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Trackdown condolences to veteran retired City Manager **David Carmany**. Here is David and **Posey**, a long-haired miniature dachshund that recently passed away at the age of 15 years. Our dogs and cats, and other precious animal pets are family members that depend on our stewardship. They are with us their entire life, though they grace us with only a part of ours. Rest in Peace, Posey!

Public Managers in Six California Cities with Names Starting with the Letter "C"

Cities included in the June 2024 issue of the City Manager Newsletter by Trackdown are cities listed as an alphabetical continuation of the Special May issue: [Calabasas](#), [Calexico](#), [California City](#), [Calimesa](#), [Calipatria](#), and [Calistoga](#). These six cities include city managers **Kindon Meik**; **Esperanza Colio Warren**; **Latisha Lamberth**; **Will Kolbow**; **Laura Gutierrez**; and **Laura Snideman**. These cities are found in the counties of Los Angeles, Imperial, Kern, Riverside, and Napa.

Retired [Calimesa](#) City Manager **Randy Anstine**, who had previously worked as the city manager in [Banning](#) (2003-2008) and [Greenfield](#) (1998-2003), retired as the [Calimesa](#) city manager in September 2015 (2008-2015). Randy has since joined **Marshall Linn** and the Bayshore Consulting Group (BCG) team.

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Calabasas is found at the southwest section of the San Fernando Valley in Los Angeles County. The name of the city was first given to a rancharia in 1795. The Leonis Adobe in Old Town Calabasas is one of the

oldest buildings in Los Angeles, dating to 1844. The city was incorporated in April 1991. The 2020 population is 23,241. **Kindon Meik** is the city manager and currently the position of City Clerk is vacant. **Analuz Mendoza** is the Assistant to the City Clerk. **Erica L. Green** is the Community Services Director and **Jeff Campbell** is the Deputy Director. **Michael Klein** is the Community Development Director and **Tom Bartlett** is the City Planner. **Ron Ahlers** is the Calabasas Chief Financial Officer. **Scott Trujillo** is Assistant City Manager.



Calabasas City Manager **Kindon Meik** replaced Interim City Manager **Don Penman** in January 2021. Don was retained after Interim City Manager **Ray Taylor** was initially hired following the resignation of City Manager **Gary Lysik** in May 2020. Kindon previously served as the City Manager for the City of Corcoran for nine and a half years. Prior to his work with Corcoran, Kindon served as the Assistant City Manager for the City of Lindsay. He earned a BA and MA from Brigham Young University and a Ph.D. in history from Florida International University. He was a Fulbright Scholar and spent eight months doing research in Buenos Aires, Argentina.



Erica L. Green, Calabasas Community Services Director since October 2021. She joined the city staff in September 2018 as Deputy Director of Parks and Community Services. Before coming to Calabasas, she worked for more than 18 years with the City of Riverside. She started in Riverside as a Senior Office Specialist in June 2000 and was a Recreation Supervisor (2014-2018) when she left. She earned a BS and MS from the University of Maryland Global Campus.



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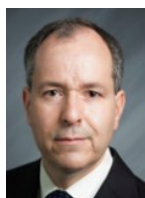
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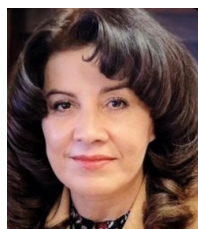
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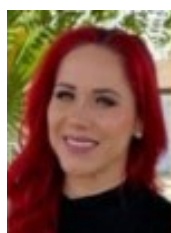


Calexico is an Imperial County city situated on the U.S./Mexico border. It is known as the *International Gateway City Where California and Mexico Meet*. Calexico was founded in 1899 as a tent city of the

Imperial Land Company. The first post office opened in Calexico in 1902 and the city was incorporated in April 1908. **Esperanza Colio Warren** has served as city manager since July 2022, and **Veronica Luna-Alvarado** is the City Clerk. **Sandy Fonseca** is the Interim Finance Manager, and **Denise Garcia** is the Human Resources Manager. **Eduardo Ainza** is the Acting Fire Chief and the Interim Chief of Police is **Armando Orozco**. **Francisco Barba** is the Development Services Director and **Guillermo Sillas** is the Public Works Director and City Engineer. **Norma Gerardo** is the Recreation Manager.



City Manager **Esperanza Colio Warren** began her Calexico tenure in July 2022, after working for the County of Imperial for more than 18 years. She is known as an employee's manager, meeting individually with staff members at work sites for one-on-one conversations. She worked as a Community and Economic Development Manager for the county starting in April 2004. She was promoted to Deputy County Executive Officer in August 2018. She earned a BA and MPA from San Diego State University. She was removed from office this month (June 2024) and placed on administrative leave at a closed-door afternoon performance review. **Juan Contreras** of the Calexico Fire Department is the Acting City Manager.



Norma Gerardo is the Calexico Recreation Manager. She joined the city staff in 2001. She worked in the City Manager's office in 2018. Norma has been in her current position for the past three years.

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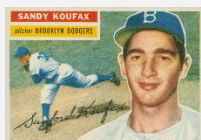
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California City is located in Kern County, home of Bakersfield and Lake Isabella. California City has the third largest land area of any city in the State of California, behind San Diego and Los Angeles.

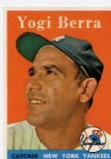
Many of the local residents are employed at Edwards Air Force Base located nearby. The city was established in 1958 when developers marketed the area. A post office opened in 1960 and the city was incorporated in December 1965. The 2020 population is 14,973. Human Resources Director **Latisha Lamberth** was the most recent Acting City Manager and **Patrick Marsh** started as City Manager on March 12. Latisha was the 6th Acting City Manager since the resignation of **Douglas Dunford** in September 2022. Doug currently serves as the city manager for Ceres. **Joe Barragan** is the Public Works Director.

Recently appointed City Manager for California City is **Patrick Marsh**, who has extensive local government experience out of state. Patrick worked in the private sector in Illinois starting in October 1987. He served as Assistant City Administrator for the city of Eldridge, Iowa in 2004, and he was the Village Administrator for Coal Valley, Illinois from July 2004 to October 2007. He started his tenure as the Monona, Wisconsin City Administrator in November 2007, and he became the City Administrator in Fitchburg, Wisconsin in September 2015. He last served as City Manager for Fernley, Nevada. He earned a BA from Augustana College and an MPA from Northern Illinois University. In 2014 he received a 10-year ICMA Service Award. He served as a Board Member for the Illinois City/County Management Association (2007-2008) and as a member of the Board of the Wisconsin City/County Management Association in 2014.



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Of late, there has been a revolving door regarding the city manager position for the City of California City. When Human Resources Director **Latisha Lamberth** was named Acting City Manager, she became part of the long line succeeding **Martin Piñon**, who replaced Interim City Manager **Michele Martinez**. Michele was only on the job for 10 weeks before she resigned fearing for her safety on the job. Previously to Michele those holding the city manager post include **Joe Barragan**, **Inges Elmes**, **Jim Hart** and City Manager **Doug Dunford**.



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Calimesa is in the San Geronio Pass in Riverside County. The name "Calimesa" was selected from 107 suggested names in a name contest during the community's application for a local post office separating the

town from nearby Yucaipa. In 1939 or 1940 the Calimesa Improvement Association was established. In 1962 the association became the Calimesa Chamber of Commerce. The city was incorporated in December 1990. **Will Kolbow** is the city manager and **Darlene Gerdes** is the City Clerk and Deputy City Manager. The Calimesa City Treasurer and Finance Director is **Celeste Reid**. **Lucia Kelly** is the Planning Director, and the Public Works Director is **Margaret Monson**. **Michael Thornton** is the City Engineer. **Tim O'Connell** is the Fire Chief.

Calimesa City Manager **Will Kolbow** began his career in accounting in the private sector. Starting in 2003, he worked as a Senior Accountant for two different firms and In September 2006 he was hired to serve as the Finance Officer for the Cucamonga Valley Water District. In October 2012 Will was appointed Director of Finance for the Water Department for the City of San Bernardino. In June 2014, he became the Finance Director for the City of Orange, where he was promoted to Administrative Services Director in May 2018 and Assistant City Manager in June 2019. Will was appointed City Manager for the City of Calimesa in November 2022. He earned a BS in accounting from California State University, Fullerton and an MPA from California State University, Dominguez Hills.

Lucia M. Kelly, the Calimesa Planning Director, was a Calimesa intern in 2016. After working for a private sector consultant firm and as an Associate Planner for the March Joint Powers Authority in Riverside, she rejoined the Calimesa city staff in September 2018 as Planning Manager. She was appointed Planning Director in 2022. She earned an AA from Riverside City College, BA from the University of California, Riverside and a Master's from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona.



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Randy L. Anstine retired after 40 years of local government service. He worked as a Recreation Supervisor in Colton in 1975 after he left the U.S. Air Force (August 1969-May 1975). Randy was hired as Senior Affairs Director for Desert Hot Springs in May 1976. He became the Assistant City Manager in Grand Terrace in October 1980. Randy took the Neighborhood Services Director job in Colton in May 1994. He left Colton in May 1998 to become the City Manager in Greenfield in Monterey County. In July 2003 he was hired to serve as city manager for the City of Banning. In August 2008, Randy was appointed Interim City Manager for the City of Calimesa. He was made Calimesa city manager in October 2009 and retired in August 2015. Randy earned a BA from the University of San Francisco. In 2016 he received a 40-year ICMA Service Award.

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People of Hispanic heritage, mostly of Mexican descent, make up three-fourths of the residents. The city was first called Sante Patria (Saint of the Motherland) and was founded by Irish American and Irish Mexican soldiers. The city also has a large Arab population with people from Jordan, Lebanon, and Syria, mostly descendants of agricultural workers of the 1920s. A notable tourist attraction in the area is Salvation Mountain, a hillside artistic attraction created by **Leonard Knight** (1931-2014). It is near the Slab City squatter/art commune, and several miles from the Salton Sea. Calipatria is known for its iconic 184-foot flagpole, the tallest flagpole in the United States. Calipatria was incorporated as a General Law city in February 1919. The 2020 population is 6,515. **Laura Gutierrez** is the City Manager and Finance Officer and **Cathy J. Hoff** is the City Clerk, **Cheryl Fowler** is the Interim Chief of Police and **Jesse Llanas** is the Fire Chief. **Edgar "Eddie" Self** is the Public Works Director.

Laura Gutierrez, is the Calipatria City Manager and Finance Officer. She was appointed City Manager in June 2023. She previously worked as the Director of Administrative Services for the City of Imperial.

Romualdo J. Medina is the previous Calipatria City Manager starting in February 2015. He earned an AA from Imperial Valley College, and a BA and MPA from San Diego State University. In 2020, he received a 20-year ICMA Service Award.

The late former veteran City and County Manager **Thomas G. Mauk** worked in Los Angeles and Montclair before serving as City Manager in Norco, Whittier, and La Habra before he was CEO in Orange County. He once said that the city manager is a support person for the elected folks.



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Calistoga is a community in Napa County. It was founded in 1868 when the California Pacific Railroad was constructed bringing improved travel to the Calistoga Hot Springs. The name is said to have come from the transformation of "Saratoga of California" to "Calistoga of Sarifornia." The name took hold in 1867. **Samuel Brannan** was a Mormon leader who following the discovery of California Gold became one of the State's first millionaires. He bought property with the intent to develop a spa like he knew in Saratoga Springs, New York. Calistoga was incorporated in January 1886. The 2020 population is 5,228. **Laura Snideman** is the city manager and **Yudiana Galvan** is the City Clerk. **Mitchell Celaya** is the Chief of Police and **Jed Matcham** is the Fire Chief. **Derek Rayner** is the Calistoga Director of Public Works and **Rachel Stepp** is the Parks & Recreation Director. **Connie Cardenas** is the Administrative Services Director **Greg Desmond** is the Planning & Building Director and **Rena Crabtree** is the Human Resources Director.



Calistoga City Manager **Laura Snideman** began her public service career in 2001 as a Housing & Redevelopment Manager for the City of San Carlos. She was elevated to Director of Economic Development & Housing in May 2005. In July 2006, Laura became the Economic Development Manager for the City of San Mateo, and in November 2009 she took the Administrative Officer position with Half Moon Bay. In December 2010, Laura was appointed to the Half Moon Bay city manager position. She served a few months as a LAFCO Executive Officer in 2014 and took the Assistant City Manager post in Fairfield in December 2014. Laura served as the City Manager in Richmond from January 2020 to December 2021. She was hired to be the Calistoga City Manager in February 2022. Laura earned a BA from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill and an MPA from Notre Dame De Namur. In 2020 she received a 20-year ICMA Service Award.



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After working with a couple consulting engineer firms starting in June 1997, **Derek Rayner** became the Deputy Director of Public Works for the City of Calistoga in October 2010. He was appointed Director and City Engineer in December 2019. Derek earned a BS in civil engineering from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo.



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Picking Up the Pieces: Longtime Mission Viejo city staff member **Elaine Lister** is the new Mission Viejo City Manager replacing retiring award-winning City Manager **Dennis Wilberg**. Elaine will take office starting on July 6. She has more than 20 years of experience on the Mission Viejo city staff. Elaine has served as the Mission

Viejo Director of Community Development since December 2013. She was born and raised in Glasgow, Scotland and earned a BS from the University of Glasgow. She also earned a Master's degree from San Diego State University. Cupertino Assistant City Manager **Matt Morley** has been hired in the City of Saratoga to serve as City Manager. After working in construction on the private side, Matt joined the San Jose city staff as a Facility Contract Manager in December 1997. In March 2009 he became the Deputy Director of Public Works for fleet and facilities. In November 2013, Matt joined the Town of Los Gatos staff as the Parks and Public Works Director. After more than 8 years in Los Gatos, Matt was hired to serve as the Public Works Director in Cupertino. He became Assistant City manager in January 2023. Matt was hired as the Saratoga City Manager starting in June 2024. He earned a BA from the University of California, Davis and an MBA from the University of Phoenix, San Jose. Calexico put City Manager **Esperanza Colio Warren** on immediate administrative leave on Friday, June 7. She was appointed city manager about two years ago in July 2022. Fire Chief **Juan Contreras** will serve as the acting city manager until a replacement is found. The Calexico Police Officers Association has shown support for Esperanza, who previously worked will Imperial County for more than 18 years. She was the Deputy County Executive Officer from August 2018 to July 22. Esperanza earned a BA and MPA from San Diego State University. **Dr. Cynthia Stringfield** is the new Director for the Charles Paddock Zoo in Atascadero. She is succeeding Zoo Director **Alan Baker**, who retired in April 2024. She's been working for Zoo Tampa at Lowry Park in Tampa, Florida as a Senior Vice- President. Cynthia earned a BS in zoology and a Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine from the University of California, Davis. It appears that Selma City Manager **Fernando Santillan** has weathered claims of harassment and intimidation. As a settlement over the allegations, Fernando is on track to receive a five-year employment agreement extension. After working in Avenal as the Community and Economic Development Director (2015-2021), Fernando joined the Selma city staff as Community Development Director. He was promoted to Deputy City Manager in September 2021 and he was appointed City Manager in December 2021. Fernando earned a BS from the California State University, Northridge and an MPA from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.



Eugene Rogers (March 5, 1950 -April 14, 2024)

Veteran City Manager **Gene Rogers** passed away at age 74 on April 14, 2024. Gene was battling leukemia and was in declining health for several months. Gene's good friend **Bruce Channing** visited Gene at the Skilled Nursing Facility in Pebble Beach prior to his passing. Gene was born in Tokyo, Japan where his father, a career US Air Force officer, was assigned. Gene earned a BS and MS in Recreation from San Jose State University. He began his public service career in the Recreation Department of the City of Sunnyvale where he ascended to Assistant City Manager after working with **Dr. Carlos A. Urrutia**, a Life Member of ICMA and who went on to a long city manager career in Soledad and Rocklin. Gene left Sunnyvale in December 1989 to join the City of Moreno Valley as Assistant City Manager. He was hired as the Moreno Valley City Manager in August 1996, and he retired in January 2006. After leaving Moreno Valley, Gene completed a number of "Interim" assignments, including Interim City Manager in Coachella (October 2009-June 2010) and in Davis in 2014. At a young age, Gene was a gifted athlete in basketball and baseball, and he became a lifelong avid golfer. He was a leader on his high school golf teams and continued to perfect his game, maintaining a very low handicap into retirement years. Gene played golf throughout the US and in Europe. He was a proud member of the Olympic Club in San Francisco and the Club at Pasadera in Monterey where he frequently played. In retirement, Gene was a mentor to many younger golfers. He was a consistent participant at the annual **Joe A. Gonsalves & Son** city managers legislative orientation seminars. Gene is missed by all who knew him!



Retired city managers **Michael Sakamoto** and Jack Simpson during a visit this past month. The two worked together in Bellflower in the 1980s.



More Pieces Picked Up: Mission Viejo Director of Community Development **Elaine Lister** has been named Mission Viejo City Manager starting on July 6, 2024. Elaine has worked in a variety of city staff positions for the city and has been the Director of Community Development for the past 11 years. She takes the city manager position from retiring City Manager **Dennis Wilberg**, who has served as Mission Viejo city manager for more than 20 years. Elaine was born and raised in Glasgow, Scotland. She earned a BS from the University of Glasgow and an MS in geography and urban planning from San Diego State University. Lodi's new city manager is **Scott R. Carney**, who took the reins from Interim City Manager **Andrew Keys**. City Manager **Steve Schwabauer** resigned last September to become the Executive Director for the North San Joaquin Water District. Scott is the 8th city manager in Lodi city history. Scott previously served as a Deputy City Manager for the City of Stockton, and most recently worked as the Deputy Director of Administration for the California Department of Health Care Services. Scott earned a BA in sociology-organizational studies from the University of California, Davis and a Masters of Social Welfare from the University of California, Berkeley. He also earned a Doctorate in Education from the University of the Pacific, Benerd College. After gaining experience with the International Hispanic Network, serving as a Legal Assistant, working in marketing and as a Senior Analyst for **Tripepi Smith** and as a Board Member for Rosie's Garage, **Jessica Balandran** began her city government career as a Senior Administrative Analyst for the City of Cudahy (2012-2016). Jessica joined the Vernon city staff as an Administrative Analyst in October 2016. She worked as a Utilities Compliance Analyst and Utilities Strategic Planning Coordinator with Vernon Public Utilities. After nearly 8 years with Vernon, Jessica joined the city staff in Anaheim as a Senior Administrative Analyst with Anaheim Public Utilities. She earned a BA in political science and an MPA from St. Mary's University. She also attended Eastern Michigan University. **Robert L. Wynn** (May 25, 1931 – November 30, 2013) passed away from complications as a result of a fall at his home in Newport Beach. He was born in Preston, Idaho. Bob earned a BA and MPA from San Diego State University. After graduation he became the City Manager of the new City of Imperial Beach after serving as Assistant to the City Manager from May 1957 to February 1958. After serving as the Imperial Beach city manager until November 1968, Bob was appointed City Manager for the City of Coronado. The San Diego-Coronado Bridge was built during his Coronado tenure. He left Coronado in August 1971 to be the City Manager for the City of Newport Beach. Bob retired from Newport Beach on December 30, 1991. Bob served as the President of the Orange County City Manager Association in 1988-1989.



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New City of Commerce City Manager **Ernie Hernandez** previously served as City Manager in Hawaiian Gardens and Lynwood. **Michelle Ramirez** worked as the Acting City Manager until Ernie reported for duty in March. Before serving as the Hawaiian Gardens City Manager for four years, Ernie was Deputy City Manager for the City of Norwalk. He also worked in the cities of Santa Ana, Long Beach, and South El Monte. Lynwood turned 100-years old during Ernie's tenure as City Manager. Ernie earned a BA from California State University, Dominguez Hills and an MPA from California State University, Long Beach. Simi Valley Assistant City Manager **Samantha Argabrite** will step into the City Manager position when City Manager **Brian Gabler** retires on June 30. Samantha came to work for Simi Valley in 2007 as a Youth Employment Service Coordinator. She became a Senior Management Analyst in March 2011 and in April 2013 she was tapped to be the Assistant to the City Manager. Samantha was promoted to Assistant City Manager and Public Information Officer (PIO) in January 2023. She earned a BA in communications and media studies and an MPA from California State University, Northridge. Samantha grew up in Simi Valley and is a Simi Valley High School graduate. Samantha is married to **Dan Paranic**, who has had an impressive career in county and city government. With experience as a Business Manager for the City of Fremont (1999-2004) and executive positions with San José (2013-2016), Walnut Creek Assistant City Manager **Teri P. Killgore** left California to become the new Economic Development Director for Scottsdale, Arizona in May 2024. Teri joined the Walnut Creek city staff in October 2018 as a Consultant, and she was hired as Assistant City Manager in June 2019. She had served as Assistant City Manager for the City of Vallejo (May 2016-July 2019). Teri earned a BA in sociology from the University of Washington and an MPA from Syracuse University's Maxwell School.



Still More Pieces Picked Up: San Bernardino Deputy City Manager **Rochelle Clayton** is the Acting City Manager following the firing of City Manager **Charles Montoya**. Charles was terminated just eight months after his appointment. Rochelle served as Assistant City Manager for

the City of Menifee prior to joining San Bernardino. Previous to working for Menifee, Rochelle served as Deputy City Manager and Administrative Services Director for the City of Banning. She also worked for the West Valley Water District as Chief Financial Officer in Rialto. She served with the High Desert Water District in Yucca Valley and she was the Finance Director for the City of La Habra Heights. **Bruce Moe**, Manhattan Beach city manager, is retired after a 35 year tenure as a city employee. He has served as city manager for the past 6 years and worked as the Finance Director before that. Bruce originally joined the Manhattan Beach city staff in May 1989 as the General Services Supervisor. He was hired to serve as city manager in December 2017. Bruce earned a BA from California State University, Los Angeles. He also attended Pilgrim School.

Kyla Brown is the President of the State Board of the California Park & Recreation Society (CPRS). She is the Parks Director and General Manager for the Riverside County Regional Park and Open Space District. She worked for the City of Fontana for a little more than 16 years. She left Fontana in June 2010 as Community Services Manager to take the Assistant Director position with the Riverside County District. She was appointed Director in December 2019. Kyla earned a BA from California State University, San Bernardino and an MPA from California Baptist University. ***Dr. Peter Pirnejad** and **Dr. Frank Benest** co-authored an article in the May 2024 issue of PM Magazine entitled "Resetting Organizational Culture." Peter is the City Manager for the City of Los Altos Hills, and he is the Cal-ICMA President-elect. Frank is a retired veteran city manager who previously served as the city manager in Palo Alto, Brea, and Colton. He is the ICMA liaison for Next Generation Initiatives. Frank served as the President of the City Managers' Department of the League of California Cities in 2001-2002. He also served as a Regional Vice President on the ICMA Executive Board (2003-2006). Frank received the ICMA Distinguished Service Award in 2011. Rohnert Park Director of Community Services, **Cindy Bagley** began her municipal government career in 2009 as a member of the staff for the Town of Windsor. She joined the Rohnert Park city staff in 2016 as Community Services Manager. She was appointed Director of Community Services in June 2021. Cindy earned an MA in school counseling from Concordia University, Chicago where she played Women's Soccer and where she was named All-Conference in Women's Basketball. Cindy is the President-elect for the State Board of Directors of the California Park & Recreation Society (CPRS).



SHORTS: ***Elizabeth Goldman**, Burbank's Library Services Director, will resign effective Friday, July 5, 2024. ***Santa Clarita** city manager **Ken Striplin**, CCMF President of the Board, recently was tapped with his son Nathan to throw out and catch the ceremonial first pitch at Dodger Stadium.

***Craig Parker**, the Assistant General Manager for Water Services at Anaheim Public Utilities, is a former Directory of Engineering for the Coachella Valley Water District (2016-2019) in Palm Desert. ***Santa Maria** Interim City Manager **Alex Posada**, who stepped in following City Manager **Jason Stilwell's** retirement, previously served as the Director of Recreation and Parks. ***Another** local government professional is leaving California as San Jose Deputy City Manager **Rob Lloyd** becomes the Interim Chief Technology Office and Director of Information Technology for the City of Seattle, Washington. ***Carlsbad** City Manager **Scott Chadwick** has ordered that Police Chaplain **JC Cooper** and Fire Chaplain **Denny Cooper** refrain from concluding prayers and invocations with "in Jesus name" or face discipline. ***Ken R. Irwin** is the City Manager for the City of Patterson (2014 to present) and started with the city in December 2012 as the Director of Engineering, Building and Capital Projects. ***Los Altos** native **Saskia Lagergren** is the new Chief of Police for the City of Los Altos working with City Manager **Gabriel Engeland**. ***Bakersfield** resident **Daniel Padilla**, who previously served as Deputy Public Works Director for Yuba County, is the Interim City Manager for the City of Farmersville replacing former City Manager **Jennifer Gomez**, whose employment agreement was not renewed in April. ***Mali LaGoe**, who earned a BA from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln and an MPA from California State University, Northridge, is the City Manager for the City of Scotts Valley since January 2022. ***ICMA** Ethics Director **Jessica Cowles** is a former Town Manager for the Town of Berwyn Heights, Maryland (2014-2018). ***Julia Gale** of the **Tripepi Smith** professional team earned a BS in communication from State University of New York at Oneonta. ***Zach Dahl**, San Mateo Deputy Community Development Director since June 2021, who has been serving as the "interim Director, has been appointed Director of the San Mateo Community Development Department. ***Pamela Antil**, Encinitas city manager, and **Nat Rojanasathira**, Monterey Assistant City Manager, represent the West Coast Region on the 2023-2024 ICMA Executive Board along with Mercer Island, Washington City Manager **Jessi Bon**. ***Simi Valley** City Manager **Brian Gabler**, who has worked for the city since 1986 and as City Manager since 2020, is retiring at the end of June. ***Chantal Cotton Gaines**, a Palo Alto Deputy City Manager since October 2020, has served on the Cal-ICMA Ethics Committee and Technology Task Force since 2009. ***Retired** La Mirada veteran City Manager **Tom Robinson** has been serving as the Interim Assistant City Manager for the City of La Habra Heights. ***