



Robert "Rob" M. Wishner, retired Walnut City Manager and his wife **Shelly Piccardi Wishner** celebrated Rob's retirement by enjoying a getaway trip to Paso Robles, Cambria and Santa Barbara.

Rob also connected with his childhood friend **Douglas B. Harris**, who is a firefighter in Paso Robles.

Rob earned a BA from California State University, Fullerton, and began his public service career with positions in Chino and as City Manager in San Marino. He was appointed City Manager in Walnut in November 2006, serving nearly 16-years. He retired effective February 1, 2022. Rob is a past-President of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments.

Managers and Administrators in the Cities of Yolo and Yuba Counties

This March 2022 issue of the City Manager Newsletter by Trackdown focusses on the City executives in the Cities of Yolo and Yuba Counties.

There are four incorporated cities in Yolo County: Davis, West Sacramento, Winters, and Woodland. There are only two incorporated cities in Yuba County: Marysville and Wheatland. **Chad Rinde** is the Interim County Administrator in Yolo County and **Kevin Mallen** is the County Administrator in Yuba County. Yuba County has a 2020 estimated population of 81,575 and Yolo County estimate is 216,403.

Former Yolo County Administrator **Patrick Blacklock** currently serves as the Chief Executive Officer of the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC). He started in that post in April 2021.

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Davis, known prior to 1907 as Davisville, has the largest city population in Yolo County. Davis is named for early prominent farmer **Jerome C. Davis**. Davis became a depot on the Southern Pacific Railroad in 1868 when it was Davisville. The post office shortened the town name in 1907, and the City of Davis incorporated in March 1917. The 2020 estimated population of Davis is 66,850, not including the on-campus population of the University of California, Davis. It was 9,400 in 2016.

Bicycling has become the most popular mode of transportation in Davis. Davis is the home of the United States Bicycling Hall of Fame. In 2005 the Bicycle-Friendly Community program of the League of American Bicyclist recognize Davis as the First Platinum Level city in the U.S.

Michael Webb has served as the Davis City Manager since December 2017 following the retirement of City Manager **Dirk Brazil**. Prior to that he served as the City of Davis Director of Community Development & Sustainability from 2013-2016. From 2014-2017 he concurrently held the post of Assistant City Manager overseeing the Public Works and Parks & Community Services departments. Mike has worked on the Davis city staff for 20-years. He earned a BS in environmental policy analysis and planning from the University of California, Davis, and an MPA from the University of Southern California (**USC**).



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Giant Egret picture by **John Woods**, a member of the 1961 Class at Robert A. Millikan High School

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In 1844, **John Schwartz** was the first Euro-American to permanently settle in the West Sacramento area. The "Town of Washington" was started in 1849 when individual lots were sold. The first lot sold for \$500. Sacramento grew on the other side of the Sacramento River, and West Sacramento developed as a river settlement with agricultural business and boating and fishing. West Sacramento did not incorporate until January 1987. **Joe Goeden** served as the West Sacramento City Manager from May 1989 until his retirement in June 2002. **Aaron Laurel** is the current City Manager serving since July 2018. The 2019 estimated population is 53,519. West Sacramento was named the Most Livable City in America in 2014 by the United States Conference of Mayors.

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Aaron Laurel served as a Redevelopment Specialist for the City of Woodland from October 2002 to February 2005. He joined the West Sacramento city staff in 2005 as a Senior Program Manager and was promoted to Economic Development & Housing Director in February 2013. Aaron was appointed City Manager in July 2018. He earned a BA from the University of California, Berkeley and a Master's degree in urban planning from San Jose State University.

Amanda Berlin is the Assistant City Manager in West Sacramento and **Jon Robinson** is the Deputy City Manager. Amanda is an attorney and previously worked with a couple of private law firms. She joined the West Sacramento city staff as Assistant City Manager in October 2015. Amanda earned a JD degree from Santa Clara University School of Law, and a BS from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo.

Roberta Raper has been the Director of Finance and Technology for the City of West Sacramento since February 2018. She previously worked as the Finance Director for the Sacramento Area Council of Government (SACOG) (2017-2018). Prior to that she was the Finance Director in Napa (2013-2017); and Grass Valley (2012-2013). She earned an MBA from California State University, Sacramento.



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Winters began as an agricultural community with orchards and vineyards. The Winters post office was founded in 1875 and Winters incorporated in 1898. The town is named for **Theodore Winters**, whose ranch provided half of the town's land. The 2019 estimated population of Winters is 7,315. **Kathleen Salguero Trepa** is the City Manager, and **Shelly Gunby** is the Director of Financial Management, who previously served as the Interim City Manager when long-time City Manager **John Donlevy** left for a new job as Auburn City Manager.



Kathleen Salguero Trepa began her public service career as an Analyst with the City of San Marcos in November 1989. She left San Marcos after nearly 11-years in August 2000 to work in the private sector. She came back to San Marcos in July 2006 as the Public Works Manager. In September 2012 Kathleen took the Director of Community Services post in the City of Claremont. She moved to the Deputy City Manager position in Goleta in June 2015, and in March 2017 she took the Assistant City Manager position in Concord. Kathleen became the Winters City Manager in November 2020. She earned a BA in history from Boston University.



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Woodland pulled together in the 1850s when California became a State and Yolo County was established. The Woodland post office opened in July 1861 and the city incorporated in February 1871. The city's 2020 estimated population is 61,032. **Ken Hiatt** was appointed City Manager in July 2020. **Ana Gonzalvez** is the Woodland City Clerk.

Ken Hiatt served as the Community Development Director in the City of Davis from 2010 to 2013. Ken joined the city staff in Woodland in May 2013 as the Community Development Director. In September 2016, Ken was appointed Assistant City Manager in addition to his Director-post. He was appointed Interim City Manager in March 2020 and became the full-time City Manager in August 2020. Ken earned a BA in landscape architecture and environmental policy and planning from the University of California, Davis.

"Proof of Life"



This was one of the initial get-togethers that helped develop the "Proof of Life" lunch program. The next "Proof of Life" Lunch will be on Thursday, March 31 at 11:30 at Clearman's North Woods Inn Restaurant, 14305 Firestone Blvd., La Mirada. Please RSVP to: jack@trackdownmanagement.net

[L to R] **Greg Korduner, Paul Philips, Bill Crowe, Jack Simpson, Ray Harris** and the late **Bill Holt**.



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Unincorporated communities in Yolo County include: Dunnigan, Clarksburg, Madison, Knights Landing and Brooks among others. The county is in the Sacramento Valley and is included in the Greater Sacramento Metropolitan Area. The town of Dunnigan was founded as "Antelope" by a couple of settlers. **A. W. Dunnigan**, a Yolo County postal worker, named the place. A post office opened in 1856 and the name of the community was changed from Antelope to Dunnigan in 1876. Dunnigan has not incorporated. It has a 2020 estimated population of 1,382.

Yuba County is one of California's original 27 counties founded in February 1850. Yuba County is the gateway to the historic Mother Lode Country.



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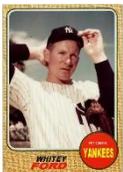
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Marysville is one of only 2 cities in the State named after a woman who is not a Catholic saint. The city is named for a survivor of the Donner Party, which lost half of its people to starvation in the Sierra Nevada winter of 1846-1847. Marysville incorporated in February 1851. Its 2019 estimated population is 12,476. **Jim Schaad** is the City Manager, and **Nicole Moe** is the City Clerk. **Jennifer Styczynski** is the Senior Accountant/Finance Director.



From 2013 to 2021 **Jim Schaad** work for the City of Fresno. He started there in June 2013 and was appointed Director of Transportation in September 2017. Jim was selected to be the Fresno Assistant City Manager in August 2018. He left Fresno and joined the Marysville staff as City Manager in March 2021. Jim earned a BS from California State University, Fresno and an MBA from Portland State University.

In addition to her duties with the City of Marysville, **Jennifer Styczynski** is the owner of the Bridge Coffee Company in Yuba City. She serves as the Senior Accountant/Finance Director for the City of Marysville. In addition, Jennifer has her own business as a tax and bookkeeping specialist in Weaverville. She earned an AA in accounting from Shasta College.



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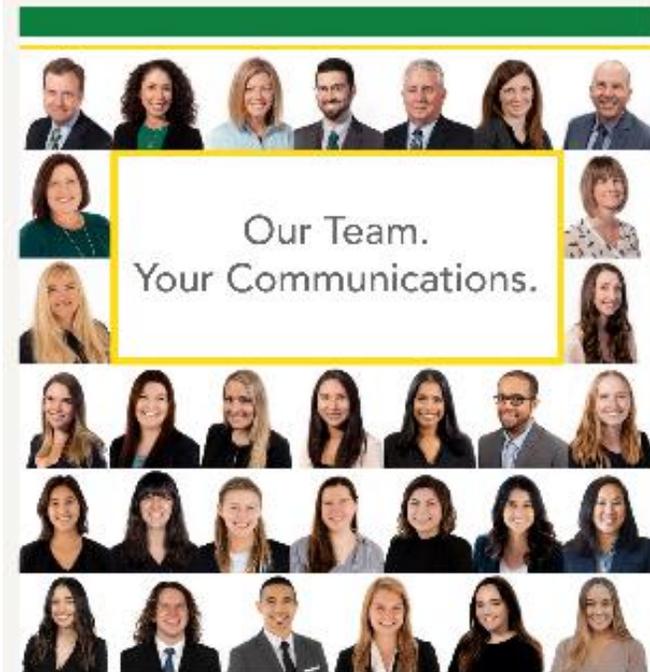
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Jim Goodwin served a dozen years as the President and CEO of the Chico Chamber of Commerce (1996-2008). Jim was appointed City Manager in the City of Live Oak in September 2008. He left that position in April 2018 and joined the City of Wheatland city staff as City Manager in May 2018. Jim earned a BA in social science from California State University, Chico.

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Archive picture of two former Rosemead City Managers: **Frank G. Triepel** and **Bill Manis**



Retired City Manager **John Russo** and his wife **Melissa Russo** at **Frank Sinatra's** Twin Palms Estate for a Modernism Week get-together in the City of Palm Springs. The Estate was built in 1947 and is a registered Historic Site.



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“Cruising with Cruz” this issue has [Santa Fe Springs](#) City Manager **Ray Cruz** at Auto Club Speedway in [Fontana](#) where **Kyle Larson** of [Elk Grove](#) was the NASCAR CUP race winner on February 27th.

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Other Yuba County communities include: Beale Air Force Base, Camptonville, Challenge-Brownsville, Dobbins, Linda, Loma Rica, Olivehurst and Plumas Lake. Olivehurst was previously named “Dennison” and was originally settled by people from the Midwest during the Great Depression. Though the community did not incorporate, a post office was established in 1941. The estimated population is 13,656.

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Trieu Le joined the company in October 2014. He plays an active role in helping clients both achieve and maintain compliance with State requirements by maintaining and implementing recycling and permit

programs at the local level. He also conducts internal and external audits for RFPs and compliance.

Trieu earned a B.A. in accounting from California State University, Long Beach.

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Thank you!



Picking Up the Pieces: Long Beach Economic Development Director **John P. Keisler** is leaving city employment to become the Chief Executive Officer of Sunstone Management, an investment and public-private partnership that is part of a business incubator program, created by the City and California State University, Long Beach. John's last day with the City is March 31, 2022. John joined the Long Beach city staff in 2005 and has worked in a number of of important executive positions under former City Manager **Pat West** and City Manager **Tom Modica**. John served as the 2007-2008 President of the Municipal Management Association of Southern California (MMASC). Santa Clarita City Manager Dr. **Kenneth W. Striplin** was the 2021 recipient of the ICMA Award for Career Excellence in Memory of **Mark E. Keane**. Ken has been the City Manager since 2012. Ken continues to develop the next generat through mentoring, job shadowing, succession planning and staff training. He currently serves as the President of the California City Management Foundation (CCMF). He is a past recipient of the *John H. Nail Award* (2008) from the League of California Cities. Congratulations to Ken on his receiving the 2021 ICMA Award for Career Excellence. Palmdale City Manager **J. J. Murphy** has been dismissed from his position without cause. He was immediatley placed on administrative leave. J.J. was appointed



Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum where the NASCAR Clash was staged of Sunday, February 6th.

to the Palmdale City Manager post in December 2019 after he joined the city staff in April 2018 as the Assisitant City Manager. He previously served as the City Manager in Hobbs, New Mexico (August 2012-August 2017). He served in the United States Air Force from June 1997 to June 2017. He retired at the rank of Major. **Ronda Perez** is the Interim City Manager. Ronda previously served as the Executive Director of the Antelope Valley Economic Development and Growth Enterprise (AV EDGE) from 2020-2021, and Assistant City Manager and Parks, Recreation & Arts Director in the City of Lancaster. Torrance City Manager **Aram Chaparyan** appointed **Andrei Yermakov** to be the new Communications and Information Technology (CIT) Director for the city. Andrei has worked since February 2016 as the Chief Technology Officer for the Compton Community College District. From 2009 to 2014 he served as the Information Technology Manager for the City of Vernon. He earned a BA and MS in electirical engineering from Kyiv Polytechnic University, Ukraine, and a BS from DeVry University. He will soon graduate with an MS in cybersecurity from the University of San Diego. Cerritos Advance Planning and Economic Development Manager **Kristin Aguilu** has been promoted to the Cerritos Director of Community Development. She replaces former Director **Robert A. Lopez**, who was recently promoted to Director of Public Works, Water & Power. Kristin joined the Cerritos city staff as a Planning Intern in November 2005. She then worked her way up in the organization and was appointed to the Advance Planning post in January 2015. Kristin earned a BS in urban and regional planning from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona and an MS in public administration from California State University, Fullerton.



"Slumps are like a soft bed. They're easy to get into and hard to get out of."

---**Johnny Bench**



More Pieces Picked Up: Goleta City Manager **Michelle Greene** will retire this coming summer. Michelle has served as the City Manager since November 2014. In May 1990 Michelle began her public service career as a Summer Intern with the City of Santa Barbara. In October 1992 she went to work for the City of Manhattan Beach as an

Environmental Services Intern. After working with a consulting firm, Michelle joined the city staff in Escalon as a Management Analyst. She left Escalon as the Assistant City Manager (July 1998-February 2001) to become the City Clerk and Personnel Manager for the City of Grover Beach. She went to work for Goleta in June 2004 and began her rise through the ranks. Michelle earned a BA in women's history from the University of California, Berkeley. She has taken public policy course at **USC**. **Chris Constantin** was appointed City Manager in the City of San Dimas in January 2021. He served as the Assistant City Manager in the City of Chico before that (April 2013-December 2020). In addition to his official positions he served as a volunteer reserve police lieutenant for the City of Hayward. Chris was a member of the Accreditation Commission for Community and Junior Colleges as a Commissioner (July 2010-October 2016). He began his career in 2001 in San Jose and he worked as an Assistant City Auditor in San Diego from 2010 to 2013. Chris earned a BS from San Jose State University and an MPA from the Maxwell School at Syracuse University. **David C. Roberts, Jr.** is the new City Manager in the City of Carson. He has been serving as the Carson Assistant City Manager since 2018. Prior to coming to Carson he worked for the City of Hawthorne as the Director of Human Resources (2012-2014) and Assistant City Manager (2014-2018). Before that he was a Human Resources Analyst in the City of San Bernardino (2007-2014). David served as a Sergeant in the United States Army at Fort Irwin, California. He earned a BA from California State University, Long Beach. Cerritos Public Information Officer **Laurie Kajiwara** says that **Robert A. Lopez** is the new Director of Public Works, Water & Power for the city. He replaces retired Director **Kanna Vancheswaran**. Robert previously worked as the City's Director of Community Development. He joined the Cerritos city staff in a consultant capacity in September 2001, and became a full-time Planning Assistant in February 2002. Robert earned a BS in civil engineering from Stanford University and an MPA from the University of Southern California (**USC**). He is Cerritos native and



Troy Butzlaff, former City Manager in Azusa and former City Administrator in the City of Placentia, is the Interim City Administrator in Victor, Idaho. Troy is also a former Assistant City Manager in Palm Springs and Indian Wells.

graduated from Gretchen Whitney High School as a valedictorian. After serving as the Interim City Administrator in Santa Barbara since September 2021, **Rebecca Bjork** was appointed City Administrator. Rebecca has worked for the City of Santa Barbara for more than 33-years. Most recently she served as the Interim Community Development Director, and prior to that she was the Public Works Director for about 5-years. From 2007 to 2014, she worked as the Water Resources Manager. She earned a BA in biology environmental studies from Ginnell College and an MPA from California State University, Northridge. Retired Windsor Town Manager **Linda Kelly** currently serves as a management consultant and executive recruiter in the Greater Seattle, Washington area. After Linda served as the City Clerk in La Puente she worked for a time with the City of Whittier, and she also served in the Long Beach City Clerk's Office. She went to Sunnyvale in November 1999 as a Senior Management Analyst, and then worked as the Assistant to the City Manager in Atherton (2001-2005). In January 2006, Linda began her tenure as the Town Manager in Fairfax, and in January 2008 she became the City Manager in Sonoma. Linda took the Town Manager position in Windsor in December 2012 and left that post in August 2017. Sonoma City Manager **Garrett Toy**, 61, is leaving his position after a little more than 6-months on the job. Garrett was hired to replace Interim City Manager **David Kiff**, who stepped up when former City Manager **Cathy Capriola** retired at the end of 2020. Garrett previously served as the Town Manager in Fairfax, and he held positions with the County of Marin, and the cities of Morgan Hill, Stockton and Fairfield.



Still More Pieces Picked Up: Retired Norwalk City Manager **Mike Egan** has been serving as the Interim City Manager for the City of Artesia filling in

following the resignation of City Manager **William “Bill” Rawlings**. Mike started his city government career with the City of Bellflower where he became City Manager after serving as Assistant City Manager under City Manager **Linda Manning Lowry**. Former La Palma (1990-1995) and Sonoma (1995-2001) City Manager **Pamela Gibson** is a successful romance novel author at SoulMate Publishing. Pam earned a BA from the University of California, Riverside and an MPA from California State University, Long Beach. Pam is the author of eight books on California history and seventeen romance novels. She grew up in San Juan Capistrano, and currently lives in the desert community of Henderson, Nevada. Camarillo City Manager **Greg Ramirez** replaced the retiring City Manager **Dave Norman** in June 2020. Greg previously served as the Agoura Hills City Manager where he spent 16-years after working for the League of California Cities and the City of Santa Fe Springs. Greg earned a BA in economics from California Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo and a Master’s degree from California State University, East Bay. Torrance City Manager **Aram Chaparyan** appointed **Jamie Le** as the Assistant to the City Manager in February 2022. Jamie joined the Torrance city staff in 2011 as a Community Relations Specialist with the CitiCABLE division of the City Manager’s Office. She earned a BA in communications and BS in marketing from California State University, Fullerton.

“**SHORTS**” are single sentence acknowledgements and or “shout outs.”

SHORTS: *Many “Thanks” to **Torrey Contreras** for the information that Cerritos Business License Officer **Arcy Hinojosa** has announced her well-earned retirement from the City of Cerritos effective Thursday, March 4, 2022. *Former Palmdale Assistant City Manager **Maithi “Marie” Ricci** filed a lawsuit against the City and City Manager **J.J. Murphy** for alleged improper actions by the City Manager related to a whistleblowing action. ***Natalie Springer** serves as the Human Resources Director for the City of Yuba City. *Santa Cruz City Manager **Matt Huffaker**, who earned an MPA from California State University, East Bay, served as the Watsonville City Manager from July 2018 to December 2021. *San Bruno, where **Jovan Grogan** is the City Manager, is in the process of converting a struggling mall to a new modern mixed-use development that may include office, hotel, retail, entertainment and a minimum of 1,000 housing units. *Since 2005, **Karen Boyd** has served as the Citywide Communications Director for the City of Oakland, and she is an alumna of the University of California, Davis. *“Gunsmoke” actress **Amanda Blake**, who died in Sacramento at age 60 on August 16, 1989, and her third husband **Frank Gilbert** ran one of the first successful programs for breeding cheetahs in captivity. ***Howard Chan** has been the City Manager for the City of Sacramento since 2017. ***Brian Mohan** is the Assistant City Manager and Chief Financial Officer for the City of Moreno Valley and worked previously for the City of Rialto in the Finance Department. *Artesia City Clerk **Ernesto Sanchez** and its former Human Resources Manager **Boyd Horan** allege in a lawsuit that former City Manager **William Rawlings** and three City Council members systematically ignored employee complaints of retaliation, gender discrimination, and election and fiscal misconduct.

Letters & Notes from Readers:

Some have confused my possible PTSD as being a result of serving in Vietnam, but I rather suspect it is from service in municipal government!

--**Jim Barisic, Brandywine Homes**

Another great Trackdown Edition (February 2022)!

--**Jill Frechette**

I'm doing an Interim Community Development Director gig for the City of Calabasas. I've done eight “Interim” assignments; seven of which were city managers. Debbie and I are anxious to get traveling again plus a new granddaughter is due in April.

--**Don Penman**



Youth baseball is off and running, though Major League Baseball is still locked out. Those who play for the love of the game are still playing. A tip of the cap to all the volunteers who make youth baseball possible.