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Atascadero City Manager **Jim Lewis** and his family at a recent visit to the Yosemite Valley. In addition to his city manager duties and responsibilities, Jim serves as the Boy Scouts of America, Cuesta District Chair for the Los Padres Area Council, which includes San Luis Obispo County. Jim has long been involved with Scouting.

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Cities included in this Issue of the City Manager Newsletter by Trackdown are cities listed as an alphabetical continuation of the February issue: Atascadero, Atherton, Atwater, Auburn, Avalon, Avenal, and Azusca. The seven city/town managers of these cities include **Jim Lewis**; **George Rodericks**; **Greg Thompson**; **Sean Rabé**; **David Maistros**; **Anthony V. Lopez**; and **Sergio Gonzalez**. These cities are included in six different counties, including the counties of San Luis Obispo, San Mateo, Merced, Placer, Los Angeles and Kings.

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Atascadero is a San Luis Obispo County city that was founded in 1913 by **Edward Gardner Lewis**. The land was surveyed and subdivided with sale of all land restricted to only whites.

Orchards were planted and irrigation systems installed. The city was not incorporated until July 1979 and has become known for the rotunda Building which currently serves as the city hall.

James R. "Jim" Lewis serves as City Manager of Atascadero. Prior to returning on July 1, 2023, to his hometown of Atascadero to serve as City Manager, Jim worked a little more than 10 years as the Pismo Beach, City Manager (2013-2023). Prior to Pismo Beach, Jim was the Assistant City Manager and President of the Office of Economic Development in his first role with the City of Atascadero (2004-2013) working with City Manager **Wade McKinney**. Jim served as the Assistant to the City Manager in the City of Claremont, where he worked for City Manager **Glenn Southard**. He joined the Claremont city staff in 1998 after serving as an Administrative Intern with the City of Auburn. He also served with City Manager **LeRoy J. Jackson** in the City of Torrance. Jim served as President of the League of California Cities City Manager's Department in 2018 and currently serves on the Cal Cities Board of Directors. He also serves on the California City Management Foundation (CCMF) Board of Trustees and is a past-President of the Municipal Management Association of Southern California (MMASC) in 2001. Jim is an ICMA credentialed manager (ICMA-CM). He graduated with honors and received a BS in Public Policy and Management from the University of Southern California (**USC**) and an MPA from Syracuse University. Jim is active in the Kiwanis Club of Atascadero, Atascadero Bible Church and is the founder of Pivot Charter Schools. He is married with two children. Jim serves as the Boy Scouts of America, Cuesta District Chair for the Los Padres Area Council, which includes San Luis Obispo County.



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Jeri Rangel became the Administrative Services Director in 2013 when **Rachelle Rickard** stepped up to the City Manager position. Rachelle became City Manager in July 2013 when City Manager **Wade McKinney** took the city manager position in the City of Indian Wells. Wade served as the Atascadero City Manager from August 1997 until June 2013. He began his public service career in 1979 as an Assistant Planner for the City of La Puente. In July 1980, Wade became the Director of Planning for the City of Taft. He added Assistant City Manager to his Taft duties in April 1984. Wade served as City Manager in Shafter (1986-1997) before Atascadero (1997-2013) and in Indian Wells until his retirement in April 2019. Wade served as a member of the Board of Cal-ICMA and was a longtime President of the California City Management Foundation (CCMF). Wade is an ICMA Credentialed Manager and received a 40-year ICMA Service Award in 2019.

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Atherton is a San Mateo County community that was known as "Fair Oaks" during the 1860s. The town was renamed for **Faxon Dean Atherton**, a former 19th century landowner on the south

San Francisco Bay peninsula. Atherton is known for the wealth of its residents. In 1990 and 2019, Atherton was ranked as having the highest per capita income of any place in the United States for cities with populations between 2,500 and 9,999. The NBA Golden State Warriors star **Stephen Curry** lives in Atherton. The median home price in Atherton is \$10,100,000. **George Rodericks** is the City Manager and **Anthony Suber** is the City Clerk and Deputy City Manager. **Robert Barron III** is the Finance Director. **Steven McCulley** is the Chief of Police.



Atherton City Manager **George Rodericks** served in the Army National Guard in Oklahoma (1987-1988) and as an officer in the Army Reserve in California (1988-1997). He began his city government career as an Intern

for the City of La Mirada in 1991 and he took a Code Enforcement Officer position with Rancho Palos Verdes in January 1988. George worked as a Management Assistant in La Habra Heights starting in March 1995 and then rejoined the La Mirada city staff as Assistant to the City Manager in October 1995. George was appointed City Manager in the Orange County city of Villa Park starting in December 2001. In 2005 George moved to Northern California to take the City Manager position in the City of Belvedere. He was hired to serve as the Town Manager in Atherton in October 2012. George earned an MPA from California State University, Long Beach. In 2023, George received a 30-year ICMA Service Award.



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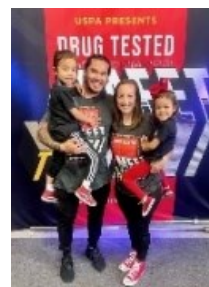
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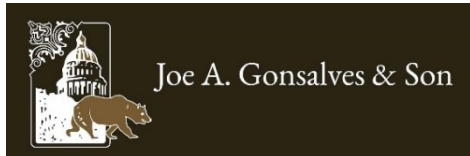
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Atwater is home to the Castle Air Museum. The Castle Air Force Base is the former World War II Merced Army Airfield. Merced County city served as a location of a railroad station starting in the 1870s. The first community post office was opened in 1880. The city took the name of **Marshall D. Atwater** who was a local wheat farmer whose land was used for the local railroad station. Atwater was incorporated in August 1922, and has a 2020 population of 31,970. City Manager **Lori Waterman** resigned her position in February 2024 and Deputy City Manager **Greg Thompson** is Interim City Manager.



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Lori Waterman became the Atwater City Manager in January 2018, first in an interim capacity. She joined the city staff 12 years earlier and among her various positions was Grants Manager. Lori resigned her position as city manager in February 2024. **Jeanna Del Real** is a Deputy City Manager and Human Resources Director and has worked for the city since May 1988. Following Lori's resignation, Community Development Director and Deputy City Manager **Greg Thompson**, was appointed Interim City Manager. **Lucy Armstrong** is the Atwater City Clerk and **Kellie Jacobs-Hunter** is the Finance Director. **Michael Salvador** is the Police Chief.



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Auburn City Manager **Sean Rabé** worked as the Editor and General Manager of the Amador Ledger Dispatch between November 2001 and December 2006. He then joined the Amador County Transportation Commission as an Assistant Planner.

In March 2008 Sean became the Assistant City Manager for the City of Sutter Creek. Sean was tapped for the City Manager position in May 2010. He moved to the City Manager job in the Town of Colma in January 2014. Sean moved to the Town Manager position in the Town of Loomis in July 2017, and he joined the Auburn city staff as city manager in June 2023. Sean earned a BA in government from California State University, Sacramento and an MPP (public policy) from California State University, Northridge. In 2018, Sean received a 10-year ICMA Service Award.



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bought a controlling interest in the Santa Catalina Island Company in 1919. He tried many ways to impact the growth of the island city; even having his major league baseball Chicago Cubs use the island for the team's spring training from 1921 to 1951, except for the war years(1942-1945). Avalon was incorporated as a city in June 1913. Its 2020 population is 3,460. **David Maistros** is the city manager and **Jocelyn Francis** is the Assistant City Manager. **Matthew Baker** is the Finance Director and **David Hart** is the Community Services Manager. The Public Works Director is **Bob Greenlaw**.

Avalon City Manager **David Maistros** began his local government career working in Ohio in Newburgh Heights, Streetsboro, Hudson and Twinsburg. He came to Avalon as City Manager in January 2022. David earned a BA from Bowling Green State University and a JD from Cleveland State University. David succeeded City Manager **Denise Radde**, who retired. Denise was hired as Interim first in 2016 after **Benjamin "Ben" J. Harvey**, the currently Ojai city manager, left after serving as the Avalon City Manager from September 2013 to November 2015. **David Jinkens** was city manager in 1982-1983 and again in 2016-2017.

Avalon Assistant City Manager **Jocelyn Francis** came to the city after working positions in the cities of Santa Ana, Seaside, Monterey and Pacific Grove. She joined the Avalon city staff in March 2023. Jocelyn earned a BA from San Diego State University and an MPA from California State University, Fullerton. She finished the California Commission on P.O.S.T. Command College program.



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Avenal is a city located in Kings County. The city was named by Spanish soldiers. The area was covered with wild oats. Avena means oats and "avenal" means oat field. The discovery of oil in 1927 turned Avenal into a boomtown. Standard Oil Company brought housing, water lines and later a sewer plant for the oil workers. Avenal is also known as the pistachio capital of California. Although today Avenal and its economy are largely dependent on the Avenal State Prison and agriculture, the city was once a booming oil town. Avenal was incorporated in September 1979. **Antony V. Lopez** is the City Manager and **Maria "Angie" Ortiz** is the City Clerk. **Griselda Price** is the Director of Administrative Services and **Rob Williams** is the Director of Public Works/Code Enforcement and Animal Services. **Cecilio Velasco** is the Avenal Chief of Police. **Sheila Verdugo** is the Community Activities Supervisor.



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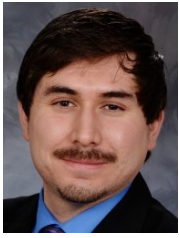
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Avenal City Manager **Antony V. Lopez** began his working career in the private sector in the Washington D. C. Metro Area. In 2010. He joined the Avenal city staff as an Associate Planner in March 2017. Antony began his city manager tenure in October 2020. He earned a BA in women's and gender studies from Georgetown University and an MPA from the Sol Price School of Public Policy at the University of Southern California (**USC**). He is a former Avenal High School Valedictorian.

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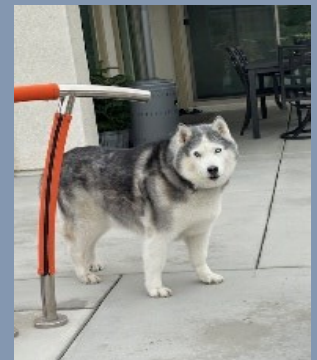


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Former NFL star **Billy Kilmer** played baseball, football and basketball at Citrus Union High School in Azusa. He was a **UCLA** athlete during his college years.



Azusa City Manager **Sergio Gonzalez** began his tenure in April 2018 after he had served as the Hermosa Beach City Manager from May 2017 until April 2018. Sergio started his public service career in South Pasadena in 2003 as a Community Services Supervisor. From December 2008 to November 2011, he served as the South Pasadena Assistant City Manager, and then as City Manager from 2011-2017. Sergio earned a BS and MS from California State University, Los Angeles.



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Picking Up the Pieces: City Manager **Aaron Palmer** has agreed to a separation agreement with the City of Live Oak. Aaron came to Live Oak as Interim City Manager in April 2019, following Interim City Manager **Joe Aguilar**. Aaron began his public service career in October 1999 as an Administrative Analyst for the City of San Bernardino. He took a Senior Management Analyst post in San Carlos in March 2001. Aaron went to

the City of Big Bear Lake as Senior Administrative Analyst in March 2002. In October 2006 he became the Assistant City Manager in Patterson, and in June 2007 he started his tenure as Deputy City Manager in Adelanto. In March 2013, Aaron started as City Administrator in Highland City, Utah. From February 2016 to March 2019, Aaron served as the City Manager for the City of Canyon Lake. He earned a BS from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona and an MA in organizational management from the University of Phoenix. San Luis Obispo City Manager **Derek Johnson** is the new Chief Executive Officer for the County of Marin. Derek served the City of San Luis Obispo for 12 years starting his city manager service in September 2017. He joined the city staff in November 2011 as the Community Development Director. He worked as the Community Development Director for the City of Capitola from July 2010 to November 2011. Prior to working for the County of Santa Barbara (January 2006-October 2010), Derek served as the General Manager for the Isla Vista Recreation and Parks District. He earned a BA from the University of California, Santa Barbara. **Siew-Ching Yeong**, Oakland Assistant Director of Public Works, is the new City of Pleasanton Director of Public Works. She is replacing Interim Director **Norm Dorais**. Siew-Ching joined the Oakland staff in September 2022 after working for the Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART) for 10 months (2021-2022). She worked for the City and County of San Francisco and the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) in various positions between 2012 and 2022. She earned a BS in construction engineering and MS in civil engineering from Iowa State University. **Sylvester Fadal**, who has worked as the Director of Personnel Services for the County of Sacramento since 2021, has been appointed Deputy County Executive for Administrative Services starting March 3. He has served as the Interim Director of General Services since October 2023. He is a former Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) for the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA). He taught as a Professor of Graduate Business for the University of Phoenix between November 1998 and December 2016. He earned a BA from Patten University and a master's in organizational change from California State University, East Bay. He also earned a DBA from Argosy University. Moorpark's Community Development Director, **Carlene Saxton** is the new Assistant City Manager for the City of Ventura.



Part of the wind farm electricity generators in the Coachella Valley

Carlene joined the Moorpark city staff in September 2021. She previously worked in the City of Palmdale. Carlene started in the Palmdale Planning Department as a Senior Planner in August 2016 after working for a private sector firm starting in March 2011. She earned a BA from Valparaiso University and an MS in development and planning from the University College London (UCL). Carlene is the President of Women Leading Government. City of Galt City Manager **Lorenzo Hines Jr.** resigned with his final day being February 2. He came to work as the Galt City Manager at the end of August 2020. Prior to joining the Galt city staff he served as the Assistant City Manager for the City of Pacifica (November 2014-August 2020). Lorenzo worked as the Finance Director for the City of Lynwood between 2011 and 2014. He earned a BS in accounting from the University of North Carolina, Greensboro, and an MBA from the University of Washington. Lorenzo is an ICMA Credentialed Manager and a Washington State Certified Public Accountant. Galt's Community Development Director **Chris Erias** is the new Interim City Manager. City of Bell City Manager **Michael L. Antwine II** previously worked as the Assistant City Manager for the City of Compton (October 2019-April 2022). Michael worked in Gardena from December 2001 until he left in 2007 as the Assistant to the City Manager. In 2007 he joined the Azusa city staff as a Senior Management Analyst, and he became the Deputy Director of Redevelopment for Compton in October 2008. In May 2015, Michael joined the La Habra city staff as Economic Development & Housing Manager. In 2016-2017 he worked as a Deputy Director for the Los Angeles Unified School District, and he was appointed Assistant City Manager in Novato in September 2017 before rejoining Compton in 2019, this time as Assistant City Manager. He was hired to serve as the City Manager for the City of Bell in April 2022, following Police Chief **Carlos Islas'** service as Interim City Manager after veteran City Manager **Paul Philips** left the post. Michael earned a BA and MPA from California State University, Dominguez Hills.



More Pieces Picked Up: Lauren Lai is the new Director of Administrative Services and Chief Financial Officer for the City of Palo Alto effective March 11. Lauren has served as the Finance Director for the City of

Milpitas. After working in auditor and finance positions in the private sector starting in 1996, Lauren served as the Finance Director for the City of Capitola from December 2004 until January 2009 when she became the Finance Director for the City of Marina. In August 2018 Lauren became the Finance Director in Monterey and in March 2021 she took the same post in Milpitas. She earned a BS from San Jose State University and an MPA from the University of Missouri, Columbia. Rachel Dimond is the City of Ventura Community Development Director effective February 2024. She served as Interim Director from November 2023 until she was named Director. Rachel started her public service career in May 2005 as a Planner for the Town of Vail, Colorado. She joined the Santa Monica city staff as Associate Planner in April 2013, and took a Senior Planner position with the City of West Hollywood in May 2015. In June 2022, Rachel became the Assistant City Manager for the City of Compton before joining Ventura in May 2023. Rachel earned a BA from The George Washington University and a Master's in urban planning from New York University. Former Lynwood City Manager Jose Ometeotl currently works as a Managing Director for Classic Lake, LLC. Classic Lake is a community and economic development, investment, and advisory firm. Jose worked for Willdan from June 2012 to May 2017, before he joined the City of Lynwood staff as Finance Director. He was appointed city manager starting in May 2018. In addition to working in the private sector, Jose was an Economic Development Consultant for the City of Huntington Beach in 2006-2008. He earned a BS from Cornell University and a Master's of planning and local economic development from the University of Southern California (USC).



Archive picture of the late **Frank G. Tripepi**, a "Proof of Life" founder **Greg Korduner** and **Raul Romero**; all former city managers



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Mission Viejo City Manager **Dennis Wilberg** is the recipient of the 2024 Wes McClure Award for his dedication to mentoring others. Dennis is the longest-tenures city manager among Orange County cities. He was the recipient of the 2019 City Manager of the Year Award presented by the Association of California Cities, Orange County. Dennis joined the City of Mission Viejo city staff in 1989. He worked as the Public Works Director and Assistant City Manager prior to being selected to serve as City Manager in October 2003 following the tenure of Mission Viejo City Manager **Dan Joseph**. Dennis earned a BS from California Polytechnic University, Pomona.

Arcata instituted the Council / Manager form of government in 1958:

James L. Kay

April 17, 1958 - February 1, 1962

Phillip Brown

April 16, 1962 - July 31, 1965

George Wood

August 1965 - April 3, 1974

Roger Storey

April 15, 1974 - July 1, 1981

Rory Robinson

December 1, 1981 - February 17, 1988

Alice Harris

March 2, 1988 - September 30, 1997

Keith Breskin

October 1, 1997 - June 30, 2000

Daniel E. Hauser

October 1, 2000 - April 30, 2006

Michael Hackett

May 15, 2006 - May 25, 2009

Randal J. Mendosa

May 25, 2009 - July 7, 2014

Karen Diemer

December 1, 2014 to present



Still More Pieces Picked Up: Watsonville Assistant City Manager **Tamara Vides** is the recipient of the 2024 John H. Nail Memorial Award. She joined the Watsonville city staff team about 25-years ago. She served as Interim City Manager starting in 2021 when former City Manager **Matt Huffaker** left to take the Santa Cruz

city manager position. Tamara became Deputy City Manager in 2018 and then elevated to Assistant City Manager in October 2020. Tamara is fluent in Spanish and English. Tamara earned an MA in recreation administration from San Jose State University. **SHORTS:** *Former Fernley, Nevada City Manager, **Patrick Marsh** is the sixth city manager in a little more than a year for the City of California City. *Former Oroville City Administrator (2010-2012) and former City Manager for Compton (2012-2014) and Grand Terrace (2015-2021), **G. Harold Duffey** has worked as the Oakland Director of Public Works since July 2021. *Former Moorpark Community Development Director **Karen Vaughn** retired in 2021 at the age of 50 to move to Florida to be close to family. ***Maggie Ochoa**, who worked for the Lemoore police department for 25-years was appointed Chief of Police for the City of Corcoran starting in February 2024. ***Bryan Whitemyer** has served as the Oakdale City Manager since February 2013 after he served as the City Manager for the City of Hughson (2010-2013). ***Susan Cline** is the Santa Monica Assistant City Manager; and the City of Santa Monica's city staffing salary levels sets the Assistant City Manager salary at \$348,938 annually for Step 5. ***Jocelyn Torres**, Management Analyst for the City of Monrovia, previously worked as an Administrative Assistant for the City of San Marino. *Former San Marino City Manager **Marcella Marlowe** is the Interim City Manager for the City of Hidden Hills. ***James R. "Jim" Lewis**, Atascadero City Manager since July 2023, earned an MPA from the Maxwell School at Syracuse University and a BS in public policy and management from the University of Southern California (USC). *In Vista, California, former Community Development Director **John Conley** is the City Manager successor to former City Manager **Patrick Johnson**. ***Weed** City Manager **Tim Rundel** previously served as City Manager in Claremore, Oklahoma (2010), Auburn (2014-2016), and Durant, Oklahoma (2016-2019) becoming the Weed City Manager in March 2020. ***Dominic H. Choi** was appointed by the Los Angeles Board of Police Commissioners as the new Interim Chief of Police for the Los Angeles Police Department. *After working as Community Development Director in Rosemead for more than 11 years starting in June 2007, and Lynwood (2018-2021), **Michelle Ramirez** was appointed Community Development Director for the City of Torrance in September 2021. *La Verne community Development Director Eric Scherer has served the City of La Verne for more than 25-years.



Anthony Gonsalves of Joe A. Gonsalves & Son

***Lauren Vasquez**, Monrovia Assistant City Manager, is the recipient of the Award for the Advancement of Diverse Communities presented by the City Managers' Department of the League of California Cities. *The California Joint Powers Insurance Authority (CJPIA) has named **Alex Mellor** as its new Risk Services Director. ***Alison King** is the new Long Beach Director of Health and Human Services. ***Andrea E. Russell** is the new Human Resources and Risk Management Director for the City of San Bernardino.



The picture on the left is **Nadean and Bob Dickey** in Banjul, the capital of The Gambia in Africa.



Evelyn Gonsalves, Sharon Olivito and **Susan Simpson** enjoying an evening together in Indian Wells.

The amazing drink on the upper right was posted by **Michael Touhey** and **Angela Thomas**. It's at the Dal Rae in Pico Rivera.