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Public Managers in California "C" Cities with Names from Chino Hills to Claremont

Cities included in this Special August 2024 issue of the City Manager Newsletter by Trackdown are cities with names that begin with the letter "C." The cities listed alphabetically, including: [Chino Hills](#), [Chino](#), [Chowchilla](#), [Chula Vista](#), [Citrus Heights](#), and [Claremont](#). The six cities here include city managers **Benjamin Montgomery**; **Dr. Linda Reich**; **Rod Prueff**; **Maria V. Kachadoorian**; **Ash Feeney**; and **Adam Pirrie**. These cities are found in the counties of San Bernardino, Madera, San Diego, Sacramento and Los Angeles.

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Chino Hills is in the southwesterly corner of San Bernardino County. The Spanish established the Mission San Gabriel in 1771, and the Chino Hills area was used for grazing their cattle. Chino Hills' rolling hills

topography kept the area rural into the 1970s. The city was incorporated in December 1991. The 2020 population is 78,411 ranking 100th in California.

Benjamin Montgomery is the Chino Hills city manager and **Rod Hill** is the Assistant City Manager. **Cheryl Balz** is the Chino Hills' City Clerk. **Christa Buhagiar** is the Finance Director and **Jonathan Marshall** is the Community Services Director. **Nicholas Liguori** is the Community Development Director, and the Public Works Director is **Daniel Bobadilla**.



Chino Hills City Manager **Benjamin Montgomery** began his public service career as an Administrative Analyst and Library Assistant for the City of Whittier in January 1991. In May 2000, Ben went to work for Torrance as an Administrative

Analyst, and in September 2000 he took a Management Analyst position with the City of Brea. Ben joined the Chino Hills city staff in January 2006 as the Neighborhood Services Manager. He was named Assistant to the City Manager in October 2014, and he became a Deputy City Manager in July 2015. Ben was appointed Assistant City Manager in February 2017, and he was hired as the Chino Hills City Manager in April 2019. Ben earned a BA in economics and another one in psychology from California State University, Dominguez Hills. He earned an MPA from California State University, Long Beach, and an MBA from the University of La Verne. Ben served as the Board for MMASC in 2004-2008. In 2021 he received a 30 Year ICMA Service Award. Ben is a member of the Rancho del Chino Rotary Club.

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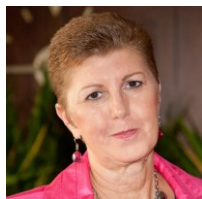
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Chino Hills' Finance Director and City Treasurer is **Christa Buhagiar** worked for a private public accounting firm to begin her career. She then worked as the Accounting Supervisor for the City of Claremont. She later joined the city staff in Upland as the Finance Manager. Christa went to work as the Finance Director for the City of West Covina from April 2015 to May 2017. She joined the Chino Hills city staff as Finance Director in June 2017. Christa earned a BS and MPA from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. She is a CPA.

Chino Hills City Manager **Konradt Bartlam** was appointed the 4th City Manager in Chino Hills history in January 2014. Rad previously served as the City Manager in Lodi from 2010 until 2014. He was the Lodi Community Development Director from 1996 to 2005. Rad worked in the private sector from 2005 and 2010. He began his city government career as a Planning Intern in Baldwin Park in 1981. He then worked for Glendora and Simi Valley and then as the Development Services Manager in Pomona. He also served 7 years in Brea as the City Planner. Rad earned a BS in urban and regional planning from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona.

Mike Fleager was appointed city manager for the City of Chino Hills in February 2009. He joined the city staff in 1999 as the Community Services Director. Before coming the Chino Hills, Mike worked for the City of Cerritos and served as the Community Safety Manager.

Douglas N. La Belle was the Chino Hills City Manager from 1995 until 2009. He currently serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the Orange County Fair & Events Center. Doug began his local government career in 1964 as an intern in the Garden Grove. He worked in La Mesa prior to becoming the City Administrator of Marysville. After returning to Garden Grove as the Director of Community Development, Doug moved on to Cerritos, and then to Huntington Beach as the Deputy City Manager. Doug served as City Manager in Signal Hill starting in 1989.

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Chino is in the Chino Valley in the western end of San Bernardino County, which became an agricultural area from the 1890s. The Chino area became a center of agriculture and dairy farming, providing milk products throughout the southwestern United States. Many of the dairy farmers who left Cerritos (Dairy Valley) due to rising land values, moved to Chino. Chino's dairy industry flourished from the 1950s through the 1980s. Former refuse disposal experts **Richard Fierro** and his wife **Mary Fierro** are Chino residents. The city was incorporated in February 1910 and the 2020 population is 91,403. **Dr. Linda Reich** is the Chino city manager and **Jackie Melendez** is the Assistant City Manager. **Natalie Gonzaga** is the City Clerk. **Silvia Avalos** is the Chino Director of Community Services, Parks & Recreation. The Director of Development Services is **Warren Morelion**, and **Rob Burns** is the Director of Finance. **Hye Jin Lee** is the Chino Director of Public Works. The Chief of Police is **Kevin Mensen**.



Dr. Linda Reich, appointed the Chino city manager in August 2022, served as the Chino Director of Community Services from February 2013 to September 2022 and worked for the city for more than 20 years, coming to Chino in May 2002. Prior to Chino, Linda worked for the City of Culver City. She earned a BS in kinesiology and exercise science from Michigan State University, an MPA from California State University, Northridge, and a Doctor of Public Administration from the University of La Verne. Linda is a longtime resident of Chino.

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Silvia Avalos is the City of Chino Director of Community Services, Parks & Recreation. Silvia began her public service career as a Social Worker for Child Protection Service of Los Angeles County in May 1999. She joined Chino in June 2000 as a Community Services Coordinator. Silvia was appointed Director in September 2022. She earned a BS from California State University, Fullerton and an MPA from California Baptist University.



A modern pedestrian bridge in Lost Hills just east of Highway 5.



Retired Executive Director of the California Contract Cities Association **Sam Olivito**, and **John Russo**, retired Irvine City Manager spotted at lunch in Rancho Mirage. Sam and John have relocated to the Coachella Valley. Here John enjoys some Maraca's albondigas soup.



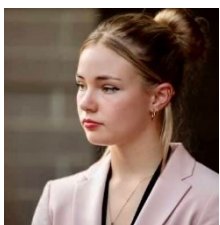
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Sixteen-year-old **Gracie Lewis**. Gracie's Dad, **Jim Lewis**, is the Atascadero city manager and past President of the City Managers' Department of the League of California Cities. A belated Trackdown Happy Birthday wish to Gracie!

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Madera County's City of Chowchilla is the site of two California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation facilities, the Central California Women's Facility and the Valley State Prison. The city's name is an English interpretation of the indigenous people's language for "chaushila," the name for the people who lived in the area. The first post office at Chowchilla was founded in 1912. The city was incorporated in February 1923. The 2020 population of Chowchilla is 19,039. **Rod Pruett** is the City Administrator and **Joann McClendon** is the City Clerk. **Mark E. Hamilton** is the Director of Community and Economic Development, and **Jason Rogers** is the Director of Public Works. **Kerri Williams** is the Finance Director and **Stacy Wisemer** is the Deputy Director of Recreation and Community Engagement. The Fire Chief is **Fred Gaumnitz** and the Chief of Police is **Jeffrey Palmer**.



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Chowchilla City Administrator **Rod Clifton Pruett** was hired for his first city government position in September 2014 when he became the Director of Finance for Chowchilla. Rod worked in public accounting starting in 2006, including as a member of an accounting firm in Clovis. Rod was appointed City Administrator starting in January 2020 taking over for previous City Administrator **Brian Haddix**. He earned a BS in business administration from California State University, Fresno and he obtained a CPA license from the California State Board of Accountancy.

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Chula Vista is a “near-the-U.S. border” San Diego County city founded in the early 19th century. Chula Vista was part of the Mexican Empire in 1821 and became part of California's admission to the United States in 1850. Sweetwater Dam's completion in 1888 allowed the irrigation of farmland in and around Chula Vista, which became the largest lemon-growing center in the world for a time. Chula Vista was incorporated in November 1911 following an incorporation election in October. The 2020 population of Chula Vista is 275,487. **Maria V. Kachadoorian** is the Chula Vista city manager, **Tiffany Allen** is the Assistant City Manager, and the two Deputy City Managers are **Courtney Chase** and **Matthew Little**. **Kerry K. Bigelow** is the City Clerk. Since September 2021, **Sarah Schoen** has served as the Finance Director.

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Maria V. Kachadoorian is the Chula Vista city manager. She was appointed in June 2020 after serving as the Assistant City Manager. Maria's public service career began working for the County of San Diego. She joined the city of Chula Vista staff in 1998 in the Finance Department and worked her way up in the organization to Finance Director prior to advancing to Deputy City Manager and Assistant City Manager. Maria was born in Tijuana, Mexico and came to the United States as an infant. She earned a BS and an MPA from San Diego State University. She is also a Certified Public Accountant.



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Chula Vista Assistant City Manager **Tiffany Allen** joined the city staff in January 2002 as a Development Services Technician. She worked her way up in the organization and in November 2015 she took the Assistant Director of Development Services position, serving there until July 2020 when she became the Director. In May 2022, Tiffany was appointed Deputy City Manager, and she was elevated to be the Chula Vista Assistant City Manager in February 2023. Tiffany earned a BS from the University of Oregon and an MPA from Walden University.



Sacramento County's City of Citrus Heights was incorporated in January 1997, making it one of California's youngest cities. The area was bought by a developer in 1910 and was split into 10 acre

lots and it was named Citrus Heights at that time. The 2020 population is 87,583. **Ashley "Ash" Feeney** is the Citrus Heights city manager and **Amy Van** is the City Clerk. **Susan Talwar** is the Administrative Service Director, and **Casey Kempenaar** is the Community Development Director. **Regina Cave** is the General Services Director and **Meghan Huber** is the Economic Development and Community Engagement Director. **Alberto Preciado** is the Citrus Heights Finance Manager. The Citrus Heights Chief of Police is **Alex Turcotte**. **Jessica Andrews** is the Event & Community Center Supervisor.



Lou Shepard and **Nancy Shepard** celebrated their 36th anniversary on a cruise. Nancy is a former Personnel Director in Signal Hill. Lou retired as the City of Commerce City Administrator in

1994. He previously served as City Manager in Signal Hill, San Pablo and Delano. Congratulations Shepards!

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Ashley "Ash" Feeney was appointed to the Citrus Heights city manager position in January 2022. Prior to joining the Citrus Heights city staff, Ash worked as Assistant City Manager and Director of Community Development, Economic Development and Sustainability for the City of Davis. Ash began his working career in July 2003 as an Associate Planner for the City of Sacramento. He left Sacramento in 2006 and worked for a couple housing development companies until he was hired by the City of Davis in 2016 as Assistant Director of Community Development and Sustainability. He was promoted to Director in December 2017. In April 2018, Ash back to the private sector with a San Ramon housing developer, and he returned to the City of Davis in 2018 as Assistant City Manager, Director of Community & Economic Development. He worked there until he was hired in Citrus Heights. Ash earned a BA in economics from Humboldt State University.



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Susan Talwar has served as the Citrus Heights' Administrative Services Director since June 2022. After working in the private sector in accounting, Susan joined the Citrus Heights Water District staff in October 2013 as Accounting Manager. She was appointed Director of Finance and Administrative Services and Treasurer for the District in June 2017. Susan earned a BSc in accounting and an MBA from DeVry University. She also received an advance professional certificate for public engagement for public policy from the Pepperdine University School of Public Policy.



Retired Norwalk City Manager **Ernie Garcia** and his wife **Diane Garcia** at the Eberle Winery in Paso Robles.



Koa and Lei Lei of Lakewood, where **Thaddeus McCormack** is the city manager, visiting Tow Mater at Disneyland in Anaheim in preparation to return to school.

Public Managers in California “C” Cities with Names from Chino Hills to Claremont

Claremont is in the easterly section of Los Angeles County. The city is home to the Claremont Colleges. Claremont was first mapped out by developers following the arrival of the transcontinental railroads to Southern California. It is surmised that the city is named for the New Hampshire city of Claremont. Citrus groves once dominated the northerly section of the city. Claremont was incorporated in 1907. The 2020 population has been set at 37,266. The city manager for Claremont is **Adam Pirrie**, **Jamie Earl** is the Assistant City Manager and **Katie Wand** is Deputy City Manager. **Shelley Desautels** is the City Clerk. **Jeremy Swan** is the Director of Community Services, and **Jeremy Starkey** is the Finance Director. **Maria Tipping** is the Claremont City Engineer. The Community Development Director is **Brad Johnson**, and the Claremont Chief of Police is **Aaron Fate**.

Adam Pirrie began his tenure as the Claremont city manager in February 2021. Adam joined the Claremont city staff in September 2003 as an Accountant. He began working his way up in the organization. Adam became the Accounting Supervisor in July 2005; Finance Manager in October 2007; and Finance Director in January 2011. After nearly 10 years as the Claremont Finance Director, Adam was appointed to the City Manager position in 2021 filling in following the resignation of City Manager **Tara Schultz**. He earned a BA from the University of California, Los Angeles (**UCLA**).



Claremont has been fortunate to have had some very high caliber management professionals over the years. **Jeffrey “Jeff” C. Parker** (December 2005-December 2011) and **Tony Ramos** (December 2011-

December 2017) followed **Glenn Southard** (June 1988- April 2005) at the city manager position. Glenn began his public service career as a member of the executive staff for Riverside in June 1974. In March 1981 he became the Assistant to the City Manager for West Covina and in April 1985, Glenn took the Assistant City Manager position in San Juan Capistrano where he worked until his appointment as Claremont City Manager in June 1988. After Glenn left Claremont in 2005, he served as the Indio city manager until his retirement in 2010. Glenn earned a BA from San Diego State University and an MPA from California State University, Fullerton. Glenn is a founding member and past President of the California City Management Foundation (CCMF).

Jeffrey “Jeff: C. Parker served as City Manager in Walnut (1995-2005), Claremont (2005-2011), Tustin (2012-2022) and CEO/President of the Laguna Woods Village.

Tony Ramos worked in West Covina (1979-1984) and Walnut, where he was Assistant City Manager from 1990 to 2006 before joining the Claremont staff.

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Jeff Duhamel: CEO/Principal Consultant



Jeff Duhamel is a professional Solid Waste and Recycling consultant specializing in Solid Waste facility development and municipal regulatory compliance.

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John A. Telesio: Senior Vice President

John is a waste industry veteran and former owner of Consolidated Disposal Service (CDS) that merges with Republic Services.



Stephen Howe: Senior Consultant

Stephen Howe joined the firm January 2020. With 27 years in the solid waste and recycling industry experience.



Trieu Le: Project Manager/Consultant

Trieu joined the company in October 2014. He plays an active role in helping clients both achieve and maintain compliance with State requirements by maintaining and implementing recycling and permit programs at the local level. He also conducts internal and external audits for RFPs and compliance.

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Picking Up the Pieces: Seal Beach City Manager **Jill Ingram** is resigning by October 31, 2024, and she intends to eventually retire. Jill served as the City Clerk for the City of Cypress from May 2000 until June 2006 when she joined the staff of the Orange County Fire Authority as Clerk of the Authority. Jim

became the Assistant to the City Manager in Seal Beach in October 2008. She was elevated to Assistant City Manager and in July 2011 she became the Seal Beach City Manager. Jill earned a BS and an MPA from California State University, Long Beach. She has served as an Adjunct Professor at CSULB since August 2013. San Dimas City Manager **Chris Constantin** has been hired by the Town of Los Gatos to replace outgoing Town Manager **Laurel Prevetti**. Chris will start his new job in November. He has served as the San Dimas city manager since January 2021. Chris continues to serve as a volunteer Reserve Police Lieutenant for the City of Hayward. Chris worked as a Senior Auditor for the City of San Jose from 2001 until 2010 when he became an Assistant City Auditor. In April 2013, Chris became the Assistant City Manager for the City of Chico. He earned a BS from San Jose State University and an MPA from the Maxwell School at Syracuse University. Dublin City Manager **Linda Smith D'Ambrosio** announced her plans to retire in October. Linda has worked for Dublin for the past 15-plus years, and she has served as the city manager for nearly five years starting her city manager tenure in December 2019. Linda began her career with the City of Dublin in 2009 as Assistant to the City Manager focused on economic development and public information. In 2013, she was named Assistant City Manager by former City Manager **Chris Foss** and became Dublin's fourth City Manager following Chris' retirement in 2019. California Governor **Gavin Newsom** said that he will withhold State funds from cities and counties that fail to clean up homeless camps in State public rights of way. He issued an executive order urging local governments to remove homeless camps and requiring that all tents be cleared from all State property.



Folsom City Manager **Elaine Andersen** confirms that she will retire at the end of 2024. Elaine has worked for Folsom for more than 15 years, including three years as Assistant City Manager and 2 years as Deputy City Manager. Elaine worked for the City of Sacramento prior to joining the Folsom city staff. She earned a BA from the University of California, Berkeley. Lynwood Director of Public Works **Julian Lee** is the new Interim City Manager for the City of Lynwood. From 2012 to 2014, Julian worked as a Principal Engineer for the Castaic Lake Water Agency. He took the Utilities & Projects Manager position in the City of Norwalk in July 2014. A little more than 5 years later, went to South Pasadena as the Deputy Director of Public Works in July 2019. Julian was appointed Director of Public Works for the City of Lawndale in January 2021, and in August 2022 he became Director of Public Works in Lynwood. He earned a BS in environmental engineering from the University of California, Berkeley and an MBA from the University of Southern California (USC) Marshall School of Business. The late former Chula Vista City Manager, **John Goss**, 75, passed away on January 10, 2014. After a sudden illness. John served as the Chula Vista city manager from 1983 to 1998. John began his public service career as an Administrative Intern for the City of Phoenix, Arizona in 1962-1964. He took an Assistant Administrative Analyst post with the City of San Diego in April 1963. In July 1964, John was hired to serve as the Assistant to the City Manager in Fremont. He became the Assistant City Manager for the City of Alameda in December 1967. In December 1973, John was selected to serve as the Alameda city manager. In January 1980, John took the Director of General Services position for the City of Oakland. He left Oakland in January 1983 to start his city manager tenure in Chula Vista. He received his BA from California State University, Fresno and an MPA from the University of Southern California (USC). He taught at the graduate level at San Diego State University for 11 years. John was the recipient of the ICMA Mark E. Keane Award of Excellence. John was an accomplished musician and enjoyed playing in a band. Tehachapi City Manager **Greg Garrett** is a newly elected member of the Kern Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors. Greg has served as the Tehachapi City Manager since 2009. He was the Assistant City Manager from 2004 to 2009. Greg was honored by the Kern Council of Governments with the *Darrel Hildebrand Distinguished Leadership Award*.



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More Pieces Picked Up: Santa Cruz City Manager **Matt Huffaker** announced that the City of Santa Cruz has hired Santa Clara Acting Assistant City Manager **Michelle Templeton** to serve as the Santa Cruz Assistant City Manager. Michelle earned a BA in environmental studies from the University of California, Santa Cruz. She

worked as a Program Manager for the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary in 2002-2005. She also worked for the City of Watsonville prior to joining the Santa Clara city staff in 2020. Palm Springs City Manager **Scott Stiles** is dealing with the Universal Basic Income (UBI) program that previously was operated by a non-profit organization. The project that city funds helped to launch and fund in 2022 failed to operate as originally promised by Queer Works Chief Executive Officer (CEO) **Jacob Rostovsky**. Questions of inappropriate spending surfaced last year. Jacob's spending actions are currently the subject to city and county law enforcement investigations, including an investigation being conducted by the Riverside County District Attorney.

Former Seaside City Manager **Craig Malin** (2015-2021) was appointed Interim city manager, replacing Chief of Police **Nick Borges** after City Manager **Jaime M. Fontes** was placed on paid leave after taking the city manager position in July 2022. The action apparently was taken following a performance evaluation. Jaime previously worked as city manager for Nogales, Arizona, as well as Santa Paula and Greenfield. Craig left Seaside in 2021 to take a position in Wisconsin. **Jonathan K. Nicks** is the new Assistant City Manager for the City of Indio. Starting in April 2004, Jonathan went to work as a Case Manager for a private sector company. In July 2007 he was hired as a Division Manager for the City of Placentia, and he was promoted to Deputy Director of Community Services in July 2011. Jon left Placentia in September 2015 for the Deputy Director position for the County of Orange. In January 2018, he was appointed Community Services Director for the City of Menifee. Jon will start as the Indio Assistant City Manager on September 9, 2024. He earned a BA from California State University, Fullerton and an MPA from California State University, Long Beach.



SHORTS: ***Karen Herrera**, who previously worked for the City of Duarte for more than 23 years, is an Independent Consultant and a Senior Client Relations Associate for California Consulting. ***New Hidden Hills City Manager Claire Whitley**, formerly the Assistant City Manager for Ormond Beach, Florida, started her new position July 22

and announced her resignation three days later on July 24. ***Former Chula Vista Deputy City Manager Eric Crockett**, after more than 20 years with the city, left his position in May 2024 and file a lawsuit against the city that

tried to link his employment agreement provided severance to a waiver of future legal claims, calling the city's demands illegal and unethical. ***Julia Homaechevarria**, a former Law Clerk at the Superior Court in Anchorage, Alaska, who earned her JD from the University of California, Davis, has joined the Pasadena office of **Colantuono, Highsmith & Whitley**. ***Consultant Sharon Landers**, a graduate of Union University, Albany Law School, served as the city manager for the City of Carson from 2019 to 2022, and she was the Assistant City Manager for the City of Irvine from 2006 to 2019. ***Retired Monterey Park city manager Ron Bow** (2017-2023) served in the United States Air Force for more than 24 years (February 1981-February 2005). ***Tara Hein-Phillips** is the Executive Director of Continuing Education representing the **USC** Distinguished Leaders Program. ***Former Norco and Rosemead city manager Jeff Allred** currently serves as a member of the Planning Commission for the City of La Verne. ***Retired Covina and Colton City Manager Daryl Parrish** was recently found on the Timberline Trail on the slopes around Mt. Hood, Oregon, an active stratovolcano in the Cascade Volcanic Arc. ***California Attorney General Rob Bonta** supports the Koi Nation of Northern California's lawsuit against the City of Clearlake regarding the processing of plans to build a 75-room hotel. ***Trina Miller**, Executive Assistant to the City Manager in Whittier, say of **Tom Mauk**, "I'm his biggest fan and worked for him in the late 80's! ***When John B. Wentz left Beverly Hills, Lyman Cozad followed him into the position. ***Former Beverly Hills Senior Management Analyst (2015-2017), Kevin Kearney**, who earned a Doctor of policy, planning and development from the University of Southern California (**USC**), has served as the City Manager for the City of Bradbury since May 2017. ***Since retiring as the city manager for the City of Indio in June 2021, Mark Scott** has served in Interim City Manager assignments in Lincoln, Downey, Ojai and Live Oak. ***James Vega**, Port Hueneme city manager, served as the City Manager for the City of Ojai from April 2019 until July 2023. ***Former Parlier city manager Antonio Gastelum** was found guilty with regards to a multi-million-dollar fraud scheme. ***TNT Fireworks Vice President John Kelly** earned a BBA from California State University, Long Beach. ***Alyssa White, Emma Totaro, Julia Gale and Laurel Yocum** have joined Team **Tripepi Smith** as Junior Business Analysts.*****



Bob Dickey is a retired Director of Public Works in South Gate. Bob also served as the City Manager in Walnut, and on the executive staffs in Rosemead and Signal Hill.