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Long time veteran public manager **William "Bill" Woollett Jr.** has died at the age of 90-years. Bill was Irvine's first City Manager, and may hold the record as a founding administrator of California cities. He is seen in this picture with retired Irvine City Manager **Sean Joyce**.

"The quality of a leader is reflected in the
standards they set for themselves."

--Ray Kroc

Women Professionals In Cities Listed Alphabetically From Pomona to Poway

A continued list of women city government professionals in California cities is presented here. Those listed in this 26th installment in this issue alphabetically starts with the City of Pomona. This issue begins with Pomona and takes a look at cities through the City of Poway.

As we have repeatedly said, there are many highly qualified and dedicated professional women serving California cities. The list is impressive and addresses the rhetorical question: Where are the women in city management?

Again, we apologize up front to anyone we miss and do not list. The failures of others to not post complete profiles makes it difficult to be comprehensive. Please know that we try.

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Pomona incorporated in Los Angeles County in January, 1888. Its 2018 estimated population is 152,361. Pomona is the seventh largest city in Los Angeles County. In the 1920s the city was known as the “Queen of the Citrus Belt.” **Linda C. Lowry** is the City Manager, **Mark Gluba** is Deputy City Manager, and **Rosalia A. Butler** is the City Clerk.



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Others in Pomona include: **Kim Crews**, HR Manager, and **Julie Theirl**, Risk Manager & HR.

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Port Hueneme is a beach community in Ventura County. The Port Hueneme name was established in 1939, and the city incorporated in March, 1948. Port Hueneme has a south facing beach that is know for its surfing. Former Crescent City, Patterson and Upland City Manager **Rod Butler** is the Port Hueneme City Manager, since December, 2016. **Kristy Buxkemper** is the City Clerk.

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Porterville incorporated in 1902 in the San Joaquin Valley in Tulare County. Porterville's estimated 2018 population was 59,988. **John D. Lollis** is the City Manager.

Patrice Hildreth is the Porterville Administrative Services Director. She earned a BA from California State University, Chico; the professional designation of Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) through the International Institute of Municipal Clerks, and is a Certified Labor Relations Professional in California through NPELRA. In addition to serving on PELRAC's Board. Patrice also serves on the Board of Directors for the Central San Joaquin Valley Risk Management Authority, and the California Transit Indemnity Pool. She is active in her community, serving on the Board of Directors for Leadership Porterville, a program with a curriculum focused on developing emerging community leaders, and PSW, a non-profit organization that provides services to individuals with disabilities.



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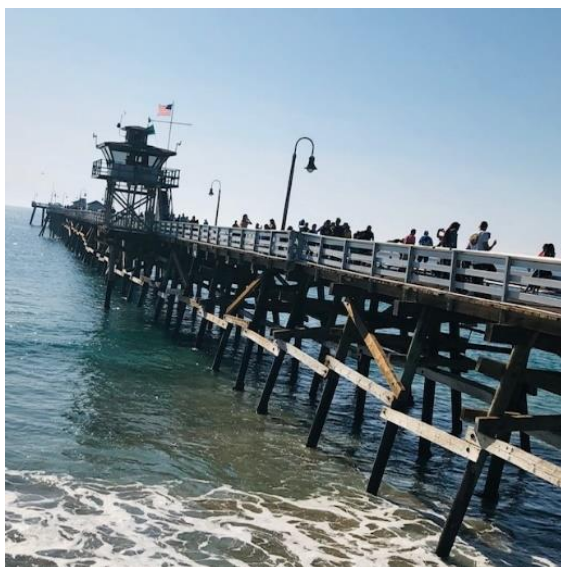
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San Clemente Pier 2019: **James Makshanoff** is the City Manager and **Eric Sund** is the Assistant City Manager. San Clemente was incorporated in February, 1928. The estimated 2018 population is 64,857. In 1969 President **Richard Nixon** established the "Western White House" above Trestles beach.

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Jenni Byers is the Porterville Community Development & Economic Development Director. After beginning her working career as a Planning Specialist for a private consulting firm in February, 2006, she left that post and joined the Porterville city staff in May, 2009 as an Assistant Planner. Jenni became a Project Manager in December, 2012; Acting Community Development Director in May, 2014 and she was appointed Director in August, 2015.

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Portola, California is in Plumas County and was incorporated in May, 1946. At the 2010 census the population was 2,104. Portola is located on the Middle Fork of the Feather River and is a crew change site on the Western Pacific Railroad.



Lauren Knox is the Portola City Manager. After serving in intern posts in Reno, Nevada's Planning Division and with the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency (TMRPA), Lauren was hired to a full-time position as a Regional Planner with TMRPA. She worked there for 5-years becoming the Senior Planner. Lauren, who grew up in Portola, returned to her "home town" earlier this year in September, 2019 as City Manager. Lauren earned a BS in city and regional planning from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo.

Deputy City Clerk **Leslie Chrysler** served as the Interim City Manager following the 2018 resignation of City Manager **Robert Meacher**, a former Plumas County Supervisor.

Susan Scarlett is the Portola Finance Officer on a contract basis. Susan earned a BS double major in psychology and anthropology from California State University, Sacramento.



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Portola Valley incorporated as a town in San Mateo County in July, 1964. Portola Valley had an estimated 2018 population of 4,598. **Jeremy Dennis** is the Town Manager, **Sharon Hanlon** is the Town Clerk, and **Brandi deGarmeaux** is the Assistant to the Town Manager. Serving as Interim Finance Director is **Cindy Rodas**, the Planning & Building Director is **Laura Russell**, and **Kari Chinn** is the Communications & Community Engagement Analyst.



Brandi deGarmeaux has worked for the Town of Portola Valley for more than 11-years, starting in September, 2008 as a Sustainability and Resources Efficiency Coordinator. In September, 2012 she became the Sustainability & Special Projects Manager, the responsibilities she continues to maintain with her new Assistant to the Town Manager title. Brandi began her public service career in November, 2002 as a Program Assistant in Education & Training with the San Francisco Conservation Corps. She then worked for Palo Alto Staffing from 2002 to 2008. Brandi earned a Masters of Urban Planning from San Jose State University.



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Kari Kiser Chinn is the Portola Valley Communications & Community Engagement Analyst. Kari joined the town staff in March, 2019. From 2006 to December, 2015 Kari worked as a Senior Program Coordinator for the National Parks Conservation Association. Her next position was as a Community Engagement and Programs Manager for Interfaith Power & Light in the San Francisco Bay Area from December, 2015 to March, 2019. Kari earned a BA in environmental studies from St. Olaf College, and an MPA from the Presidio Graduate School. She also completed an EMT Certification from Foothill College.

Cindy Rodas has worked full-time for Portola Valley since she joined the staff in October, 2008 as an Accounting Assistant. Cindy was appointed Interim Finance Director in March, 2019.



Lydia Munoz of the Bellflower City Manager's Office was a finisher in the Revel Big Bear Marathon earlier this month. Lydia is an avid runner and runs with a group called the "Happy Hour Runners."



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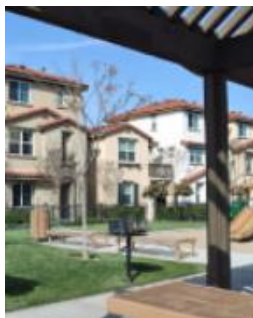
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Poway incorporated in December, 1980 in San Diego County. The city's 2018 estimated population in 49,704. Poway's rural roots gave



rise to the slogan "The City in the Country." The Poway Unified School District is rooted in an 1885 schoolhouse which followed the establishment of the school district in

1987. **Chris Hazeltine** is the City Manager and **Faviola Medina** is the City Clerk. Prior to her appointment as Poway City Clerk in February, 2019, Faviola served as the Senior Deputy City Clerk in Carlsbad. She began her career in 2011 as an Office Specialist in the Colton City Clerk's office. Faviola earned a BA in psychology from the University of Redlands.



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Wendy Kaserman is the Assistant City Manager in the City of Poway. Wendy began her public management career as a Management Intern in the City of Casa Grande, Arizona (January, 2001-August, 2002). She joined the staff of the League of Arizona Cities and Towns in September, 2002, and worked as a Member Services Associate/Assistant for the next three-plus years. In September, 2005 Wendy was appointed Assistant to the Town Manager in the Town of Queen Creek, Arizona. Wendy returned to California in May, 2013 to become the Assistant to the City Manager/Fiscal Services Manager in San Marcos. She is a graduate of San Marcos High School. Wendy joined the City of Poway staff in March, 2016 as the Director of Administrative Services, and she was appointed Assistant City Manager in September, 2016. After attending classes at Palomar Community College, Wendy earned a BS from Arizona State University, and an MPA from the University of Arizona.

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Poway Finance Director **Donna Goldsmith** recently retired, and **Aaron Beanan** is the new Director taking the post in July, 2019. Donna began her public service career in 1988 with the City of San Diego. Of her 18-years with the city, she worked 9-years in the Financial Management Department, including as the Budget Services Administrator. In May, 2006 Donna joined the Poway city staff as Revenue and Business Activity Manager. In July, 2010 she moved to the City of Santee where she served as Finance Manager. She rejoined the Poway staff in September, 2017 as Director of Finance, and worked in that position until her retirement in July, 2019. Donna earned a BBA in accounting from National University and an MPA from San Diego State University.



In 1997 **Brenda Sylvia** was the Assistant Club Manager at the Malibu Racquet for about a year. She then became a Recreation Coordinator with the City of West Hollywood (1998-2002), before joining the Carlsbad city staff as a Recreation Supervisor in September, 2002. After working in the private sector (2003-2006), Brenda was hired in Roseville as a Recreation Coordinator (2006-December, 2012), before going to work for the Cordova Recreation and Park District as a Recreation Supervisor (2012-2014). Brenda moved to San Marcos as a Recreation Supervisor in March, 2015 and she was promoted to Community Services Manager (2015-2018). Brenda was appointed Community Services Director in Poway in July, 2018. Brenda earned a BA in recreation administration from San Diego State University.

Jodene Dunphy is the Poway HR Director.



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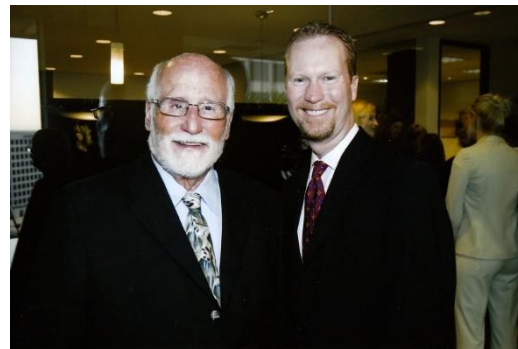


Picking Up the Pieces: Novato Chief of Police **Adam McGill** is the top candidate for the open Novato City Manager position. He has served as Chief since 2017. He has been serving as the Acting City Manager since August following City Manager **Regan Candelario**'s dismissal.

Assistant City Manager **Linda Smith** will be the new City Manager in the City of Dublin, following the retirement of City Manager **Christopher Foss**. Linda will take the reigns after Chris leaves at the end of the year. Linda joined the Dublin city staff 10-years ago as Assistant to the City Manager. She became Assistant City Manager in 2014. She earned a BA from San Jose State University. Administrative Services Director **Colleen Tribby** will step into Linda's ACM post.



William "Bill" Woollett, Jr. (1928 – 2019)



Long time veteran public manager **William "Bill" Woollett Jr.** has died at the age of 90-years. Bill was Irvine's first City Manager, and may hold the record as a founding administrator of California cities. He is seen in the picture here with retired Irvine City Manager **Sean Joyce**. Bill helped found four cities, and Irvine was his third when he was hired in January, 1972. A veteran of World War II and the Korean War (activated with the National Guard, he was wounded in Korea and lost an eye), he returned stateside and worked for Los Angeles County and Pasadena. He became City Manager of brand-new Rosemead at age 29, then City Manager of brand-new Temple City. He also was City Manager of Monterey Park. Before he was hired by the City Council of brand-new Irvine, where he served until October 1989, Woollett was vice president/general manager for the company that first developed the coastal, 14,400-acre Hollister Ranch near Santa Barbara. From Hollister Ranch, he was hired to Irvine. In 1990, he became CEO of Orange County's Transportation Corridor Agencies and was founding City Manager of brand-new Aliso Viejo in 2001.

Paramount Assistant City Manager **Kevin M. Chun** is the new City Manager in the City of Lawndale. Kevin began his public service career in 1988 as an Administrative Intern in Irvine, where he was an Associate Transportation Analyst from 1990 to 1994. In 1995 he worked as a Committee Consultant with the California Assembly, and in 1996 he worked as an Intern in the White House. Kevin became a Management Analyst in the City of Culver City in 1997 and returned to the City of Irvine in 1998 as a Senior Planner & Management Analyst. Kevin worked as the Deputy City Manager in Bellflower (2000-2007), before he was appointed Director of Administrative Services in La Cañada Flintridge in April, 2007. Kevin joined the Paramount staff as Assistant City Manager in October, 2015. Kevin earned a BA from the University of California, Irvine, and an MPA from the University of Southern California (**USC**).



About Trackdown Management

Jack A. Simpson worked in city government for more than 30 years. He served as the City Manager or City Administrator for a combined period of 25-years in the Cities of Hawaiian Gardens, Paramount and Bellflower. Prior to that, he held staff positions in the Cities of Paramount, Artesia and Cerritos. After retiring from Bellflower, he served as the Interim City Administrator in Hawaiian Gardens for 11-months.

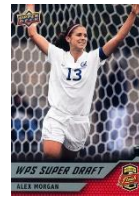
Following his work in city government, Jack worked for Consolidated Disposal Services as part of a team pursuing efforts to establish a Southern California Materials Recovery Facility (MRF).

He then worked for more than 10-years as the chief marketing official for a major California public agency consulting firm dealing primarily with local government services. He left that position in February, 2007. It was then that he established the City Manager Newsletter by Trackdown as a means to help connection those in city management...provide a thread to help stitch together the fabric of the city management community.

Jack earned B.A. and M.S. degrees in Political Science with a concentration in Public Administration from California State University, Long Beach.



More Pieces Picked Up: Former Compton City Manager and Assistant Sheriff with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department **Cecil Rhambo** is the new Los Angeles World Airports Chief of Airport Police. Cecil worked with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department for more than 33-years and retired in 2014 as the Assistant Sheriff. From July, 2014 to January 2017 Cecil was the Assistant City Manager in Carson, and he served as the Compton City Manager from January, 2017 through July, 2019. Redlands has hired **Charles M. Duggan Jr.** as City Manager. Charles is the former City Manager in Auburn, Alabama (2006-2017) where he began his



"Always work hard, never give up, and fight until the end because it's never really over until the whistle blows."

--**Alex Morgan**, U.S. National Women's Soccer Team.

public service career as an Athletics Specialist in 1991. He has been working as the Administrative Services Division Manager and Treasurer for the Marin Municipal Water District in Corte Madera. Charles earned a BS and an MBA from Auburn University. In 2018 Charles received a 25-year ICMA Service Award. In 2016-2017 he served on the ICMA Executive Board as a Regional Vice President. Redlands has been without a City Manager since November, 2018 when City Manager **N. Enrique Martinez** was dismissed. **Janice McConnell** is the Redlands Assistant City Manager. Hollister City Manager **William B. "Bill" Avera** is competing his service as City Manager effective November 15. Bill says that he is thinking about going into teaching, and that he would enjoy teaching history at San Benito High School. Bill joined the city staff in 1994 as the Redevelopment Manager, and has been City Manager for the past six-years. **Jacob Ellis** has been selected to serve as the City Manager in the City of Corona, Riverside County's third-largest city. Jacob has been the Deputy Town Manager in Gilbert, Arizona for the past four-years. He will take over in Corona for Interim City Manager **Mitch Lansdell**. Former Corona City Manager **Darrell Talbert** submitted his resignation in February. **Christopher Lopez** is the permanent City Manager in the City of Hemet. He becomes the City's 13th City Manager since 2000. Chris joined the city staff in April, 2018 as the Deputy City Manager and was named Interim City Manager in March following the dismissal of City Manager **Allen Parker**. **Mario Cifuentes II** is the new City Manager in the City of Hanford. Mario worked for the City of Visalia for 33-years. He has served as an Animal Services Manager, Airport Manager, Interim Public Works Director, Deputy City Manager and General Services Director. Mario earned a BA from Fresno Pacific University.



Welcome aboard to the good folks at the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority.

Jon Shull, CEO



Still More Pieces Picked Up:

Retired City Managers **Rod Wood**, **Kevin O'Rourke**, **Rod Gould**, and **Jeff Kolin**, all past Presidents of the City Managers' Department of the League of California Cities, are the "Formation Team" for a

NorCal Proof of Life Program. Anyone interested in joining the effort should contact them. Rod is leading the group. Email him at: rodjwood@gmail.com Los Angeles Superior Court Judge **Elizabeth R. Feffer** overturned a jury verdict that awarded damages for former Beverly Hills Police Lt. **Shan Davis**. The claim was that Beverly Hills Police Chief **Sandra Spagnoli** discriminated, retaliated and harassed Lt. Davis. Lt. Davis was individually awarded \$250,000 by the jury. The Judge ruled that there was no evidence to support the verdict and overruled the decision. With the retirement of City Manager **Jim Purtee**, who has served Palmdale since August, 2015, Assistant City Manager **J. J. Murphy** will take the helm as City Manager. J. J. joined the Palmdale city staff in April, 2018. He previously served as Town Manager in Hobbs, New Mexico, where he was named New Mexico City Manager of the Year in 2016. He was a Major in the Air Force Reserves after a 20-year service career.

SHORTS: ***Charles "Charlie" J. Wagner**, dubbed "3-2 Charlie" by his mentor, was appointed City Manager in the City of Avalon on Catalina Island in 1976. *City Manager **John E. Nowak** resigned from his Lawndale City Manager position effective June 5, 1992. ***Steve Pendergrass** is the new Hanford Fire Chief. ***James A. Swayne** was appointed City Manager in the City of Ukiah in 1972. ***Hdl Companies** founder **Robert Hinderliter** served as the City Administrator in the City of Commerce from August, 1973 to July, 1983. *Retired Yorba Linda City Manager **Arthur C. Simonian** previously served as the City Manager in the City of Carpinteria from July, 1970 to February, 1972 when he was appointed in Yorba Linda. *From March, 1958 to June, 1964 **Laverne Kimball** served as the City Manager in the City of Walnut. *Prior to becoming the Lawndale City Manager in 2011, **Steve Mandoki** was the Costa Mesa Administrative Services Director for 6-years. ***William L. Eichenberg** was appointed City Administrator in the City of Ridgecrest in December, 1978.



Communication:

Writer **Jimmy Spencer** shared a message exchange that he had with Pasadena City Manager Steve Mermell:

Steve,

You are an excellent city manager. Your response time is so appreciated. My old friend Jack Simpson (CC'd here) would be so proud! Truly, your responsiveness and kindness is special.

Good morning Mr. Spencer, thank you for your message. It's both troubling and dangerous that people don't respect the stop sign. By way of this message I will ask our Police Chief, John Perez, if we can place motor officers at the location on a more frequent basis. As to speed feedback signs and speed humps, I am including our Director of Transportation, Laura Cornejo. Given the classification of the street speed humps are likely not an option but a feedback sign might be. In any event, she and her staff will know better than I. Hopefully we can take some action to improve the situation.

Kind regards,
Steve Mermell

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