Women Professionals Continuing Alphabetically From Larkspur

This is the twelfth in a series of newsletter issues acknowledging women professionals who work in California cities. The original objective was to identify women in answer to the rhetorical question: “Where are the women in city management?” Our look at the subject has discovered an impressive list of professional women in California local government.

Calendar year 2018 ended with our listing of the City of Lancaster where Director of Parks, Recreation & Arts Ronda Perez was recently named Assistant City Manager. In this issue we pick up from there alphabetically with the City of Larkspur. We apologize in advance to those we have omitted. Many local government professionals fail to post their career profiles. Once again, we have attempted to present a good representative list.

Amanda Hughes and her mother Lisa Yanez Hughes. Amanda is a Management Analyst with the City of Laguna Niguel. She joined the city staff in October, 2018. Amanda earned a BA from California State University, Fullerton. Amanda’s mother Lisa is a longtime member of the Anaheim City Manager’s Office. This picture was taken at the 2018 Orange County City Managers Association Holiday Lunch in Laguna Beach. Lisa began her career as a member of the Bellflower city administration.
Trackdown

Executive Level Posse Roster:

Wade McKinney, Indian Wells City Manager & President of CCMF
Michael J. Sedell, Retired Simi Valley City Manager
Larry F. Pennell, Retired City Manager, Wasco
Marcia Raines, Retired City Manager & Principal with Public Sector Services
Deborah Collins, KOLGS/PARS; Retired City Manager
Frank G. Tripepi, Retired Rosemead City Manager & Senior Vice President, Willdan
Glenn Southard, Retired City Manager, Indio & Claremont
Joe Goeden, Retired City Manager, West Sacramento
Anthony D. Gonsalves, Joe A. Gonsalves & Son
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Paul Gonsalves, Joe A. Gonsalves & Son
Joe Tanner, Retired Vallejo City Manager
Denise Ovrom, Former City Manager & Principal, Hdl Companies
Charles G. "Guy" Huffaker, Retired Porterville CM
Vern Lawson, Retired, Lancaster
Ernesto Marquez, Former City Manager
Gary K. Sloan, Retired La Mirada City Manager
Richard D. Rowe, Retired City Manager
Robert T. Dickey, Former Walnut CM; retired South Gate Public Works Director
Doug Dunlap, Retired City Manager, Pomona

Water color by the late Keene Wilson who passed away suddenly and unexpectedly on September 17, 2018. Keene worked in Inglewood, Irvine, Lawndale and Glendora. He was City Manager in Bradbury and Lomita.

Trackdown Posse Roster:

Gregory Korduner, Retired City Manager
Howard Chambers, Retired Lakewood City Manager
Ernie Garcia, Retired Norwalk City Manager
Dave Carmany, La Puente City Manager
Ken Bayless, Ret. GM LA Vector Control & Ret. LASD Chief
Vern Lawson, Retired, Lancaster
Don Penman, Retired City Manager, Arcadia
Anthony R. Ybarra, Retired South El Monte
Sam Olivito, California Contract Cities Association
Gary Chicots, Former South El Monte City Manager
Dr. Bill Mathis, Mathis Group
Roy Pederson, ICMA Past-President
Troy Butzlaff, Former CM; La Puente Admin. Serv. Director
Dale Geldert, Retired CDF Director
Rita Geldert, Retired Vista City Manager, Past Pres. CCMF
Gary Milliman, City Manager, Brookings, Oregon
Casey M. Simpson, Hendersonville, Tennessee
Kelley Heathor Simpson, Honolulu, Hawaii
Jacki "Cookie" Simpson Beebe, Anthem, Arizona
Jim Lewis, Pismo Beach City Manager, Pres. CM/LCC
Kevin Duggan, ICMA & retired City Manager; Past Pres. CM/LCC
Rod B. Butler, Port Hueneme City Manager
Ray Harris, Ret. County Official, Imr Hawaiian Gardens CM
John C. Bolan, Cheyenne River Ranch
John F. Shirey, Retired Sacramento City Manager
Ray Taylor, City Manager, Westlake Village
Lee C. McDougall, Retired Montclair City Manager
Douglas N. La Bella, Retired Chino Hills City Manager
Ray Silver, Retired City Manager, Past Pres. CM/LCC
John P. Thompson, Retired CM, Vacaville; Past Pres. CM/LCC
Ronald Kiedrowski, Retired City Manager
Cynthia Kurtz, Retired City Manager; Past Pres CM/LCC
Ron Stock, City Manager, Weed
Susan Simpson, In-N-Out Burger
Mark Scott, Indio City Manager
Dr. Carlos A. Urrutia, Retired Rocklin City Manager

"A smart girl leaves before she is left.

---Marilyn Monroe
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Marin County’s City of Larkspur incorporated in March, 1908. Larkspur has a current day population of about 11,926. Charles W. Wright laid out the town in 1887. The first post office opened in 1891. The late singer Janis Joplin’s last known residence was in Larkspur. Dan Schwarz is the City Manager.

Cathy Orme is the Larkspur Administrative Services Director. From 2004 until 2007, Cathy worked as an Accountant and Budget Analyst for the City of Healdsburg. In 2007 she took the Controller position for the Hidden Valley Lake Community Services District. In 2008 Cathy joined the Rohnert Park city staff as an Accounting Manager (2008-2010) and in January, 2010 she was appointed Finance Director. Cathy joined the Larkspur city staff as Finance Director in October, 2013. She earned a BS in finance from the University of San Francisco.

Kristin Teiche is Senior Planner and Zoning Administrator in Larkspur. She joined the city in 2011 as a contract planner. She became Senior Planner in 2014.

Here are retired City Manager Kevin O’Rourke of the City of Fairfield, and his grandson on a San Francisco Bay ferry boat as they visit AT&T Park to see Cirque de Soleil’s show Volta.
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Lathrop is a San Joaquin County city that incorporated in 1989. The current City Manager is Stephen Salvatore. Lathrop’s 2016 estimated population was 22,073.

Cari L. James is the Lathrop Finance Director. Cari first served as the Acting Finance Director starting in 2012.

Others discovered include: Dolores Delgado, Chief Law Enforcement Official; Robin Goodman, Director of Parks and Recreation; and Katie Lemons, Personnel Director.

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“My Bellflower homies came out to wish me a happy retirement. It was awesome seeing Marlene Tomlin Towns, Debbie Bauchop, Lisa Yanez Hughes, Jack Simpson and Bruce Leach. I started my local government career at Bellflower and I give full credit to the dude I still call my “boss” Jack Simpson. Thank you to my Bellflower family for attending my farewell reception. It surely meant a lot to me.”

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**Lawndale** is a city in Los Angeles County that incorporated in 1959. The current population is nearly 33,000. **Steve Mandoki** is the current City Manager, and **Diane Parsley** is the Executive Assistant in the City Manager’s Office.

**Kari Conley Bell** is the **Lawndale** Community Services Coordinator. Kari earned an MBA in social work from the University of La Verne, where she is pursuing an MBA in journalism and public relations. **Sabina Almeida** is the Community Services Supervisor in **Lawndale**.

**Shaundra Burnam** is the Personnel Assistant in **Lawndale**. She joined the city staff in November, 2013.

**Raylette Felton** works as the **Lawndale** Assistant to the City Manager and Human Resources Director. She is a member of the Association of Workplace Investigators.

**Marlene Miyoshi** is a former Director of Public Works in **Lawndale**. Marlene resigned in 2012. Reasons for Marlene’s departure were not disclosed. She represented **Lawndale** on the South Bay Cities Council of Governments Infrastructure Working Group.

**La Mirada** Assistant City Manager **Anne Haraksin** visited the Grand Canyon for the first time.
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Lemon Grove is a San Diego County city that incorporated in 1977. The current day population is nearly 27,000. **Lydia Romero** is the Lemon Grove City Manager. Lydia worked as an Administrative Analyst in the City of **Duarte** from 1990 to 1995, when she became a Staff Analyst for the League of California Cities. She left the League staff in 1998 to accept the Assistant to the City Manager position in **San Rafael**. After nearly 9-years, Lydia headed south in 2007 to become the Deputy City Manager in the City of **San Marcos**. She was appointed to the Lemon Grove City Manager post in 2015. Lydia is a graduate of Bishop Amat High School, and earned an AA from Rio Hondo Community College before earning a BA from California State University, Long Beach.

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**Molly Brennan** began her career as an Executive Intern in the San Francisco Mayor’s teacher in the San Francisco Unified School District, and she joined the Teach for America program in the San Francisco Bay Area where she taught 6th grade math. After serving as a teacher in **Oakland**, with an architecture firm, and at an HOA recreation center in **Truckee**, Molly became a Local Government Academy Intern in the Borough of Baldwin in the Greater Pittsburgh. She worked her way to Assistant Borough Manager and Finance Officer (2015- April, 2018). Molly joined the Lemon Grove staff as Finance Manager in May, 2018. She earned a BA from the University of California, Berkeley and an MS in public policy and management from the Carnegie Mellon University.
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Among others we discovered working with the Lemon Grove staff are: City Clerk Shelley Chapel; Management Analyst Stephanie Boyce; Management Analyst Miranda Evans; Monica Gonzalez, Community Services Assistant; Project Engineer Rebecca Morris; and Accounting Analyst Gina Zafico.

Lemoore was incorporated in 1900 in Kings County. The city’s current population is 25,892. Nathan Olson is the Lemoore City Manager and Michelle Speer is the Assistant City Manager. Prior to being promoted to her current position Michelle worked as the Assistant to the City Manager. Mary “Janie” Venegas serves as the City Clerk and the Human Resources Manager, and Marisa Avalos is an Administrative Assistant in the City Manager’s office. Janie joined the Lemoore city staff in February, 2008 working as a civilian with the Police Department. She has worked in her current positions since January, 2014. Janie earned a BBA from Columbia College.

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Veteran California State Board of Equalization executive Lisa M. Renati, currently the Chief of Staff of Board Chair Diane Harkey, poses with Laguna Niguel Management Analyst Amanda Hughes.

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Lincoln is a city in Placer County. The original Lincoln town site was laid out in 1859 along the proposed California Central Railroad line. The name “Lincoln” is in honor of Charles Lincoln Wilson, who was a Director of the railroad. The city incorporated in 1890 and currently has an estimated population of 45,837. Veteran retired City Manager Bob Adams serves at the Interim City Manager.

Kathryn Hunt, Library Manager and Public Information Officer, began her working career in 2010 as a curatorial intern at the Ruth Chandler Williamson Gallery, Scripps College. After working as a senior resident in an art institute and as an archive digitization specialist, Kathryn worked as an Educational Department Intern at the Crocker Art Museum in Sacramento. She then worked Freelance for more than four-years as a personal archivist, digitization specialist and graphic designer in the Sacramento area. Kathryn joined the Lincoln city staff as a Library Assistant in July, 2014, and she was promoted to Library Manager in January, 2016. She also is a volunteer librarian for SS Peter & Paul Parish. Kathryn earned a BA from Scripps College, an MA in art history from the Courtauld Institute of Art of the University of London, and a Master of Library & Information Science (MLIS) from San Jose State University.

Others in Lincoln include Angela Frost and Jill Thompson.

"Take those chances and you can achieve greatness, whereas if you go conservative, you’ll never know. I truly believe what doesn’t kill you makes you stronger. Even if you fail, learning and moving on is sometimes the best thing." –Danica Patrick
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Lindsay, “the heartbeat of the Central Valley,” was incorporated in February, 1910 in Tulare County. The current estimated population is 13,303. The Lindsay City Manager is William “Bill” Zigler, and Maria Knutson is the Assistant to the City Manager and Deputy City Clerk. Maria took her current position in September, 2011. Mari Carrillo is the Human Resources Manager. Mari worked as a Lindsay Police Department Dispatcher and Records Clerk for 10-years starting in 2000. She was selected as the Human Resources Manager in 2000. Mari earned a degree in business administration and management from California Coast University.

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A “Thank you” and tip of the cap to W. Michael McCormick who has stepped down as ICFA Board President, a position he has held since 1997; and a Board Member since 1987.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY GUY

Retired City Manager Charles “Guy” Huffaker celebrated his 80th birthday with his daughters Erin and Dana this month. Guy served as Assistant to the City Manager in Bakersfield (1966-1969); Assistant City Administrator in Montebello (1969-1973); City Manager in Colton (1973-1977); and City Manager in Porterville (1977-2002). He served on the CCMF Board and was the first CCMF Executive Director. He received a 35-year ICMA Service Award in 2000.

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Live Oak is a Sutter County city that was incorporated in January, 1947. The current population is estimated at 8,800. Joe Aguilar, the Finance Director, is the Live Oak Interim City Manager. Nicole Rosser is listed as the City Attorney.

Livermore was incorporated in 1876 in Alameda County. The current estimated population in 90,295. Marc Roberts has been the City Manager since January, 2012. Prior to joining the Livermore city staff, Marc worked as a Planner for the Town of Tiburon.

Christine Martin is the Deputy City Manager. Christine worked as an Assistant Planner in the City of Sonoma from June, 2001 until September, 2002 when she joined the Livermore staff as Senior Planner, a position she continues to shoulder the responsibilities. She was named Assistant to the City Manager in September, 2016, and appointed Deputy City Manager in October, 2018. Christine earned a BA from the Hutchins School of Liberal Studies as Sonoma State University, and a Master’s degree in city and urban, community and regional planning from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo.

Jill Vinsonhaler Meyer, formerly of the Joe A. Gonsalves & Son firm, on the slopes in Squaw Valley.
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Livingston was incorporated in 1922 in Merced County. It is about seven miles north of Atwater. The population was estimated in 2016 at 13,961. Jose Ramirez, an ICMA member, is the City Manager, and previously served as City Manager in Firebaugh and Orange Cove. Jacqueline Benoit works as the Livingston Recreation Superintendent. Other names we found include: Danna Rasmussen, Betty Cota, and Deanna Soria, who serves as the Administrative Services Manager for the Police Department.

Donna Kenney, who currently works as the Planning and Building Manager in Riverbank, Donna served as the Livingston Community Development Director from April, 2005 until October, 2012.

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This issue concludes with Livingston and the next issue will pick up with the City of Lodi. Again, we apologize to those we were unable to find and those who we could not find any significant profile information.

Letters:

Like so many, I always enjoy reading over the latest Trackdown to see the whats-goings-on with our profession and colleagues. You and the Posse always do a nice job. It was especially nice seeing the quote and post you put in there from my Facebook feed - thanks for featuring it!

Dan Singer

Given the situation with fires everywhere, I thought you might find this month’s edition of my community newsletter of some interest. I am engaging and encouraging the City Manager’s Department (President Kurt Wilson, Stockton) and LOCC Leadership (Carolyn Coleman, Executive Director) to focus not just on responding to fires with teams but take steps through their cities to ensure that public agencies (Federal, State, special district etc.) with vast amount of vacant public lands maintain them in a fire safe condition. State and Federal agencies need to do their part too.

I am engaging State and Federal legislators as well, and we will see if we can be leaders and find leaders on the issue.

David M. Jinkens

I was so sorry to learn of the passing of my friend and mentor, Bob Christofferson. Bob hired me in San Dimas in 1968, just a few months before he left to take the job in Covina. In the short time I worked for Bob I appreciated the way he handled both staff and City Council. He set an example that I tried to follow throughout my career. Bob was very well respected among the managers in California. What a gentleman!

Lauren Wasserman
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**Andrew Nickerson**, President of the **HdL Sales Tax arm**, has more than 20 years of experience with local governments revenue enhancements and protection. He is a California State Polytechnic University, Pomona graduate.

**Paula Cone**, President of **HdL** Coren and Cone, the property tax arm of the **HdL Companies**, has more than twenty-years of municipal finance and city management experience.

**Robert Gray**, President of **HdL** Software LLC has been with **HdL Companies** since 1996. He earned an MBA from Azusa Pacific University.
Picking Up the Pieces: Tustin City Manager Jeffrey Parker is the new Chief Executive Officer for the Laguna Woods Village starting on February 4. Jeff has been the Tustin City Manager since 2011. Prior to that he was the City Manager in Claremont (2005-2011), Walnut (1995-2005) and Patterson (1991-1995). He began his public service career in 1982 as an Administrative Intern in West Covina. He was an Administrative Analyst in Poway (1983-1986); a Senior Management Assistant in San Juan Capistrano (1986-1989), and then Assistant to the City Manager (1989-1991) before his first City Manager appointment in Patterson. Jeff earned a BA from the University of California, Santa Barbara, and an MPA from California State University, Long Beach. In 2018 Jeff received a 35-year ICMA Service Award. San Leandro City Manager Jeff Kay announced that former Alameda executive Elizabeth D. Warmerdam is the new Assistant City Manager in San Leandro. She is a former U.S. Army officer. For the past 20-plus years worked finance, redevelopment and management in Hercules, Pinole and Alameda. Liz received a 20-year ICMA Service Award in 2017. Former Finance Director Drew Corbett is the new San Mateo City Manager. He took over for former City Manager Larry Patterson in late December. Drew previously worked in the Finance Departments of Sunnyvale and Menlo Park. El Cerrito Assistant City Manager Karen Pinkos, a 17-year city employee, is the new El Cerrito City Manager. Karen has been the Assistant City Manager since July, 2006. Former City Manager Scott Hanin retired at the end of last year. Karen is the current President of the International City/County Management Association (ICMA). Oxnard City Manager Alex Nguyen announced the appointment of Kevin Riper as the city’s new Chief Finance Officer and Donna Ventura as the Assistant Chief Finance Officer. Kevin is the Assistant City Manager in Bend, Oregon. Donna has worked nearly 20-years for Amgen Inc. The new CFO will start with a base salary of $200,000. Montebello Interim City Manager Andrew Pasmant will need to leave the city by the end of January due to his PERS retirement status. Andy was hired by Montebello in December, 2017. He succeeded City Manager Francesca Tucker-Schuyler, who remains on the payroll under administrative leave. Andy retired as the City Manager in West Covina at the end of 2011 after 10-years on the job. Former South Lake Tahoe City Manager Nancy Kerry is the new Town Manager in Frisco, Colorado. She is replacing former Town Manager Randy Ready who relocated to the Denver area. Frisco Director of Recreation Diane McBride has been serving as the Interim Town Manager. Nancy is a Southern California native who earned a BS and an MPA from San Diego State University. Former Napa Chief of Police Steve Potter, who has been serving as Interim City Manager for the past 6-months, is the new Napa City Manager. Also appointed was former Napa County Planning and Building Manager Vin Smith, who is the new City of Napa Community Development Director. Lancaster City Manager Mark Bozigian has retired after 23-years with the city; 10-years as City Manager. Mark plans to establish a consulting firm, and, perhaps, serve as an Interim City Manager. He joined the city in May, 1995 as a Transportation Programs Administrator. He came to Lancaster from the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA). Mark worked his way up in the Lancaster city organization until he served as Interim City Manager in November, 2007 when City Manager Bob LaSala was dismissed. Jason Caudle is the new City Manager.
More Pieces Picked Up: Laguna Beach Finance Director Nancy Pauley is the new Finance Director in the City of Palm Springs. Previous to working in Laguna Beach, Nancy worked as the Assistant Finance Director for Skokie, Illinois, and the Deputy Director of the Skokie Police and Fire Department’s pension fund. Nancy will be working with Palm Springs City Manager David Ready. Retired Tulare Community Services Director Rob Hunt is the new Interim Tulare City Manager. Rob has taken the post following the retirement of City Manager Willard Epps. Former Santa Maria City Manager Rick Haydon has been hired to serve as the Interim City Manager in the City of Solvang. Rick left Santa Maria in December, 2017 on his way to retirement. Rick will serve Solvang following City Manager Brad Vidro’s stepping down from the post. Brad, 57, a former Public Works Director in South Lake Tahoe, worked for Solvang for the past 13-years. Lafayette City Manager Steven Falk has stepped down. Steve has served as the Lafayette City Manager for the past 22-years. Steve began his public service career as an Administrative Analyst in the City of Long Beach in 1986. He worked as a Senior Finance Analyst for the San Francisco International Airport in 1988-1990. He joined the City of Lafayette staff in 1990 as Assistant City Manager. He was appointed City Manager in 1996. Steve earned a BA from Reed College and a Master’s Degree from Harvard University. Retiring Barstow City Manager Charles “Curt” Mitchell will continue as Interim City Manager until a new City Manager is found. Curt was appointed City Manager in 2011. He previously served as Business Services Vice President for the Riverside Community College District (2009-2011), and he was the Assistant Superintendent in Barstow Community College District prior to that (1998-2009). Pasadena City Manager Steve Mermell has named Brenda Harvey-Williams to serve as the city’s Director of the Department of Human Services and Recreation. Brenda joined the Pasadena city staff as an Intern some 31-years ago in 1987. Since December, 2017 she as served as the Interim Director and Special Assistant to the City Manager. Brenda earned a BA from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) and a Master’s in Public Affairs from the University of Texas. Charles E. Martin served as City Manager in Napa (1948-1952), San Marino (1952-1965), Carlsbad (1968-1970) and Anderson ((1970-1976). Charles was President of the City Managers Department of the League in 1956-1957.

Lilo! The Trackdown dog.

David Batt, born in South Dakota, who served as the South Pasadena Finance Director from 2014 until his retirement in early 2018, passed away on October 25, 2018 at the age of 64. He previously worked as the Finance Director for the City of Avalon on Catalina Island. In addition to his city government career, David was known to many classical piano fans under his own name and with the name Yrsan Daro, a name he chose because he though it sounded mysterious. He recorded 6 CDs, one of which was partially recorded during live performances on the Library Carnegie Stage at the Eclectic Music Festivals in 2012 and 2013. SHORTS: *Retired Laguna Hills City Manager Bruce E. Channing is closing out his first year of retirement in February, 2019 following a 41-year public management career. *Anthony Gonsalves of the Joe A. Gonsalves & Son firm in Sacramento is a longtime member of the California City Management Foundation (CCMF) Board of Trustees. *Steve Mermell, who earned a BA and MPA from California State University, Northridge, became the Pasadena City Manager on February 15, 2016. *Port Hueneme City Manager Rod Butler previously served as the City Manager in: Upland (2014-2016); Patterson (2011-2014); and Crescent City (2009-2011). *George Alissa served as the City Manager in Santa Paula (1951-1955); Tulare (1955-1958); and West Covina (1958-1976). *Laguna Niguel Management Analyst Amanda Hughes visited Reykjavik, Iceland to start the New Year. *Retired City Manager Stephen Glenn Harding maintains an interesting “Practitioner Scholar” webpage about identifying and addressing public service needs at: https://practionerscholar.com *Walnut City Manager Rob Wishner and his wife were recently seen cheering at a Los Angeles Clippers game at the Staples Center. *Southern California Edison Government Affairs Representative Karalee Darnell previously worked as a Senior Business Analyst for Tripepi Smith & Associates, and serves as the Chair of the City of Yorba Linda Planning Commission.