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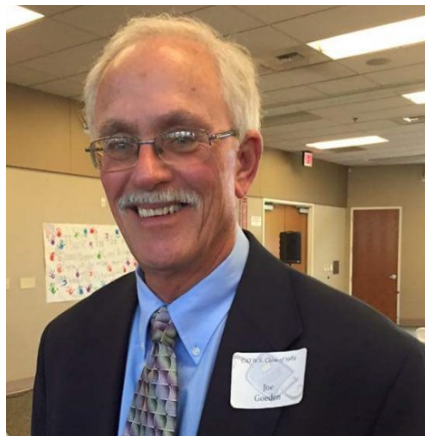
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Joseph "Joe" M. Goeden (July 1949 – November 2024):

Joe passed away from ALS, Lou Gehrig's disease. He began his public service career as an Administrative Aide in the City of Montebello in June 1972. He rose in the organization to become City Administrator in May 1980. He moved to Northern California in June 1989 to be the City Manager for West Sacramento. He retired in April 2002. Joe served as an ICMA Senior Advisor from 2005 to 2013. Sincere Trackdown condolences to Joe's wife Nola and his family.

California Public Managers in "D" Cities from Desert Hot Springs to Dos Palos

Cities included in this Special November 2024 issue of the City Manager Newsletter by Trackdown are the first of California incorporated cities with names that begin with the letter "D." The cities listed alphabetically in this issue including: Desert Hot Springs, Diamond Bar, Dinuba, Dixon, Dorris, and Dos Palos. These six (6) cities are found in the counties of Riverside, Los Angeles, Tulare, Solano, Siskiyou and Merced.



"Last call, last chance
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Sometimes you just don't know when that's gonna be
... 'Cause there's a last time for everything"
---Last Time for Everything, song by **Brad Paisley**

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Desert Hot Springs is a Coachella Valley city in Riverside County. The town was founded in 1941 by **L. W. Coffee**, who chose the name Desert Hot Springs because of the area's

natural hot springs. In the 1950s the area became popular with U.S. snow-area residents seeking warmth. They are dubbed "snowbirds" as they flee their cold weather for the warmth of the desert. The Desert Hot Springs area was treeless prior to the 1930s when the initial population increased. The city was incorporated in September 1963. The 2020 population is 32,512. **Frank J. Luckino** is the Desert Hot Springs city manager, and **Jerryl Soriano** is the City Clerk. **Geoffrey Buchheim** is the Administrative Services Director and **Valerie Rodriguez** is the Finance Technician. **Doria Wilms** is the Deputy City Manager and **Daniel Porras** is the City Engineer and Assistant City Manager. **Roberta Crncic** is the Recreation and Community Services Director.



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Roberta Crncic is the Desert Hot Springs Director of Recreation and Community Services has worked for the city for the past 5 years as Deputy City Clerk and Executive Program Manager.



Doria Wilms is the Desert Hot Springs Deputy City Manager. She has worked for the city nearly 9 years and was appointed Deputy City Manager in January 2021. Doria worked in the private sector prior to joining the Desert Hot Springs city staff in January 2016 as Deputy City Clerk. She worked her way up in the organization to Management Analyst to the City Manager in April 2017; Assistant to the City Manager in August 2018; Assistant City Manager in July 2019; and Deputy City Manager in January 2021.

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In 1840, the area that is now Diamond Bar was part of a Mexican land grant that included Brea Canyon and the eastern Walnut Valley. The rancho was divided following the United States inclusion

of the State of California. Several ranches, the largest of which was the Diamond Bar Ranch, were started. At the time, the Diamond Bar Ranch was one of the largest working cattle ranches in the western United States. In the 1950s the Diamond Bar Ranch was acquired by the Transamerica Corporation for the purpose of creating one of the nation's first master-planned communities. Transamerica gave the community the Diamond Bar name. The city was incorporated in April 1989. The 2020 population is set at 55,072. **Daniel Fox** is the Diamond Bar City Manager, and the Assistant City Manager is **Ryan McLean**. The City Clerk is **Kristina Santana**. **Jason Jacobsen** is the Finance Director, and **Greg Gubman** is the Community Development Director. **Crystal Knox** is the Diamond Bar Recreation Supervisor. (Crystal is the District 13 President-Elect for the *California Parks and Recreation Society*.) **Cecilia Arellano** is the Community Relations Manager, and the City Engineer and Public Works Director is **David Liu**. Diamond Bar Mayor & Council Member **Steve Tye** serviced as the President of the *California Contract Cities Association (CCCA)* in 2013-2014.



Daniel Fox has been the Diamond Bar city manager since July 2017, following his service as the Assistant City Manager for the City of Laguna Niguel (January 2014 – July 2017) and his overlapping experience as a Realtor for Coast City Capital. Dan served as the Laguna Niguel Director

of Community Development from December 2009 until his appointment as Assistant City Manager. He previously worked Planning in San Juan Capistrano and Tustin and as the Walnut Community Development Director (2004-2009). He earned a BS in urban & regional planning from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. In 2022 he received a 35-Year ICMA Service Award.



Retired City Manager **Terry Belanger** with Trackdown's **Jack Simpson**, also a retired city manager, on the right at a “Proof of Life” luncheon.

Jim DeStefano served as city manager for Diamond Bar for 11 years before retiring in 2017. Retired Pomona City Manager **Linda C. Lowry** served as the Diamond Bar city manager in 2001-2005. Another city manager was **Terry Belanger**. He earned a BA from California State University, Fullerton and a Juris Doctorate from Western State University College of Law. Terry was the Diamond Bar city manager for 8 years. He retired as the city manager for Yorba Linda in 2004. Terry went on to complete some interim assignments, including Interim City Manager for Calimesa.



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Originally called Sibleyville, Dinuba is a Tulare County city. The origin of the name “Dinuba” is unknown, though guesses are plentiful. It is probably a railroad monicker that was dropped on the area during railroad construction. Dinuba is primarily another farming town in California's Central Valley. The city was incorporated in January 1906. The 2020 population is 24,563. **Luis Patlan** has been City Manager since July 2015, and **Daniel James** is the Assistant City Manager. The City Clerk and Human Resources Director is **Maria Alaniz**, and **Karina Solis** is the Administrative Services Director starting in October 2019. **Stephanie Hurtado** is the Dinuba Parks & Community Services Director, and **George Avila** is the Public Works Director. **Abel Iriarte** is the Chief of Police and **Greg Chastain** is the Fire Chief.



Luis Patlan started his Dinuba City Manager tenure in July 2015. Luis began his public service career as a Housing Specialist for the City of Sanger. He worked his way up in the Sanger organization to serve as Interim City Manager. After a stint in the private sector, Luis was hired by the City of Kerman as the Director of Planning and Development, and he was elevated to be Kerman City Manager. Luis earned a BA from California State University, Fresno following graduation from Parlier High School.

“Proof of Life”



The importance of developing and maintaining a cadre of friends who are or were city managers continues after the job is done.

“It takes one to understand one!”

The next Southern California “**Proof of Life**” lunch is Thursday, December 12, 2024 at Clearman's North Woods Inn Restaurant, 14305 Firestone Blvd., La Mirada, CA 90638. We will gather at 11:30 am and have lunch at 12:00. RSVP at: jack@trackdownmanagement.net

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It appears that the first “semi-permanent” residents in the Dixon area gathered during the California Gold Rush. At that time the community was called Silveyville,

founded in 1852 by **Elijah Silvey**. The city was originally named “Dicksville” for **Thomas Dickson**. The story goes that when the first shipment of merchandise arrived on the train from San Francisco in 1872, it was mistakenly labeled to “Dixon.” The Dixon name has been used for the community since. Dixon was incorporated in March 1878. Its 2020 population is 18,988. The city manager is **Jim Lindley** and **Kristin Janisch** is the city clerk. **Raffi Boloyan** is the Community Development and Planning Director. **Madeline Graf** is the Economic Development Manager and Public Information Officer, and **Christopher Fong** is the City Engineer and Director of Utilities. **Kate Zawadzki** is the Finance Director and **Louren Kotow** is the Public Works Director.

Jim Lindley began his public service career as a member of the City of Hesperia City Council from December 1998 until December 2006. He worked as the Director of Public Health for San Bernardino from February 2005 until June 2010 when he became the city manager for the City of Dunsmuir. Jim was appointed Dixon city manager in February 2012. He received a 20-Year ICMA Service Award in 2017. Jim earned a BA in economics and an MPA from California State University, San Bernardino.

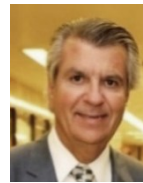
Dixon Finance Director **Kate Zawadzki** previously worked as an Accountant for the City of Napa (November 1998 – January 2010). She joined the Dixon city staff as Accounting Manager in 2010 and was promoted to Deputy Finance Director in January 2013. Kate became Finance Director in October 2019. She earned a BS in accounting from Sonoma State University and an MPA from California State University, Dominguez Hills.



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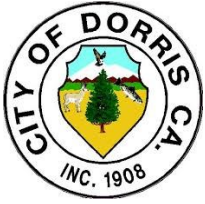
David Lee Harris served as the Dixon city manager from May 1978 until 1997. He previously served in the City of Fairfield, where he rose to the position of Assistant City Manager from January 1973 until 1978. David worked as an executive recruiter based in Sacramento after leaving city government. David earned a BS and MPA from Brigham Young University. He was born in July 1945. He graduated from high school in 1963.

Found in the Congressional Record is a tribute to DAVID HARRIS by the HONORABLE VIC FAZIO OF CALIFORNIA IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Friday, May 16, 1997. This is a partial recitation of the citation. Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor David Harris of Dixon, CA. David Harris has served as the city manager for the city of Dixon for 19 years, from June 1978 to July 1997. During David Harris' career as city manager to the city of Dixon, he placed the city of Dixon on the map. Dixon grew from a population of 6,031 in 1978 to a population of 13,078 in 1997. Furthermore, the city's area increased from 3.2 square miles in 1978 to 6.5 square miles in 1997. David Harris oversaw the planning and development of Dixon City Hall in 1981, the Senior Multi-Use Center in 1987, the Council Chambers in 1988, the Dixon Police Station in 1991, and the Dixon Fire Station in 1997. In addition, he is credited with creating the city of Dixon's logo, overseeing the planning and development of Northwest Park, and all the major renovations of Hall Park.



Former city managers, the late **Frank G. Tripepi** and retired city manager **John Russo** in an archive picture.

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Dorris, California is a small city in Siskiyou County established as a result of the Southern Pacific Railroad building a line through the northern section of the Butte Valley. The town was named in

1907 by officials of the railroad for **Presley A. and Carlos J. Dorris**, who raised livestock in the area in the 1860s. They later moved to Dorris' Bridge on the Pit River, which in 1876 was named Alturas. Dorris is the first city you come to in California while traveling south on Highway 97. Former NFL player **Bernie Hughes** and former MLB pitcher **Nelson Briles** were born in Dorris. The city was incorporated in December 1908. The 2020 population is 860. Dorris is known for its 200-foot-tall flagpole, at one time, the highest in the U.S. west of the Mississippi River. The local Lions Club flies a big United State flag on the pole. Dorris is currently designated, "Dorris, California-Gateway to Lower Klamath Our Nations First Waterfowl Refuge." **Joanna Wynant** is the Dorris City Administrator and **Jocelyn Ibarra** is the elected City Clerk. **Carol McKay** (2011-2020) is a previous City Administrator.

Joanna Wynant was hired to serve as the Dorris City Administrator on July 27, 2023. She succeeded City Administrator **Carol McKay**. Joanna represents the City of Dorris on the Butte Valley Groundwater Advisory Committee. Joanna serves Dorris as Deputy City Clerk in addition to City Administrator. Joanna is the daughter in law of the late **Howard Leroy Wynant**, a former Chair of the Butte Valley Indian Council (1997-1999) and Chair of the Shasta Tribe (1999-2002).



"It kind of gives everybody else out there who is not a big person the motivation and the inspiration that they know they can do it, too."

---**Tim Lincecum**, Retired MLB Pitcher



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Rita Geldert and her husband, retired Fire Chief **Dale Geldert**. Rita served 15-years as the Vista City Manager, retiring in 2012. She was a Board Member for the California City Management Foundation (CCMF), and as a past President. She also served as Executive Director following her city government retirement.

Letters and Notes from Readers:

Monday, November 11, 2024 7:55 AM

Subject: RIP Joe Goeden

This morning, I received the following text from Nola Goeden:

He passed last evening around 9:30. It was peaceful. I'll be in touch with what comes next.

---**Carlos Urrutia**

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Our colleague, **Joe Goeden**, has been diagnosed with ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease) and is not likely to survive much longer. Some of you probably witnessed his decline over the past couple of years. He has been hospitalized and is no longer able to communicate. I visited him a week or so ago, prior to diagnosis, and his ability to communicate was already impaired. I spoke with Nola, his wife, who gave me the go ahead to let his friends and colleagues know about the situation. I have known Joe throughout my career, starting in the mid-1970s. I know that you also knew him well for a long time. It's going to be a great loss

---**Carlos Urrutia**

Joe was such a great guy and a terrific city manager and someone who was always there to support other managers.

---**Donald Penman**

[**Rita and Dale Geldert; Richard Kirkwood; Ron Kiedrowski; Kevin O'Rourke; and Roy Pederson** are among the many who have sent condolence messages.]

Joe's wife Nola has planned Joe's celebration at city hall in West Sacramento on November 24th at 2 p.m. It seemed appropriate to have the official "Good-bye" at city hall.

Joseph Goeden July 28, 1949 - November 10, 2024



West Sacramento, California - Joseph "Joe" Goeden, was born on July 28, 1949 in Spokane, Washington, raised by Dennis and Francis Ryan. After battling a newly determined ALS diagnosis, Joe passed on Sunday, November 10th, 2024, lovingly surrounded by his family at Sutter Hospital in Sacramento, CA.

Joe traveled extensively throughout his childhood, residing in various parts of Washington, Florida and even Japan. At 17 years old, Joe moved to Victorville, California, where as luck would have it, he met the love of his life, Nola Goeden while accompanying her to high school homecoming. They were married in 1973, celebrating 51 years of marriage last Summer.

Joe attended Cal Poly University Pomona, graduating with a degree in Public Administration. His hard work and determination led him up the corporate ladder from janitor to mailroom clerk, to eventually becoming Montebello's City Administrator in Southern California. In 1978,

Joe and Nola welcomed their daughter Katie and three years later, their son John was born.

In 1989 he moved his family to West Sacramento serving as City Manager until his retirement in 2002. Joe continued to stay active in local government by mentoring other City Managers and consulting on a variety of issues. He enjoyed spending time with his family, bestowing wisdom on to his children and beloved grandson, Conrad. He was also actively involved in his church, serving as an elder.

His home away from home was a historic barn he owned in McCloud. He would take monthly trips, tend to the property, sell his handcrafted bars and wood benches and browse for antique treasures.

Joe is survived by his wife Nola, daughter Katie, son John (Ali), grandson Conrad, along with his sisters, Sharon, Karen, Gayle, Denise and brother Dennis.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Trinity Presbyterian Church on 1500 Park Blvd., West Sacramento (www.trinity-westsac.org.) Donations may also be made for treatment support through the ALS Association. Please visit www.als.org and click on donate, indicating your gift in honor of Joe Goeden.

A public service will be held to celebrate the life of Joe Goeden at City Hall, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento on Sunday, November 24th at 2 p.m.



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Dos Palos was founded in the 1820s at the site of two tall trees. Spanish explorer **Gabriel Moraga** named the two tall poplars "Dos Palos." In 1891 cattle rancher **Henry Miller** began

the development of a small town that was given the name "Dos Palos." Dos Palos was incorporated in May 1935. In January 2008 the Dos Palos community and surrounding area was transferred from Fresno County to Merced County. In 2020 the Dos Palos population was 5,798. Major League Baseball outfielder **Dave Henderson** was born in Merced but grew up in Dos Palso. **Darrell Fonseca**, the Dos Palos city manager, retired effective March 31, 2022. **Dewayne Jones** is the current city manager. **Manuela Sousa** is the Director of Finance & Personnel. **Craig Hackett** is the Director of Utilities, and **Gordon Bonds** is the Director of Public Works and Parks. **Clifton Battles** is the Chief of Police and Animal Control and **Lori L. Lima** is the City Treasurer. **Brian Guerrero** is the Director of Community Development.

Jerry Dewayne Jones worked as Director of Public Safety in 2018. He then served as the city's Fire Marshall from 2019 to 2020. He became city manager in 2022 following the retirement of longtime city manager **Darrell Fonseca**.

Darrell Fonseca retired after 32 years of service. His last day as city manager was March 31, 2022, He was the longest serving city manager in a single city of all 482 California cities. Darrell grew up on a dairy farm. He graduated from California State University, Fresno and went to work on the staff of the State Assembly and as an administrator to U.S. Congress Member **Richard Lehman**. Darrell served as the Interim Executive Director of the Fresno County and City Chamber of Commerce. He helped bring Triple A professional baseball to Fresno. Darrell was elected National President of the Young Men's Institute (YMI) in 2022. Starting in 2022, Darrell joined the Merced County staff in human resources.



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Director of Public Works and Parks, **Gordon Bonds** has worked for the city of Dos Palos for more than 15 years. In 2018 he was elected to the Board of Education for the Dos Palos Oro Loma Joint Unified School District.

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Frank Tripepi and **Joe Goeden** were good friends. Joe was in Montebello when Frank was next door in Rosemead. After Viet Nam veteran **Frank G. Tripepi** returned home from over-seas and recovered from his combat injuries. Frank was hired to serve as an Administrative Aide starting in October 1971 for the City of Hawaiian Gardens. In April 1972, he was promoted to Administrative Assistant and in November, he was hired by Rosemead City Manager **Leland Gunn** for the Rosemead Assistant City Manager position. After Lee retired, Frank became Rosemead City Manager in October 1974 and served in that position for 28-years. Following Frank's retirement from Rosemead he was appointed President and Chief Executive Officer of MuniFinancial, which is currently Willdan Financial Services. After Frank completed a year or so as the Interim City Manager in La Puente, he returned fulltime to Willdan, where he was Senior Vice President of Business Development. He earned a BA from California State University, Fullerton.



Picking up the Pieces: Boulder City, Colorado is getting close to concluding a recruitment for a new city manager. All three of the final candidates are currently working in California. Among the candidates are Carson Deputy City Manager **Tarik Rahmani**; Milpitas city manager **Ned Thomas**; South Pasadena city manager **Christopher Jordan**. Christopher served as Los Altos city manager before inking an

employment agreement with South Pasadena. **Justin T. Clifton** is the new City of Murrieta city manager. Justin joined the Murrieta city staff as Assistant City Manager earlier this year. He earned a BA from Fort Lewis College and an MA in philosophy from Colorado State University, Denver. He is an ICMA Credentialed Manager. In Murrieta he succeeds the retiring City Manager **Kim Summers**. Prior to working in Murrieta, Justin served as the City Manager for the cities of Palm Springs (April 2021-September 2022), Sedona, Arizona (April 2015-April 2021), Delta, Colorado (October 2012-April 2015), and Town Manager for Bayfield, Colorado (January 2006-March 2011). In 2017, Justin received a 10 Year ICMA Service Award. **Chris Constantin** former San Dimas city manager is the new Los Gatos Town Manager. Assistant City Manager **Brad McKinney** served as the Interim City Manager, and on October 8, 2024, the San Dimas City Council unanimously appointed Brad to serve as City Manager. Brad has previously worked in executive assignments in Alhambra, Rosemead, Claremont and Anaheim. He earned a BA and Master's degree from Azusa Pacific University, where he played college baseball. Brad's wife Janay is a well-known soccer player and coach.



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More Pieces Picked Up: Scott Collins has been hired as the new Assistant City Manager for the City of San Luis Obispo. He is coming from the Executive Director position with the Housing authority of San Luis Obispo. Scott was the Morro Bay

city manager from November 2017 to Mar 2023. Prior to his Morro Bay employment, Scott served as the Deputy City Manager for Santa Cruz. He earned a BA in U.S. history from the University of California, Santa Cruz and an MPA from The George Washington University. Carlsbad City Manager **Scott Chadwick** has been hired as the Chief Executive Officer for the Port of San Diego. Former CEO **Joe Stuyvesant** was placed on leave in July 2023. **Randa Coniglio** was the Interim CEO. Scott has served as the Carlsbad city manager since August 2018. He worked for the City of San Diego from July 2004 until joining Carlsbad in 2018. He served as the San Diego Chief Operating Officer from October 2013 to February 2018. Scott earned a BA in political science from Purdue University. In 2024 he received a 20-Year ICMA Service Award. **John Kunkel** is the new Interim General Manager for the San Lorenzo Valley Water District. John is a former Chief of Police and he has served as city manager for several communities, most recently Interim City Manager for the City of Huron in Fresno County. Among others he served as City Manager for the City of Buellton, and he worked as the City Administrator for the City of Exeter. Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) officials decided that Palo Alto City Manager **Ed Shikada** will not be allowed to participate in decisions that involve Stanford University. On September 7, Ed married **Sandra Jung**, who works for Stanford Health Care, a university-affiliated nonprofit that includes Stanford Hospital and various clinics. The FPPC directed Ed to also recuse himself from all matters that pertain to Stanford University. The FPPC decision means that any item involving the university will now be overseen by his top deputy, Assistant City Manager **Kiely Nose**. While the university and the hospital are separate legal entities, the FPPC concludes that their close relationship is enough to extend the conflict-of-interest provision. Stanford Hospitals and Clinics and Stanford University employ about 10,000 people together, making them the largest employers in Palo Alto. San Jose Council Member **Omar Torres** was arrested on charges stemming from child sex crime allegations. The alleged crimes are purported to have taken place more than twenty-five years ago. He was arraigned at the San Jose Hall of Justice on three felony charges for raping a child. The San Jose City Manager is **Jennifer Maguire** and **Paul Joseph** is the Chief of Police. **Bessie Marie Scott** is the new Antioch city manager. She is a former Deputy Inspector General for the City of Seattle, Washington. Bessie earned a BA in law, society and philosophy from the University of California, Santa Barbara and an MPA from the University of Washington. Bessie is Antioch's fifth city manager in three years. Parks and Recreation



A big chunk of the Simpson Family on November 20, 2014. All five daughters and nine of our grandchildren in one place is a rarity.

Director **Brad Helfenberger** is the Acting Assistant City Manager for Antioch. **Scott Collins**, Executive Director of the Housing Authority of San Luis Obispo, is the new City of San Luis Obispo Assistant City Manager. He will be working with City Manager **Whitney McDonald**. Scott previously served 5 years as the City Manager for the City of Morro Bay. He also worked as the Deputy City Manager for the City of Santa Cruz. Scott earned a BA from the University of California, Santa Cruz and an MPA from George Washington University. **Kevin Thompson** has been selected to be the next Cloverdale city manager. Kevin joined the Cloverdale staff in 1999 as an Assistant Planner. He served as the Community Development Director and as Assistant City Manager. Kevin previously worked planning positions in Ukiah, Calistoga and with a private consultant firm. He earned a BA from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, and an MBA from Sonoma State University. Indian Wells City Manager **Chris Freeland**, who previously served as the West Covina city manager (September 2015-March 2019), just graduated with a Ph.D. in political science from the Claremont Graduate University. Chris celebrated his birthday and his graduation as "Dr. Freeland" in November 2024. Chris also previously earned a BA in political science and a BS in Civil Engineering from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. He also earned an MPA from California State University, Long Beach. In 2024, Chris received a 25-Year ICMA Service Award. He is an ICMA Credentialed Manager. Chris served as President of the Municipal Management Association of Southern California (MMASC) in 2006-2007.

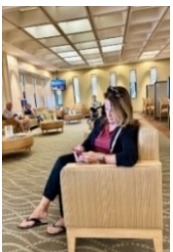


"As a kid, I had this ultimate goal to be a teacher. I wanted to be a history teacher like my dad."

---Mike Trout



Still More Pieces Picked Up: **David Rowlands** is the new Santa Maria city manager. Dave left the city manager's job in Fillmore after serving there for 11 years. He was appointed to the position in August 2013. Dave is expected to start in Santa Maria in December. Fillmore Assistant City Manager **Erika Herrera-Terriquez** is the Interim City Manager in Fillmore. Dave earned a BA from California Lutheran University and an MPA from California State University, Stanislaus. In 2021, Dave received a 30-Year ICMA Service Award. Dave is the son of **David D. Rowlands, Jr.** former city manager for Antioch (1991-1998) and Chula Vista (1998-2006). Clovis City Manager **John B. Holt** is retiring at the end of the year. He has served as Clovis City Manager since 2021. He joined the city staff in 2000 as a Management Analyst and he became City Clerk in September 2004. John left the service of the United States Navy as a Captain in January 2016. He began his military service in August 1985. John joined the city staff in Visalia in December 1994 in Financial Services before joining the Clovis staff. He earned an MBA from Pacific Lutheran University. In 2024 John received a 30-Year ICMA Service Award. Rancho Palos Verdes has obtained \$42 million from the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) to mitigate the expanding and accelerating landslide problems in the city. Rancho Palos Verdes City Manager **Ara Mhuranian** indicates that the money will help buy the most problematic properties; the homes that have been most damaged. The city estimates that the FEMA money will allow the purchase of about 22 homes in the landslide area. California Governor **Gavin Newsom** announced a proposal to expand the film & TV tax credit program. This proposal would position California as the top state for film incentive programs, surpassing other states like New York. The Governor says that expanding this tax credit program will help keep production in California, generate thousands of good-paying jobs, and strengthen the state's film and TV industry. San Francisco Giants baseball fan **Tim Kerr** served as City Manager in Turlock (2005-2009), Ceres (1998-2005) and Livingston (1990-1998). Tim earned a BA from the University of California, Santa Barbara and an MPA from Syracuse University, Maxwell School.



SHORTS: ***Arcadia** city manager **Dominic Lazzaretto**, an MPA graduate of California State University, Long Beach, previously served as the city manager for the City of La Palma (2006-2012), and he is a Founder of "Ukraine Relief Effort Arcadia" in November 2022. ***Retired Whittier** city manager **Jeff Collier** was seen having a "...great sandwich" at Eric Schat's Bakery in Bishop during a drive to Cold Springs, Nevada. ***Retired city manager John Bramble** was spotted in Solvang this month celebrating his son's birthday. ***Former City of El**



Yosemite Valley picture by **Mark Ochendusko**, retired Coronado city manager.

Monte Recreation Manager **Cathy Fisher**, who started with the city as a Recreation Leader, is the University of Southern California (**USC**) basketball Official Scorer. ***Retired Vallejo** City Manager **Joe Tanner** currently serves with the California Municipal Finance Authority. ***Rocklin** City Manager **Aly Zimmermann**, who once worked as the League of California Cities liaison to the CCMF Board and served as the Vista Assistant City Manager for nearly 9 years (2012-2020), earned a BA from the University of California, Davis and an MPA from San Diego State University. ***Palmdale** City Manager **Ronda Perez**, who previously worked as the Assistant City Manager and the Director of Parks, Recreation and Arts for the City of Lancaster, recently completed the prerequisites to earn an ICMA Credentialed Manager designation. ***Oceanside** Chief of Police **Kedrick Sadler** retired on November 10 after 24 years of service in Oceanside. ***Corsicana**, Texas Interim City Manager **Jim Holgerson** previously worked as a Deputy City Manager in San Jose, as City Manager for Modesto, and Interim City Manager in Emeryville. ***CCMF** President **Ken Striplin**, city manager for Santa Clarita, led the annual *New & Future City Manager's Seminar*, November 6-8, 2024, at the Westin Pasadena. ***Former Antioch** city manager **Ron Bernal** is the new Antioch Mayor. ***Johnathan Nicks**, who began his public service career as a Recreation Leader for the City of Norwalk, is the Assistant City Manager for the City of Indio starting in September 2024. ***Karan Reid**, a Certified Public Accountant (CPA), is the Director of Finance for the City of Concord, and previously served as the Finance Director in Benicia and Chief Financial Officer for the City of Emeryville. ***Retired El Cajon** City Manager **Bill Garrett** is a former member of the governing Board for the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District. ***Former Long Beach** Chief of Police and Los Angeles County Sheriff, **Jim McDonnell** is the next Los Angeles Chief of Police. ***EKA** tells us that the Vincent Thomas Bridge that crosses the Los Angeles Harbor and links San Pedro with Terminal Island will be completely closed for 16 months to complete a major renovation beginning in late 2025 or early 2026. ***Lourdes Castro Ramirez** was appointed by Los Angeles Mayor **Karen Bass** to serve as the city's new Chief Housing and Homelessness Officer. ***Ronald Kiedrowski**, who earned BA degrees from North Dakota State University and an MUP from Wayne State University, served as City Manager for American Canyon (1992-1994), La Quinta (1986-1992) and Show Low, Arizona (1984-1986). ***Former U. S. Marine Corps officer Paul Connelly** of the San Diego Police Department is the new Coronado Chief of Police. ***