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The Holiday Season is upon us. It began with Thanksgiving and ends with New Years Day. This is the time of year we reflect on the past year and make plans for the upcoming year. The month of December is filled with parties, concerts and special events. Chistmas music fills the air, and lighted displays help brighten the nights. Trackdown extends best wishes to all for a wonderful Holiday Season; **Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and Happy New Year!**



A very Happy Holiday Season to one and all, especially all the City Manager Newsletter Sponsors, and all Posse members who's grace makes it possible to continue distributing.
 A sincere "Thank You" to you all!

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Happy Holidays one and all!



Picture by Richard MacNeil



Picking Up the Pieces: Oxnard City Manager **Alex Nguyen** has named **Ashley Golden**, 39, to the Assistant City Manager position. Ashley has served as Interim Assistant City Manager for nearly a year. She worked as the Development Services Director responsible for planning, building, engineering and code compliance prior to her "Interim"

appointment. Ashley joined the Oxnard city staff 15-years ago as an Assistant Planner. Suisun City Chief of Police and Interim City Manager **Tim Mattos**, 55, is the new Director of Public Safety in the City of Rohnert Park. Tim previously worked as a Police Officer in Woodland. Jeff Weaver, the retired Sebastopol Police Chief, has been serving as Interim Public Safety Director in Rohnert Park. **Carmen Nichols**, 45, is the new Administrative Services Director in Camarillo working with City Manager **Dave Norman**. Carmen previously served as the Interim City Manager in the City of Port Hueneme, and she recently served as Deputy City Manager in Goleta. Carmen is succeeding the retiring **Richard Petropulos**. Carmen earned a BA from the University of La Verne and a Masters from California Lutheran University. Napa Interim City Manager **Steve Potter** is the new City Manager. Steve served as the Napa Chief of Police for the past three years. Last year Steve retired as Chief of Police and stayed on as Assistant City Manager when City Manager **Mike Parness** missed several months recovering from knee replacement surgery. **Robert Plummer** has replaced Steve as Chief of Police. Mike retired in July. San Dimas City Manager **Blaine Michaelis** will retire in about 5-months, and Assistant City Manager **Ken Duran** has been appointed to be Blaine's successor. The City has approved a four-year employment agreement for Ken. Ken has served as the San Dimas Assistant City Manager for 26-years. Longtime Monterey City Manager **Fred Meurer**, 74, is serving as the Interim City Administrator in Sand City following the resignation of City Administrator **Todd Bodem**. Before Todd came to Sand City, he was the City Administrator in Big Lake, Minnesota. Fred began his municipal career after serving in the U. S. Army for 20-years. He joined the Monterey city staff in 1986 and served his final 23-years as City Manager. Fred retired in December, 2013. Fred earned a BS from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, and two MS degrees in civil from Stanford University. Former Windsor Town Manager **John Jansons** began his public service



career as a United States Foreign Service Intern in 1997. He joined the West Sacramento city staff in 1998 as an Economic Development Specialist in 1998. John then worked as a Deputy Executive Director in Atascadero in 2002-2003. He moved to Salem, Washington in 2003 and served as an Urban Renewal Project Coordinator. He then worked as Project Manager in Portland, Oregon in 2006-2008, before returning to California as Economic Development Manager in the City of Banning. In 2010 John became the Director of Community Investment & Economic Development in Hemet. In 2015 John was appointed City Manager in Farmersville and he became to Town Manager in Windsor in 2017. Retired City Manager **Edward G. Wohlenberg**, a University of Kansas graduate, served as City Manager in nine different cities starting in 1968, including Garnett, Kansas and Gilbert, Arizona. Ed was the City Manager in seven California cities: Pinole (1971-1976); Emeryville (1976-1977); Brea (1983-1989); Vallejo (1989-1993); and South San Francisco (1993-1994). He was the Interim City Manager in Half Moon Bay in 1996 and Interim City Manager in Goleta (2001-2002). Ed also worked as the General Manager for the Ventura Port District (1996-1999). In 1994 Ed received a 30-year ICMA Service Award. Since 2005 he has served as an ICMA Senior Advisor (formerly Range Rider). Ed has been an ICMA member since 1962.

SHORTS: ***Jesus Nava**, 58, has retired after a 36-year local government career after two-years in Oxnard as an Assistant City Manager. *Pacifica City Manager **Kevin S. Woodhouse** worked in Mountain View from 1996 to 2013 where he was Deputy City Manager (2010-2013) before he became Assistant General Manager for the Mid-Peninsula Regional Open Space District prior to his 2017 appointment as City Manager. ***John R. McGrory** joined the San Diego city staff in 1974 as an Analyst in the Personnel Department before working his way up in the organization, and he was appointed City Manager in March, 1991. *Among the fine folks working for the La Mesa Public Works Department are **Ben Gonzales**, **Edward Flores** and **Michael Baker**. *Needles, California has approved 81 permits for cannabis businesses since 2015. *Retired Solvang City Manager **Brad Vidro** worked for the city 13-years. *Word is that Lancaster Parks, Recreation and Arts Director **Ronda Perez** has been named the new Deputy City Manager in Lancaster. *Menlo Park Assistant to the City Manager **Clay Curtin** recent visited the London Bridge in person in London. ***Ingrid Padilla** is the City Clerk in the City of Brisbane. ***Jeff Malawy** is the San Dimas Interim City Attorney replacing the retiring **Mark Steres**.