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Erin Stibal and **Matt Stibal** are active residents of the city of <u>Lakewood</u>. Erin served as a Deputy to retired Los Angeles County Supervisor **Don Knabe** for more than 16 years starting in November 2000. In December 2016, Erin took a position as Administrative Services Manager with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. In the picture here, Erin and Matt are attending a game of the MLB Angels at Angel Stadium in <u>Anaheim</u>. Erin serves as President of the *Kevin Woyjeck Explorers for Life Association*. She earned a BA in speech communications from California State University, Long Beach.

California Managers in Cities from Jackson to La Habra

This July 2025 issue of the City Manager Newsletter by Trackdown includes information regarding the cities of Jackson, Kerman, King City, Kingsburg, La Cañada Flintridge, and La Habra. This grouping includes a city in Los Angeles County, La Cañada Flintridge; two cities in Fresno County, King City and Kingsburg; and one each from the counties of Orange (La Habra); Amador (Jackson) and Monterey (King City).

Early on the city of <u>Jackson</u> was once known as Bottle Springs, among other names. Named for **Colonel Alden Jackson** and founded in 1848 near a year-around flowing spring, it is the county seat for Amador County. **Carl Simpson** is the <u>Jackson</u> city manager.



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Jackson, California is known for its rich California Gold Rush history and as the county seat of Amador County. Founded in 1848, Jackson grew as a gathering place for miners and

local cattle ranchers. The historic downtown with its original facades and remnants of underground tunnels, provides an interesting destination for those interested in Gold Rush history. The city is named for Colonel Alden Jackson, who was a local attorney popular with miners of the area. The city was born soon after the discovery of gold at Coloma, and became a city that brought alive gold, girls, gambling and government for more than 160 years. The city, once known as Bottle Springs and other similar names, incorporated as Jackson in December 1905, long after it had been selected to serve as the Amador County seat in 1854. The 2020 population is reported to be 5,019. Carl **P. Simpson** is the city manager, and Carleen Kirkpatrick is the Assistant to the City Manager and Deputy City Clerk. Dalacie Blankenship is the Finance Manager, and Matt Ospital is a consultant City Engineer. Ryan **Pidgeon** is the Fire Chief and **Christopher Mynderup** is the Chief of Police. Erin Ventura is the city's consultant City Planner.



Carl P. Simpson began his tenure as Jackson city manager on January 29, 2024. Carl began his public service career as a Code Supervisor for the city of San Jose in December 2004. He worked there until June 2005. In June 2006 he became the Code Chief for the

County of Sacramento. From February 2015 until May 2019, he was the Code & Housing Enforcement Chief for the city of Sacramento. Prior to serving the City of San Jose, Carl worked as a Sheriff's Deputy with the Stanford University Department of Public Safety and Evergreen/San Jose Community College District police. Prior to his local government experience, he served 8 years in the U.S. Marine Corps and U.S. Army. Carl earned a BA from San Jose State University and an MPA from the University of San Francisco.





First Responders of the City of Long Beach Fire Department tutor an elementary school class. The little girl with the hose is **Leilyn Simpson Ha**.

Yvonne Kimball was the Jackson city manager from August 2017 until July 2023, when she took the Morro Bay city manager post. Prior to Jackson, Yvonne was Town Manager of Dewey-Humboldt, Arizona and City Manager of Bowling Green, Florida. She earned an MPA from the University of Central Florida, In 2016 Yvonne received a 10-Year ICMA Service Award.



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Michael Sean Daly (October 21, 1960 – October 25, 2017) worked with the city of <u>Jackson</u> for nearly 27 years. He served as city manager from January 1999 until his retirement in 2017. Prior to joining the <u>Jackson</u> city staff, Mike was the

city manager for the City of Rio Dell from September 1995 until January 1999. He worked for Manhattan Beach in Los Angeles County before that, starting in 1982. He was the Administrative Services Director when he left Manhattan Beach for Rio Dell in 1995. Mike earned a BA from San Jose State University and an MPA from the University of Southern California (USC). Mike passed away on October 25, 2017, at the age of 57.



Kerman grew up around a train watering tank and pump-stop installed when the Southern Pacific Railroad built a line between Tracy

and Fresno around 1891. The small town was originally named "Collis," for the President of the railroad, Collis Potter Huntington. The first Collis post office was opened in 1894, closed in 1899 and reopened in 1904. The post office was re-named Kerman in 1906. The name "Kerman" is the first three letter of landowners William G. Kerchhoff and Jacob Mansar. The city was incorporated in July 1846. The independent Kerman Telephone Company retired its four-position manual telephone switchboard in 1991. It was the last of its kind in California. The 2020 population of Kerman is 16,016. John Jansons is the city manager, and Marci Reyes is the City Clerk. The Kerman Chief of Police is John Golden, and the Public Works Director is Michael Barajas. Josefina **Alvarez** is the Interim Finance Director. **Jesus Orozco** is the Kerman Community Development Director, and Theresa Johnson is the Community Services Director.



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City Manager **John Jansons** began his public service career as an intern with the United States Foreign Service (March 1997-June 1997). John joined the city staff for <u>West Sacramento</u> in September 1998 as an Economic Development

Specialist. In March 2002, he worked for Atascadero, and in December 2003 he became the Urban Renewal Project Coordinator for Salem, Washington. John was a Project Manager in Portland, Oregon from 2006 to 2008, before he joined the Banning city staff as Manager for Redevelopment and Economic Development Manager. In August 2010, John took the Director of Community Investment & Economic Development Department in the city of Hemet. He was appointed City Manager for the City of Farmersville in August 2015. In October 2017, John took the Town Manager post in Windsor. He became the Kerman city manager in December 2019. He earned a BA from the University of California, Davis. In 2022 he received a 20 Year ICMA Service Award.

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This "Proof of Life" lunch picture shows former city managers Jim DeStefano, Julio Fuentes and Don Penman (the King of Interim Assignments). "Proof of Life" Dutch treat luncheons are opportunities for former colleagues to meet and greet. Gather at 11:30 for the noon lunch on Thursday, July 17, 2025. Please RSVP to: jack@trackdownmanagement.net

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King City is a Monterey County community on the Salinas River. Spanish explorers camped on the

Salinas River near today's <u>King City</u> on September 26, 1769. In 1884, **Charles King** acquired Mexican land grant property and started a 6,000-acre wheat farm. The Southern Pacific Railroad brought rail transportation to the area in 1886. Originally known as "Hog Town" the first <u>King City</u> post office opened in 1887. The city was incorporated in February 1911. The 2020 population of <u>King City</u> is 13,332. **Steven D. Adams** is the city manager, and **Nicole Branshaw** is the City Clerk. **Robert "Bob" Masterson** is the King City Chief of Police, and **Matthew Owens** is the Fire Chief. **Mike Howard** is listed as the Finance Director, and the Public Works Director is **Octavio Hurtado**.

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City Manager **Steven D. Adams** of King City, began his public service career as an Intern for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in Washington, D.C. in March 1982. He took an Administrative Intern position with the city of San Luis

Obispo in September 1982 and a similar position with Temple City in August 1983. Steve was hired to serve as the Deputy City Manager for the city of Glendale in January 1984. In July 1999, Steve became the Assistant City Manager for the City of Westlake Village in July 1999. He left that position in September 2000 when he was selected to serve as the Arroyo Grande city manager, where he worked until January 2015. Steve was appointed city manager for King City starting in November 2015. He earned a BA from California Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo and an MPA from the University of Southern California (USC). Steve will retire at the end of the year.



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Michael Powers served as the city manager for <u>King City</u> from September 2006 until December 2015. When he left <u>King City</u> he became the Borough Manager for the Kodiak Island Borough in Kodiak, Alaska starting in

May 2016. Mike left Kodiak in September 2021. He worked as a Project Manager for the City of Tulare from June 2022 until July 2025 when he was appointed Assistant County Administrative Officer for the County of Kings with offices in <u>Hanford</u>. Before Mike came to <u>King City</u> as City Manager, he served as city manager in Ferndale (2004-2006), and in Dunsmuir (1997-2002). He served as a Deputy Special Administrator for Fresno County starting in 1990. Mike earned a BA in public administration from California State University, Fresno.



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Kingsburg is a city in Fresno County, California. It is located on the banks of the Kings River. Kingsburg was established as a railroad town. The Central Pacific

Railroad completed its Valley Line in 1873. Kingsburg started as a flag stop on the Central Pacific Railroad called "Kings River Switch." In 1874 Kingsburg was called Wheatville. It was 1894 when the community became Kingsburg. The city was incorporated in May 1908. The 2020 population is 12,380. Alexander J. Henderson is the city manager, and Abigail Palsgaard is the City Clerk. Abigail also serves as Assistant City Manager. Alma Colado is the Kingsburg Finance Director. Neil G. Dadian is the Chief of Police, and the Public Works Director is Daniel Galvez. Christina Windover is Assistant City Manager and Director of Administrative Services.



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Alexander J. Henderson is the city manager for the city of <u>Kingsburg</u>. Alex worked as a Management Intern for the Village of Howard, Wisconsin in 2007. Starting in 2007, Alex went to work for the Village of Bayside, Wisconsin. He served as

the Director of Community & Utility Services, and between 2011 and 2013 he was the Deputy Village Manager. In January 2014, Alex came to California to accept the city manager position for the city of Kingsburg. He earned a BA and an MPA from the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee. He also completed educational studies programs at the University of Virginia and at the University of Oklahoma.



Christina Windover worked as a Housing Counselor and as a Program Coordinator with the Human Rights Fair Housing Commission and the Center for Multicultural Cooperation between 2012 and 2015. In July 2015, Christina joined the city staff in

<u>Kingsburg</u> as the Director of Administrative Services. In October 2022, the city added Assistant City Manager to her responsibilities. She earned a BA from California State University, Sacramento and an MPA from California State University, Fresno.



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An archive picture taken in June 2006 showing City Attorney **Maurice O'Shea** and **Jack Simpson**. Maury served as City Attorney for <u>Paramount</u>, <u>Bellflower</u> and <u>Hawaiian Gardens</u> among other assignments.





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La Cañada Flintridge, to home of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, was known as "Rancho La Cañada" during the Spanish and Mexican eras. In 1875, Rancho La Cañada was purchased by **Jacob Lanterman** and **Adolphus Williams**.

Over the next several decades, local development was slow, largely due to the scarcity of sources of water. However, some orchards growing stone fruit or oranges were planted. Flintridge was named for the developer and United State Senator Frank P. Flint. The city manager is Dr. Daniel Jordan, and Tania Garcia is the City Clerk. Arabo Parseghian is the Assistant City Manager, and Kristin Cook is the Director of Administrative Services.





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Dr. Daniel Jordan is the <u>La Cañada</u> <u>Flintridge</u> city manager. He was appointed to the position starting in February 2024. Dan began his public service career in July 2000 as a Senior Managing Consultant with a private local government service provider in

Newport Beach. In January 2005, he joined the Simi Valley city staff as the Budget Officer. He left there in January 2008 to take the Director of Finance position with La Cañada Flintridge in February 2008. After working for La Cañada Flintridge until June 2017, he moved the Westlake Village to serve as Director of Finance. While with Westlake Village, he served as Interim City Manager from December 2018 to March 2019. Daniel earned a BA from the University of California, Irvine, and an MPP and Doctorate in Political Science from Claremont Graduate University.





Former city manager **Lloyd de Llamas**, a founder of **HdL Companies**; retired <u>La Cañada Flintridge</u> city manager, **Mark Alexander**; and **John Bramble**, former city manager in Bell, Commerce and Merced.

Mark R. Alexander worked for La Cañada Flintridge for nearly 34 years. He joined the city staff in October 1988 as an Administrative Assistant, He later worked as Assistant to the City Manager, Assistant City Manager, and Deputy City Attorney. Mark was named City Manager in June 2003 and served in that position until his retirement in the Spring of 2023. Mark began his public service career as an intern in San Dimas. He worked for the cities of Glendora and Simi Valley prior to joining the La Cañada Flintridge city staff. Mark has held several local government leadership positions. He currently serves on the Los Angeles County Claims Board and Liability Trust Fund Oversight Committee, the Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System (LA-RICS) Authority Board of Directors, the USC Executive Education Board of Directors and the USC Price City/County Management Fellowship (CCMF) Advisory Committee. He is a past chair of the San Gabriel Valley City Managers Association and the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments City Manager's Steering Committee. Mark is one of the few to be a two-time recipient of the California Contract Cities Association's "El Gran Matador" award, two-time recipient of the Municipal Management Association of Southern California's "President's Award". He also is the 2015 recipient of the CCMF Advisory Committee's "Future of City/County Management" award. Mark lives in San Dimas. He earned an MPA from the University of Southern California (USC).



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Gabrielle "Gaby" Pryor was a member of the first Irvine city council and served as the first Irvine female Mayor in 1974. Gaby continued her public service career as an Assistant City Manager in the City of San Dimas from 1986 to 1989. In 1990, her final Gaby was appointed city manager for the City of La Cañada Flintridge in 1990. Gaby retired from the city in 2000. She went on to become the Executive Director for the Los Angeles Children's Chorus from 1998 to 2002. After 2002 she worked as a consultant on the arts for the Los Angeles Unified School District. Gaby fully retired in 2009.

Other city managers to serve <u>La Cañada Flintridge</u> include **Jerry B. Fullwood**, **George Caswell**, and the city's first city manager, **Clark L. Smithson**. **Caroline de Llamas** was the first <u>La Cañada Flintridge</u> City Clerk.





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La Habra is an Orange County city founded in 1896. The first post office was established in 1898, and the city was Don Hannah retired effective December 31, 2013. He was appointed to the La

Habra City Manager post in 2007. Prior to joining the La Habra city staff Don had served as a Police Captain in Whittier. He earned a degree at California State University, Long Beach and an MPA at the University of Southern California (USC).1925. The name "La Habra" refers to the "Pass Through the Hills" used by Spanish explorers in 1769. Initially the area was grazing land for large herds of cattle and horses. By 1928, La Habra was the largest avocado center in Southern California. La Habra became known as the city just south of La Habra Heights, where the "Hass" avocado of the 'Hass' avocado mother tree was planted by Rudolph Hass in the 1920s. Avocadoes from this tree became one of the most popular worldwide. The 'Hass' mother tree died in 2002 due to root rot. In 1908, the Pacific Electric Railroad was completed through La Habra. Once water lines were brought to the community from the San Gabriel River, the walnut, citrus and avocado crops improved to importance. The 2020 population is 63,097. Jim Sadro is the La Habra city manager, Rhonda J. Barone is the City Clerk, and Gabriella Yap is the Assistant City Manager. Mel Shannon is the Director of Finance and Kelly Fujio is the Director of Community Services.

Jim Sadro came to the <u>La Habra</u> city staff in 2004 as the Director of Finance and Administrative Services. He was appointed Assistant City Manager in 2013, and he was elevated to the <u>La Habra</u> city manager position in 2014 following the retirement of city manager **Don Hannah**. Prior to <u>La Habra</u>, Jim worked for the City of <u>Long Beach</u>. Jim earned a BA and an MPA from California State University, Fullerton. In 2023 he received a 10 Year ICMA Service Award.



Don Hannah retired as La Habra city manager effective December 31, 2013. He was appointed to the <u>La Habra</u> City Manager post in 2007. Prior to joining the <u>La Habra</u> city staff Don served as a Police Captain in <u>Whittier</u>. He earned a degree at California State University, Long Beach and an MPA at the University of Southern California (**USC**).

After working for the City of <u>Gardena</u> for nearly 33 years, **Kelly Fujio** joined the <u>La Habra</u> city staff as the Director of Community Services in March 2019. Kelly earned a JD law degree from Southwestern Law School.



Retired <u>Huntington Park</u> city manager **Gregory Korduner** and **Henry Aaron** at American Family Field in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.



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"From day one, we have stayed true to our strategy, even though it was extremely tempting to go looking for targets of opportunity," says **Jim Barisic.** "The last time the market took off, many builders pursued large projects in outlying markets. Later, those same projects fell into distress, and everyone was chasing them. Both times, we took a hard look at our options and decided, 'Let's stick with what we know and do it better than anyone else.'



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Picking Up the Pieces: Please understand that we may have missed local staff movements and other news while we were on a three-week road trip to Broken Arrow, Oklahoma and Hendersonville, Tennessee. We will do our best to catch up. Your help will be appreciated. City Council Members of the Los Angeles County city of Huntington Park have established that city as a Sanctuary City,

prohibiting the use of city resources, personnel and facilities for federal immigration enforcement. The action was voted 5-0 to adopt the appropriate ordinance. The ordinance requires public reporting of any contact with immigration authorities. Ricardo "Rick" Reves is the Huntington Park city manager. He previously worked as Deputy Secretary for the California Department of Veterans Affairs. Morro Bay City Manager Yvonne Kimball has been dismissed after serving in the position for the past two years. She joined the city staff as city manager in August 2023 following her tenure as <u>Jackson</u> city manager. Yvonne worked as the Jackson city manager from August 2017. Prior to Jackson she worked as Twon Manager in Dewey-Humboldt, Arizona and as city manager for Bowling Green, Florida. Yvonne earned an MPA from the University of Central Florida. In 2016, Yvonne received a 10 Year ICMA Service Award. Jarad Hildenbrand is the next city manager for the City of Orange. He is taking over from retiring City Manager **Tom** Kisela. Jarad has been serving as the Laguna Hills city manager since 2022. He began his public service career with the City of Villa Park in 2006. He was appointed Villa Park city manager in July 2012. Jarad was also city manager in La Habra Heights (2016-2019) and Stanton (2019-2022). He earned a BA from California State University, Fullerton, and an MPA from California State University, Long Beach. Blue Lake Interim City Manager Dani Burkhart, former Finance Manager, was hired to fill in for City Manager Amanda "Mandy" Magers who parted ways with the city on May 9, 2025. Dani previously worked for the city of Eureka in their Finance Department. She is a former unsuccessful candidate for the Board of Supervisors in Humboldt County. In 2017-2018, Dani served as the Vice-Treasurer for the Humboldt County Democratic Central Committee. She earned an AA from College of the Redwoods and a BS in environmental science from Humboldt State University. Officials of the city of Calexico want the federal government to fund a share of the city's ambulance service. Interim City Manager Rick Daniels reports that 37% of the city's ambulance service calls are at the International Border for transporting patients from the border to the local hospital. People who injure themselves crossing the border are getting free transportation to the hospital paid by the local Calexico taxpayers.

Some considerations and thoughts, just for edification and "remember whens": A coalition of tribal leaders, community activists and environmental advocates are engaged in actions to restore Tulare Lake in Kettleman City. The 2025 edition of the World Naked Bike Ride happened in London, England in June. Kyle Larson, a native of Elk Grove, is considered one of the best and most versatile race car drivers currently competing. He is currently leading the NASCAR Cup Series standings. California U. S. Senator, Democrat Alex Padilla, was handcuffed by federal agents and removed from a news conference hosted by Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem. The incident occurred during the protests of federal immigration enforcement in Los Angeles. The picture here shows Koa Simpson Ha and Leilyn Simpson Ha with a conductor for the Hogwarts Express No. 5972 at Universal Studios. The conductor has an uncanny resemblance to the late Lakewood City Manager,



Howard Chambers. At the end of last year (2024) 71-year-old Patrice Miller was fatally mauled by a Black Bear in Downieville in Sierra County. It is the first known, documented fatal bear attack by a black bear in California history. The bear was euthanized.





This beautiful pond is part of the Storyliving by Disney, The Cotino Community is bringing new homes to <u>Rancho Mirage</u>, California.



More Pieces Picked Up: Chula Vista Assistant City Manager Tiffany Allen is the new city manager, replacing City Manager Maria Kachadoorian. Maria is retiring in October.

Tiffany joined the <u>Chula Vista</u> city staff in January 2002 as a Development Services Technician. After working through several positions, she was appointed Assistant City Manager in February 2023. Tiffany earned a BS from the University of Oregon and an MPA from Walden University. In 2024, she received a 20 Year ICMA Service Award. <u>Pittsburg</u> City Manager **Garrett Evans** announced his retirement effective September 4, 2025. Garrett has worked for the city of <u>Pittsburg</u> since 1997, when he joined the city staff as an Analyst. Since than he has worked as Director of Economic Development, Director of the Redevelopment Agency, Director of Power, Assistant City Manager and for the past 6 and a half years, City Manager. He was named city manager in February 2019.



Garrett earned a BA in psychology from the University of Arizona and an MPA from the University of Southern California (USC). As wildfire conditions intensify across the Pacific Northwest, California Gavin Governor Newsom has directed the deployment of a CAL FIRE Type 3 engine strike team to assist firefighting efforts in southern Oregon. The deployment includes five fire engines and a strike team leader who will join suppression operations just north of the California-Oregon border.



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SHORTS: *Hayward Director of Library Services, Jayanti **Addleman** is the Hayward Interim City Manager taking the post from City Attorney Michael Lawson, who has been Acting City Manager since City Manager Ana **Alvarez** was placed administrative leave. *Recently elected Lemon Grove City Council Member Sitivi "Steve" Faiai, who was a football coach at Helix High School, died unexpectedly earlier this month. *Bell City Manager Michael L. Antwine II previously served as the Assistant City Manager for Compton (October 2019-April 2022) and Assistant City Manager for Novato (September 2017-2019). *City Manager Bret Prebula of Suisun City volunteered to forgo a significant bonus for outstanding performance because of the city's current budget issues. *New <u>Calabasas</u> City Manager **Dr. Kindon Meik** is the recipient of the Association for Losa Angeles Deputy Sheriffs (ALADS) City Manager of the Year Award. *Edwin **Gato** is the Director of Finance for the city of Hercules since January 2019, was previously the Finance Services Manager for the city of Alameda. *Former Fairfield Assistant City Manager Savita Chaudhary, is the city manager for the City of Vacaville. *Mario Giuliani, who previously worked for the cities of Vacaville and Walnut Creek, as well as the Greater Vallejo Recreation District, in the city of Benicia city manager. *San Francisco's new Mayor Daniel Lurie, took office in January 2025. *Grover Beach, where **Matthew Bronson** has been city manager since May 2016, there has been an effort to make the City Attorney position political with the selection by election at the ballot box. *Sheryl M. M. Long is the 18th City Manager for the City of Cincinnati, Ohio. *Los Angeles County Assessor **Jeffrey Prang** is a former Assistant City Manager for the City of Pico Rivera. *Huntington Park City Manager Ricardo "Rick" Reyes is a United States Marine Corps veteran. *After retiring in 2006 as Napa City Manager, Patricia Thompson has served in "Interim" positions with Novato, Larkspur, Santa Rosa, and the Town of Ross. *Veteran retired City Manager Richard D. **Rowe** served as city manager for the cities of <u>La Palma</u> (1981-1986), Chino (1986-1996), Needles (2003-2008), and Barstow (2009-2011); and he served as interim city manager for Needles (2000-2002), Barstow (2008) and Canyon Lake (2012-2013). ***