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Fairfield is the Solano County seat. The community was founded in 1856. The city was named for clipper ship

captain **Robert H. Waterman's** hometown of *Fairfield, Connecticut*. In addition to being known for the Jelly Belly candy headquarters, it is also the location of Travis Air Force Base. The city was incorporated in December 1903. Its' 2020 population is 119,881. David Gassaway is the Fairfield city manager, and **Savita Chaudhary** is the Assistant City Manager and Director of Information Technology.



City Manager **David Gassaway** was appointed in 2023. He began his working career on the private sector side in April 2006. In May 2009, David was hired as a Management analyst for Rancho Cordova, and he was promoted to Assistant to the City

Manager in April 2013. In 2014, David joined the Indian Wells city staff as Assistant to the City Manager and he was appointed Community Development Director in 2016. David served as the Solvang city manager in 2019. He took a Special Projects Coordinator position with Pismo Beach in 2020, and he was hired to be the Fairfield Assistant City Manager in March 2020. After serving as Interim City Manager in 2022, David has worked as the Fairfield city manager since January 2023. He earned a BA from San Diego State University and an MPA from the University of San Francisco. He also has a Certificate in Advanced Public Engagement from Pepperdine University.

**Savita Chaudhary** was appointed Assistant City Manager in July 2023. She was nearly 12 years in Vacaville (2003-2015) and 6 years in Berkeley (2015-2021). After a short time with the League of California Cities in 2024, she joined Fairfield in 2021. She earned a BS and MS from Delhi University and an MPA from Golden Gate University.



**Wesley Wolf**, former city manager and founder of **Wolf & Company**, and retired, California Contract Cities Association (CCCA) Executive Director, **Sam Olivito**, at a February 2025 lunch at Tommy Bahama's in Palm Desert.



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Former Fairfield City Manager **Byron Gale Wilson**, born July 6, 1929, passed away on September 1, 2020 in Auburn at the age of 91. Gale is the father of ten children. He served as the Fairfield city manager for 32 years, from 1956 to 1988.

**Kevin O'Rourke** served as the Fairfield city manager from March 1997 and retired in 2007. At the time of his retirement, he had served as a city manager for 26 years in the cities of Stanton, Buena Park and Fairfield. Since retirement, Kevin has served as Interim City Manager for Stockton in 2010, Woodland (2011-2012) and Santa Ana in 2013. Kevin is a La Salle College graduate. He is a past President of the city managers' department of the League of California Cities (1997-1998); a past member of the ICMA Executive Board as a regional vice president; and a former member of the CCMF Board, and the Cal-ICMA Board.

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Farmersville was established in the 1850s with the name "Deep Creek." The Deep Creek Cemetery includes headstones that date back to the 1850s. The local post office was established for Farmersville in

the late 1860s. Discussions of incorporating the city began in 1945 and the city was finally incorporated in October 1960. Water and wastewater treatment were major issues of the time. **Rochelle Giovani** is the City Clerk for the City of Farmersville. **Steven Thompson** is the Farmersville Director of Public Works.

**Michael Schulte** worked as a contract Farmersville City Attorney starting in 2019 and he became the Interim City Manager in July 2024. In August 2024 Michael became the full-time city manager and he was confirmed as city manager in December 2024. In February 2025, Michael submitted his resignation from both the City Attorney and City Manager positions. Chief of Police **Jay Brock** was appointed to serve as Interim City Manager.

**Jennifer Gomez** served as the Farmersville city manager for six years prior to accepting a position with the City of Visalia. After working as a Legal Assistant and a Paralegal for two private law firms starting in January 1996, Jennifer joined the city staff in Tulare as a Deputy City Clerk in April 2007. In 2013 she added the Budget Coordinator duties. Jennifer became the Hanford city clerk in June 2014. In May 2018 she was hired in Farmersville to serve as city manager. Jennifer left Farmersville to work for the City of Visalia in 2024. She became the Visalia Chief Deputy City Clerk on contract in September 2024. She earned a BA from Santa Clara University and an MPA from Walden University.

**Patrick M. King** was appointed city manager for Farmersville in April 1984. He had worked for the City of Chino before joining the Farmersville city staff.




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Ferndale is a Humboldt County city known as the northern gateway to California's Lost Coast. The city is located at the mouth of the Eel River and near large preserves of California's Coastal Redwood forests. The town was established in 1852 from a settlement created by **Willard Allard**, **Seth Louis Shaw** and American portrait painter **Stephen William Shaw**. The city was incorporated in August 1893. The Shaw House was the area's first polling place in 1854 and post office and courthouse in 1863. **Jay Parrish** is the Ferndale city manager and **Kristene Hall** is the City Clerk. **Ron Sligh** is the Ferndale Chief of Police. **Lauren Boop** is the city's Financial Manager and **Vanessa Blodgett** is the City Planner. The City Attorney is **Ryan Plotz** and the City Building Official is **Arnie Kemp**.



Ferndale City Manager **Jay Parrish** served as a member of the Rio Dell City Council for eight years and then served a brief time as the Rio Dell city manager. In 2007, when Ferndale city manager **Michael Powers** accepted the city manager position in King City, Jay was appointed Interim City Manager. Jay was then retained as the full-time city manager. He is a Humboldt State University alumnus.

### "Proof of Life" Lunch: Thursday, April 3, 2025



The next "Proof of Life" lunch will be at the same La Mirada venue on **Thursday, April 3, 2025**. The original date was changed due to a conflict with **Mookie Betts** and the Los Angeles Dodgers.

This "Proof of Life" lunch picture shows: **Lloyd de Llamas**, **Mark Alexander** and **John Bramble**. These quarterly luncheons are opportunities for former colleagues to meet informally. Their importance is magnified when a participant passes on like former Palmdale city manager, the late **James "Jim" Purtee**.

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Fillmore is in the Santa Clara River Valley area of Ventura County. The city's historic downtown was built when the Southern Pacific railroad brought service to the valley in 1887. **J.A. Fillmore** was a

general superintendent of the Southern Pacific Railroad. Fillmore was incorporated in July 1914. The Fillmore downtown required a great deal of rebuilding following the 1994 Northridge earthquake. Though no life was lost, and no one was injured, more than 200 buildings were damaged by the quake. The 2020 population of the city is 16,419. Fillmore is known for the many orange groves in the area. Administrative Services Director **Erika Herrera-Terriquez** is serving as the interim city manager, and **Olivia Carrera Lopez** is the City Clerk. **Debra Cavaletto** is the Fillmore Finance Director, **Kevin McSweeney** is the Planning and Community Development Director, and **Joe Bellomo** is the Public Works Director.



Assistant City Manager **Erika Herrera-Terriquez** is the new Fillmore city manager. Erika was appointed Interim City Manager in November 2024, and she was made city manager at the February 11, 2025, City Council meeting.

Erika worked as the Human Resources Director starting in 2019. She earned a BA in accounting and an MPA from California Baptist University.

**David W. Rowlands** was appointed city manager in August 2013 and left the city 11 years later to become the city manager for the City of Santa Maria. David served as the Deputy City Manager for the City of Novato from May 1998 until January 2001, when he was hired to be the Clayton, Ohio City Manager. After nearly 13 years in Clayton, David returned to California to take the Fillmore City Manager position.



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Firebaugh is a Fresno County city located on State Route 33 on the west side of the San Joaquin River about 38 miles west of Fresno. The city was formerly known as Firebaugh's Ferry, named for

**Andrew D. Firebaugh**. Andrew operated a ferry boat that carried people across the San Joaquin River. Firebaugh became a station on the Butterfield Overland Stage route. The Firebaugh Ferry post office was open from 1860 to 1862, and the Firebaugh post office opened in 1865. Firebaugh was incorporated in September 1914 and the city's 2020 population is 8,096. **Ben Gallegos** is the City Manager and Public Works Director, and **Rita Lozano** is the Deputy City Clerk. **Amanda Fleming** is the City Clerk. **Sal Raygoza** is the Chief of Police, and **Michael Molina** is the Fire Chief. **Pio Martin** is the Finance Director and **Mario Gouveia** is the City Engineer.

Firebaugh City Manager **Ben Gallegos** has lived in the Firebaugh community for most of his life. He was hired in public works in April 2016. Ben was appointed Interim City Manager for Firebaugh before he was hired as city manager. He also serves as the Public Works Director.

Listed in the 1998-1999, Who's Who in Local Government Management, serving at the Firebaugh City Manager position was **L. Keyth Durham**, who was appointed to the post in 1991. When the late Signal Hill Mayor and Council Member **Ellen Ward**, who retired from Santa Ana, worked on the Hawaiian Gardens city staff with **Lynn Keyth Durham** she gave him the nickname "Bull;" a takeoff on the Bull Durham movie.

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--Basketball Award Winner **Caitlin Clark**



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Folsom was laid out as *Granite City* by **Joseph Libbey Folsom** during the California Gold Rush. Joseph lobbied to have railway service for the community which was largely occupied by prospectors and gold miners. Joseph passed away in 1855 and *Granite City* was later renamed Folsom in his honor. *Folsom Prison*, made famous by country singer **Johnny Cash** and his "Folsom Prison Blues" song, was established in 1880. Folsom Dam was built in 1956 to provide flood control and water rights for the Sacramento Valley and created the picturesque Folsom Lake. The **Jason Gonsalves** Family have often been seen wake boarding and water skiing on the lake. Former Fire Chief **Dan Haverly** served as the Interim City Manager and Oakdale City Manager **Bryan Whitemyer** was appointed City Manager at a January city council meeting. Dan took over following the retirement of city manager **Elaine L. Andersen**. Elaine worked for the city nearly 20 years, with more than six years as city manager. Elaine left office in December. **Christine Brainerd** is the Communications Director, and **Christa Freemantle** is the Folsom City Clerk.

Folsom City Manager **Bryan M. Whitemyer** was appointed at a January 2025 city council meeting and will officially arrive in the Folsom City Manager's Office in March 2025. Bryan began his career in November 2001 as a Code Enforcement Officer and Assistant Planner for the City of Ceres. He joined the Modesto city staff as a Management Analyst in September 2003. In August 2007, Bryan was hired to serve as the Assistant City Manager for the City of Patterson. He left Patterson in November 2010 to become the City Manager for the City of Hughson. He moved to the Oakdale city manager position in February 2013. Bryan earned a BA from Brigham Young University and an MPA from California State University, Stanislaus. In 2021 Bryan received a 20 Year ICMA Service Award.



Retired city manager **Lou Shepard** and his wife cruised on the Queen Anne from New York through the Panama Canal to San Francisco in January 2025.



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**Kerry L. Miller** served as the city manager for the City of Folsom from October 2006 to October 2011. Kerry began his public service career as an Administrative Intern for the City of Fairfield starting in May 1976. In October 1976, Kerry was hired as an Administrative Assistant in Novato, and in April 1978 he joined the Las Vegas staff. Kerry returned to California in June 1982 to become the city manager for the city of Sanger. In June 1987, he moved to South Lake Tahoe to become that city's city manager. Kerry took the Encinitas city manager position in November 1999. In October 2006, Kerry became the Folsom city manager. He retired in October 2011. Kerry earned a BA and MPA from Brigham Young University. In 2011, Kerry received a 35 Year ICMA Service Award. He is an ICMA Credentialed Manager, retired.



Folsom City Manager **Evert Palmer**, who was appointed city manager in October 2011, announced that he will retire July 15 after serving the City of Folsom for 23 years, including seven years as city manager and six years as assistant city manager. Evert earned a BA from

Chapman University and an MPA from Golden Gate University. He is an adjunct professor of public administration at Golden Gate University.

### Folsom City Manager History

<b>Elaine Anderson</b>	2018-2025
<b>Evert Palmer</b>	2011-2018
<b>Kerry Miller</b>	2006-2011
<b>Sam Spiegel</b> (Interim)	2006
<b>Martha Lofgren</b>	2000-2006
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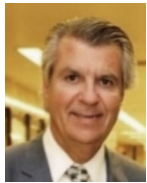




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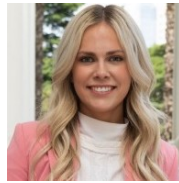
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**Hilary M. Straus** is the current General Manager for the Citrus Heights Water District (CHWD). **Annie Liu** is the Director of Administrative Services and Treasurer, **Missy Pieri** is the Director of Engineering and **Rebecca Scott** is the Director of Operations.

Hilary began his public service career as a Loomis Administrative Assistant in August 1995. He was promoted to Administrative Analyst in October 1997. Hilary left Loomis in September 1998 to accept a Management Analyst position with the City of Citrus Heights. In January 2002, Hilary became a Citrus Heights Senior Management Analyst. In July 2001, Hilary took on the extra duties of serving as the City Administrator for the City of Plymouth. When that assignment ended in March 2005, Hilary resumed his Citrus Heights position. In September 2007, he was elevated to Assistant to the City Manager. He left Citrus Heights and joined Hanford as the Deputy City Manager in December 2008. Hilary was appointed to the Hanford city manager position starting in May 2010. In September 2012, he began his tenure as the Assistant City Manager for the City of South Pasadena. Hilary was appointed CHWD General Manager in May 2017. He earned a BA from the University of California, Davis and an MPA from the University of Southern California (**USC**). In 2020 he received a 25 Year ICMA Service Award. Hilary served as the President of the Municipal Management Association of Northern California (MMANC) in 2000. He is a past member of the CCMF Board of Trustees, and he served as Chair of the Cal-ICMA Board in 2007-2008. Hilary is known to be a classic car buff. Hilary serves as a Board Member for the Regional Government Services Authority, and for the Institute for Local Government.

“We are vintage, me and my car!”

--Anonymous



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Last month, February 2025, Atascadero city manager **Jim Lewis** was recognized for his service to scouting in San Luis Obispo County. He was awarded the District Award of Merit for his longtime service to young people through Boy Scout Programs. Here Jim poses with his daughter Gracie, and his wife Debi.





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**Letters and Notes from Readers:**

Denise and I hope this will be your only ICU visit for the rest of the year! Our best to you and Susan,  
**---Larry and Denise Pennell**

I was so sorry to read about Lilo. She was a beauty, and I would guess a real sweetie. We are dealing with the same issue with the loss of our Max. He left us on Sunday after 15 years. Like your family with Lilo, we miss him dearly. Take Care!  
**---Steve Harding**

<https://ourcivicculture.com/2025/02/16/today-we-lost-our-max/>

Hope your year improves as we go forward. Pulmonary fibrosis: you and I have the same issue, but I've been lucky so far. The photos are on the Queen Anne going from New York through the Panama Canal to San Francisco in January 2025.  
 Best wishes for a good rest of the year.  
**---Lou Shepard**

Just a note to remind you that **George Medak** passed away last year. He worked in the City Manager's office in Long Beach.  
**--Wayne Wedin**

Sorry for all the losses you and your family have endured. Thanks for the article on our friend, Craig, he was truly the life of the party. I will always remember Nelson pouring coke into Craig's shoes in Palm Springs...so funny. Thanks for sharing all the photos. Very cool!  
**--Michael Sakamoto**

Life in South Carolina is good, although we had three days in a row of freezing temperatures at night! I enjoy reading the newsletter and cannot thank both you and Susan for all of your efforts in producing it!  
**--Lee Whittenberg**

Hope this finds you and your family well. I was very sorry to hear about Susan's mother and brother. Also RIP, Lilo.

The latest edition of the newsletter mentioned **Craig Nealis** and it reminded me how young he was when I first met him when he worked for you in Bellflower. I recall that he was really into snow skiing and, when he found out about me being part of the management team at Goldmine Ski Resort in Big Bear for a season (my hiatus), he would barrage me with questions about my experiences on the "hill." If he saw me at a function, he would engage me in conversation, not about municipal government or local politics, but his adventures on the slopes and the latest equipment he recently acquired. He was a delightful young man, I sometimes wondered if he might have been happier having a job at a ski resort, rather than the stress filled City Manager life. In any event he was an accomplished City Manager and a true professional. RIP, Craig, my friend, I've missed our talks.  
**---Doug Dunlap**

NOTE: So far, the year 2025 has brought us the passing of Susan's brother Rudy and her mother, and our beloved Siberian Husky, Lilo. Hopefully, the year can ease up on us now. We apologize for our lack of being comprehensive with news items. We do our best to provide good representative coverage!



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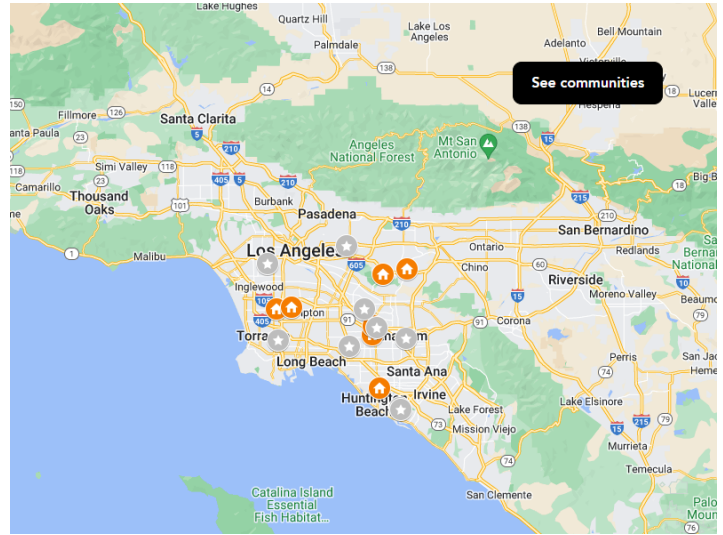
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**Picking Up the Pieces:** Jennifer Campbell is the new Encinitas City Manager. Jennifer has served as the Acting/Interim City Manager since December following City Manager Pamela Antil leaving the position. Jennifer first joined the Encinitas city staff in 2016. She was appointed Assistant City Manager in 2021. Jennifer worked as a Parks and Recreation Superintendent in Goodyear, Arizona

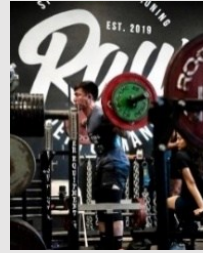
starting in March 2008. She came to Encinitas in July 2016 as Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts after working assignments in Maricopa and Glendale, Arizona. She earned a BA from Arizona State University and Master's in education, with an emphasis in public administration from Northern Arizona University. Former Brea City Manager Wayne Wedin reminded us that Lake Arrowhead resident and past President of the Mountains Community Hospital Foundation (MCHF) Board, George Medak passed away on December 4, 2024. George was 81 years old and was dealing with complications from COVID-19 and Parkinson's Disease. George was a Long Beach icon. He worked for the city for several years and he was an Assistant Professor in public policy and administration at California State University, Long Beach. George was proud to have been a key player in starting the annual Grand Prix of Long Beach. Former Long Beach City Manager Jim Hankla said that George was a critical part of getting things done in Long Beach. George was a Long Beach police officer as his first city job in the early 1960s. He later left the Police Department to work as the city Budget Director. He eventually became a key Executive Assistant to the City Manager. Former Assistant City Manager John Shirey remembers George's critical help to get the Grand Prix off the ground.



Kristin Griffith is the new city manager for the city of Brea. She has served as Interim City Manager since December, when City Manager Bill Gallardo retired. Kristin worked as the Director of Finance for the Santa Margarita Water District from March 1998

until February 2016, when she joined the city staff in Irvine as the Director of Financial Management & Strategic Planning. She took the Director of Administrative Services and Deputy City Manager position for the city of Brea in June 2022. Kristin earned a BS in finance from San Diego State University. Public Works Director and Assistant City Manager Travis Hopkins is the new Huntington Beach city manager. Travis has been serving as the Acting City Manager. He joined the Huntington Beach city staff in 2006. In 2019 he was appointed Assistant City Manager and since last November he has been the Acting City Manager.

"All right everyone, line up alphabetically according to your height."  
---Casey Stengel



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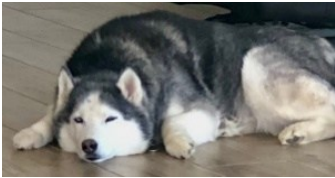
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San Bernardino Acting City Manager Tanya Romo will return to her deputy city manager position as William Gallardo comes aboard as the Interim City Manager. Bill retired in December after serving the City of Brea for 35 years. He was the Brea city manager starting in 2015 (July 2015-December 2024). Bill earned a BS from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. Desert Hot Springs city manager Frank J. Luckino has been placed on leave and Doria Wilms is serving as the Acting City Manager. Frank had an unexpected family emergency and has taken time to care for his father. Frank previously served as city manager for the cities of Twentynine Palms and Blythe. He earned a BA in accounting from West Liberty University. City of Banning City Manager Doug Schulze has been placed on administrative leave on a 3-2 city council vote. Doug became the City Manager for Banning in 2018. He previously served as the city manager for Bainbridge Island, Washington. Banning police lieutenant Robert Fisher is serving as the Banning Interim City Manager. Palm Desert City Manager L. Todd Hileman is the new South Pasadena city manager. Todd succeeds city managers Stephanie DeWolfe (2017-2020) and Armine Chaparyan (2021-2024). Todd previously served as the City Administrator for Vandalia, Missouri (1994-1997) and Delavan, Wisconsin (1997-2000). He was city manager for Avondale, Arizona (2000-2004) and Village Manager for Glenview, Illinois (2004-2017). Prior to taking the Palm Desert city manager position in May 2021, Todd worked as City Manager for Denton, Texas (2017-2021). Todd earned a BS in communication and political science from Arizona State University and an MPA from Northern Illinois University.



A 2016 picture of retired city manager Mike Egan and retired city clerk Debra Bauchop.



**More Pieces Picked Up:** ICMA and LOC Senior Advisor, **Kevin C. Duggan**, is a retired Mountain View City Manager (July 1990-April 2011). Prior to joining the

Mountain View city staff, Kevin served as the city manager for the City of Campbell (October 1984 – July 1990). He is an ICMA Credentialed Manager. Kevin is a past President of Cal-ICMA and the City Manager's Department of the League of California Cities. In 2018 Kevin received a 45 Year ICMA Service Award. He earned a BA and MPA from San Jose State University. Kevin participated in an ICMA international exchange program with Limerick County, Ireland. In 2019, Kevin was presented with an ICMA Distinguished Service Award. Municipal Management Association of Southern California (MMASC) past President (2013-2014) **Peter Castro** is serving as the Deputy City Manager and Administrative Services Director for the City of Rancho Cucamonga. Peter worked for more than 5 years with The Walt Disney Company from 1999 to 2005. In 2008 Peter joined the La Cañada Flintridge and he went to work in Indian Wells in 2017. He was the Assistant City Manager in Indian Wells when he accepted his position in Rancho Cucamonga. Peter earned a BA in social ecology and a BA in political science from the University of California, Irvine, and an MPA from California State University, Northridge. **Rochelle Clayton** is the new city manager for the City of Barstow. Rochelle is a veteran of more than 30 years of government experience. She served as the Interim City Manager for the City of San Bernardino starting in April



2024. Rochelle is a San Bernardino native. She served as Deputy City Manager for San Bernardino, and Assistant City Manager for Menifee. She also worked as the Chief Financial Officer for the West Valley Water District in Rialto, the High Desert Water District in Yucca Valley, and she was the Finance Director for the City of La Habra Heights. Rochelle earned a BA from California State University, San Bernardino.

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**SHORTS:** \*Corona Assistant City Manager **Brett Channing**, who previously worked in Santa Barbara, Yorba Linda, Arcadia, Monrovia, Brea, El Cajon and Lake Forest, is a past President (2012-2013) of the Municipal Management Association of

Southern California (MMASC). \*Former police officer **Joseph Wambaugh**, turned author of "The Onion Field" and other books on law enforcement, passed away at his Rancho Mirage home at the age of 88 this past month.

\*One of 11 search warrant locations served by the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office in Huntington Park misuse of public funds probe dubbed Operation Dirty Pond is the home of City Manager **Ricardo Reyes**.

\***Jennifer Wakeman**, California Society of Municipal Finance Officers (CSMFO) President, and the City of Lafayette's Assistant Administrative Services Director, is the first Director of Finance for the City of San Ramon.

\***Samantha Tewasart**, who previously worked with Alhambra, Rosemead and Monterey Park, is the Planning Manager for the City of San Gabriel, and she earned a BA from the University of California, Los Angeles (**UCLA**).

\*San Diego Mayor **Todd Gloria**, who announced the immediate cut of 31 city positions, including the City's Chief Operating Officer **Eric Dargan**, and is taking over the city manager position as the city seeks budget reduction actions. \***Jonathon Harmon**, who earned a BA from Concordia University Irvine and an MPA from Arkansas State University, is the Parks and Recreation Director for the City of Laguna Niguel.

\***Conal McNamara**, who worked as a Policy Deputy (2000-2003) for former Los Angeles County Supervisor **Michael D. Antonovich**, is the City Manager for the City of La Palma and previously worked as Director of Community Development for the City of Whittier.

\*Former **Brawley** Police Commander **John Tang**, who previously served with the El Centro Police Department, is working with Brawley Interim City Manager **Jimmy Duran** and the Assistant to the City Manager. \*Former Beaumont Chief of Police **Sean Thuilliez** is the new Chief of Police for the City of Tustin, according to Tustin City Manager **Aldo Schindler**.

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