserve Officer with the Lemoore Police Department. In February 2005, he was hired on as a full-time Police Officer.



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Archive picture of **Wesley Wolf** and retired Rocklin City Manager **Carlos Urrutia**. A former City Manager, Wes is the Founder of **Wolf & Co., Inc.**



About Trackdown Management

Trackdown Management was founded by Jack A. Simpson and Susan Simpson. Jack worked in city government for more than 30-years. He served as the City Manager or City Administrator for a combined period of 25-years in the Cities of Hawaiian Gardens, Paramount and Bellflower. Prior to that, he held staff positions in the Cities of Paramount, Artesia and Cerritos. After retiring from Bellflower in 1993, Jack served as the Interim City Administrator in Hawaiian Gardens for 11-months in 1997.

Following his work in city government, Jack worked for Consolidated Disposal Services as part of a team pursuing the establishment of a Southern California Materials Recovery Facility (MRF). A Supreme Court ruling negated the proposed funding mechanism, and the effort was discontinued.

Jack served as an Interim Department Head in the City La Puente with former City Manager Robert Gutierrez. Jack joined Dan W. Heil at Heil Engineering for a time, and then joined Willdan, where he worked for more than 10-years as the chief marketing official for the major California public agency consulting firm that dealt primarily with local government services. He left that position in February, 2007. It was then that he established the City Manager Newsletter by Trackdown to help connection those in city management..."provide a thread to help stitch together the fabric of the city management community."

Jack earned B.A. and M.S. degrees in Political Science with a concentration in Public Administration from California State University, Long Beach.

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Letters and Notes from Our Readers:

Thank you to all our readers. We appreciate your notes.

Thank you so much both for the "above the fold" photo of the PARS gang in Sacramento and for the cool Fairfield article. Well down!!

--Kevin O'Rourke

Thanks so much for your excellent newsletter, which recently announced Vern Hazen's passing. As a planner for the City of Escondido in the 80's, I was proud and honored to have served under Vern's tenure (as well as Rod Wood's, who was his Assistant City Manager at the time).

Vern Hazen gave me much needed professional advice and support at the early stage of my career, for which I will always be grateful. Later, when I left Escondido for professional advancement just down the road, I felt (slightly) guilty for leaving his tenure, but Vern quickly assured me that his goal was always to make the City a place where "people were proud to say they've worked for, even as they left to advance their career." Well said, Vern!

Looking back, and now that I'm retired, I'm sure that Vern Hazen helped inspire and encourage many other public professionals throughout their careers. Thank you, Vern!

--Brian R. Smith

Santa Maria

I am honored that Dennis has chosen to name his dog after me. At my age any honor is a good one.

--Doug LaBelle 🤔🌴

Interesting read on Fairfield, I knew most of the folks who have been there, including B. Gale. When I was a member of the NorCal Assistants' group, he spoke to us and said, "He who doesn't toot his own horn is doomed to proceed in silence." It's stuck with me, but I've always been reluctant to draw attention to myself because, as a city manager, it just makes you a target.

Everything is fine in Tracy. However, I'm looking forward to going back to being retired in a couple of months.

--Bob Adams, Interim City Manager, Tracy



Picking Up the Pieces: Sonia Hall was appointed City Manager in the California City of Parlier in November 2020. She previously served as the Parlier City Administrator (May 2019-November 2020). Before coming to Parlier, Sonia worked in the private sector starting in

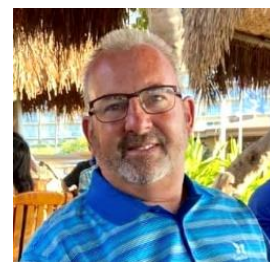
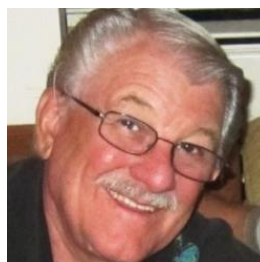
2004. She was the District Director in the 29th Assembly District from 2000 to 2004. Parlier incorporated in November 1921. The city has a population estimated at 15,618. **James "Jim" Purtee** drove from Chatsworth to La Mirada to attend the "Proof of Life" lunch on Thursday, September 30, 2021. Jim worked as a Housing Planner in the City of Simi Valley starting in 1988. In 1999 he was appointed Deputy City Manager in Simi Valley, and in 2006 he took the Director of Administrative Services position. Jim was appointed to the Simi Valley Assistant City Manager and Government Affairs position in 2012. Jim was recruited to serve as the City Manager in the City of Palmdale starting in 2015. Jim retired in 2019. He earned a BA and Masters from California State University, Northridge. He received a 30-year ICMA Award in 2018. Vallejo

Director of Water **Michael A. Malone** is the new Interim City Manager following Interim City Manager **Anne Cardwell** resigned. Mike has been the Vallejo Director of Water since April 2017. He previously worked as the Operations Manager, Water Distribution Superintendent and Plant Services Division Manager for the City of Sacramento. Before that he worked 20-years for the San Jose Water Company. Mike is a United States Navy veteran and earned a BA from St. Mary's College. **Kelly McAdoo Morariu**, City Manager in Hayward is a new member of the Executive Board of the City Managers' Department of the League of California Cities. Kelly came to Hayward in October 2010 as Assistant City Manager, and she was appointed to the top post in August 2016. She previously worked as Assistant to the City Manager in Palo Alto, and as a Senior Management Analyst in Fremont. Kelly was represented with the "Rising Star Award" by MMANC in 2012. Encinitas city official have elected to ban the use of natural gas hookups in most new construction, from commercial buildings to granny flats. They say that their building electric ordinance is part of the City's commitment to reduce greenhouse gases. **Pamela Antil** is the Encinitas City Manager, appointed in September 2020. Pam previously served as the Assistant City Manager in Santa Barbara. Pam's predecessor, City Manager **Karen Brust** retired.



Indian Wells

Fremont City Manager **Mark Danaj** resigned his position and Assistant City Manager **Brian Stott** is the Acting City Manager until further notice. Fremont's Director of Communications **Geneva Bosques** announced the personnel actions. Mark joined the Fremont city staff as City Manager in September 2018, after serving as City Manager in Manhattan Beach (July 2014-January 2018). Previously he worked in Fremont as Assistant City Manager; San Jose as Director of Human Resources; and in the County of Lake as Assistant to the County Manager (February 1992-February 2003). Mark earned a BA from Marquette University and an MBA in finance from the Mendoza College of Business at the University of Notre Dame. **Ron Takiguchi**, P.E., CBO, has been hired as the new Building Official for the City of Pasadena. Ron has more than 30-years experience, most recently as the Assistant Director/Building Office in the City of Burbank. He previously served as the Chief Building Official for the City of Santa Monica, and he was a Deputy Building Office with the County of Los Angeles. Ron is a registered professional engineer and a certified building official. He also serves as an adjunct faculty member at UCLA Extension in the Department of Engineering and Technology. Palos Verdes Estates has named former Hermosa Beach Police Chief **Sharon Papa** as Interim City Manager, temporarily replacing former City Manager **Laura Guglielmo**. Sharon worked for the Long Angeles Police Department and became the first woman police chief in Hermosa Beach. She had a 40-year law enforcement career before retiring in October 2019.



Jack Simpson and Rob Wishner



More Pieces Picked Up: Former City Manager **Steve Harding** is a practitioner-scholar and continues to lecture and write. He is very good and should be recognized for his contributions to the public management craft. His latest piece is entitled "Running In Lanes." Take a

look at <https://practionerscholar.com/2021/09/Lakeport>

City Manager **Kevin Ingram** has his city working with a Community Kitchen Project with a newly built community kitchen at the Silvera Community Center in Lakeport. The North Coast Opportunities' Community Kitchen Project (CKP) will feed homeless, provide a variety of support services to those in need, and develop job skills for cooks-in-training. **Jay Parrish** has served as the City Manager in the City of Ferndale, California since October 2006.

Kristene Hall is the Ferndale City Clerk. Jay previously served as the Interim City Manager in Rio Dell (2005-2006). He received a 10-year ICMA Service Award in 2015. Jay is an alumnus of Humboldt State University.

Gregory C. Devereaux has served in public service positions for more than 30-years. He served as the Acting Director of Parks and Recreation for the City of Long Beach; Director of Community Development and Housing and Neighborhood Development for the City of Garden Grove; and from 1993 to 1997 he was City Manager in the City of Fontana. In September 1997, Greg became the City Manager for the City of Ontario, California. Greg left the city to become the County Administrative Officer for the County of San Bernardino in February 2010. He retired from that position in June 2017. Greg has served as a member of the Rose Institute's Board of Governors. Palm Springs has renamed the dog park behind its City Hall in honor of former City Manager **David Ready**. David is credited with spearheading the development of the park. The park features 1.6 acres of fenced grass with separate play areas for small and large dogs. David served as the Palm Springs City Manager from 2000 to 2020. At his retirement, David was the longest-serving City Manager in the Coachella Valley. Duarte City Manager **Daniel Jordan** was appointed in February 2020. Daniel previously served as the Finance Director in the City of La Cañada Flintridge, and most recently Westlake Village. He earned a BA in political science and government from the University of California, Irvine, a Master's in Public Policy Analysis and a PhD in political science from Claremont Graduate University. **Anthony (Tony) B. Lopez**, listing his address as Pismo Beach, is a former City Manager of City Administrator in the Cities of Corning, Orange Cove, Hawaiian Gardens, McFarland, and Parlier. Tony



This girl was born in Long Beach, started school in Cerritos and graduated from Downey High School. She went on to graduate from **USC**.

--**Kellee Simpson Hearther**

served on the Fresno County Grand Jury in 2013. He received a 30-year ICMA Service Award in 2014. He worked as an Interim City Manager in Orange Cove in 2018. Tony earned an AA from Long Beach City College, a BA in criminal justice, and an MPA from California State University, Long Beach.

SHORTS: *Coronado's new City Manager **Tina (Shull) Friend** previously worked in Santa Cruz (2005-2019) and as City Manager in Scotts Valley (June 2019-September 2021). ***Tony Olmos**, of the City of Brea staff, is the new Public Works Director for the City of Pasadena. *Half Moon Bay City Manager **Bob Nisbet** recently received a three-years employment agreement extension and compensation increase. *Retired City Manager **Robert "Bud" Ovrom** is a member of the Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport Authority Commission. *Grass Valley City Manager **Tim Kiser** joined the city staff as Public Works Director in June 2005, and he was appointed City Manager in September 2017. ***Kristen Elderson Flores** is a Senior Management Analyst in the San Carlos City Manager's Office, and began her public service career in August 2007 as a Management Intern in the City of Bellflower. ***Frank G. Tripepi**, who prior to his storied City Manager career in Rosemead, served as a Sergeant in the United States Army with the 23rd Field Artillery Group in Vietnam, worked as the President and CEO of Willdan Financial Services (June 2002-June 2011) before becoming a Willdan Senior Vice President in Business Development. *Lemon Grove City Manager **Lydia Romero**, who started with the city in January 2016, taking over for City Manager **Graham Mitchell**, who left to be the El Cajon City Manager, previously served as the Assistant City Manager in the City of San Marcos. *Newport Beach City Manager **Grace Leung** attended a Coastal Cleanup Day on September 18; an event that was part of a Statewide beach cleanup day sponsored by the California Coastal Commission. *When **Kevin Duggan** retired at age 60 as City Manager in Mountain View, he was the longest-serving City Manager in Mountain View history.***