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**National  
Pearl Harbor  
Remembrance Day**  
December 7



Pearl Harbor is hallowed as the place where the United States of America entered World War II and officially ended the war. The USS Arizona Memorial symbolizes the tremendous loss the U.S. sustained to the Japanese sneak attack on December 7, 1941, and the USS Missouri riding at a Pearl Harbor pier is where World War II ended as Japan officially surrendered to Admiral Chester Nimitz and General Douglas MacArthur in formal ceremonies on the deck on September 2, 1945. The USS Arizona Memorial is a somber memorial straddling the actual hull of the ship in its final resting place where 1,102 of the 1,177 sailors and Marines on board were killed during the Japanese surprise attack. It was 75-years ago that **President Franklin Delano Roosevelt** declared December 7, 1941 a "date that will live in infamy." *That date continues to hold importance as a rung in the ladder of protecting U. S. independence and democratic institutions.*



## Part III of a List of League of California Cities Central Valley Division Cities

Cities in the last third of the Central Valley Division of the League of California Cities include: Patterson, Ripon, Riverbank, Sonora, Stockton, Tracy, Turlock and Waterford. The past two issues of the City Manager Newsletter by Trackdown chronicled the first two-thirds of the Central Valley Division cities. We hope our readers enjoy our presentations. As always, we welcome your comments, suggestions and criticisms.

In the meantime, Trackdown best wish to all for a Happy Holiday Season, a Merry Christmas, a Happy Hanukah, and a Prosperous New Year.

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We begin this last third of the Central Valley Division with the City of Patterson. We have stayed in Patterson on a few occasions as we travelled up and down the State from our home in Southern California and our folks' homes in Lake County and Sacramento. We have a son in Rancho Cordova and we have two children who graduated from North Tahoe High School in Tahoe City. We only mention this as information as to why we end up visiting throughout our great state.



Patterson City Manager **Ken R. Irwin** served as the Patterson Director of Engineering, Building and Capital Projects from December, 2012 until October, 2014 when he was appointed City Manager, after serving a month as Interim City Manager. During the 23-years prior to joining the Patterson city staff, Ken worked as an engineer for a private consulting engineering firm. Ken replaced City Manager **Rod Butler** when Rod left the city to become the City Manager in Upland.

### 2016 Beacon Spotlight Awards

The Town of Colma was awarded the Golden Beacon Award for the 2016 Beacon & Beacon Spotlight Awards recognizing the Town's achievement in reducing energy and greenhouse gas emissions. The Beacon Program provides a framework for local governments to share best practices that create healthier, and sustainable communities. The program is sponsored by the Institute for Local Government and the Statewide Energy Efficiency Collaborative (SEEC). The program is funded in part by the California utility ratepayers through the Public Goods Charge levied under the auspices of the California Public Utilities Commission. Colma is a Town of about 1,800 in San Mateo County.



## 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Kosmont-Rose Institute Cost of Doing Business Survey

### ----- The 2015/2016 Cost of Doing Business Survey -----

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**Bill Workman** and **Glenn Southard** at the December "Proof of Life" luncheon in Brea. Bill served as City Manager in Corona and in Redondo Beach (2004-2014). He currently is a Business & Governmental Advisor with The 7WorksCenter in Sunset Beach. Glenn served as City Manager in Claremont (1988-2005) and in Indio (2005-2010). Glenn is one of the Founders of, and a longtime former Board Member of, the California City Management Foundation.

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Recreation Director **Juliene Flanders** joined the Patterson staff in 2013 as the Director of Recreation & Community Services. She began her career in September, 1984 as a Recreation Superintendent in

the City of Turlock. From January, 2011 she has had a Recreation Administration consulting firm; Juliene Flanders & Associates. Juliene earned a BS in Recreation Administration from California State University, Long Beach.

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--Elizabeth Banks, Actress



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City Manager **Rod B. Butler** began his career in 1990 as a Management Analyst in the City of Claremont, and he worked there until 1995. In 1997 Rod joined the City of Chino staff as a Senior Management Analyst, working there until 2002. Rod took the Assistant to the City Manager position in the City of Pomona in 2006. He was appointed City Manager in the City of Crescent City in 2009. Rod moved to the Central Valley in 2011 when he was selected to serve as the Patterson City Manager. He left Patterson in 2014 to become the Upland City Manager. Rod was appointed City Manager in the City of Port Hueneme in 2016 to take over for retired City Manager **Cynthia Haas**. Deputy City Manager **Carmen Nichols** served as the Port Hueneme Interim City Manager. Rod earned a BA from the University of California, Riverside, and an MPA from California State University, Long Beach.



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-- John F. Kennedy



**Gregory Korduner** and **Terry Matz** at the December "Proof of Life" lunch at Taps Fish House & Brewery in Brea. Greg served as City Manager in South El Monte, El Monte and Huntington Park. Terry served as City Manager in Blythe, Stanton and Agoura Hills. Greg was Interim City Manager in La Habra Heights and Los Alamitos, and Terry was the Interim City Manager in the City of La Palma. Terry is currently the President of the Cerritos Optimist Club.



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Ripon has a population of more than 14,000 people located in the San Joaquin Valley. The community is located on the former site of Murphy's Ferry. **Kevin Werner** joined the City of Ripon staff in May, 2007 as the City Engineer. He was appointed to the Ripon City Administrator post in October, 2013. Prior to coming to Ripon he worked in the private sector. Kevin earned a BS in civil engineering from the University of the Pacific in Stockton.

## Trackdown Posse Roster:



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Doug Dunlap, Retired City Manager, Pomona  
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Clay Curtin, Menlo Park  
Jim Lewis, Pismo Beach City Manager  
Kevin Duggan, ICMA & retired City Manager  
Charles G. "Guy" Huffaker, Retired City Manager  
Judie & Mike Sedell, Retired Simi Valley City Manager  
Rod B. Butler, Port Hueneme City Manager  
Ray Harris, Retired Public Official  
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John F. Shirey, Sacramento City Manager  
Glenn Southard, Retired City Manager, Indio & Claremont  
Paul Philips, City Manager, City of Industry  
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"What screws us up the most in life is the picture in our head of how it is supposed to be."

--Unknown

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**Sean Scully** became the Gustine City Manager following the retirement of City Manager **Greg Greeson** on December 31, 2014. Sean had served as the Gustine Assistant City Manager. He originally joined the Gustine staff in the Planning Department, and previous to that he had worked in the City of Turlock Planning Department. It appears that Sean is preparing to leave Gustine for the City Manager position in Riverbank. Riverbank has a population of about 24,000. Sean is slated to succeed **Jill Anderson**.

Riverbank, California's Director of Finance **Marisela H. Garcia** has served as the Interim City Manager since the resignation of City Manager **Jill Anderson**, 52, in August, 2016. Jill resigned to become the City Manager in Chehalis, Washington.



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At the December 7 "Proof of Life" lunch, retired South El Monte City Manager **Tony Ybarra**, and **Jim Barisic**, former Artesia City Manager and Founder of **Brandywine Homes**.

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City Manager **Tracie “Jill” Anderson** began her working career in 1988 as a Director of Operations for the Employment Benefits Systems in California. She started her local government service in the City of Norwalk as a Management Assistant II/Senior Management Assistant starting in 1990. Now retired Norwalk City Manager **Ernie V. Garcia** promoted Jill in 1996 to Management Services Coordinator. She left Norwalk in 2002 to become the Assistant to the City Manager in Seaside. Jill was promoted to Assistant City Manager in Seaside in 2006. In 2012 she was selected to serve as the City Manager in Riverbank on a 4-0 vote of the City Council. She left Riverbank this year (2016) in August. Jill has been appointed City Manager in Chehalis, Washington which allows her to move closer to her fiancée. She replaces City Manager **Merlin Mac Reynold**, who's employment agreement was not extended in Chehalis. Jill earned a BA from California State University, Long Beach and an MA in organizational leadership from BIOLA University in La Mirada.



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**Ryder Todd Smith** of the **Tripepi Smith & Associates** information technology, marketing and public affairs firm and Pismo Beach City Manager **Jim Lewis** appeared on the same session panel at the 2016 MMASC Annual Conference at the Ojai Valley Inn. Ryder spoke on current trends in web design, and Jim addressed the power and importance of networking. This MMASC “Innovate” themed conference was held December 7 – 9.



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**Greg M. Applegate** began his public service career as a Recreation Supervisor in the City of Merced in 1980. In 1984 he was hired to serve as the Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation in Dos Palos. Greg was appointed City Manager in Dos Palos in 1985, and he worked there until 1989 when he was selected for the City Administrator position in Sonora. He served in Sonora until retirement in 2010. Greg earned an AA degree from American River College, a BA from California State University, Sacramento, and an MPA from Golden Gate University. In 2010 Greg was the recipient of a 30-year ICMA Service Award.

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**Luci Romero Serlet** and **Don Vestal** at the "Proof of Life" lunch on December 7, 2016 at Taps Fish House & Brewery in the City of Brea. Luci started her career in 1985 as an Intern in Coronado, and then held positions in Encinitas, Carlsbad, Temecula, Newport Beach, Solana Beach and Goleta. She served as City Manager in Los Alamitos (2006-2007). Don served in Westminster and Norwalk. During his tenure In Westminster he held the positions of Planning Director, Community Development Director, Deputy City Manager/Public Works Director and City Manager.

Sonora, known as the "Queen of the Southern Mines," or "Crown Jewel of the Mother Lode," is the county seat of Tuolumne County. It is the only incorporated city in the County, and has a population of about 5,000. The City was founded by Mexican miners during the California Gold Rush. Sonora City Hall is housed in the Eureka Engine Company building which was built in 1939. **Timothy A. Miller** is the current Sonora City Administrator, and was appointed to replace the retired **Greg Applegate** June, 2010, first as 'Interim' and then as City Administrator in August, 2010. Tim previously served as the Community Development Director in Los Banos, and in Atwater. He also worked as a planning consultant for his own private company; and worked on the U. C. Merced Community Plan Project. Tim and his wife have owned property in Tuolumne County since 1994. Tim has received high praise for his work in Sonora.



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Stockton City Manager **Kurt O. Wilson** does not include his career profile in the ICMA Who's Who, though he is a member. The city's web site indicates he joined the Stockton city staff in 2012 as the Deputy City Manager. He was appointed City Manager on January 28, 2014 after serving three months as the Interim City Manager following the departure of City Manager **Bob Deis**. The city web page says that Kurt previously worked in the private sector and he has a non-profit background. He apparently brings more than two decades of public sector experience serving in both elected and senior staff capacities for four cities that are not listed, and two state agencies. Though the institutions of learning are not listed, the page says that he holds two master degrees, one in business administration and one in education administration. Kurt is a cancer survivor. His mother is a naturalized citizen who immigrated from Jamaica. The Davenport Institute for Public Engagement and Civic Leadership at the School of Public Policy at Pepperdine University invited Kurt as their 2016 City Manager in Residence. [Past City Managers in Residence for this program include: **Dave Childs**, **Magda Gonzales**, **Tim O'Donnell**, **Ken Hampian** and **Rod Gould**.]



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Former Tracy City Manager **R. Leon Churchill Jr.** Tracy was Leon's only City Manager post in California. He began his career in 1983 as an Intern in Newport News, Virginia. In 1986 he was hired as an Administrative Assistant in Austin, Texas, and was promoted to Executive Assistant in 1987. In 1988 he went to work as the Manager of the Office of Management & Budget for the Massachusetts Municipal Electric Commission. In 1990 Leon was appointed Assistant Town Manager in Barnstable, Massachusetts. In 1993 he took the Utility Operations Manager position in Norfolk, Virginia, serving there until 1995 when he was appointed Assistant City Manager in Charlottesville. Leon was selected to be Windsor, Connecticut's Town Manager in 1999. In 2004 he became the Managing Director in Reading, Pennsylvania and served there until his appointment to the Tracy City Manager post in 2008. He left Tracy in 2014, and now works in private real estate. Leon earned a BCP from the University of Virginia and an MPA from the University of Kansas. In 2013 Leon received a 25-year ICMA Service Award.

Current Tracy City Manager **Troy Brown**, who previously served as an ICMA Regional Vice President on the ICMA Executive Board, has been repeatedly listed in issues of the City Manager Newsletter by Trackdown. You may wish to look at *Page 2 of the December, 2015 issue*, and *Page 5 of the July, 2012 issue*. He received a 10-year ICMA Service Award in 2009. All issue of the City Manager Newsletter by Trackdown may be accessed free of charge on the Trackdown Management Services web page at: [www.trackdownmanagement.net](http://www.trackdownmanagement.net)

Some other former Tracy City Managers include: Interim City Manager **Maria A. Hurtado** (2014); **Daniel G. Hobbs** (2005-2007); **Frederick M. Diaz** (1994-2004); and **Michael E. Locke** (1973-1994).



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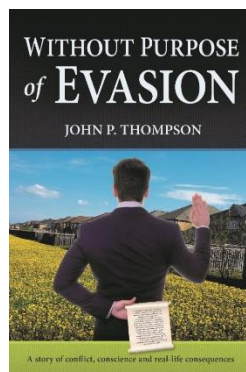
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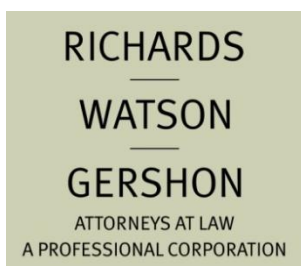


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I wanna try even though I could fail."

--Lyrics sang by **Shakira**



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Tracy Chief of Police **Gary R. Hampton**, 54, is the new Turlock City Manager. Gary has been the Tracy Chief for the past 5-years. He has a long history with the City of Turlock. He worked as Police Chief, Interim City Manager in 2009 without any additional compensation, and assumed collateral assignments as Fire Chief in 2010, and temporary responsibility in Parks and Recreation and Public Works. Gary took the reins from Interim City Manager **Michael Cooke**, who has resume his position as Turlock's Municipal Services Director. Prior to coming to Turlock the first time, Gary served as the Police Chief in Oakdale. He began his law enforcement with Pittsburg, California. Gary earned a BA in public administration from Union Institute in Sacramento, and an MA in organizational leadership and business management from St. Mary's College in Moraga.



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Former City Managers **Terry L. Belanger** and **Jack A. Simpson** at the December 7, 2016 "Proof of Life" luncheon at Taps Fish House & Brewery in Brea. Among the cities Terry served as a City Manager during his career were: Brea, Rolling Hill, Diamond Bar and Yorba Linda. He also served as Interim City Manager in Calimesa and Belmont. Jack worked as City Manager in Hawaiian Gardens, Paramount and Bellflower.



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Turlock City Manager **Roy W. Wasden** amassed a 33-year career in law enforcement before becoming a City Manager. Roy had previously served as the Chief of Police of the Modesto Police Department. In Modesto, among other major cases, Roy oversaw the investigation into the high profile death of **Laci Peterson**. He began his law enforcement career as a Salt Lake City Police Officer in 1976. He worked for the Salt Lake City police department for the next twenty-four years. Roy rose to the rank of Assistant Chief in Salt Lake City. Roy only moved to California when he was hired as the Chief of Police in Modesto in 2000. In the spring of 2009 Roy left law enforcement to become the Turlock City Manager. Roy is a religious man and has maintain important positions in the Mormon Church. Roy earned a BA in business management from the University of Utah. The former Chief is known to enjoy outdoor activities including fly-fishing.

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**Tim Ogden** became the City of Waterford City Manager on May 23, 2011. He started his public service career in 2003 as an Administrative Analyst in Modesto. In 2006 Tim went to work for Riverbank as their Economic Development Manager, and in 2007 he joined the Ceres staff as their Economic Development & Housing Manager. He returned to Riverbank that same year (2007) as Director of Economic Development & Housing. Tim worked there until his appointment in Waterford. He earned a BA from Weber State University, and an MBA from the University of Phoenix.



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Of course, historically there are many more individuals who served these cities as city managers. For instance **Tim Kerr** served as City Manager in Turlock, and Turlock Municipal Services Director **Michael Cooke** worked as the Turlock Interim City Manager following City Manager **Roy Wasden**'s retirement. Also, **Chuck Deschenes** served as the Waterford City Administrator for 13-years before he retired in 2011. At any rate we extend our apologies to all those we missed do to time and space, and our inept research abilities. We hope that this three-part list presentation has been interesting.

From Trackdown to each of our readers we send our best wishes for a very Happy Holiday Season, a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, and Happy New Year.



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Pismo Beach City Manager **Jim Lewis** was honored with the 2016 Presidents Award presented by the Municipal Management Association of Southern California (MMASC). Additionally, Pismo Beach was selected as the MMASC Organization of the Year.



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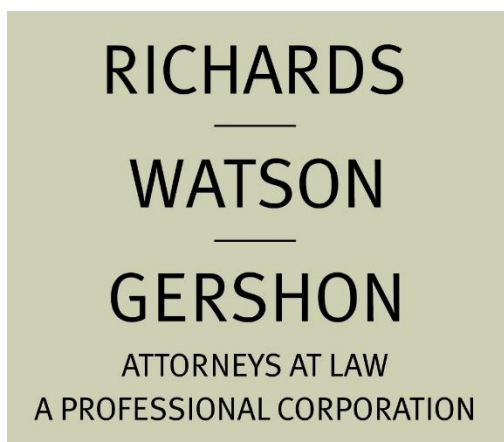


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Look out puddle, here I come!  
Little people love puddles. This is **Tripepi Smith's Sara Scarbo's** little girl Quinn after a recent Southern California rain.  
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**Picking Up the Pieces:** Oxnard City Manager **Greg Nyhoff** announced the appointment of **Jesus Nava** to replace Oxnard Assistant City Manager **Maria**

**Hurtado**, who was appointed Assistant City Manager in Hayward. Jesus has previously held positions in Burlingame; San Jose; Las Cruces, New Mexico; and Laredo, Texas. Most recently Jesus served as the Chief Administrative Officer of the Santa Clara Valley Water District. He earned a BA from the University of Texas, and an MPA from the University of Kansas. Yucaipa City Manager **Ray A. Casey** is the recipient of the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual James S. Thalman Memorial Public Service Award presented by the Inland Empire Division of the League of California Cities. Ray started his career in 1992 as a Principal Engineer in Temecula. He joined the Yucaipa staff in 2003 as the Public Works Director, and he was appointed City Manager in 2008. Ray holds a Bachelor degree from Princeton University. Other City Manager recipients of the Award include retired Rancho Cucamonga City Manager **Jack Lam**. San Fernando City Manager **Brian Saeki**, 42, is the new Covina City Manager. Brian became the San Fernando City Manager in 2014 after serving as the Community Development Director in Downey from 2010 to 2014. He has also worked for Rosemead and Arcadia. He will be the permanent replacement for City Manager **Andrea Travis Miller** who resigned seven months ago. Veteran retired City Manager **Don Penman** has been serving as the Interim City Manager. Brian earned BA from California Polytechnic University, Pomona, and an MPA from California State University, Northridge.



Former Roseville Deputy City Manager **Julia Burrows** with **President Jimmy Carter** at his Maranatha Baptist Church in Plains, Georgia. Julia is currently a Director with GOVERNING Institute at E.Republic

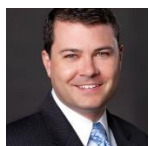
Manteca City Manager **Elena Reyes** has been placed on paid administrative leave after serving only 4-months on the job. **Greg Showerman** will serve as the Interim City Manager in her absence. Elena previously served as a Senior Deputy County Administrator in San Joaquin County. Greg is a Public Works Deputy Director – Engineering for the City of Manteca. He joined the staff in June, 2015. His career has largely been in the private sector, but he served as an Associate Civil Engineer for Modesto between 1986 and 1994. He was honorably discharged from the U. S. Navy in 1993 as a Lieutenant. Campbell City Manager **Mark Linder** will retire on December 31, 2016. Monte Sereno City Manager **Brian Loventhal** will assume the position. Brian started in Monte Sereno in 1993 as an Associate Planner, and he served as the City Planner starting in June, 1995. He was appointed City Manager in 1990. Brian earned a BS from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, and a JD from Santa Clara University. Trackdown congratulations to former Upland, Patterson and Crescent City City Manager **Rod Butler**, 52, who has been selected to be the next City Manager in Port Hueneme. Rod will take over from Port Hueneme Interim City Manager **Carmen Nichols**. Rod lives in Rancho Cucamonga. Port Hueneme's former City Manager **Cynthia Haas**, who was appointed in August, 2013 retired in December, 2015.





**More Pieces Picked Up: Caroline Lee** is a new Junior Business Analyst at **Tripepi Smith & Associates**. **Ryder Smith** explains that Caroline has been added to the TSA Team to assist with increased client demand for services. Caroline is a

graduate of the University of California, Irvine. Longtime Monte Sereno City Manager **Brian Loventhal** has resigned to become the City Manager in the City of Campbell. Monte Sereno plans to retain Avery and Associates to help them with the Executive Recruitment for a new City Manager. Brian joined the Monte Sereno staff in 1993 as an Associate Planner. He became the City Planner in June, 1995, and was appointed City Manager in June, 1999. Brian earned a BS from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, and a JD from Santa Clara University. Menlo Park Assistant to the City Manager



**Clay Curtin** is a past President of the Municipal Management Association of Southern California (MMASC) (2011-2012). Clay earned a BA from Washburn University and an MPA from Syracuse

University's Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs. Clay has held city positions in West Covina, Manhattan Beach, and his current post in Menlo Park. Long Beach City Manager **Pat H. West** appointed veteran Long Beach city staff executive **John P. Keisler** to serve as the Director of Economic and Property Development Department. John first joined the Long Beach staff in 2005 as a Management Assistant. Prior to that he served as a Policy Assistant for the League of California Cities in Orange County from 2003-2005. In Long Beach, John has worked as a Performance Management Analyst, Manager of the Long Beach Animal Care Services Bureau and as the Chief Financial Officer for the Long Beach Police Department, as well as, the Business Operations Manager for the Parks, Recreation and Marine Department. John earned an MPA from **USC**. He is a past President of MMASC (2007-2008). Former Anaheim Senior Project Manager **Sergio M. Ramirez** has been named by Long Beach City Manager **Pat H. West** to work as the new Deputy Director of Economic and Property Development. Sergio previously served as a Community and Economic Development Planner in the City of Paramount



(February 2002 – December, 2004). Before his Paramount tenure, Sergio worked for *Willdan Engineering* from 2000 until 2002. He earned an MPA from California State University, Los Angeles.

City Manager **Mark Prestwich** served as a Staff Analyst for the League of California Cities in



Members of the Cerritos Cyclepaths at their December Couch Potato ride to Greenleaf Café.

1995-1997. Prior to that he started his public service career in Administrative Intern positions in Anaheim and Long Beach. Mark took a Management Analyst post in the City of Napa in 1999, and was elevated to Assistant to the City Manager in 2005. He worked as a Special Projects Manager in Sacramento between 2006 and 2014, and was appointed City Manager in Nevada City in 2014. Mark served as the President of MMANC in 2007. He earned a BA from California State University, Fullerton and an MPA from California State University, Long Beach. It was great for all to see former Hawaiian Gardens City Manager **Ernesto Marquez** at a special Farewell event at the Los Angeles County Fire Museum in Bellflower to honor longtime Deputy Supervisor **Erin Stibal** for all her hard work on behalf of the District represented by Fourth District Supervisor **Don Knabe**. Erin graduated from Mayfair High School in Lakewood, and attended California State University, Long Beach, and knows



the many and minute details of Southeast Los Angeles County. The picture here shows **Matt Stibal** and Erin with **Jamie Fronk** of Fronk's Restaurant in

Bellflower. Recently retired Merced City Manager **John Bramble** has relocated his residence from Merced to Downey. John was seen prior to Thanksgiving in the big Von's Super Market, previously a Pavilions, in Lakewood at Woodruff and South Street. John served as the City Administrator in the City of Bell in 1988-1993, in addition to serving in a number of posts outside of California in Oregon, Nevada, and Colorado. He was the Assistant City Manager & Finance Director in Belmont, California in 1979-1981. Long Beach Deputy City Manager **Arturo M. Sanchez** has resigned to accept an executive position in the City of Sacramento. Arturo previously worked in Oakland. He earned a BA from the University of California, Berkeley and a JD from New College of California.



**Still More Pieces Picked Up:** Sacramento Assistant City Manager **Howard Chan** 49, has replaced City Manager **John Shirey** as the Interim City Manager. Ralph Andersen & Associates worked with the City the executive recruitment to identify the next Sacramento City Manager. Howard is a 14-years veteran of Sacramento City Hall, who began in the parking division, and became the Parking Services Manager. He was born in San Francisco, and earned a BA from California State University, Hayward. With Monterey Park City Manager **Paul Talbot** retiring, Assistant City Manager **Ron Bow** has been selected to serve as Interim City Manager. Ron served 24-years in the United States Air Force. He joined the Monterey Park city staff in 1986. He has also held positions in Alhambra, La Verne, Otay Water District in San Diego County, and the City of Monrovia before returning to Monterey Park in 2013. Ron has been a Monterey Park resident for the past 15-years. Long Beach City Clerk **Maria del la Luz Garcia** resigned following a November City Council performance review. Maria worked in the position from July 2015 following the retirement of longtime City Clerk **Larry Herrera-Cabrera**. Previously she served as a Senior Project Coordinator for the Election Division in the City of Los Angeles for about 10-years. Morgan Hill City Manager **Steve Rymer** worked as a Community Center Manager and then Parks and Recreation Director in New Brighton, Minnesota between January, 1996 and April, 2006. Steve ventured "west young man" in April, 2006 to join the Morgan Hill city staff as the Recreation and Community Services Director. In July, 2011 he began working as the Community Services Director only, and he was appointed Morgan Hill City Manager starting in February, 2013. Gustine City Manager **Sean Scully** is reported to be the next City Manager in the City of Riverbank. Sean is a former Assistant City Manager in Turlock. Sean will be succeeding City Manager **Jill Anderson**, who after about 4 and a half years as Riverbank City Manager resigned to take a City Manager post in Oregon. Finance Director **Marisela Garcia** has filled in as Interim City Manager since Jill's departure. El Centro City Manager **Ruben Duran** has retired and is moving to Alaska where he will serve as Borough Manager in Ketchikan. **Marisela Piedra** was appointed Interim City Manager. Fremont's **Christina Briggs** serves as a Deputy Director of Economic Development and Assistant to the City Manager starting in November, 2015. Prior to joining the Fremont staff as an Economic Development Manager in 2010, Christina served as a Project Manager II in Anaheim between 2006 and 2010. She earned a BA from the University of California, Santa

Cruz, and a Master in Public Administration, International Development and Economics from Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey. Fullerton City Manager **Joe Felz** has taken an "at least" two-week leave of absence while an independent investigator reviews all information regarding a single car accident Joe was recently involved in. City Attorney **Richard D. Jones** was authorized to hire an independent firm to look into the accident. Human Resources Director **Gretchen Beatty** will serve as the Acting City Manager in Joe's absence. The City Attorney said that when the investigation is concluded, all information will be forwarded to the District Attorney's Office for review. Longtime Trackdown reader **Chuck Dalldorf**, is retiring at the end of December. Chuck has worked with State Senator **Richard Roth** since he was elected in 2012, and before that Chuck served as Communications Director for Senator **Fran Pavley**. He has also worked with former US Representative **Vic Fazio**, former Senator **Patrick Johnston** and former Speaker of the Assembly **Willie Brown Jr.** He was Chief of Staff to three Sacramento Mayors: **Joe Serna Jr.**, **Jimmie Yee** and **Heather Fargo**. During his retirement, Chuck plans to spend more time with his wife Lindsey and their family including 13-month old granddaughter Porter. He will also be a lecturer at the University of Stirling in Scotland to discuss "the practical realities of Federalism in the U.S. system of government." Chuck, a veteran of the United States Air Force, is an avid rower and kayaker and is currently a boat crew member in the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. He is training to become a qualified small boat coxswain. Interim City Manager **Chuck Maynard** is the new full-time City Manager in Desert Hot Springs effective December 23, 2016. Chuck was appointed Interim City Manager in June following the resignation of City Manager **Martin Magana** for personal reasons. Chuck worked more than three decades in law enforcement, including service as the Chief of Police in San Anselmo. He served as Interim Police Chief in Desert Hot Springs and helped recruit the current Chief **Dale Mondary**.



A sunset from Ko'olina on the west side of Oahu. This picture was taken by Trackdown daughter **Kellee Simpson Hearther**, who is a graduate of **USC**.