



Retired Walnut City Manager **Rob Wishner** and his wife **Shelly Piccardi Wishner** at the 2023 Home Opener for the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim. Rob retired as a City Manager on February 1, 2022 after serving nearly 16 years as Walnut City Manager. He started his Walnut tenure in 2006. Rob is a Past President of the San Gabriel Valley City Managers' Association. He previously worked for San Marino and Chino.

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Sutter County is one of California's original counties created in 1850 and Tehama County was formed from parts of Butte, Colusa and Shasta Counties in 1856. The 2020 population of Sutter County is set at 99,633, and Tehama County's population is 65,829.

Steve Smith is the Sutter County Administrator, appointed in 2009. And **Gabriel Hydrick** is the



Tehama County Administrator since February 2022. He is a former Council Member and Mayor for the City of Lincoln (2010-2018).

Live Oak and Yuba City are Sutter County cities and Corning, Red Bluff, and Tehama are Tehama County cities.

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Live Oak was first settled in 1866 by **A. M. McGrew**. The California-Oregon Railroad reach the community in the 1870's, making travel to and from the area more convenient. A Live Oak

post office was established in 1874. It took 100-years before the city was incorporated in 1947. The 2019 estimated population is 8,912. Live Oak contracts for law enforcement services with the County of Sutter's Sheriff's Department and the county Fire Department serves the community too.

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Aaron Palmer began his public service career in October 1999 as an Administrative Analyst in the City of San Bernardino. In March 2001 he took a Senior Management Analyst position in San Carlos. In March 2002 Aaron was hired as a Senior Administrative Analyst for the City of Big Bear Lake, and he worked there until February 2006. He became the Assistant City Manager in Patterson in October 2006, and he moved to a Deputy City Manager post in the City of Adelanto in June 2007. Aaron was selected to serve as the Highland City, Utah City Administrator in March 2013. He was appointed City Manager for the City of Canyon Lake starting in February 2016, and he became the Live Oak City Manager in April 2019. He started as Interim City Manager replacing **Joe Aguilar**, who held the position starting in April 2018. Aaron earned a BS in administration, management and human resources from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona and an MA in organization management from the University of Phoenix.

Scott Wayman worked for the City of Live Oak for 35 years, his last seven years as City Manager. Scott began his Live Oak tenure as a patrol officer with the Live Oak Police Department in 1987. He was appointed Assistant City Manager in 2002. Scott became the Live Oak City Manager in September 2014. His final day as City Manager was January 14, 2022 when he retired. At that time Assistant City Manager **Michael Hornes** filled in as Interim City Manager during the recruitment for a new City Manager. After retirement, Scott went to work as the Executive Director for the Bulverde Spring Branch Economic Development Foundation in Bulverde Spring Branch, Texas starting in April 2022. Scott earned a BA in criminal justice from Northwestern Oklahoma State University and an MPA from The University of Texas, San Antonio. Scott also studies at Oklahoma State University.



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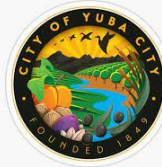
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Diana Langley began working for Yuba City in November 2013 as the Public Works Director. Diana served as Interim City Manager twice while she was the Public Works Director; the first from February 2019 and August 2019, and the second time

between February 2021 and December 2021. Diana has been serving as the City Manager in Yuba City since December 2021 after City Manager **Dave Vaughn** left for a private sector position. Diana earned a BS in civil engineering from California State University, Chico. Diana also earned a Certificate in construction management from the University of California, Davis continuing and professional education program.

Yuba City Human Resources Director **Natalie Springer** earned a BS in biology from the University of Iowa and an MPA from Drake University.

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Larry Kosmont with friends, **Bill Crowe**, **Wayne Wedin** and **Ron Molendyk** at a "Proof of Life" lunch.

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Corning, California is a Tehama County city. The city got its start in 1862 when the railroad reached the area. The city was named for railroad official, **John Corning**. The Corning

Municipal Airport was activated in 1940. It is a public-use facility. The city was incorporated in August 1907. The 2020 population is 8,244. NASCAR drive **Tyler Reddick** calls Corning "home." **Kristina Miller** is the Corning City Manager, and the Administrative Services Manager is **Lisa Linnet**. **Christina Meeds** is the Planning and Recreation Coordinator and **Jeremiah Fears** is the Chief of Police.

Kristina Miller was a Solid Waste Program Manager and Recycling Coordinator for the Tehama County Red Bluff Landfill Management Agency from June 2006 to June 2009. From 2009 to 2015, Kristina worked as the Landfill Agency Manager for the same agency. She was appointed Corning City Manager starting in December 2015 replacing City Manager **John Brewer**, who retired. Kristina earned a BA in restoration ecology and an MA in geography from California State University, Chico. Kristina served as a member of the Board of Directors for the California Recycled Market Development Zone (2013-2015) and continues to serve as the Board Chair for the California Product Stewardship Council.

Stephen J. Kimbrough served as the Corning City Manager from February 1993 until he retired in March 2012. Prior to Corning, Steve had work assignments in American Canyon, Chino Hills, Temple City, Arcadia, Covina, Montclair, Palm Springs and La Habra. In 2009, Steve received a 35-year ICMA Service Award. Steve and his wife Linda live in Corning and volunteer through the Corning First Baptist Church, the Corning Rotary Club and the Corning Chamber of Commerce.

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Peter Lassen was one of the first European American settler into the Red Bluff area in 1844. Though the California Gold Rush changed the focus of many pioneers making the trek from Missouri, river boat service was established by the 1840s. Tehama County was created in 1856 and Red Bluff became the county seat. The railroad reached Red Bluff by 1872. A blot on the town's history came in 1886 when an "Anti-Coolie League" expelled all Chinese from the town and burned the China Town there. Red Bluff was incorporated in March 1876. The 2020 population is set at 14,710. **Tom Westbrook** is the City Manager and Community Development Director. **Rick Lara** and **Karen Shaffer** are Recreation Supervisor and **Robin Kampmann** is the Public Works Director and City Engineer. **Paul Young** is the Red Bluff Finance Director.



Tom Westbrook became City Manager for the City of Red Bluff in May 2022. Tom began his public service career in the City of Ceres as an Associate Planner in January 2001. He then began his ascent in that organization: Senior Planner (February 2005-July 2009); City Planner (July 2009-July 2010); Planning/Building Division Manager (July 2010-July 2011); and Director of Community Development (November 2012-April 2020). Tom was elevated to the Ceres City Manager position in April 2020. His last day with Ceres was August 23, 2021. He moved to the City of Red Bluff as the Community Development Director in September 2021 and took the City Manager post in May 2022 after serving for a time as Interim City Manager. Tom earned a BA in city and regional planning from California State University, Chico. Tom was born and raised in Red Bluff and graduated from Red Bluff High School.



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Robin Kampmann is a contract public works and city engineer with NorthStar Engineering of Chico. Robin has been with the private firm since May 2005. She earned a BS in civil engineering from California State University, Chico. She is listed on the Red Bluff web page as the city's Public Works Director and City Engineer.

Scott Garrison is the Human Resources Administrator for the City of Red Bluff. He worked in the private sector until taking a position with the city in February 2020. Scott worked for Barnes & Noble in Chico for 11 years (2005-2016). Scott earned an AA from Sierra College and a BA in history from California State University, Chico.

Herbert E. Nelson retired in 1981 as the City Manager in Red Bluff. He began his career in 1950 as a Senior Analyst in San Diego. In 1955 he was appointed to the Carlsbad City Manager position. After working in the private sector between 1958 and 1959 he was appointed City Manager in Red Bluff in 1959 and served in that post until 1981 when he retired. Herb earned a BA from Whitman College. He received a 20-year ICMA Service Award in 1975.



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Martin J. Nichols left Red Bluff to become the Chief Administrative Officer in Lassen County. He became the city manager in 2006 (2006-2012). Marty began his public service career in 1970 as a Management Analyst for Contra Costa County. In 1975 he was promoted to Deputy County Administrator (1975-1983). In 1983 Marty went to Butte County to be the Chief Administrative Officer, and he served there until 1989 when he took the Assistant County Administrator position in Marin County. He was promoted to County Administrator for Marin County in October 1994. Marty became the Assistant County Administrator in Marin County in August 1998. He took the Executive Officer position with the Marin Telecommunications Agency in November 2001. After he worked as the Red Bluff City Manager he went to the Lassen County Administrative Officer in 2012. Marty received a 40-year ICMA Service Award in 2015. He earned a BA from Fresno State University. He has served as a Senior ICMA Advisor since 2018.

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Tehama is commonly believed to come from the Wintun word for "high water." A village of

Wintun people once stood on the modern-day site of Tehama on the western bank of the Sacramento River. Tehama was founded by **Robert Hasty Thomes**. He arrived in the area with **Albert G. Toomes, William Chard, and Job Francis Dye**. They traveled from San Francisco with land grants from the government of Mexico in 1844. Tehama was one of the earliest settlements north of Sacramento. **Robert Thomes** mapped out the city in 1850, and the community thrived on riverboat traffic. Tehama is generally the first part of the county to flood during the rainy season. Flooding is now controlled by the Shasta Dam. The city was incorporated in July 1906. The population peaked in the 1890s at about 2,000. The 2019 estimated population is 373. **Carolyn Steffan** is the Tehama City Administrator and City Clerk. **Elizabeth Celano** is the City Treasurer.



Melissa Russo with her husband **John Russo** in New York City. John is a retired City Manager and former City Attorney. He served as City Attorney in Oakland and was City Manager in Alameda, Riverside and Irvine. Melissa is the former Director of the San Bernardino County Museum.



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Picking Up the Pieces: Randy Murphy, the General Manager for the Hidden Valley Lake Association, is the new city manager for the City of Solvang. The city manager position had been open since the resignation of City Manager **Xenia Bradford** in September 2022. Ralph Andersen & Associates provided the city with executive recruitment services. Retired city manager **Brad**

Video served as Interim City Manager. Randy has been managing the Hidden Valley Lake gated community in Lake County. He previously served as General Manager of the Feather River Recreation and Park District. Randy is a former City Administrator for the City of Oroville, and he worked as Assistant City Manager for Tulare. **Los Banos** City Manager **Josh Pinheiro**, 36, has been awarded additional job security requiring a unanimous vote of the City Council to dismiss him. He was fired and then rehired in February, eight months after he was fired for undisclosed reasons and former Merced County Administrative Officer **Gregory Wellman** was appointed Interim City Manager. Josh received a \$1.8 million settlement for a potential wrongful termination action. He has a new four-years employment agreement. Josh was originally hired to replace City Manager **Alex Terrazas**. **Jim Thorsen** served as a Senior Civil Engineer for the City of Simi Valley (1988-1997) before he was hired as the Assistant City Manager and Public Works Director for the City of Agoura Hills in July 1997. Jim became the Malibu City Manager in May 2006. After retiring from Malibu in May 2016, Jim moved to the City of Cherry Hills Village, Colorado and worked as City Manager there (June 2016-July 2020). On March 21, Jim was hired as the Interim City Manager Cherry Hills Village. Jim earned a BS in civil engineering from Colorado State University and studies public administration at California State University, Northridge.

Brad Raulston, the City Manager for the City of National City, went on administrative leave following a performance review. Brad has worked for National City for nearly two decades. He has been City Manager since May 2019. **Armando Vergara**, of the city's community development group, is the Interim City Manager. Brad joined the city staff in September 2006 as Deputy City Manager. He earned a BA in political science and economics from the University of California, Berkeley and an MPA from San Diego State University. **Harold Campbell** passed away on October 18, 2012 in Santa Rosa, two months after his wife **Juanita Campbell** passed away at age 87. Harold was 90. Harold and Juanita celebrated their 68th Wedding Anniversary together in Honolulu, Hawaii. Harold served as City Manager in Huntington Park and was Interim City Manager in Cotati.



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More Pieces Picked Up: San Leandro City Manager **Fran Robustelli** worked in Human Resources for the Dublin San Ramon Services District for 16-years (1996-2012). She was the Director of Human Resources in Hayward between March 2010 to March 2014 when she took a similar post with the City of Walnut Creek. Fran was

elevated to Assistant City Manager in August 2015, and in June 2019 she took a similar Assistant City Manager position with the City of Napa. After serving as Interim City Manager, Fran was appointed San Leandro City Manager in May 2021. She earned a BA in biology from the University of South Florida, and a Master's in Public Affairs from the University of Missouri, Columbia. Fran has also completed certificate programs at the University of California, Berkeley and the Kennedy School at Harvard University. Suspended Los Angeles City Council Member **Mark Ridley-Thomas**, 68, was convicted of federal bribery and conspiracy charges, including mail and wire fraud as a result of a bribery plan that called for him to steer millions of dollars in contracts to the University of Southern California (**USC**) in exchange for his son receiving a scholarship and teaching position. He is scheduled to be sentenced in August. Former Ventura City Manager **Alex D. McIntyre** is the City of San Bruno Interim City Manager. Alex will start his new management assignment on April 15. Alex served as the Ventura City Manager from 2018 until December 2022. He previously served as the City Manager in Menlo Park (2012-2018). Alex began his career as a Management Analyst in Burbank (1985-1988) and Assistant to the City Manager in Arcadia (1988-1994). From March 1994 to December 1997, Alex worked as a Vice President for Norm Roberts & Associates executive recruiters. Alex served as the Town Administrator in Portola Valley (1997-2000) and Town Manager in Tiburon (2000-2006). In 2006-2008 he worked as Chief Assistant County Administrator in Marin County, and from 2008 to 2012 Alex served as the City Manager in Lake Oswego, Oregon. Alex is among the finalists for the City Manager position in Portland, Maine. Former El Segundo and Thousand Oaks city manager **Scott Mitnick** was appointed Town Manager in the Town of Moraga on March 8. Scott served as Thousand Oaks city manager from May 2005 until July 2016. He joined the city in 2000 after working as the Administrative Services Director in the City of Yuba City. Scott served as the Sutter County Administrator from January 2017 to March 2019. He was the El Segundo City Manager for nearly three years (2019-2022). After working with the **Kosmont Companies** for a little more than a year, he was selected to serve as the Town Manager for the Town of Moraga.



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Gaylord Knapp became Cerritos City Manager at the age of 30 a year after he joined the city staff as the Environmental Affairs Director. He previously served as the Assistant Planning Director for the City of La Mesa in San Diego County. Cerritos City Manager **Arthur A. Gallucci** took the job first as Interim City Manager in March 1991 and he was appointed City Manager in April. Art served as Assistant City Manager for 10 years prior to becoming city manager. He joined the Cerritos city staff in 1971. Art will retire effective on June 30, 2023. He is 81 years old, born in April 1941. The Founder of Urban Futures, **Marshall Linn**, is a Partner with The Bayshore Consulting Group, Inc. He has been with Bayshore since January 2017. Marshall is a United States Air Force veteran. He earned a BA and MPA from the University of Southern California (**USC**).



This is one of our favorite **Mark Ochendusko** photos. Mark is a celebrated photographer. He is a retired City Manager who served in Coronado, Cypress, Campbell, and Interim City Manager in Del Mar. The picture will be shown at the Del Mar Fair Photo Competition. It was taken on a beach in Kauai.



Still More Pieces Picked Up: After working as a Correctional Lieutenant with the El Dorado County Sheriff's Department for nearly 16-years (1983-1999), City of Williams City Manager **Frank Kennedy** became the Executive Director of the Volunteer Center of Sacramento (2000-2013). In May 2014, Frank took a Management Analyst position with the City of Williams. He was appointed Assistant City Administrator in November 2014, and he was elevated to City Administrator in April 2015. Frank earned a BA in management from Saint Mary's College of California. Former City of Orange City Manager (1995-2005) **David Rudat**, a former Fire Chief, has completed many interim assignments since leaving Orange. While with Orange, Dave served as President of the Orange County City Managers Association. His "Interim" positions include Interim Deputy County Executive Officer for Orange County (April 2006-October 2006); Interim City Manager for Los Alamitos (2007-2008); Interim Fire Chief in the City of Stockton (2010-2011); Interim Public Works Director for Modesto (2014-2015); Interim City Manager for the City of Alameda (2018-2019); and Interim Fire Chief for Stockton (2019-2020). Dave is currently the City Manager in the City of Sammamish, Washington where he started as Interim City Manager in February 2020. Retired El Cajon City Manager **Bill Garrett** (1996-2004) who served as the Executive Director of the California City Management Foundation (2005-2013) is a past President of the Governing Board of the Grossmont-Guyamaca Community College District. Bill is currently a member of the Gossmont-Cuyamaca Community College Personnel Commission. It is a part-time position.



Pismo Beach City Manager **Jim Lewis** and his family at the Hotel del Coronado shown during a recent short family vacation. Jim has been the City Manager in Pismo Beach since February 2013. He is a past President of the City Managers' Department of the League of California Cities.

SHORTS: ***Adam Pirrie**, Claremont City Manager, a UCLA alumnus, joined the city staff in 2003 as an Accountant and served as Finance Director from January 2001 until becoming city manager in October 2020. ***Lakeport** City Manager **Kevin Ingram** previously served the city as Community Development Director (2014-2020). ***Justin Hess**, Burbank City Manager, an ICMA Credentialed Manager, is Vice President of the Board of Trustees for the California City Management Foundation (CCMF). ***Darrell Johnson**, who earned a BA from the University of California, Riverside, is the Chief Executive Officer for the Orange County Transportation Authority. *Public Infrastructure and Finance Solutions consultant **Carlos Urrutia** served as the City Manager in Rocklin from August 1984 until his retirement in December 2010. ***Lisa Pope**, who earned a BS in kinesiology and exercise science from the University of Southern California (USC), was the City Clerk and IT Director in the City of Whittier (2017-2019) before becoming the City Clerk for the City of Vernon in October 2019. ***Brad Raulston**, City Manager for National City since May 2019, earned a BA from the University of California, Berkeley and an MPA from San Diego State University. *German citizen, **Hans Uslar**, started working for the City of Monterey in 1997 after coming to the U.S. as a German naval officer, and became the Monterey City Manager in 2018. *Former Cerritos City Council Member **Bruce Barrows**, who was active with the League of California Cities, celebrated a birthday in early April. *San Leandro Recreation & Human Services Manager **Ely Hwang** earned a BA from the University of Asia and the Pacific of the Philippines and has served in Albany as well as San Leandro.