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Jack Shelver retired Lemon Grove City Manager, with retired City Manager **Lou Shepard** aboard the Oceania Regatta from Los Angeles to California ports. Lou served as City Manager in Delano (1964-1967), San Pablo (1967-1977), Signal Hill (1985-1987) and Commerce (1987-1994). Lou is a veteran cruiser. Jack was Lemon Grove's first City Manager in 1977. He retired in 1994 after 17-years. He previously had served as City Manager of Del Mar (1967-1973) and Imperial Beach (1973-1977). In 1994 Jack served as Interim City Manager for Solana Beach.

Cities in Four Counties: Colusa, Del Norte, El Dorado and Glenn Counties

Colusa County has two incorporated cities: Colusa and Williams. Del Norte has only Crescent City, and El Dorado County has Placerville and South Lake Tahoe. The cities of Orland and Willows are in Glenn County.

We are using this "forced" grouping in our effort to acknowledge all the cities of California in the City Manager Newsletter by Trackdown. The City Managers in these cities are: **Jesse Cain, Frank Kennedy, Eric Wier, Cleve Morris, Joe Irvin, Peter Carr and Marti Brown.**

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Founded in 1850, the City of Colusa was originally called Salmon Bend. It was then named Colusi. The first post office was established in 1851. The California legislature changed the town's name to Colusa in 1854. The city was incorporated in June 1868. The 2020 population is 6,411. **Jesse Cain** is the City Manager and **Shelly Kittle** is the City Clerk. The Colusa Finance Director is **Ishrat Aziz-Khan**, who also serves as the Gridley Director.



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Jesse Cain is the City of Colusa City Manager. Jesse also manages the Streets Department and serves as the Plant Manager for the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant. In addition to his City Manager duties, he serves as the Director of Public Works. He served as the Colusa Public Works Administrator in 2017 and was appointed City Manager in 2018.

Williams, California was originally named Central by the postal service in 1874. The town was renamed in 1876 in honor of **W. H. Williams**, who platted the townsite. The City of Williams was incorporated in May 1920. Granzella's Restaurant & Delicatessen in Williams is an established Interstate 5 travelers' respite for food and relaxation. The 2019 estimated population is 5,408. **Frank Kennedy** is the Williams City Administrator, and **Mariana Pineda** is the City Clerk.



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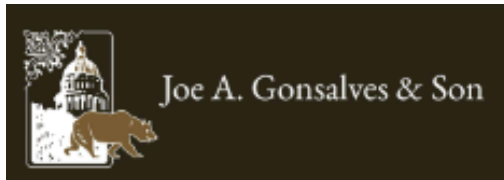


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Williams City Administrator **Frank Kennedy** began his career as a Correctional Officer for the El Dorado County Sheriff's Department starting in September 1983. Frank was a Correctional Lieutenant when he left the department in May 1999 after nearly 16-years. In September 2000, Frank went to work for the Volunteer Center of Sacramento as the Executive Director. After 12 and a half years there he left in February 2013. He joined the Williams city staff in May 2014 as a Management Analyst. In November 2014, Frank was elevated in the organization to Assistant City Administrator. In April 2015, nearly 8-years ago, Frank was appointed to the Williams City Administrator post. He earned a BA in management from Saint Mary's College of California.



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Cruisin' With Cruz



Santa Fe Springs City Manager **Ray Cruz** enjoyed a "The Ohio State University" tailgate party and football game while in Columbus, Ohio for the Annual ICMA Conference. Check out his Dodgers cap!

Crescent City is on the shores of a "crescent shaped harbor." The first European American to explore this land was pioneer **Jedediah Smith** in the early 1800's. He was the first European American to reach the area overland before the European Americans knew anything about such a distant territory. For him it was literally "Land's End" — where the American continent ended at the Pacific Ocean. Explorers visited the area by ship in the late 1820s and European Americans began moving into the area in the 1850s. Crescent City was incorporated in April 1854. **Eric Wier** is the City Manager and **Robin Altman** is the City Clerk.

Eric Wier is the City Manager for Crescent City. He is not a member of ICMA nor does he list any background information on LinkedIn or the city's web site. He says, Welcome to the City of Crescent City. You are invited to discover the land where the giant old growth Redwoods meet the sea. The city was incorporated in 1854 and is home to the ancestral lands of the Tolowa People.

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Placerville was previously known as *Old Dry Diggins*, *Dry Diggings* and *Hangtown*. It is the county seat in El Dorado County. Following the discovery of gold in 1848 at Sutter's Mill in nearby Coloma the California Gold Rush was off and running. Several law breakers were hanged since there was no formal law enforcement, hence the name Hangtown. The named Placerville came in 1854 and the city was incorporated that May. Placerville became the central hub for the Mother Lode region's mining operations. At one time it was the third largest California city. The estimated 2019 population is 11,175. **Cleve Morris** is the City Manager and **Regina O'Connell** is the City Clerk and Human Resources Officer. The Director of Community Services is **Terry Zeller**.



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Placerville City Manager **Cleve Morris** began his public service career in 1989 with Sandy City, Utah. In 1990 he joined the city staff in Lathrop as Administrative Services Manager, and he became Assistant to the City Manager in 1994. Cleve was hired to be the Newman City Manager in 1998 and in 2003 he took the Patterson City Manager position, where he served for the next seven years before moving to Placerville. Cleve earned a BA and MPA from Brigham Young University. In 2009 he received a 20-year ICMA Service Award.

South Lake Tahoe is located along the southern edge of Lake Tahoe. The city incorporated in November 1965 and combined the unincorporated communities of Al Tahoe, Bijou, Bijou Park, Stateline, Tahoe Valley and Tallac Village. A South Lake Tahoe post office was established in 1967. Gambling came to the Lake in 1944 across the State line from South Lake Tahoe in Stateline, Nevada. The 2020 population is 21,330. **Joe Irvin** is the City Manager and **Lindsey Baker** is the Assistant to the City Manager and Public Information Officer. **Susan Blankenship** is the South Lake Tahoe City Clerk and **Joanne McDonough** is the Assistant City Clerk. The Director of Finance is **Olga Tikhomirova** and **Lauren Thomaselli** is the Parks and Recreation Director. Doesn't seem right to talk about South Lake Tahoe without mentioning former City Manager **David Jinkens**; a veteran public service manager.



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City of South Lake Tahoe City Manager **Joe Irvin** is an ICMA credentialed manager. Joe served as an Assistant City Planner for the City of Sequim, Washington starting in May 2005. Joe was elevated to Associate City Planner and Interim Planning

Director in January 2008. He moved from that job in October 2011 to take the position of Zoning Administrator and Interim Community Affairs Director for the City of Marco Island, Florida. Joe returned to Sequim in March 2014 as a Special Projects Manager and in January 2015 he was tapped to serve as Assistant to the City Manager and he was Assistant City Manager when he left in 2018 to serve as the Assistant City Manager in the City of Healdsburg. Joe left Healdsburg in April 2020 to accept the City Manager position in South Lake Tahoe. Joe earned a BS in environmental science and resource management from California State University, Channel Islands, and an MPA from The Evergreen State College. He also completed the Senior Executive ICMA leadership institute program at the University of Virginia. In 2019 Joe received a 10-year ICMA Service Award.



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Orland was incorporated in 1909 and the first post office opened in 1916. Orland is named for one of the first irrigation projects of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, the Orland Project which still provides agricultural irrigation water. During WW II a United State Army airfield was established in Orland and used for training pilots. The Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress was one of the planes used there. The airfield is now a civil airport operated by Glenn County. In 2017 Orland declared itself the "Queen Bee Capital of North America" since it is unmatched for the production of queen bees used by local commercial apiaries. Car dealer mogul **Cal Worthington** owned a 24,000-acre ranch in Orland and died there at the age of 92. **Peter Carr** is the Orland City Manager.

Peter Carr left the private sector in May 2007 when he became the City Administrator in the City of Biggs in Butte County. Pete had positions with the International Paper Company and also with TFI Benchmark, LLC. After working for Biggs, Pete joined the city staff in Orland as City Manager in May 2012. He earned a BA from California State University, Sacramento. In his spare time, Pete is a coach and co-founder of Chico Challenger Baseball, a youth league that is much like the Little League format.

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Willows is the county seat of Glenn County. A post office opened in "Willow" in 1862 and the name was changed to Willows in 1916. The Willows Auxiliary Field (1942-1945) was used for training World War II pilots. The 2019 estimated population is 6,072. **Marti Brown** is the Willows City Manager. A recruitment for a new Willows City Clerk closed on Sunday, August 21, 2022.

Marti Brown is the City Manager for the City of Willows. After working as a Marketing Manager for AT&T (1997-2000), Marti took an Assistant Redevelopment Planner post in the City of Berkeley (2002-2005). In 2005 Marti became a Senior Redevelopment Planner for the Sacramento Housing & Redevelopment Agency (2005-2012). Between 2012 and 2016, Marti served as the Executive Director of the Franklin Boulevard Business Association. In 2016 she went to work for the City of Arvin as Community Development Director (2016-2017). In 2018 Marti was appointed Marysville City Manager (January 2018-July 2020). Marti served as a member of the Vallejo City Council (2009-2013). She earned a bachelor's from World College West, a Masters in geography from San Francisco State University and an MBA from Hope International University.



Retired City Manager **Mark Ochendusko's** four-year old grandson in his first t-ball game. Mark says that he loves the game of baseball. We "thank" all the unpaid volunteers who make these youth programs successful.

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Colusa County incorporated in February 1850. It is one of the original counties of California. Parts of the county's area were given to Tehama County in 1856 and to Glenn County in 1891. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Colusa County has an area of 1,156 square miles.

Colusa County Administrative Officer is **Wendy G. Tyler**. Starting in December 2009 Wendy began working as Deputy County Administrative Officer in Trinity County. She became the County Administrative Officer in Trinity County in March 2012. Wendy took the County Administrator position in Colusa County in January 2016.

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Del Norte County located along the Pacific Ocean adjacent to the Oregon border. The county is notable for its giant Coastal Redwoods; some 350 feet in height.

Neal Lopez is the County Administrative Officer in Del Norte County. He joined the county staff in April 2000 as the Assistant Auditor-Controller. Neal became the Assistant County Administrative Officer in April 2010. He was appointed County Administrative Officer starting in April 2021. He earned a BS from Sonoma State University.

Placerville is the county seat for the County of El Dorado. U.S. Highway 50 follows the final segments of the Pony Express mail route that was replaced by telegraph service in 1861. The county stretches easterly to beautiful Lake Tahoe.

Don Ashton is the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), in El Dorado County, serving in that job since May 2016. Don worked for the County of Los Angeles for 17-years including the positions of Assistant Director of Human Resources, Fiscal Administration Manager in Internal Services and Deputy Executive Officer with the Board of Supervisors. He went to El Dorado County as the Chief Fiscal Officer for the Sheriff's Department in January 2011. Don worked as Principal Analyst for the CAO and as Director of Health and Human Services before being appointed CAO in May 2016.

Glenn County, where the county seat is Willows, is named for **Dr. Hugh J. Glenn**, the largest wheat farmer in California during his lifetime. Glenn County split from Colusa (Colusi) County in 1891. The largest city in the county is Orland. The county's 2020 population is 28,917.

Scott De Moss took office as the Glenn County Administrative Officer on June 3, 2019. He worked in Merced County prior to joining the Glenn County staff. He earned a BS from California State University, Fresno and an MPA from the University of Phoenix.

A Special Dodger Fan Note:



At the end of the first inning of the Dodgers/Giants game at Oracle Park in San Francisco on September 16, 2022, **Joey Gallo** made an amazing sliding catch in left field for the third out. As they were running back toward the visitor's dugout, Joey tossed the ball to **Cody Bellinger**. When they reached the visitor's dugout, Cody tossed the ball up into the stands and I almost caught it, but I didn't have my baseball glove, and it bounced off my hand, but my friend Cyndi got it!! The next day, when we went back to the Saturday game, we were able to get **Justin Turner** to autograph the ball right after batting practice.
-**Jackie Acosta**, Finance Director, City of Union City



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About Trackdown Management

Trackdown Management was founded by Jack A. Simpson and Susan Simpson. Susan conducted contract document production service for the firm.

Jack worked in city government for more than 30-years. He served as the City Manager or City Administrator for a combined 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 join Dan W. Heil at Heil Engineering for a time, and then joined Willdan with Dan, where he worked for more than 10-years in marketing and business development 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 connect those in city management...to "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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Notes and Letters from Readers:

Very sad to hear of Ron Bates passing. I first met Ron when I had him as an instructor while working on my MPA at CSULB in 1977. He was a terrific guy.

—**Dan Joseph**

Sad news – former Pico Rivera City Manager Chuck Fuentes passed away yesterday (September 13, 2022).

—**Jeff Prang**, Assessor, Los Angeles County

Nice pic of Roy Pederson's car too!

—**Bob Dickey**

It was nice catching up with you at **Frank Tripepi's** celebration of life. Just passed your newsletter on to a **Ron Bates** who I graduated from high school with in 1966. He worked for Packy Olfield, who ran the Santa Catalina Conservancy. Good guy.

Hope to come out to the desert once the weather cools down. Would love to meet with you.

—**Fred Guido**

Charles P. "Chuck" Fuentes,

March 16, 1952 – September 13, 2022

Chuck passed away on Tuesday, September 13, 2022, in Los Alamitos at the age of 70. He was born in Whittier on March 16, 1952. Chuck was raised in Norwalk. His father Bob Fuentes served as the District Chief for Assemblyman Joe A. Gonsalves. Chuck worked on many political campaigns. He was known as a shrewd strategist. He was elected the youngest member of the Cerritos Community College Board of Trustees. He served 26-years on the Democratic State Central Committee and was elected Vice Chair of the California Democratic Party in 1989. Chuck served as Chief of Staff to Congress Member Grace F. Napolitano. He served as the City Manager in Pico Rivera and as General Manager for the Central Basin Municipal Water District. He attended St. John Bosco High School and graduated from Norwalk High School. Chuck was married to Linda Unruh Fuentes, daughter of the late State Treasurer and Speaker of the Assembly Jesse M. Unruh.

William O. "Bill" McConnell

(1922 – January 16, 2021)

Better late than never: Former Bellflower executive staff member **Debbi Chase Manley** recently discovered that retired Bellflower Public Works Director **William O. "Bill" McConnell** passed away on January 16, 2021 at the age of 99.

WILLIAM O. McCONNELL

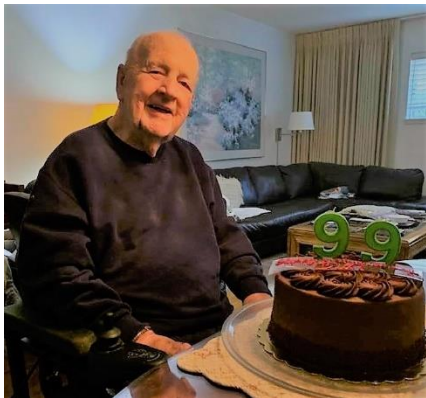
William "Bill" McConnell retired on November 7, 1987, after more than 29 years of service as the Director of Public Works for the City of Bellflower. He began employment for the City on May 5, 1958.

Born in Hermanville, Ohio, he graduated from high school at West Pittston, Pennsylvania. He served as a Staff Sergeant with the United States Air Force during World War II. Bill graduated with a degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Southern California in 1953. Continuing his education, he received a Master's Degree in Public Administration in 1968 from the same university.

A registered Civil Engineer with the State of California, Bill is also a member of the American Public Works Association, a member of the Society of Professional Civil Engineers and a Board Member of the Bellflower Symphony.



Pictures taken at Bill's retirement.



Bill McConnell celebrating his 99th birthday. Many thanks to **Debbi Chase Manley** for the information and pictures. R.I.P. **Bill McConnell**.



Picking Up the Pieces: New Pasadena City Manager **Miguel Márquez** is recruiting for a new Chief of Police. He says that there will be a community-based panel as well as a professional & technical interview panel. Former Police Chief **John Perez** resigned at the end of last year. San Ramon City Manager **Joe Gorton**, a former Chief of Police, is retiring. Joe has served as City Manager for the past 5 and a half years following a long law enforcement career. He was the San Ramon Police Chief for three-plus years. Pleasanton City Manager **Gerry Beaudin** succeeded City Manager **Nelson Fialho** who retired last November after 17-years as City Manager. Gerry is a former Assistant City Manager in Alameda (August 2019-May 2022). Prior to that he served as the Pleasanton Director of Community Development. Gerry served as the Zoning Administrator in Mountain View (2014-2015) and as a Planner for the City of South San Francisco (2005-2012).



Past ICMA Presidents **Karen Pinkos** and **Pat Martel** and friend at the 2022 ICMA Conference. Pismo Beach City Manager **Jim Lewis** is among the friends. Jim is a past President of the City Managers' Department of the League of California Cities.

Antioch Interim City Manager **Cornelius H. Johnson** (62) will be the next Antioch City Manager. He replaces longtime Antioch City Manager **Ron Bernal**, who retired. Cornelius is a former San Francisco Police Captain. Rancho Cordova City Manager **Cyrus Abhar** will retire at the end of the year. Cyrus has been the Rancho Cordova City Manager since July 2015. He served as the Chief of Ops in Sacramento County (1991-2001) and then with a private engineering firm for a couple of years before signing on to be the Rancho Cordova Public Works Director and Chief Building Official (2003-2015). Cyrus earned a BS in civil engineering from the University of Texas, Austin. He is a graduate of the Harvard Kennedy School for Senior Executives, and the University of California, Davis program too.



More Pieces Picked Up: Ventura will consider a review of city officials' travel and credit card expenditures. Following a trip to Washington D.C. last year for the National League of Cities Conference, expenditures were questioned. City Manager **Alex McIntyre** was with the City Council Members. Ventura resident **Glenn Overlay** questioned expenditure starting in late July, regarding

payments made during a League of California Cities trip to Sacramento. An updated financial policy is being considered. The City of Rohnert Park appears to be ready to select a new city manager within the next couple of weeks. City Manager **Darrin Jenkins** plans to retire in December after 19-years with the city. **Don Schwartz** is the Rohnert Park Assistant City Manager. Darrin announced in June that he would retire at the end of the year. He began work with the city in 2003 as a civil engineer. Bob Murray and Associates has been retained to assist the city with the City Manager recruitment. The California JPIA conducted a Management Academy in September. The training sessions were well-attended during the three days of networking and sessions. For information contact Chief Executive Officer **Jon Shull** or the CJPIA staff at 800-229-2343. Monrovia Assistant City Manager **Lauren G. Vasquez** is the 2022 recipient of the ICMA Assistant Excellence in Leadership Award in Memory of **Buford M. Watson Jr.** Lauren was appointed Assistant City Manager in September 2019. ICMA says that "she seamlessly transitioned to this greater leadership role and stepped up to meet unexpected challenges with grace, humility, and admirable servant leadership." Lauren worked in Pomona (2004-2006) before joining the Monrovia city staff as a Management Analyst. Lauren earned a BS in environmental design from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona and a Master's in management and leadership from the University of La Verne. **Andrew "Andy" J. Takata**, City Administrator in DuPont, Washington, received a rare 40-year ICMA Service Award this year. Andy began his public service career as a Recreation Supervisor in the City of Santa Fe Spring. He went on to be the Director of Parks & Recreation in Mammoth Lakes and Director of Community Services in Atascadero, where he rose through the organization to be City Manager (1993-1997). Andy was the Town Manager in Yucca Valley (2004-2010) and Banning City Manager (2010-2014). He served as Interim City Manager in Calexico and Twentynine Palms in 2014. Andy is a member of the USA Water Polo Hall of Fame as a longtime water polo official and former Olympic games official.



Team **Tripepi Smith** out meeting with City officials.

SHORTS: *Former Baldwin Park Police Officer **Ryan Felton**, 36, accused of beating a handcuffed teenager, was granted probation under a plea deal, according to **Greg Risling** of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office. *Azusa Pacific University alumnus **Dante G. Hall**, the City Manager in Hercules, served as the Assistant to the City Manager in Half Moon Bay in 1997-1998. ***John Moreno** joined the city staff in the City of Paramount in 1993 as a Management Analyst and he was appointed City Manager in 2015. *In August 2010 former Palm Desert City Manager **John Wohlmuth** said of the passing of longtime City Council Member **Richard S. "Dick" Kelly**, who was first elected in 1982, "Palm Desert has lost a great champion." ***Lisette Grizzle**, who is a Senior Human Resources Analyst for the City of Vernon, worked in a similar position for the City of Commerce from December 2010 to December 2013. *Oregon State University alumnus **Jenny Coelho** has served as the City Hall Administrator for Tulelake since July 2017. *Former Biggs City Administrator and former Mayor of Chico, **Mark Sorensen**, is the current City Manager for the City of Chico. *The City of Seal Beach is looking for a new Director of Public Works. *South Pasadena, where **Arminé Chaparyan** is the City Manager, is considering converting police patrol cars and other city vehicles from gas-powered to electric powered vehicles.



Former City Manager **Ron Molendyk** and his brand new 2023 Corvette C8 Stingray he took delivery on September 25, 2022; 495 HP, 0 to 60 in 3 seconds. It is a beautiful car.

“Proof of Life”

Eighteen (18) veteran public managers gathered on Thursday, September 29 for a “Proof of Life” lunch at the North Woods Inn Restaurant in La Mirada.

They included:

Jeff Collier, retired Whittier City Manager who recently completed an interim City Manager assignment in Fullerton.

Greg Korduner, retired Huntington Park City Manager. Greg works with the lunch venue to establish future meetings; an important “Proof of Life” meeting function.

Bob Dickey, a former Walnut City Manager who retired from South Gate as the Public Works Director. Bob and his wife Nadean have travelled the world. Their next trip is to Japan.

Wayne Wedin, who served as the Brea City Manager for 15-years. Wayne also served as a Council Member and Mayor in Brea. He is the President of Wedin Enterprise, Inc., a financial consulting firm.

Ron Molendyk, former Lake Elsinore City Manager and Interim City Manager in Perris, who took delivery of a 2023 Corvette C8 Stingray on September 25, 2022. Ron is a past President of the Orange County Corvette Club.

Lloyd de Llamas, former City Manager in Monterey Park, Lawndale and Woodside, and a founder of **HdL Companies**.

Glenn Southard, retired City Manager from Indio and Claremont. Glenn was a founder and longtime member of the Board of Trustees for the California City Management Foundation (CCMF).

Pat West, a former Paramount City Manager and a retired Long Beach City Manager. Pat is the founder of **Pat West LLC**, a local government consulting firm.

Jim Barisic, a former City of Artesia City Manager, who worked in Paramount and Cerritos and served in Vietnam with the U.S. Army. He is the founder of **Brandywine Homes**.



Don Pruyn, who served as the City Manager and Finance Director for San Dimas.

Don Pruyn with the late **Ray Harris** at an Angels game in Anaheim.

Mike Egan, a retired Norwalk City Manager and longtime Bellflower City Manager. Mike currently serves as the Interim City Manager in Artesia.

Doug Dunlap, a retired Pomona City Manager (2000-2007), who served as City Manager in Chowchilla, Villa Park, El Monte, Hawaiian Gardens and Bradbury (1996-2000). Doug worked with the late City Manager **Darrell Essex** in Cypress as Assistant City Manager.

Karen Herrera, retired Duarte Deputy City Manager. Karen worked for Duarte for more than 23-years. She has served as an Adjunct Instructor at Cal State, Fullerton. She is currently a Senior Recruiter for Bob Hall and Associates.

Don Penman, since retiring as Arcadia City Manager, Don has served in Interim City Manager posts in Azusa, Covina, San Fernando, Temple City, Ventura, and Calabasas.

Jim DeStefano, retired Diamond Bar City Manager. Jim was Community Development Director for Chino Hills when he was appointed Diamond Bar City Manager in July 2006, and he retired in 2017.

Don Wagner, retired Assistant City Manager in Rosemead where he worked with City Manager **Frank G. Tripepi**. Don has served as Interim City Administrator in Maywood since retirement.

John Bramble, retired Merced City Manager is now a local government consultant. He served as Interim City Manager in Atwater.

Jack A. Simpson, who held positions in Paramount, Artesia, Cerritos, Hawaiian Gardens and Bellflower. Also, served as an Interim department head in La Puente.



Karen Herrera, **Don Pruyn** and **Doug Dunlap**. Doug drove from his Lompoc home to attend the lunch in La Mirada.



Don Penman and **Glenn Southard** at the September 29 “Proof of Life” lunch. The next POL lunch is planned for the same venue on Thursday, December 1.