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Retired Assistant City Manager Carol Richardson served the West Sacramento community for 28 years. She's pictured here with the four City Managers she worked with during her tenure with the city that ended in 2015. (L-R) Martin Tuttle, Toby Ross, Joe Goeden, and Gene Roh. It was said that "Carol's fingerprints are on every major project in West Sacramento since its incorporation in 1987." It is said with some authority that Carol made these city managers look good. Amanda Berlin was selected to serve as the next Assistant City Manager.

# City Executives in Tuolumne, Yolo and Yuba Counties

Tuolumne, Yolo and Yuba counties along with Trinity County were reviewed for this issue of the City Manager Newsletter by Trackdown. Trinity County is one of three California counties with no incorporated cities. Alpine and Mariposa Counties are the other two. Trinity is one of the original counties of California. It was incorporated in February 1850. It was named for the Trinity River in 1845 by Major Pierson B. Reading. The county seat is Weaverville. The 2020 population of Trinity County is 16,112. Trent C. Tuthill is the Trinity County Administrative Officer. His employment agreement was effective in April 2023. Trent succeeded CAO Richard Kuhns, who retired in May 2022. Trent is a more than 30 years veteran of the U.S. Air Force.



Tuolumne County's only incorporated city is <u>Sonora</u>. The northern half of Yosemite National Park is in the county. It is one of the original 27 counties in California; organized in 1850. Tuolumne County was incorporated in February 1850. The 2020 estimated population is 55,620. The County Administrator is **Tracie Riggs**.



**Sonora** is the county seat of Tuolumne County. The town was founded during the California Gold Rush by Mexican miners from the Mexican State of Sonora. Once a thriving business

center, when "gold fever" weakened while the value of gold declined, the city's size and population began decreasing. Sonora was incorporated in February 1850. The 2020 population is 11,985. Since July 2022, the Sonora City Administrator is Melissa Eads and Chris Gorsky is the Administrative Services Director. Darlene Gibson is the Finance Assistant and Tracy Skelly is the City Clerk. Mike Lagomarsino is the Sonora Public Works Supervisor. Turu VanderWiel is the Chief of Police, and the Fire Chief is Aimee New.



Melissa Eads started as the Interim Sonora City Administrator in January 2022 following City Administrator Mary Rose Rutikanga when she left for a job with the Peace Corps position in Africa.

Mary Rose had replaced City Administrator **Tim Miller**, who left the job in September 2019 after ten years in the post. The "Interim" was removed for Melissa's position in June 2022. She was awarded a five-year employment agreement on a 5-0 vote. She previously served as City Administrator for the City of <u>Angels Camp</u> starting in January 2018. She worked as the Executive Director of the Calaveras County Council of Governments for six years and with the Tuolumne County Transportation Commission. Melissa earned an MPA from California State University, Stanislaus.



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Yolo County was also one of the original California counties, created in 1850. The four incorporated cities include: <u>Davis</u>, <u>West Sacramento</u>, <u>Winters</u> and <u>Woodland</u>. Yolo County is included in the Greater Sacramento metropolitan area. Pursuant to the 2020 census shows a county population of 216,403. The county seat is the City of <u>Woodland</u>. The Yolo County Chief Administrative Officer is **Gerardo Pinedo**. Gerardo is a former executive with the County of Los Angeles.



<u>Davis</u> has the largest municipal population in Yolo County. It is the site of the University of California, Davis. The city sits on

tribal land. The people were killed and forced from their lands in the 1830 through a combination of mass murders, smallpox and other diseases, along with indigenous slavery. <u>Davis</u> was on the Southern Pacific Railroad line in 1868 when it was named "Davisville" for **Jerome C. Davis**. The post office shortened the name to "<u>Davis</u>" in 1907. The city was incorporated in March 1917. The population in 2020 was 66,850, not including the University's population of more than 9,400. The 2019 student enrollment for 38,369. **Michael Webb** is the City Manager and **Margaret Roberts** is the City Clerk. The <u>Davis</u> Assistant City Manager is **Kelly Stachowicz**, and the Deputy City Clerk is **Ann Waid**.

<u>Davis</u> City Manager **Michael Webb** has served as City Manager since December 2017. From 2013 to 2016, Michael served as the Director of Community Development & Sustainability, and from 2014 to 2017 he concurrently worked as the Assistant City Manager and Public Works and Parks & Community Services Director. Michael has worked for the City of <u>Davis</u> for 24-plus years. He earned a BS in environmental policy analysis and planning from the University of California, Davis and an MPA from the University of Southern California (**USC**).

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Roger A. Storey was appointed <u>Davis</u> City Manager in April 1985 and served in that position until 1990. Roger served in Eureka as the Assistant to the City Manager (1969-1971) and in a similar position in the City of Glendale (1971-1974). In 1974, Roger became the City Manager in the City of Arcata and he left there in July 1981. Roger began his tenure as the Chino City Manager in November 1982. In 1985 he joined the Davis staff. He ended his service in Davis in September 1988, and pursued work in the private sector. He served as the Deputy City Manager in Stockton in 1999. Roger earned a BA from the University of College and an MPA from Harvard University. Roger passed away in 2013 at the age of 72. He was born in December 1940.

John A. Meyer served as the City Manager in the City of <u>Davis</u> from 1990 to 2000 when he left for a Vice Chancellor position with the University of California, Davis. He served in the executive leadership of the university until he retired in June 2014. John earned a BA in sociology from the University of California, Davis and an MPA from the University of Southern California (USC).

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West Sacramento was originally settled by Flemish traveler **John Schwartz** in 1844. He and his brother started a salmon fishery along the Sacramento River.

With the California Gold Rush in 1848, miners and prospectors and gold-seekers flooded the region. West Sacramento is on the west side of the Sacramento River across from Sacramento. West Sacramento was incorporated in January 1987. The 2019 estimated population is 53,519. The City Manager is Aaron Laurel and the Assistant City Manager is Amanda Berlin. Jennifer Cusmir is the City Clerk. Joseph M. Goeden served as the West Sacramento City Manager from May 1989 to June 2002.



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Manager in <u>El Monte</u> and <u>Huntington Park</u>. Raul
served as city manager in <u>Coachella</u>, <u>South El Monte</u>
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West Sacramento City Manager Aaron Laurel began his public service as a Redevelopment Specialist in the City of Woodland starting in October 2002. Aaron became a Senior Program Manager in West Sacramento in February 2005. He was promoted to Economic Development & Housing Director in February 2013. He was selected to serve as the City Manager and Port CEO in July 2018. Aaron earned a BA from the University of California, Berkeley and a Master's in urban planning from San Jose State University. Aaron is a past Chair of the California Association for Local Economic Development (CALED).

Amanda Berlin is the Assistant City Manager for West Sacramento. She is an attorney and worked with law firms from February 2004 until she accepted the Assistant City Manager assignment in October 2015. Amanda earned a BS in environmental engineering from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo and a JD from the Santa Clara University School of Law.

Joe Goeden began his public service career in June 1972 as an Administrative Aide in the City of Montebello. Joe worked his way up in the City of Montebello organization from Assistant to the City Administrator (May 1973- October 1977), to Assistant City Administrator (1977-1980), and City Administrator from May 1980 to April 1989. Joe left Montebello after nearly 17-years with the city, to accept appointment as City Manager for the City of West Sacramento starting in May 1989. Joe retired in June 2002, and has continued working as a management consultant and as an ICMA and League of California Cities Range Rider starting in 2004. Joe earned a BA in political science with a concentration in public administration from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. Joe currently serves as Board Chair for the West Sacramento Housing Development Corporation.



Winters is located on Putah Creek near the foothills of TERS the Vaca Mountains. The Wolfskill brother of Kentucky

received a Mexican land grant in 1842 and proceeded to plant orchards and vineyards. The post office was established in 1875 and Winters incorporated in February 1898. The name is for **Theodore Winters**, whose ranch provided half of the town's land. The 2019 estimated population is 7,315. **Kathleen Salguero Trepa** is the City Manager.



City of Winters City Manager since November 2020 is **Kathleen Salguero Trepa.** She worked for nearly 11-years in the City of <u>San Marcos</u> from Analyst to Senior Analyst starting in November 1989. In 2003-2006

she worked in the private sector in Connecticut. Kathleen returned to <u>San Marcos</u> as Public Works Manager in July 2006. In 2012 she joined the <u>Claremont</u> city staff as Director of Community Services. In June 2015 Kathleen became the Deputy City Manager in <u>Goleta</u> and became the Assistant City Manager in the City of <u>Concord</u> in March 2017. She worked in Concord until she was selected to serve as the Winters City Manager. Kathleen earned a BA in history from Boston University, graduating magna cum laude.

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Woodland is the county seat of Yolo County. In 1851 Yolo County was formed and "Uncle Johnny" Morris settled in Woodland. Two years later Henry Wyckoff built a store named "Yolo City." In 1857 Frank Freeman bout the store and enough acreage to develop a town. The Woodland post office was established in 1861 and the city was incorporated in 1871. The 2020 population of Woodland is set at 61,032. **Ken Hiatt** is the City Manager and Ana Gonzalez is the City Clerk. The Director of Administrative Services is Kimberly McKinney, and Evis Morales is the Finance Officer. **Sheila McShane** is the Human Resources Manager, and Christine Engel is the Community Services Director. The Chief of Police is **Derrek Kaff** and the Woodland Fire Chief is **Eric Zane**. **Brent Mever** is the Community Development Director and City Engineer.





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Woodland City Manager **Ken Hiatt**, a Yolo County native,
worked 20-years of the City of
<u>Davis</u> and served as the

Community Development Director for <u>Davis</u> starting in 2010. Ken took the <u>Woodland</u> Community Development Director position in May 2013. He added the Assistant City Manager responsibilities in September 2016 and he was appointed <u>Woodland</u> City Manager in August 2020; first as "interim" in March. Ken earned a BA from the University of California, Davis. He has been an ICMA member since 2020.

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Marysville is the county seat of Yuba County. **Jedediah Smith** and trappers from the Hudson Bay Company arrived in the Marysville area in 1828. In 1842,

John Sutter leased land to Theodore Cordua from Mecklenburg, German. He raised livestock and built a home and trading post he named "New Mecklenburg" in 1843. A post office was opened in 1851, the same year Marysville was incorporated in February. The Gold Rush provided an economic engine for the area. More that \$10 million in gold was shipped from Marysville banks to the U.S. Mint in San Francisco. The 2019 estimated population is 12,476. Jim Schaad is the Marysville City Manager and Nicole Moe is the City Clerk. The Chief of Police is Christian Sachs. Dan Flores is the Community Development Director, and the Marysville Finance Director is Jennifer Styczynski.



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Jim Schaad is the City Manager for the City of Marysville. In June 2013, Jim became the Assistant Transportation Director for the City of Fresno. He was promoted to Director of Transportation in September 2017 and in August 2018, Jim was appointed to the

<u>Fresno</u> Assistant City Manager position. He left <u>Fresno</u> in March 2021 to accept the <u>Marysville</u> City Manager post. Jim earned a BS in industrial technology from California State University, Fresno and an MBA from Portland State University.



Wheatland is on the old Rancho Johnson Mexican land grant. A post office opened in 1866 and Wheatland was incorporated in April 1874. In the 1860s, Wheatland

was home to a large Chinese American community. The Chinese American residents were drive from the town in a series of violent confrontations in February 1886. In 1888 Edward Duplex was elected Mayor, the first black man to become Mayor of a Western United State city. His original barbershop still stands. The 2019 estimated population is 3,873. **Jim Goodwin** is the City Manager but has announced his resignation in March 2023. **Lisa J. Thomas** is the City Clerk. Former City Manager **Steve Wright** worked with the city for nearly 10 years after starting as an Interim City Manager. He announced his retirement in 2015.

City Manager **Jim Goodwin** worked a dozen years (1996-2008) as the President and CEO of the <u>Chico</u> Chamber of Commerce. In September 2008 Jim became the City Manager for the City of <u>Live Oak</u>. He worked there until joining <u>Wheatland</u> in May 2018. Jim earned a BA from California State University, Chico.



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Picking Up the Pieces: Pismo Beach
City Manager Jim Lewis is resigning
to accept the City Manager position
in the City of Atascadero. After 10
years as the Pismo Beach City
Manager, Jim is returning to
Atascadero where he served 8 years
as Assistant City Manager with then-

City Manager Wade McKinney. Earlier this year Atascadero Manager Rachelle City announced her retirement. Jim and his family have lived in Atascadero for 20 years. It is anticipated that the transition will take place in July. Jim is a past President of the City Managers' Department of the League of California Cities and a Board Member of the California City Management Foundation (CCMF). He earned a BS from the University of Southern California (USC) and an MPA from the Maxwell School at Syracuse University. "Home Rule" takes a hit as California Attorney General Rob Bonta and Governor Gavin Newsom sue the City of Elk Grove regarding a local housing project proposal. Jason Behrmann is the Elk Grove City Manager. He has worked for the city since 2015. Ventura's Interim City Manager Akbar Alikhan, 35, is the new Deputy City Manager for the City of Thousand Oaks. Akbar joined the Ventura city staff in 2019. He served as Assistant City Manager and has been the Interim City Manager since City Manager Alex McIntyre left office. In his new post with Thousand Oaks, Akbar will work with City Manager Drew Powers and Assistant City Manager Ingrid Hardy. Akbar earned a BA and MPA from Cornell University. Loomis Town Manager Sean Rabé is the new City Manager for the City of Auburn. Sean worked as the Loomis Town Manager since 2017. Sean worked as Editor and General Manager of the Amador Ledger Dispatch from November 2001 to December 2006 when he was hired as an Assistant Planner for the Amador County Transportation Commission. He became the Sutter Creek Assistant City Manager in March 2008, and then City Manager in May 2010. Sean left Sutter Creek in January 2014 to serve as the Town of Colma City Manager. Sean started as the Loomis Town Manager in July 2017. He earned a BA from California State University, Sacramento and an MPP from California State University, Northridge. City Manager Brad Raulston of National City resigned. His last day on the job was May 31. He reportedly is helping to relocate his elderly mother from Seattle to a senior facility in Boise. Armando Vergara is serving as Interim City Manager for National City. Before his city manager assignment, Brad worked as the city's Director of Community Development and as Deputy City Manager. Brad earned a BA from the University of California, Berkeley and an MPA from San Diego State University.



More Pieces Picked Up: Costa Mesa City Manager Lori Ann Farrell Harrison promoted Assistant to the City Manager Alma L. Reyes, a resident of Norwalk, to Deputy City Manager. In 2019 Alma served as a senior management analyst in the City Manager's Office under then-acting City Manager Tammy Letourneau.

Alma was born in Compton and raised in Hawaiian Gardens. Alma worked as an Administrative Analyst for the City of Hawaiian Gardens from March 2001 to January 2011 before she joined the Costa Mesa city staff. She earned a BA in criminal justice and public administration and an MPA from California State University, Long Beach. Alma is fluent in Spanish and English. California City's Off Highway Vehicle Manager Inae Elmes is the new Interim City Manager taking over for Interim City Manager Jim Hart. Jim joined the city last September and must discontinue his service to the city due to the Cal PERS rules. Inge has not given up the OHV position but adds the Interim City Manager position responsibilities to her plate. Inge is the fourth City Manager in California City since July 2021. Amanda Lee is the new Assistant City Manager for the City of La Mesa. After working in the private sector in San Diego (1999-2011) and as a Senior Business Taxes Representative for the California State Board of Equalization, Amanda went to work with the City of Vista as an Assistant City Clerk in November 2013. In October 2015 she took a Management Analyst job with Vista; Housing Programs Manager (January 2017-January 2020); Assistant to the City Manager (January 2020-May 2021); and Vista Assistant City Manager (May 2021-2023). Amanda earned a BA and MPA from San Diego State University. Pacific Grove City Manager Ben Harvey was an announcement speaker for the Institute for Local Government (ILG) April 27 Webinar program on "Budget Season: How Local Governments Can Build and Maintain Fiscal Health." **HdL Companies** executives Bobby Young, Barry Foster and Eric Myers were also on the program. The HdL Companies sponsored this ILG educational session. ILG promotes good government at the local level. Salinas Director of Community Development Megan Hunter is the new City Manager in the City of Soledad. Retired city manager J. Edward Tewes acted as Interim City Manager following the departure of City Manager Brent Slama in December 2022. Megan joined the Salinas staff as Director of Community Development in September 2015. In addition to city manager, Megan will serve as the Housing Authority Director and Director of the Successor Agency. She is to start her new position on May 15. Soledad is about to grow as it has an annexation action pending with Monterey County LAFCO.



A Peregrine Falcon picture taken by retired <a href="Coronado">Coronado</a> City Manager **Mark Ochenduszko**. The picture was taken at Torrey Pines State Beach. Falcons are the fastest animals in the world and hard to capture in pictures. Mark "did good."

**Cristine (Reid) Alilovich** is reported to be the next San Rafael City Manager. Cristine has served as the City of San Rafael's Assistant City Manager since 2015. She is replacing retiring City Manager Jim Schutz. Cristine worked as the IT Special Projects Manager for the County of Sonoma (September 2009-December 2010) and as Assistant Director of Finance for the County of Marin (January 2011-August 2015). Cristine earned a BA in psychology from Rutgers University and an MPA from the University of Southern California (USC). Catie Thow de Garcia, 28, has been hired as the new Sausalito Resiliency and Sustainability Manager. Catie is an environmental scientist. She is from Newport, Rhode Island and studied at Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, Florida, where she earned a BS in environmental studies with an emphasis in coastal management. Catie worked in Colorado for a private consulting group and with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services in Kodiak, Alaska. She accepted a National Science Foundation position to work with the San Francisco State University's estuary and ocean science center in Tiburon. Catie earned a Masters' degree in interdisciplinary marine and estuarine science from San Francisco State University.



Pictured is a date farm grove in Indio.



Still More Pieces Picked Up: City Manager Shawnna Maltbie of Daly City was replaced in August 2022 by Interim City Manager Thomas Piccollotti. While she was on leave, Shawnna announced her retirement on June 3, 2022. Shawnna was named Daly City's city

manager in 2019. She joined the city staff in 2005 as Assistant Director of Human Resources and was promoted in 2007 to be the Director of Human Resources. Her husband Jeff Maltbie is the City Manager in San Carlos. Shawnna earned a BA in public administration from the University of San Francisco and an MPA from San Francisco State University. After serving as City Manager in Rolling Hills Estates (1958-1962), Pleasant Hill (1962-1970), Martinez (1973-1978), San Luis Obispo (1978-1981), Leland M. Walton was appointed City Manager in Antioch in August 1981. Leland earned a BA from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). David M. Guhin, the Executive Director of Government Operations for the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria, has been selected to serve as the City Manager for the City of Sonoma, as an offer is made in April 2023. David took the Executive Director position in September 2020. He worked as an Associate Civil Engineer for the City of Santa Rosa utilities from March 2002 to March 2004. He worked as a private sector Project Engineer in the Washington D. C. Metro Area for about two years and then rejoined the City of Santa Rosa as a Supervising Engineer. David advanced in the organization to Director of Santa Rosa Water (201202016), Assistant City Manager and Director of Planning and Economic Development (2016-2018), and he became the full-time Assistant City Manager in July 2018 (2018-2020). David earned a BS in civil engineering from South Dakota Mines and a Mast of organization development from Sonoma State University.

# **Letters and Notes From our Readers:**

Enjoyed the picture of **Frank Tripepi** and his Mom. Good to read history of our former peers. Floating to England; home in a few days.

---Bob Dickey

Thanks for the mention in the newsletter (Special April 2023 issue).

--- Dr. Carlos A. Urrutia, DPA

Enjoyed reading the April editions of Trackdown! ---Jill Frechette



Jason Gonsalves of the Joe A. Gonsalves & Son firm in <u>Sacramento</u> and his daughter Taylor Gonsalves.

SHORTS: \*City of Sausalito City Manager Chris Zapata served as the City Manager for the City of Anaheim from August 2018 until April 2020. \*Paul Novak is the Executive Officer of the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) for the County of Los Angeles (January 2011- Present), and he previously served as a Senior Deputy to Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich (April 2003-December 2010). \*During a recent count of homeless people, Long Beach, where **Tom Modica** is City Manager, reports the smallest increase in homelessness since 2019; 4.6%. \*Retired City Manager Brad Kilger requested that Kevin O'Rourke help look for a part-time Interim City Manager for the Town of Etna in Northern California. \*It was announced by ICMA CEO/Executive Director Marc Ott that former Santa Clara City Manager Deanna J. Santana (October 2017-April 2022) is the Acting CEO & President for MissionSquare Retirement following the departure of Lynne Ford. \*Monrovia Assistant City Manager Lauren Vasquez 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. \*Ingrid Hardy, Assistant City Manager for the City of Thousand Oaks, started her public service career in Los Angeles before joining the Santa Clarita staff (2005-2016) and the city of Oxnard (2016-2018), prior to joining Thousand Oaks. \*Former Los Angeles Mayor, Richard Riordan has passed away at the age of 92. \*Coronado Assistant City Manager **Tony Winnery** served as Assistant to the City Manager in Vista (2014-2020) and Assistant City Manager in National City (2020-2022) prior to joining the Coronado city staff in July 2022. \*Amazon San Bernardino Area Manager Shawnna Romacly worked as an Intern in Assembly Member Allen Travis of the 72<sup>nd</sup> District in Huntington Beach (2016-2017). \*California's prison population is flooded with cellphones, even though it is illegal for inmates to have them. \*San Francisco Giants pitcher Logan Webb was born in the City of Rocklin in 1996 during Dr. Carlos A. Urrutia's (1984-2010) Rocklin City Manager tenure. \*Gary Halbert retired after serving as the City Manager for the City of Chula Vista between July 2014 and June 2020.\*\*\*