



Retired Santa Fe Springs City Manager **Ray Cruz** with retiring La Cañada Flintridge City Manager **Mark Alexander**. They celebrated Mark's pending retirement at the 2023 League of California Cities City Managers' Department meeting in Carlsbad. These two have known each other for more than 35-years. Both are **USC** Trojans through and through. Fight on!

Cities in the Counties of Santa Cruz and Shasta

Santa Cruz and Shasta Counties incorporated in 1850. The 2020 estimated population of Santa Cruz County is 270,861 and Shasta County's population is 182,155. The County Administrative Officer in Santa Cruz County is **Carlos Palacios** and **Mary E. Williams** is the Acting CEO in Shasta County. Mary has worked for Shasta County since 2015 and has been serving as Deputy County Executive Officer.



Santa Cruz County cities include Capitola, Santa Cruz, Scotts Valley, and Watsonville. The Shasta County cities are Anderson, Redding and Shasta Lake.

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Capitola is located on the northern shores of Monterey Bay and is a popular tourist destination. In the 1850s the city grew out of a settlement known as Soquel Landing at the mouth of Soquel Creek. In 1869, **Frederick A. Hihn** began the development of the seaside resort idea. Capitola incorporated in January 1949. Its 2020 population is 9,938. **Jamie Goldstein** is the Capitola City Manager. **Richard Grunow** is the Director of Community Development, **Jim Malberg** is the Finance Director, **Steve Jesberg** is the Public Works Director, and the Museum Director is **Carolyn Swift**.

Former Personnel Director **Jamie Goldstein** was appointed to the Capitola City Manager position in June 2010. Jamie worked as a Wildland Firefighter in Northern California in 1992-1994, before he served on a Special Assistant for the California Tahoe Conservancy in 1995-1998. After working as a Research Associate for a private firm starting in 2000, Jamie joined the Santa Barbara County planning staff as a Senior Planner in February 2001. In January 2005 he assumed the Deputy Director of Redevelopment for the county. Jamie began his City of Capitola tenure in October 2008. He worked as Community Development Director before becoming City Manager in 2010. Jamie earned a BS in atmospheric science from the University of California, Davis and an MS in environmental science and management from the University of California, Santa Barbara.



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Santa Cruz is the county seat of Santa Cruz County. It was founded by Spanish in 1791 with the founding of Mission Santa Cruz. Santa Cruz with incorporated in March 1866 and became a Chartered City in April 1876. The 2020 population is set at 62,956. **Matt Huffaker** is the City Manager and **Bonnie Bush** is the City Clerk. **Laura Schmidt** is the Assistant City Manager and **Lisa Murphy** is Deputy City Manager.

Matt Huffaker worked as an Intern for State Senator Tom Torlakson in 2004 before he took a Board Internship in the County of San Diego in March 2004 to June 2006. He joined the city staff in Walnut Creek as a Business Manager in 2006. He was made Assistant to the City Manager in January 2012, and he became Deputy City Manager in July 2015. In June 2016 Matt took the Watsonville Assistant City Manager post, and he was appointed City Manager starting in July 2018. Matt was selected to serve as the Santa Cruz City Manager starting in December 2021. Matt earned a BA from Point Loma Nazarene University, and an MPA from California State University, East Bay. He also completed the Executive Seminar for Public Policy and Leadership at the University of California, Berkeley. Matt serves as Vice Chair of the Board of Directors for the Monterey Bay Economic Partnership (MBEP). He is also a Board Member of Monterey Bay Community Power.



Two California City Management Foundation (CCMF) past Presidents sitting together at the 2013 League of California Cities City Managers' Department meeting. Here are Rita Geldert and Wade McKinney. This picture first appeared in the February 2013 issue of the City Manager Newsletter by Trackdown.

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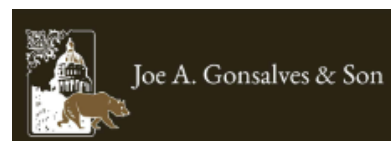
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Scotts Valley was named for **Hiram Daniel Scott**. He built the Greek revival style Scott House in 1853. Today it is a Santa Cruz County Historical Trust Landmark and on the National Register of Historic Places. In early years the local economy was driven by lumber, milling, tanning of hides and leather working. Scotts Valley's most famous resident is the late film director Alfred Hitchcock. Netflix was founded in Scotts Valley in 1997. The city incorporated in August 1966. Its 2020 population is 12,224. **Mali LaGoe** is the City Manager and **Cathie Simonovich** is the City Clerk. **Selina Andrews** is the Finance Manager.

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Bakersfield City Manager **Christian Clegg** with **Mitch Barker** and **Rachael Sanders** of PARS at the League of California Cities City Managers' Department meeting in Carlsbad. Christian is a former Deputy City Manager in Stockton. Thank you to retired City Manager **Kevin O'Rourke** for the picture.

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Mali LaGoe worked in the private sector and as an independent consultant starting in 2004. In April 2012 Mali took an Administrative Analyst position with the Health and Human Services Agency with the County of Nevada in Nevada

City. In 2014 she became a Program Manager in the Department of Social Services. She completed the CSAC executive credential and fellows' program during this time. In August 2017 she was selected to serve as the Interim Deputy County Executive Officer. She was the Interim Human Resources Director in 2018, and the Acting CDA Director in 2020-2021. She was the Assistant County Executive Officer when she was chosen to serve as the Scotts Valley City Manager starting in January 2022. Mali earned a BA from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, and an MPA from California State University, Northridge.

Scotts Valley Finance Manager **Selina Andrews** began her public service career in October 2006 as a Senior Account Clerk in the San José Office of Retirement Services. After a more than 8-years in that position, Selina took a Purchasing & Risk Management Analyst in the Finance Department in May 2015. In June 2018 she became a Senior Analyst with SJC San José Mineta International Airport administration, and in August 2020 Selina took a Senior Analyst position with the Fire Department. Selina was hired to serve as the Finance Manager in Scotts Valley starting in December 2021. Selina earned a BS in finance from San Jose State University.



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Watsonville was first visited by Spanish in 1769. The area was included as part of the Spanish province of Las Californias. When Mexico took control immigration was liberalized increasing settlers from Europe and the U.S. **John H. Watson** and **D. S. Gregory** laid out the town in 1852. Watsonville was incorporated in March 1868 as a town, and it became the City of Watsonville about 1889. City voters adopted a charter in 1903. The Watsonville 2020 population is set at 52,590. **René Mendez** is the City Manager and **Irwin I. Ortiz** is the City Clerk. **Cynthia Czerwin** is the Administrative Services Director and **Nick Calubaquib** is the Director of Parks and Community Services.

Watsonville City Manager **René Mendez** served as a Senior Management Analyst for Solano County in Fairfield from 1992 to 1997. In April 1997, René began his tenure as the County Administrative Officer in the County of Inyo. He was appointed City Manager for the City of Gonzales starting in February 2005. René worked for Gonzales for more than 17-years. In July 2022, he went to work as the City Manager for the City of Watsonville. Rene earned a BA in economics from California State University, Stanislaus and an MA in public policy from Duke University's Sanford School of Public Policy. René is a member of the Board of the Community Foundation for Monterey County. He is a past President of the Gonzales Rotary Club, and an executive volunteer with the Gonzales Little League, and other efforts.

Cynthia Czerwin is the Watsonville Administrative Services Director, a position she has held since August 2017. Cynthia was a Peace Corps Volunteer from March 2014 to June 2017. She worked for the City and County of San Francisco as the Citywide Budget Manager (2010-2012) and Deputy Budget Director (2012-2014). Cynthia earned a BA from Illinois Wesleyan University and an MPP from the University of California, Berkeley.



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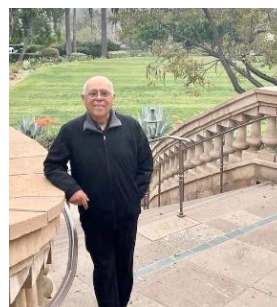
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Anderson is a Shasta County city. The city was named for **Elias Anderson** who provided railroad track rights and land for a station to the Central Pacific Railroad. The original post office was inside the hotel that Elias built in downtown Anderson, the American Ranch Hotel. Though the community grew, the city did not incorporate until January 1956. The 2020 population is set at 11,323. **Jeff Kiser** has served as City Manager since May 2012. **Christy White** is the City Clerk and **Liz Cottrell** is the Assistant City Manager and Finance Director.

Jeff Kiser was appointed to the Anderson City Manager position in May 2012. He also serves as the Director of Public Works and Director of Community Services. Prior to joining the Anderson city staff Jeff worked for a private engineering firm as a project manager specializing in construction management. Jeff worked for the California Department of Transportation (CALTRANS) for 15-years. Jeff earned a BA in organizational communications from California State University, Sacramento. He is an ICMA Credentialed Manager.

Dave Durette is the Anderson Deputy Public Works Director. He has been in the position since October 2010. Dave is an alumnus of California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo where he studied civil engineering.



Retired Norwalk City Manager **Ernie Garcia** during a 2023 Valentine's Day celebration. Ernie went to work for Norwalk in 1980. He became City Manager in 1994. Ernie retired at the end of 2010.

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Former Anderson City Manager **Dana Shigley** worked as the City Manager in the City of American Canyon (2012-2017) after leaving Anderson. Dana worked as the Administrative Services Director in the City of Moorpark (1999-2002) before joining the Anderson city staff as Assistant City Manager and Redevelopment Agency Executive Director (2002-2009). Dana was appointed to the Anderson City Manager position in 2009. After more than 9-years with Anderson, Dana became the American Canyon City Manager. She officially retired from the public service in January 2018, and continues to work as a consultant in Santa Rosa. Dana earned a BS in accounting from California State University, San Bernardino and an MA in public policy and administration from California State University, Sacramento.



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Former Walnut City Manager and retired South Gate Public Works Director **Bob Dickey** and his wife Nadean continue to do amazing traveling worldwide.

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Barry Tippin has been the Redding City Manager since June 2017. He took over for retired City Manager **Kurt Starman** who took the post following City Manager **Mike Warren**. Barry served as the Assistant City Manager with Kurt

and has worked as the Redding Electric Utility Director. He joined the city staff in 2004 as the City Engineer after working for the California Department of Transportation (CALTRANS) in Redding. Barry earned a BS in civil engineering from California State University, Chico.



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Allyn Feci Clark worked as the Chief Financial Officer of the Turtle Bay Exploration Park (2007-2011) before joining the City of Redding staff in December 2012. She earned a BA in accounting and business administration from Carrol College.



Kimberly Niemer is the Director of Community Services of the City of Redding. Kim was first hired to work for the city in November 1996 so she has been with the city for more than 26-years. She earned a BA from the University of California, Riverside and an MPA from the University of Southern California (**USC**). Kim is a member of the Board of Directors for Northern Valley Catholic Social Services.

Chuck Aukland is the Redding Director of Public Works. He was an Associate Civil Engineer in Folsom (2000-2004). He joined Redding as Assistant Public Works Director in 2004 and became the Director in May 2018. Chuck earned a BS from California State University, Sacramento and an engineering MS from Missouri University of Science and Technology.



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There was Project City, Summit City, Pine Grove before the Town of Toyon, first call Government Camp Toyon. Shasta Lake incorporated in July 1993. **Jessaca Lugo** is the City Manager and **Toni Coates** is the City Clerk. The Finance Director is **Wendy Howard** and the Community and Economic Development Manager is **Whitney Zeller**.



Shasta Lake City Manager **Jessaca Lugo** has been the Secretary/Owner of AC Framers in Redding for the past 20+ years. Jess was appointed Shasta Lake Assistant City Manager in September 2018 after serving more than 14-years as Community & Economic Development Manager starting in March 2004. Jess has served as City Manager since June 2021. She is a Board Member at Large for Superior California Economic Development (SCED). Jess earned an AA from Shasta College and a BS in business administration and management from California State University, Chico.



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Picking Up the Pieces: Oakland Mayor **Sheng Thao** fired Oakland Chief of Police **LeRonne Armstrong**. The Chief is a 20-year Oakland police department veteran. He has served as Chief of Police since 2021. The mayor is reported to be troubled by the Chief's downplaying the actions by a police sergeant related to a local scandal. The mayor terminated the Chief without cause and is not

required to provide a justification. Tehachapi City Manager **Greg Garrett** will receive the Kern County Council of Governments' *Darrel Hildebrand Distinguished Leadership Award* on March 2. The award is named for a former assistant director of the Kern COG. Darrel passed away in 2009. This year the award goes to Greg and to **Ryan Alsop**, Chief Administrative Officer for the County of Kern. Alameda City Manager **Jennifer Ott** announced the appointment of **Amy Wooldridge** to Assistant City Manager. Amy has been serving as the Alameda Acting Assistant City Manager and Recreation and Parks Director. She has been the Recreation and Parks Director since May 2012. Amy previously worked for the City of Pinole in parks and recreation starting in 2004. She earned a BS in psychology from the University of California, Davis. Laguna Beach police investigated the vandalism at the home of Laguna Beach City Manager **Shohreh Dupuis**. Sewage of feces was smeared on the house, front yard, mailbox, planters, outside stairs and a walkway. Shohreh was appointed City Manager in April 2021. She replaced former City Manager **John Pietig**, who retired. Shohreh previously served as the Laguna Beach Assistant City Manager and previous to that, she was the Director of Public Works.

Dr. Bill Mathis (1941 – 2023)



Dr. Bill Mathis (81) of Mathis Consulting Group passed away following a heart attack on Tuesday, February 7. Born in 1941, Bill turned 81 on December 9. After serving as the Mental Health Director for the Napa State Hospital (1969-1972), Bill worked as a management psychologist for public agencies for more than 51-years. Bill

was a longtime member of the Board of Trustees for the *California City Management Foundation* (CCMF). He earned a BA from the University of Puget Sound, an MS in clinical psychology from the University of Portland, and a Ph.D. in psychology from the University of North Dakota. Trackdown Management condolences to Bill's family and friends. R.I.P Dr. Mathis!



Bill Gallardo, City Manager in the City of Brea and City of La Habra City Manager **James Sadro**. Bill served as the Brea Finance Director (2004-2010), Assistant City Manager and Administrative Services Director (2010-2015) before he was appointed City Manager in 2015. Jim has been City Manager since 2014. Thank you to **Kevin O'Rourke** for the picture that was taken at the 2023 meeting of the City Managers' Department of the League of California Cities.



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More Pieces Picked Up: After working in the Arizona cities of Page and Kearny, **Lawrence L. Lehman** became the City Manager in the City of Seaside in December 1982. He served as the Kearny City Manager from 1977 to 1982.

After leaving Seaside in February 1993, Larry became the City Manager in Pendleton, Oregon where he served for nearly 19-years (1993-2012). Larry earned a BS from Central Michigan University and an MPA from the University of Arizona. Desert Hot Springs City Manager **Luke Rainey** has resigned from his position. Luke worked for the city for more than 15-years and he served as City Manager since 2021. Deputy City Manager **Doria Wilms** was appointed Interim City Manager. Doria is a lifelong resident of Desert Hot Springs. She joined the city staff in 2015 as a Deputy City Clerk and became Deputy City Manager in 2021. Morro Bay City Manager **Scott Collins** is leaving his position in March for a new position with the Housing Authority of San Luis Obispo. **Greg Carpenter** will serve as the Interim City Manager while the city recruits. Greg worked as the Planning Manager in Lawndale (2001-2002) before he became a Zoning Administrator in Long Beach (2002-2004). In 2004 he was promoted to Planning Bureau Manager. He left Long Beach in 2008 to become the Director of Planning and Building & Safety for the City of El Segundo. He was selected to serve as the El Segundo City Manager in 2012, where he worked for more than 11-years. He was the Interim City Manager in Paso Robles for a time. He starts in Morro Bay on March 13. **Ken Hiatt** served as the Community Development Director in the City of Davis (2010-2013). In May 2013 he was hired to serve as the Community Development Director for the City of Woodland. Ken was appointed Assistant City Manager in September 2016, while he continued with his community development duties. Ken became Woodland City Manager in August 2020. He earned a BA in landscape architecture and environmental policy and planning from the University of California, Davis. Retired City of Paramount City Manager **Linda Benedetti-Leal**, who celebrated a birthday last month, is a new Italian citizen. In December Linda and her son Ben's applications for Italian Citizenship were granted. She explains that her Italian grandparents came to this country in the early 1900s, leaving poor living circumstances but also their home. Linda says that they worked hard and made a new life for themselves and their family. Linda says, with pride that she owes all that she is to them. She is inspired by their courage, pioneering spirit and faith. She is proud that she and her son have reclaimed a part of their family's heritage and that they are now proud Italian citizens. Linda was a longtime Paramount City Manager, following **Pat West** into the position when he left for Long Beach.



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Here is another picture from the 2023 League of California Cities City Managers' Department meeting in Carlsbad. Thank you to **Kevin O'Rourke** for the picture. Here are former City Manager **Robert C. Dominguez**, currently a Senior Advisor; **John Keisler** formerly an executive with the City of Long Beach who currently works in the private sector; Azusa Deputy City Manager **Nico De Anda-Scaia**; and the 2023 Wes McClure Award of Distinction recipient **Steve Rogers**, Yountville City Manager.



Still More Pieces Picked Up: Former San Bruno City Manager **Jovan D. Grogan** is the new City Manager in the City of Santa Clara. The appointment comes one year after the firing of former City Manager **Deanna Santana**. Jovan's

employment agreement calls for a salary of \$405,506 annually. He started his City Manager tenure in San Bruno in July 2018. He previously worked as the Deputy City Manager in Berkeley for nearly 2-years (2016-2018). Jovan worked as the Budget Officer in Concord starting in January 2013 and became Deputy City Manager in January 2015. He earned a BA and MA in city and regional planning from Cornell University. **Scott Wasserman**, son of the late retired City Manager **Lauren Wasserman**, is the Director of Parks and Recreation for the City of San Dimas. Scott served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in 1998-2000. He then worked as a Community Services Manager and Public Safety Manager for the City of Pico Rivera (2000-2006). Scott served as the Human Services Administrator in Santa Monica (2006-2008) before joining the Commerce city staff in February 2008 as Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation. In November 2012, Scott was promoted to Director of Parks and Recreation. Scott moved to the City of Lake Forest in March 2015 as Community Services Director. He began his tenure as the San Dimas Director of Parks and Recreation in June 2021. Scott earned a BA in social work and a BA in Spanish language and literature from California State University, Long Beach. He also earned an MSS in social work from Case Western Reserve University.



SHORTS: *Self-employed consultant **Maria Hurtado** is a former Assistant City Manager in the cities of Tracy (2014-2015), Oxnard (2015-2016) and Hayward (2016-2020). ***George N. Harris II**, a former Deputy City Manager in Victorville, is the Director of Finance for the City of Lancaster since June 2020 and he serves as the Treasurer for the California Class JPA. *Retired City Manager **Keith Till**, who worked in the City of Santee for more than 22-years and also worked in Seal Beach and San Marino, and describes himself as a "hacker," recently sank a hole in one on a 139 yards hole at Rancho Carlsbad golf course. *Former Dairy Valley (Cerritos) Assistant City Manager **Stanley Morgan**, who is a past Mayor and Council Member in Anderson, is currently living in Vacaville. *Fairfield Information Technology Director **Savita Chaudhary** worked with Vacaville (2009-2015) and Berkeley (2015-2021) before landing in her current position. *Pleasanton City Manager **Gerry Beaudin** was the city's Community Development Director when he was appointed city manager in May 2022.

Notes and Letters from Readers:

We lived at St. Augustine, off Duvall in the desert. They were building the new Del Webb Development when we were there. It looked great. My wife ran the Children's Museum until COVID shut it down. I was City Manager in Indio, one the favorites of the 9 City Manager jobs I have had. We eventually moved to Indio, and later moved "home" to Fresno where my Mom who is now 97 and our daughter and son-in-law also live.

However.....I have commuted to Downey each week for the last 6 months as Interim City Manager. My wife is now lead consultant on a great new Children's Museum being built in Modesto. So we have not caught on to the retirement thing yet. I feel very lucky to have had a career where I admire those I work with so much, and I appreciate what Trackdown is doing in telling our stories.

—Mark Scott

*Lompoc City Manager **Dean Albro**, since January 2022 following City Manager **Jim Throop**'s resignation, joined the Lompoc city staff in 2012 as an accounting supervisor. *Congratulations to John H. Nail Memorial Award recipient **Lisa Kim**, Assistant City Manager for Garden Grove. *Woodlake City Administrator since May 2012 **Ramon Lara** is an alumnus of the University of California, Santa Cruz. *Santa Maria City Manager **Jason Stilwell** since December 2017 was the City Administrator for the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea (September 2011-October 2014). ***Jennette D. Farris** joined the city staff in the City of Vista in March as an Administrative Assistant in March 1979 and became Deputy City Manager in August 1987. ***Joe Goeden** retired as the West Sacramento City Manager in June 2002, and he continues to serve as a Member of the Board of Directors for the West Sacramento Foundation (1998-present). ***Del M. Cesar** worked for the City of Duarte starting in 1958 as Superintendent of Parks and Recreation (1958-1961) and then as Assistant City Administrator (1961-1968) before serving as City Manager for The Dalles, Oregon (1968-1988). ***Jason Al-Imam** was hired as the new city Finance Director in Newport Beach in November 2022 replacing former Finance Director **Scott Catlett**, who left for a private sector position. *Yountville Town Manager **Steve Rogers** is the 2023 recipient of the Wes McClure Award of Distinction. *Novato Assistant City Manager **Jessica Deakyne** worked for the Orange County Transportation Authority for a little more than 7-years from 2006 to 2013. ***John Jamison**, former City Manager in Signal Hill and Bellflower, was an amazing golfer. ***