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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 March issue: Bakersfield, Baldwin Park, Banning, Barstow, Beaumont, and Bell Gardens. The six city managers of these cities include **Christian Clegg**; **Enrique C. Zaldivar**; **Doug Schulze**; **Andrew Espinoza, Jr.**; **Elizabeth Gibbs**; and **Michael L. Antwine II**. These cities are included in the counties of Kern, Los Angeles, Riverside, and San Bernardino.

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Bakersfield, once a tule reed marshland, was once known as *Kern Island* to the few pioneer explorers who ventured into the area. In 1851, gold was discovered along the Kern River by some of the many prospectors who came to California looking for riches during the California Gold Rush starting in 1848. A devastating flood swept away most of the original settlement founded in 1860. **Thomas Baker**, who came to the area for gold built a home on the banks of the Kern River in 1863, at what became known as Baker's Field. By 1870 the community became known as Bakersfield. The city was incorporated in January 1898. It is the county seat of Kern County. The 2020 population of Bakersfield is 403,455. It is the 9th most populace city in California. **Christian Clegg** is the City Manager and **Julie Drimakis** is the City Clerk. **Randy McKeegan** is the Finance Director and **Christi Tenter** is the Human Resources Director. **Virginia "Ginny" Gennaro** is the Bakersfield City Attorney. **Christopher Boyle** is the Development Services Director and the Economic and Community Development Director is **Jennifer Byers**. The Bakersfield Chief of Police is **Greg Terry** and the Fire Chief is **John Frando**. **Rick Anthony** is the Recreation & Parks Director and **Gregg Strakaluse** is the Public Works Director. **Jena Covey** is the Bakersfield Risk Manager.

Longtime Bakersfield City Manager **Alan Tandy** retired in 2019 after serving as City Manager for 27 years. He was a member of the city staff for 46 years; being initially hired in 1992. Alan came to Bakersfield from Billings, Montana. In 2014, Alan was investigated for suspicion of assault in connection with an incident at the San Joaquin Community Hospital Ice Center where he played recreation league hockey. No charges were filed.

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Christian Clegg is the current Bakersfield City Manager. He began his public service career as a Management Intern for Johnson County, Kansas in August 2005. In June 2006, Christian took a similar Management Intern position with the City of Tacoma, Washington. He was hired as a Management Assistant in Tacoma in June 2007 and he was promoted the Management Analyst in May 2008. Christian became the Assistant to the City Manager in the City of Stockton in July 2011. He was appointed Stockton Deputy City Manager in August 2015. After nearly 9 years in Stockton, Christian was hired to be the City Manager for the City of Bakersfield in March 2020. He earned a BA in psychology from Brigham Young University and an MPA from The University of Kansas.



Dr. Scott Andrews is the Assistant City Manager for the city of Bakersfield was born in Tampa, Florida. Scott started his public service career in July 2003 as a Recreation Supervisor for the City of Temple Terrace, Florida in July 2003.

Scott took the Economic Development Director job in Sugar Hill, Georgia in April 2014. In September 2017, he was appointed Assistant City Administrator for the City of Smyrna, Georgia. In December 2019 Scott became City Manager in Covington, Georgia. He came to Bakersfield in July 2022 as Assistant City Manager. Scott earned an AA degree from Hillsborough Community College in Tampa, Florida before getting a BS in business management from the University of Phoenix. Scott earned an MPA from Strayer University and a Doctorate in Education from Argosy University in Orange, California.

Director of Recreation and Parks **Rick Anthony** returned to Bakersfield in 2021 after working 30 years on the East Coast. He graduated from Bakersfield College before joining the Air Force.



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Baldwin Park is located partly on land that was used for cattle grazing for the San Gabriel Mission. In 1860 the area was known as Vineland. The name was changed to Baldwin Park in 1906. The city was named for **Elias J. “Lucky” Baldwin**. The city was incorporated in January 1956. The first In-N-Out Burger location was opened in October 1948. The company's first meat processing facility is located on Hamburger Lane. As of January 2024, there are 417 In-N-Out Burger locations in 7 states and 275 different cities. The 2020 Baldwin Park population is 72,176. The Chief Executive Officer (City Manager) is **Enrique C. Zaldivar**, and **Christopher Saenz** is the City Clerk. **Ron Garcia** is the Director of Community Development, and the Finance Director is **Rose Tam**. **Karina Rueda** is the Human Resources Manager. The Public Works Director is **Sam Gutierrez**, and **Manuel Carrillo Jr.** is the Director of Recreation and Community Services.

Enrique C. Zaldivar was appointed to succeed long-time Baldwin Park Chief Executive Officer **Shannon Yauchzee** following his retirement. He began his Baldwin Park assignment in June 2021. Enrique previously served as the General Manager and Director of the Los Angeles

Sanitation and Environment starting in 2007. He began his career in 1985 as an Associate Engineer with the City of Los Angeles. Enrique earned a BS in civil environmental engineering from California Polytechnic University, Pomona after completing course work as the University of California, Los Angeles ([UCLA](#)).

Shannon Yauchzee served as City Manager from July 2014 to July 2021. Since retirement he served as the Interim City Manager in Fontana for 9 months ending in May 2022.



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Banning was initially called Moore City, for **Ransom B. Moore**, but within a few months the town was renamed for **Phineas Banning**, who pastured sheep in the area. Ransom operated a

large cattle ranch and later served as a member of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. Banning is located on either side of the 10 Freeway and is traversed by the San Andreas Fault. The city was incorporated in February 1913. **Douglas Schulze** is the City Manager and **Laurie Sampson** is the Assistant City Manager. **Marie Calderon** is the City Clerk. **Adam Rush** is the Community Development Director. **Lincoln Bogard** is the Administrative Services Director and Deputy City Manager.

Minnesota State University, Mankato alumnus, **Douglas J. Schulze** was appointed City Manager for the City of Banning in October 2018. Doug was the Bainbridge Island, Washington city manager from November 2012 to 2018. He also served as City Manager in the Washington State communities of Normandy Park and Medina. He was City Administrator in Sandstone, Minnesota in 1992-1996. Doug is an ICMA Credentialed Manager. He is a U. S. Army military veteran. Doug earned a BS and Master's in urban and regional studies. In 2023 Doug received a 35-year ICMA Service Award.

Banning Assistant City Manager **Laurie Sampson**, has worked for the city since January 2015 when she joined the Public Works Department. She was appointed Assistant City Manager in July 2022.

Lincoln Bogard is the Administrative Services Director and Deputy City Manager for the city of Banning since January 2023. He was the Finance Director in American Canyon (2020-2022) prior to becoming the Finance Director in Banning in June 2022.

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Barstow is in the Mojave Desert in San Bernardino County. The Barstow community began in the 1840s as travelers used the corridor moving from New Mexico and Utah to Los Angeles. Barstow is named for **William Barstow Strong**, a former president of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway. The Southern Pacific built a rail line through Barstow to Needles in 1883. Mining in the Owens Valley and mountains in the 1860s and 1870s brought many people and businesses to Barstow. The city was incorporated in September 1947. The 2020 population is 25,415. The Acting City Manager is **Andrew Espinoza, Jr.** and the elected City Clerk is **Andrea Flores**. **Heidy Riley** is the Administrative Services Manager, and **Mark Gerardi** is the Public Works Supervisor.

Interim City Manager **Andrew Espinoza, Jr.** began his career with the Barstow Police Department in 1999 as a Patrol Officer. He served as Chief of Police (Director of Public Safety) for about 2 and a half years of his 25 years with the city. **Willie Hopkins, Jr.**, was city manager from September 2021 to January when he left to serve as the Compton city manager.

Veteran retired city manager **Richard D. Rowe** served as the Barstow interim city manager in 2008 and then as city manager from January 2009 to January 2011. Richard served as city manager in La Palma (1981-1986), Chino (1986-1996), Needles (2003-2008) and Barstow. He served as Interim City Manager in Needles (2000-2002) and Canyon Lake (2012-2013). He began his career in 1965 as an Anaheim Police Officer. He worked in staff positions in Anaheim, Bakersfield and El Monte before his first city manager appointment in La Palma. He received a 40-year ICMA Service Award in 2015. Richard earned his private pilot's license at an "older" age, and he is a model trains aficionado.



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Beaumont is French for “*Beautiful Mountain.*” During the 1850s surveying parties passed through the area that is present-day Beaumont as they looked for the best passage from the east to the Pacific Ocean. The San Gorgono Pass was surveyed in 1853. By the 1860s, stagecoach service was provided through the pass. Railroad tracks were laid through the area in 1875 and a station was established as the Summit Station. In 1887 a development company named the town Beaumont. The city was incorporated in November 1912. The 2020 population is 53,036. The Beaumont City Manager is **Elizabeth Gibbs** and the City Clerk is **Elaine Morgan**. **Jennifer Ustation** is the Finance Director and **Kyle Warsinski** is the Economic Development Manager. **Kari Mendoza** is the Administrative Services Director and **Doug Story** is the Director of Community Services. **Christina Taylor** is the Deputy City Manager and **Carole Kendrick** is the Planning Manager. The Director of Public Works is **Robert Vestal**. **Sean Thuilliez** is the Beaumont Chief of Police.



Veteran City Manager **David Carmany** with his niece Lisa and her family helping David celebrate his birthday. David is the new Rialto City Manager. A belated Trackdown “Happy Birthday!”



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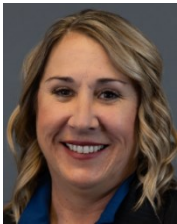
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Beaumont City Manager **Elizabeth M. Gibbs** worked for Beaumont for a little more than 19 years starting in January 2003 as a Resources Director. She served as Acting and/or Interim City Manager between June 2015 and May 2016. Elizabeth worked as the Transit Director starting in May 2016 and then the Director of Community Services from July 2018 to January 2022. She did some Substitute teaching in 2022 for the Beaumont Unified School District, and she worked with her landscaping service business she started in January 2016, which she continues to operate. She returned to the city of Beaumont in April 2022 as Interim City Manager and was hired as City Manager in July 2022. Elizabeth earned a BA and MPA from California Baptist University. She is an ICMA Credentialed Manager.

Christina Taylor worked as a Planner for the City of Rialto from May 2003 until January 2009. After working as a teacher and counselor and as a Project Associate in the private sector, Christina joined the 2nd Supervisorial District staff of the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors in January 2015. She worked first as a District Representative and then as a Policy Director. In April 2018, Christina joined the Beaumont city staff as a Senior Planner. She was promoted to Community Development Director in 2018 and became Deputy City Manager in May 2022. She earned a BA in geography and an MPA from California State University, San Bernardino.



Beaumont Finance Director **Jennifer Ustation** was an accountant for the Moreno Valley Unified School District (2013-2016) and the city of Calimesa (2016-2017) before joining the Beaumont city staff as a Senior Accountant. She became Finance Director in May 2021.



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Bell Gardens is a city within the County of Los Angeles. The city is named for **James George Bell**, as is the City of Bell. One of the oldest homes built in Los Angeles County is an adobe house built in Bell Gardens in 1795. It is still standing at 7000 Gage Avenue. Because of the rich soil in the area, many Japanese immigrants leased land and farmed quality vegetables for the local marketplace. Bell Gardens remained a farming community until the 1930s. Depression housing earned the community the name of "Billy Goat Acres." The city of Bell Gardens was incorporated in August 1961. It is one of only six cities in Los Angeles County that permits casino gambling. Bell Gardens' 2020 population is 39,501. **Michael B. O'Kelly** is the Bell Gardens City Manager, and **Daisy Gomez** is the City Clerk. **Elizabeth Nava** is the Director of Recreation and Community Services. **Manuel Carrillo** is the Director of Finance & Administrative Services, and the Director of Public Works is **Bernardo Iniguez**. The Bell Gardens Chief of Police is **Paul Camacho**.



Michael B. O'Kelly, Bell Gardens City Manager, previously worked as the Director of Administrative Services for the City of Fullerton. He was hired in Bell Gardens in August 2019. He served in the U. S. Army for 4 years as a field artillery surveyor and was honorably discharge with the rank of Sergeant. He worked in various positions with the counties of San Bernardino and Orange. He worked 8 years for the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) as the Chief Financial Officer, and Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) before his service to the City of Fullerton. Michael earned a BS in accounting and an MPA from California State University, San Bernardino. He also holds a California Certified Public Accountant (CPA) license.

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Elizabeth Nava, Bell Gardens Director of Recreation and Community Services, began her public service career with the City of Norwalk. She started as a Recreation Coordinator in June 2008. She was promoted to Recreation Supervisor in May 2013; Senior Management Analyst in November 2014; Senior Human Resources Analyst in June 2016; and Recreation Superintendent in June 2018. After nearly 14 years with the City of Norwalk, Elizabeth joined the Bell Gardens city staff as Director. She earned a BA in sociology from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln and an MPA from California State University, Long Beach. Elizabeth was a college softball player and was named to the First Team NCAA Academic All-American as a member of the Husker Softball team.



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Bell Gardens has had an interesting city manager history. They have had some very good ones. A few of those, not in the appropriate order, include **Helen S. West, Claude Booker, Charles Gomez, Maria Chacon, Steve Simonian** and **Larry Kosmont**.

Larry Kosmont served as Bell Gardens City Manager from August 1980 to September 1983. Starting in 1975, Larry was an Administrative Intern and Administrative Assistant for Santa Monica. In March 1978 he became the Assistant City Manager in Seal Beach, where Larry was awarded the Annual John Nail Memorial Award. He was the Burbank Redevelopment Director and Community Development Director (1983-1985). He founded the very successful **Kosmont Companies** in 1986. In 2011 he served as the Interim City Administrator for the City of Montebello. Larry earned a BA from the State University of New York and an MPA from the University of Southern California (**USC**).

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Picking Up the Pieces: Watsonville City Manager **René Mendez** is the next city manager for the City of Salinas. René worked for Solano County starting in July 1992 and in 1997 he was appointed County Administrative Officer for the County of Inyo. In 2005, René became the City Manager for the City of Gonzales. He was hired to serve as the Watsonville city manager in July 2022. Rene earned a BA in economics from California State University, Stanislaus, and an MA in public policy from Duke University. René has been active with the Gonzales Little League, and he served as the Girl's Tennis Team coach at Gonzales High School.



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Clovis City Manager **John Holt** and Finance Director **Jay Schengel** report that expenses are outpacing revenues and could lead to future problems. Clovis sales tax revenue has declined for the past two years resulting in a \$2 million shortfall.

Though property taxes will be up by about \$0.9 million, other fees and charges will be slightly down. Expenses will outpace revenues for water, sewer and community sanitation. High inflation rates exacerbate the problem. CalPERS costs are expected to double in the next five years, going from \$10 million to \$20 million. It appears that the California City search for a city manager continues. Though it was reported that **Patrick Marsh** was selected, Patrick and the city did not come to an employment agreement understanding. The city's Human Resources Director **Latisha Lamberth** is the Acting City Manager. Latisha is the 6th acting city manager since City Manager **Doug Dunford** resigned in September 2022.

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---Mark Twain

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More Pieces Picked Up: Newport Beach, where **Grace K. Leung** serves as city manager and **Leilani Brown** is City Clerk, has decided to discontinue the city's membership in the League of California Cities on a 5-2 vote of the City Council. The annual fee for Newport Beach to maintain membership with the

League of California Cities is \$24,800. Emeryville's recent council meeting was disrupted by "Zoombombers" using racist, antisemitic and homophobic language. City Manager **Paul Buddenhagen** was warned to monitor speaker's sign-up names as fake names with double meanings have been used to contribute to disrupting the meetings. Incidents in other Bay Area cities have also been reported, including Antioch, El Cerrito, Fremont, Sacramento, Redwood City and San Mateo. Former City Manager **Rick Cole** will be returning as a member of the Pasadena City Council. Rick is a former Mayor and Council Member in Pasadena (1983-1995), after which he served as city manager in the cities of Azusa (1998-2004), Ventura (2004-2012) and Santa Monica (2015-2020). Rick's new city council term begins in March 2024. He continues to serve as an Assistant Professor for Occidental College and an Adjunct Professor for Pepperdine University. **Robert Perrault**, 72, is the Interim City Manager for the City of Pacific Grove following the resignation of City Manager **Ben Harvey** in 2023. Robert took over from Administrative Services Director **Tori Hannah**, who served as City Manager Pro tem. Ben came to Pacific Grove as the Interim City Manager in January 2016, replacing former City Manager **Thomas Frutchey**. Ben became City Manager in April 2016. He is currently the City Manager for Ojai. Bob retired as the Grover Beach City Manager in 2016, and previously served as the city manager in Colfax and Cloverdale. He worked as the Interim City Administrator for Guadalupe in 2019. Robert also served as Interim City Manager for Greenfield and Willits. Executive Recruitment firm Bob Murray & Associates is retained by the city to help find a new city manager for Pacific Grove. Clayton City Manager **Bret Prebula** resigned to be able to accept the city manager position in the City of Suisun City. Bret has been the Clayton city manager for about a year. He previously worked as the Assistant City Manager and Finance Director for the City of Benicia. Bret began his public service with the County of Napa. In September 2008 he became a Staff Services Analyst and began working his way up in the county organization. Bret left Napa County in October 2019 when he was the Assistant Treasurer and Tax Collector to take the Finance Director position for the City of Napa. He joined the Benicia staff as Finance Director in June



Hemet City Manager **Mark Prestwich** with **Ron Breyer** and Hemet Council Member **Linda Krupa** at a "Principal for the Day" Program. Mark has also served as city manager for the cities of Nevada City, St. Helena, and Palos Verdes Estates. He is a past President of the Municipal Management Association of Northern California (MMANC). He began his public service career in 1994 as an Intern in Long Beach.

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Still More Pieces Picked Up:

Former Fremont City Manager **Mark Danaj** pleaded guilty to fraud on charges brought by the Alameda County prosecutors. He used a city credit card to pay for

personal expenses and he owed the city thousands of dollars when he accepted a \$316,617 severance package after he was fired in 2021. It is expected that Mark will be sentenced to 90 days in the Santa Rita Jail. Mark served as the Fremont city manager from 2018 until 2021. He was the City Manager for the City of Manhattan Beach from July 2014 to January 2018. Mark received a 25 Year ICMA Service Award in 2020. Redwood City's new Assistant City Manager is **Patrick Heisinger**, as announced by City Manager **Melissa Stevenson Diaz**. Pat began his new job on March 11. He served as the Housing and Redevelopment Programs Manager in Santa Cruz County starting in December 2006. In June 2011 he became the Housing Programs Manager for the Housing Authority of Santa Clara County. Pat worked for the San José Housing Department as a Division Manager starting in June 2012, and he joined the City of East Palo Alto city staff as the Housing Manager in May 2018. He worked his way up in that organization as the Community and Economic Development Director in April 2019, Assistant City Manager in September 2019, and Interim City Manager in April 2022. Pat moved to the Redwood City staff in March 2023 as Interim Assistant City Manager. He earned a BA and MA from the University of Redlands and an MA in public administration from San Jose State University. Pat has a State of California Department of Real Estate Real Estate Broker License.

SHORTS: *Palm Desert Director of Finance **Veronica Chavez** earned a BS and an MA from the University of Redlands. ***Kosmont Companies** are working with the Mountain House Community Services District in San Joaquin County that has voted to approve cityhood...City of Mountain House. *Former Susanville City Administrator **Rob Hill**, a California State University, Chico alumnus, is retiring after 15 years as the City Manager for Centralia, Washington. *Seal Beach City Manager **Jill Ingram** apparently has not been formally evaluated since August 2021, though her employment agreement calls for annual evaluations each March. *After working with the City of Bellflower, **Leilani Brown** has been with the City of Newport Beach since 1997 and she was appointed City Clerk in 2008. ***Beth Goldberg** has joined the Redwood City staff from State of Washington local governments as Finance Director for City Manager **Melissa Stevenson Diaz**. *Riverside City Manager **Mike Futrell** announced the appointment of **Daniel E. Garcia** as the Interim General Manager of Riverside Public Utilities. *San José City Manager **Jennifer Maguire** appointed **Mukesh "Mookie" Patel** to serve as the new San José Airport



Director. ***Joaquin Siques** is the new Director of the Pasadena Department of Transportation working with City Manager **Miguel Márquez**. *Corona Assistant City Manager **Brett Channing**, who has served on the ILG Board since 2013, is the 2024-2025 Board Chair for the Institute for Local Government (ILG). *Since August 2019, the El Monte City Manager has been **Alma Karina Martinez**, and she worked as the Lynwood City Manager from November 2016 until May 2018. ***Tyler Salcido** has been the City Manager for the City of Brawley since he started as Interim City Manager and Finance Director in September 2020. ***Abraham Han** is the new Senior Risk Manager for the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority (CJPIA). *Former La Verne, Roseville and Merced City Manager **Allan R. Schell**, who was an adjunct professor at Golden Gate University and taught government classes at Castle Air Force Base for several years, passed away at the age of 89 in August 2019. *Retired City Manager **Lee McDougal** was successfully re-elected to the Chaffey College Governing Board. ***Shannon Esenwein** is the Finance Director for the City of Ceres and previously worked for the cities of Hughson and Arroyo Grande, and the counties of San Joaquin and Stanislaus. *California State University, Sacramento alumnus **GeorgeAnne Meggers-Smith** joined the Vacaville city staff in March 2007 as a Parks and Recreation Management Analyst and currently serves as the Vacaville Assistant City Manager. ***David Van Kirk** worked for the City of Vacaville for 24 years and retired after working his last 6 years as City Manager at the end of 2008. ***Tony Williams**, General Manager of the North Marin Water District, is intent on maintaining an edge of weather science as local reservoirs reach capacity. ***Yolanda Bundy**, Malibu Environmental Sustainability Director, is the recipient of the Supervisor of the Year award for the Los Angeles Basin Section (LABS) of the California Water environment Association (CWEA). *Ventura's new Public Works Director is **Charles "Charlie" Ebeling** effective April 1.