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# Some City Managers from Fresno County Cities

Fresno County is California's 5th largest county by populations with nearly one-million residents; nearly the same population as the State of Montana. The county was established in 1856 from parts of Mariposa, Merced and Tulare Counties. There are fourteen incorporated cities in Fresno County, including: Clovis, Coalinga, Fowler, Fresno, Huron, Kerman, Kingsburg, Mendota, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, San Joaquin, Sanger and Selma. This list attempts to include folks we have missed in the past. Therefore we omitted some who we have acknowledged previously. Our primary research tool is the ICMA Who's Who Directory. We apologize to those we missed.





In <u>Fresno</u> the City Manager is appointed by the Mayor, in a strong-mayor system. **Bruce Rudd** is the current <u>Fresno</u> City Manager, being selected in early 2010 when City Manager **Mark Scott** resigned to take the <u>Burbank</u> City Manager position.

Bruce has worked in nearly every <u>Fresno</u> city department during his 39-years with the city. He joined the <u>Fresno</u> staff in 1976 in the Transit Department. In 2004 he was selected to serve as the <u>Fresno</u> Transportation Director, and in August, 2005 Bruce became the Interim Assistant City Manager. He became Assistant City Manager in May, 2006. Bruce is a life-long resident of Fresno.

Fresno Assistant City Manager is currently **R. Renena Smith**, and the Deputy City Manager is **Wilma Quan-Schector**. Renena joined the City of Fresno staff 17-years ago,



serving as the Budget Director prior to her appointment as Assistant City Manager. She earned a BS in accounting from California State University Fresno, and an MPA from the University of Southern California (USC). Wilma previously served as the Urban Planning Specialist in the City's Downtown and Community Revitalization Department. She earned a BA from Penn State University and an MBA from California State University, Fresno.

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Allen L. Goodman, retired as the City Manager on Lemoore in Kings County in 1997; served there from 1986. Allen began his public service career in 1964 as an Administrative Assistant in Bakersfield. In 1965 he was appointed Assistant City Manager in Fairfield, and served there until 1971 when he was selected to serve as the City Manager in the Fresno County City of Clovis. He served in Clovis 15-years; until 1986 when he joined the Lemoore staff. Allen earned a BA from the University of Redlands and an MPA from George Washington University. He was the recipient of a 30-year ICMA Service Award in 1994.

Glenn H. Marcussen served as a Civil Engineer in Oceanside between 1959 and 1961. In 1961 Glenn was hired to be the City Manager in the Fresno County City of Coalinga. He served in that Coalinga position until 1986. He earned a BS from Iowa State University. In 1992 he was the recipient of a 25-year ICMA Service Award. Glenn penned a history of the area in 1995.





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Coalinga Mineral Hot Springs resort: Originally the springs were known as Rogers' Hot Springs, named for James J. Rogers, who discovered the series of 19 hot springs located 18 miles west of <u>Coalinga</u>. In 1857 Rogers killed a bear in an area later called Bear Canyon. A history written in 1995 by former City Manager Glenn H. Marcussen says Rogers "moseyed over to a spring to wash the bear's blood off his hands" and discovered the 112-degree sulfursmelling springs. Rogers built a hotel and wooden soaking tubs there in the 1860s. "Some people were wheeled in as invalids and after being soaked the proper amount, miraculously walked to the four-horse stage," the history says.



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Charles B. Haddix, who goes by Brian, is the current City Manager in the Madera County City of Chowchilla. In 1999 Brian began working as an Undersecretary in the Environmental Protection Agency in California. In 2001 he was appointed Chief Administrative Officer in Butte County. He moved on to be the County Administrative Officer in Tulare County in 2004. Brian was appointed City Manager in the Fresno County City of Sanger in 2010 and worked there until 2015 when he was selected City Manager in Chowchilla. Brian earned a BA from the University of California, Santa Barbara and a Masters degree from California State University, Fresno. He also attended the San Joaquin College of Law.



Fowler's first post office opened in 1882, and the city incorporated on June 15, 1908. Fowler is named for rancher **Thomas Fowler**, who served in the California State

Senate in the early 1870s. <u>Fowler</u>'s current population is a little more than 6,000.

<u>Fowler</u> City Manager **David Elias** has served in that post since April, 1986...nearly 30-years.

A former police officer and Sergeant with the City of Madera, John Kunkel was appointed Chief of Police in Exeter, and served in that position for 19-years. John was selected to serve as the Exeter City Administrator in 2004. He left Exeter in 2009 after he was hired as the City Manager in Buellton to replace retiring City Manager Steve Thompson. John resigned from the Buellton position in 2013. He is currently serving as the Interim City Manager in the City of Kerman in Fresno County. John earned a BA in the Administration of Justice from San Jose State University, and he also has an MPA.



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## Some City Managers from Fresno County Cities

Ken Grey, 58, is the current <u>Selma</u> City Manager. He was appointed on July 22, 2014. Ken is a former member of the City Council and Mayor of <u>Selma</u>. He took over from retiring City Manager **D-B Heusser**, who held the <u>Selma</u> City Manager post for about 14-years. In 2013 then-Mayor Ken Grey and his wife Marla received the Horizon Award presented by the Fresno Arts Council. At that time Ken was the Chief Executive Officer of BVI Construction.

Located about 15 miles northeast of <u>Coalinga</u>, <u>Huron</u> is a community of a little less than 7,000 people that was founded in 1888 as a water stop along the Union Pacific Railroad's western route. The first Huron Post Office was open from 1877 to 1883, and then re-opened in 1886. **Jack Castro** is the current City Manager and Finance Director in <u>Huron</u>. Prior to joining the <u>Huron</u> city staff, Jack served as a consultant Finance Director in the City of <u>Parlier</u>, a consultant to <u>Reedley</u>, and he previously served as the Finance Director in the City of <u>Soledad</u>.



Trackdown salutes City Manager **Howard Chambers** and the City of <u>Lakewood</u> for their support of *National Breast Cancer Awareness Month*. Please take the <u>Lakewood</u> suggestion to encourage mammograms; early detection is key!

Huron Chief of Police **George Turegano** was appointed by then <u>Huron</u> City Manager **Gerald Forde**. Jerry has retired.



**Nicole R. Zieba** worked for an executive recruitment firm from 1998 to 2003 when she was appointed Deputy City Manager in the City of <u>Fresno</u>. In 2007 she

took an Executive Director of Human Resources position with the Fresno Unified School District. After a couple of years, she returned to Fresno as a Deputy City Manager. In August, 2011 Nicole was selected to serve as the City Manager of the City of Reedley succeeding Interim City Manager Ray Forsyth. Nicole earned a BA from California State University, Fullerton and an MPA from the University of Southern California (USC).



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Chad McMullen is the current City Manager in the Fresno County City of San Joaquin. Chad started his public service career as a Police Officer in the Huron Police Department in July, 1999. He relocated to the Dinuba Police Department in August, 2003 as a Violent Crimes Detective. Chad returned to Huron in October, 2009 to serve as a Lieutenant in the Police Department. He worked at that assignment until December, 2015. Chad began his service as the City Manager in San Joaquin in January, 2015. During the time between September, 2008 and the present, Chad has served as a Criminal Justice Instructor at Kaplan College, a system of for-profit colleges owned and operated by Education Corporation of America. Chad graduated from Madera High School, earned an AA from West Hills College, and a BA and MPA from Kaplan University.



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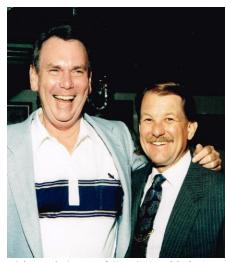
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An archive picture of the late **Chris Rope** and **Jack A. Simpson**, both former City Managers. Chris served in <u>Palmdale</u>, <u>Lomita</u> and <u>Industry</u>, and Jack served in <u>Hawaiian Gardens</u>, <u>Paramount</u> and <u>Bellflower</u>. Best guess is the picture was taken at an Annual ICMA Conference sometime in the 1970s.



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Mendota, California is the "Cantaloupe Center of the World." The 2010 census puts the population at just a little more than 11,000 people. Mendota was a thriving Southern Pacific Railroad storage and switching facility site beginning in 1891. The city incorporated in 1942. Vince DiMaggio is the current Mendota City Manager. In 1992 Vince began his public management career as a Senior Planner for the City of Salinas. He left there after nearly 9years to work in planning and development in the private sector with a couple different companies between 2000 and 2011. During that time Vince also served as a Commissioner on the Monterey County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) between 2002 and 2011. In 2013 Vince was appointed Town Manager in the Town of Sunnyvale, Texas. He left there in 2014, the same year he was appointed City Manager in Mendota where he continues to serve. Vince earned a BA from California State University, Fresno, an MPA from Andrew Jackson University, and a Master's in Legal Studies (Constitutional Law) from the American Public University System.



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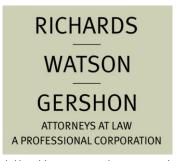
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Dr. Robert H. Kelley began his working career as a Programs Director on the Dean's staff at the University of California, Santa Barbara starting in June, 1964. In March, 1970 he joined the City of Madera staff as the Director of Parks and Community Services. Between April, 1978 and September, 1985 he served as the Madera City Administrator. He was appointed City Administrator in Kingsburg in May, 1986, and served in that position until January, 1995. He became the Executive Director of the San Joaquin River Conservancy in April, 1995. Bob left that assignment in October, 1998. He founded R. H. Kelley & Associates in Madera in November, 1998 and continues to work as the President/Owner of the firm. Bob earned a BS and MS from California State University, Fresno, and an EDD from Brigham Young University (BYU).



Alexander J. Henderson is the current <u>Kingsburg</u> City Manager. Alex started his career as a Management Intern in the Village of Howard, Wisconsin in 2007. That same year he serve as a

Management Intern in Bayside, Wisconsin. In 2008 he was hired as a Management Assistant and Special Projects Coordinator in Bayside. His next assignment was as the Director of Community & Utility Services in Bayside starting in 2009. In 2011 Alex was appointed Deputy Village Manager in Bayside leaving there at the end of 2013 to move to California. He began his City Manager assignment in Kingsburg in January, 2014. He earned a BA and MPA from the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee. In 2011-2013 he also completed the Leadership ICMA course. In 2012 Alex was the recipient of an ICMA Community Partnership Award.

Orange Cove City Manager Samuel Escobar began his working career in 2002 as a Project Coordinator with a private sector architectural firm in Costa Mesa. After working for two more firms as a Project Coordinator between 2002 and 2005, Sam was appointed to a Project Manager post in the City of Orange Cove. In 2007 he took an Assistant Engineer post with the City of Sanger where he work until August, 2011 when he was appointed to the Orange Cove City Manager position.

We certainly did not exhaust all the professional public managers in the cities of Fresno County, but we do present a good representative group. We have tried to find folks that we have not listed in some previous list so some good friends were left off this list. We are hopeful that you enjoy this November, 2015 issue of the City Manager Newsletter by Trackdown.



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<u>Grove</u> City Manager Graham Mitchell, 46, is the new Escondido City Manager.

Three months ago Graham was hired as the Assistant City Manager in Escondido. He will replace longtime City Manager Clay Phillips, who will retire effective December 18. Graham was the Lemon Grove City Manager for nearly 13-years. Prior to joining the Lemon Grove city staff, Graham served for three years as the City Manager in Farmersville in Tulare County. Oakland has been negotiating a "loaned executive" deal with the City of Portland, Oregon for services of Portland's Equity and Human Rights Director **Dante James**. Dante, 57, will help Oakland set up their new Equity Office. Davis City Manager Dirk Brazil is "thrilled" that Dale Sumersille is joining the Davis staff as the new Parks and Community Services Department Director. Dale is a veteran in parks and recreation and has lead the departments in Ojai, Isla Vista and Agoura Hills. She was the General Manager of the Recreation and Park District in Isla Vista. She earned a BA from the University of the Pacific, and an MBA from California State University, Stanislaus. New Watsonville City Manager Charles Montoya will report for his new job on November 30. He is still a defendant in a civil lawsuit filed on behalf of two former Florence, Arizona police detectives. Charles served as the Florence Town Manager from January, 2013 to July, 2015. In June 2014, former detectives Walt Hunter and Jarris Varnrobinson sued the town for wronaful termination in Federal Court. In addition to the City Manager, the lawsuit names Mayor Tom Rankin, Police Chief Dan Hughes, Police Lt. Terry Tryon, and former Town Manager Himanshu Patel defendants.



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Christine E. "Chris" Kelly, Executive Vice President, specializes in the areas of project oversight, permit streamlining, economic development, and city planning. She recently served as the Land Use Services Director for the County of San Bernardino. Prior to that she was the Community Development Director for the Cities of Chino Hills, Pomona, Brea and Cypress. She also work as a Planning Assistant and in the City Administrator's office in Bellflower. She earned a BA, MPA, and a Certificate in Urban Studies from California State University, Long Beach.



**Bill Kelly** is an Adjunct Associate Professor at the University of Southern California, Price School of Public Policy, and he is also a POST certified instructor for statewide Police Team Building.



More Pieces Picked Up: Livingston, California's new City Manager is Eddie Duque, 48. Eddie previously served as a Senior Management Analyst in the Finance

and Management Services Department in the City of Santa Ana. The previous Livingston City Manager was Jose Ramirez. Riverside Assistant City Manager Deanna Lorson has left the city to pursue other opportunities. Deanna was appointed ACM in April, 2011, and prior to that she served Riverside as the Development Director between April, 2009 and April, 2011. Marianna Marysheva-Martinez has been appointed by Riverside City Manager John Russo to replace Deanna. Marianna is a former Oakland Budget Director and has had other top executive assignments in Mammoth Lakes, Lynwood and Maywood. The past couple of years she has worked as a consultant. <u>Huntington Park</u> Assistant City Manager Edgar Cisneros has been appointed to the City Manager post replacing Interim City Manager John Ornelas. Edgar is a former Field Deputy to former Los Angeles County Supervisor Gloria Molina, and before that with former State Senator Martha Escutia. He earned a BA from California State University, Long Beach. Former Arroyo Grande City Manager Steven Adams has been selected to serve as the new City Manager in King City. Steve has more than 32-years of local government experience. In addition to Arroyo Grande, Steve has held positions in Glendale, and Westlake Village. He was the Arroyo Grande City Manager for more than 14-years. Escondido City Manager Clay Phillips, 58, has announced his retirement following nearly 30-years of public service. He plans to retire effective December 18, 2015. Clay has served as the Escondido City Manager since 2003. Turlock City Manager Roy Wasden, 61, will retiring at the end of the year. Roy has served as the **Turlock** City Manager for the past 6-years, and has more than 40-years of public service. Prior to joining the <u>Turlock</u> staff Roy was the Modesto Police Chief. Last March Andrew Ho was appointed Director of Community & Economic Development in the City of La Habra. Andrew previously held positions in the Cities of Bellflower, Malibu and Sierra Madre. Port Hueneme City Manager Cynthia Haas has announced that she will be leaving her post in mid-December. Cynthia has served as **Port Hueneme** City Manager since August, 2013.

"The hardest battle you're ever going to fight is the battle to be just you."

--**Dr. Leo Buscaglia**, **USC** ("Dr. Love," 1924 - 1998)



**Urban Futures** President **Mike Busch** addresses a conference session.

La Habra Heights Assistant City Manager Gabriella Yap is now the Deputy City Manager in Rancho Palos Verdes. Gabriella joined the La Habra Heights staff in April, 2010 as the Assistant to the City Manager. She was appointed ACM in September, 2011. Gabriella previously worked in Beverly Hills, the County of Los Angeles Office of the CEO, and she started as a Management Aide in Torrance in 2004. She earned a BA from UCLA, an MPA from California State University, Long Beach, and completed the Berkeley Executive Seminar at the Goldman School of Public Policy at the University of California, Berkeley.



Archive picture of retired <u>Pico Rivera</u> City Manager **Dennis Courtemarche** and the beautiful **Susan Simpson** of Trackdown and In-N-Out Burger at an event in the 1980s.



Here is **Susan Simpson** with <u>Bellflower</u> City Clerk **Debra Bauchop** at the same 1980s event. Debbie will retire at the end of this year (2015).



Retired City Managers **Tom Robinson** and **Don Penman**. Tom retired from <u>La Mirada</u> and Don is a retired <u>Arcadia</u> City Manager.

Still More Pieces Picked Up: Former Eureka City Manager Bill Panos, who left the city in 2013 for a position with the Wyoming School Facilities Department, has been promoted to serve as the Interim Director of the Wyoming Department of Transportation. Fowler City Manager David Elias was appointed to his current position in April, 1986, nearly 30-years ago. Fowler is a Fresno County community of about 6,000 people located in the San Joaquin Valley. Fowler's first post office opened in 1882, and the city incorporated in 1908. The City was named for rancher Thomas Fowler, an early 1870s California State Senator. Laguna Beach Personnel Services/Risk Manager Barbara Salvini is no longer with the city. Her last day with Laguna Beach was October 16, 2015. Susan Cannan stepped up to serve as the Interim Personnel Services Manager/Risk Manager. Retired American Canyon City Manager Richard Ramirez, who founded Interim Public Management Services (IPMS) in June, 2011, served as the Interim City Manager in Auburn from January, to May, 2014. Rich may be contacted at telephone no. (916) 769-7598. He started his public management career in South El Monte in 1975. He served as City Manager in Lincoln, Paso Robles, Hemet and American Canyon, as well as holding an Assistant Manager post in Sacramento. Like former Santee City Manager Keith Till, who is currently the Interim City Manager in San Juan Capistrano, Rich earned a BA from Humboldt State University, where he played on the Men's Soccer Team, and he earned an MPA from the University of Southern California (USC). Thomas W. Oglesby served as the Auburn City Manager (1967-1970); Antioch City Manager (1970-1977); and the Camarillo City Manager (1977-1988). He served as a Management Assistant at the Ventura Regional Sanitation District from 1988 to 1992.



Lloyd de Llamas and Andy Nickerson of HdL Companies have proudly announced the appointments of some new staff, bringing expanded capabilities to their firm.

HdL Companies' latest additions include

**Barry Foster** – Barry is the head of the new EconSolutions Division by HdL. He is assisting clients with identifying, attracting and bringing in major retailers to revitalize downtowns and retail centers. He was most recently Community Development and Economic Development Director for the City of **Moreno Valley**. Previously he served as Economic Development Director for the City of **Rancho Mirage** and prior to that, Project Manager for the City of **Monrovia**. He earned a BA from Minnesota State University and Masters from the University of Kansas.

<u>David McPherson</u> – David will be expanding into additional areas of revenue management for HdL client agencies, including helping cities establish regulations and processes to deal with Marijuana issues via the legislation just signed by the Governor. David up to a couple of weeks ago was Revenue and Tax Administrator for the City of **Oakland**. Prior to that, he was Deputy Director of Finance in **San Jose**, and Revenue Manager for **Newport Beach**. He earned a Bachelors from California State University, Fullerton and Masters from California State University, Long Beach.

Wayne Padilla – Wayne is a new addition to the HdL Sales Tax Team. Last month he was the Director of Finance and IT/ City Treasurer for the City of San Luis Obispo. He previously served as Assistant City Administrator for Chowchilla, Finance Director of Modesto, and Madera, as well as, working for a couple of School Districts. Wayne is a CPA, he earned a BS degree from California State University, Fresno.

Ken Brown – Ken is another new Sales Tax Team Member. Up to last month, Ken was the Administrative Services Director for the City of Irvine heading Finance, HR, Risk Management, Treasury and Budget. He worked 17-years with the City, also serving on the City's Economic Development Team and as Manager of Business Planning. Ken earned a BA from Humboldt State University and a Masters from San Diego State University.

"Let us always meet each other with a smile, for the smile is the beginning of love." --Mother Teresa



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### This is What They Said:

"While so much can be learned in the classroom, it was great to get outside the Southern California bubble and see innovative programs in the Pacific Northwest ..."
---Jackson Hite, Administrative Analyst I,
Burbank, regarding his attendance at the 101st Annual ICMA Conference in Seattle.

"Too often we forget how powerful we are as individuals to shape how other people see the world."

---**Michelle Gielan**, Founder, Institute for Applied

Positive Research

"My passions include sharing my skills, energy and experiences with public leaders..."

--- Dr. Frank Benest, retired City Manager

"...now, more than ever, the combination of the strong political leadership from a community's elected representatives and strong administrative leadership in the form of a highly trained and ethical professional local government manager is critical to the success of our communities."

---Robert J. O'Neil Jr., Executive Director of ICMA, addressing critics of the council-manager form of local government

### Cal-ICMA's ICMA SUPPORT:

**Kevin Duggan**, Retired City Manager, Mountain View, ICMA Western Regional Director

Frank Benest, ICMA Liaison for Next Generation Initiatives, Next Generation Program & Encore / Senior Manager Program

Pam Easter, ICMA Liaison, ICMA (Southern California)

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Dave Mora, ICMA Liaison, Liaison to MMANC/MMASC

**Jan Perkins**, ICMA Liaison, ICMA (Southern California & Women Leading Government)

**Rita Ossolinski**, Washington, DC, ICMA, State & Affiliate Relations

## **Cal-ICMA Scholarship Winners**



For the 101st ICMA Annual Conference in Seattle. Pictured
Left to Right: Back row: Louie Lacasella, Jackson Hite
(Scholarship Winner), Denise Rose, Beth Gabor (Scholarship
Winner), Tony Winney Front row: Peter Ibrahim
(Scholarship Winner), Nick Gonzalez, Laura Minnich
(Committee Co-Chair), Chantal Cotton-Gaines,
Kevin Woodhouse (Committee Co-Chair)



