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Larry J. Kosmont of the **Kosmont Companies** and friends with a group of Manhattan Beach leaders at Tapizôn, a fabulous Brazilian restaurant on Main Street in El Segundo, where **Darrell George** is the City Manager. **Talyn Mirzakhanian** is the Manhattan Beach Acting City Manager. The picture was taken at the Inaugural Annual MB Weekly Leaders CITY TALK in August. The program is a conversation series in Manhattan Beach.

Public Managers in California “C” Cities with Names from Clayton to Coalinga

Cities included in this September 2024 issue of the City Manager Newsletter by Trackdown are a continuation of cities with names that begin with the letter “C.” The cities listed alphabetically in this issue including: [Clayton](#), [Clearlake](#), [Cloverdale](#), [Clovis](#), [Coachella](#), and [Coalinga](#). These six cities are in the counties of Contra Costa; Lake; Sonoma; Fresno; and Riverside. **Monica Nino** is the County Administrator for Contra Costa County; **Susan Parker** is the Chief Administrative Officer for Lake County; **Maria Christina Rivera** in the Sonoma County Administrator; **Paul Nerland** is the County Administrative Officer for Fresno County and **Samantha Buck** is Deputy County Administrative Officer; and **Dave Rogers** in the Chief Administrative Officer for Riverside County.

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Clayton was founded by **Joel Henry Clayton**. Joel and his two younger brothers laid out the city in 1857 at the foot of

Mount Diablo in Contra Costa County. Clayton prospered during the coal mining boom in the area. The local post office was founded in 1861. The city was incorporated in March 1964 in an effort to preserve its independence from the neighboring city of Concord. The 2020 Clayton population is 11,070. **Adam W. Politzer** was appointed Interim City Manager effective April 15, and an executive search process was considered. **Stephanie Cabrera-Brown** is the City Clerk. **Prapti Aryal** served as the Clayton Finance Director between July 2023 and May 2024 when she took the Finance Director position for the City of Sonoma.



Clayton Interim City Manager **Adam W. Politzer** was the Menlo College Assistant Baseball Coach from January 1996 until June 1998. He was hired as the Softball Coach for the Kentfield Girls Softball team and work that job seasonally for more than 16 years starting in 2003. Adam was

appointed city manager for the City of Sausalito in September 2007, leaving that position in December 2020 when he retired. He became the Fairfax Town Manager in July 2021. After leaving Fairfax in March 2022, he completed an Interim City Manager assignment for the City of Emeryville (2022-2023) and as Interim Assistant City Manager for East Palo Alto (May 2023 to December 2023). He has done some management consulting, worked on a leadership & government study and served as a Business Coaching Specialist. In April 2024, he took the Clayton position from Chief of Police **Richard McEachin**, who worked as Acting City Manager following City Manager **Bret Prebula**'s leaving.



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Lakeport. The local post office opened in 1923 as “Konocti.” It later changed its name to Clearlake Highlands until the city was incorporated as the City of Clearlake. The city was incorporated in November 1980. Its 2020 population is 16,685. **Alan Flora** is the Clearlake city manager, and **Melissa Swanson** is the City Clerk and Administrative Services Director. **Adeline Leyba** is the Director of Public Works, and **Tina Viramontes** is the Recreation & Events Coordinator.



Clearlake City Manager **Alan Flora** served as a Member of the Planning Commission for the Town of Flora, Indiana from 2004 to 2008. In 2008 he was hired as an Associate Planner by the County of Lake, California. In January 2011, Alan was hired as a Redevelopment Analyst by

the Lake County Redevelopment Agency. In 2012, Alan worked 5 months as an Analyst in the Administrative Office of Lake County, and starting in July 2012 he served as the Deputy County Administrative Officer. Alan left his Lake County employment in December 2014. Starting in January 2015, he began his tenure as Assistant Chief Executive Officer for the County of Mendocino. Alan joined the City of Clearlake city staff in March 2018 as the Finance Director. He was appointed Assistant City Manager starting in July 2018 and he took the City Manager position starting in March 2019. Alan earned a BUPD from Ball State University. He served as a member of the Board of Directors for the Lakeport Fire Protection District from January 2019 until December 2022.

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Starting in May 1993, **Greg Folsom** served as a member of the City of Stockton Economic Development Department. He left Stockton as Deputy Director of Economic Development in December 2011. He was the Deputy Director of Economic Development for the Riverside County Economic Development Agency from February 2014 to January 2015. Greg was hired to serve as the Clearlake City Manager starting June 2015. He left Clearlake in March 2019 to become the City Manager for Suisun City. After leaving Suisun City, Greg began working as an Interim administrator for the Lake County Chamber of Commerce. Greg earned a BS from San Jose State University and an MBA from the University of Southern California (USC) Marshal School of Business. For 5 months in 2015, Greg served as a Planning Commissioner for the City of Menifee.



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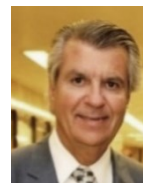
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Cloverdale's city staff includes **David J. Kelley**, the Cloverdale city manager, and **Mike Maloney** the City Clerk and Public Information Officer. **Jason Ferguson** is the Chief of Police, and **Teresa Hegarty** is the Cloverdale police department Community Service Officer. **Derrick Montanye** is the Director of Public Works.

Cloverdale City Manager **David J. Kelly** worked for a Chico consultant firm starting in April 1995 before he went to work for the County of Colusa Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) in June 1998. David left LAFCO in July 2001 to take a position with a planning and consulting firm based in Rocklin. He joined the Windsor town staff in 2004 as a Senior Management Analyst. David was promoted to Assistant Town Manager in August 2011, and he served in that post until March 2013. From March 2013 to February 2016, he worked for Windsor as a Special Projects Manager. In February 2016, David went to work for the City of Cloverdale as Assistant City Manager and Community Development Director. He was appointed to the Cloverdale city manager position in April 2018. David earned a BA in economics and planning from California State University, Chico and an MBA from Sonoma State University. Since July 2013, David has served as an event volunteer for the Ironman Vineman Triathlon, which is a full-distance triathlon in the Sonoma Valley. This race starts in Guerneville and concludes in Windsor.



After working as a Lead Mechanic for a Healdsburg vineyard for more than 8-years, **Derrick Montanye** served as Production Systems & Facilities Manager for a Cupertino vineyard for nearly 10-years. He joined the Cloverdale city staff in January 2023 as the Director of Public Works. He attended California State University, Sacramento.

Stephen W. Cramer, the former Cloverdale Chief of Police, passed away at the age of 57 in 2019 after an eight-year battle with throat cancer.

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Clovis is a Fresno County city. Established in 1890 as the town became a freight stop for the San Joaquin Valley Railroad. The railroad bought the land from two farmers and the town was named Clovis for **Clovis Cole**, one of the

sellers. The lumber business developed in the area. The completion of a lumber flume in 1894 led to the development of lumberyards and a sawmill. Clovis was incorporated in February 1912. The 2020 population is 120,124. Clovis has a western town known for its slogan, “*Clovis—A Way of Life*”. **John Holt** is the Clovis City Manager, and **Andy Haussler** is the Assistant City Manager. **Briana Parra** is the City Clerk.



John Holt took over for retiring Clovis City Manager **Luke Serpa** in 2021. John was a Financial Analyst with Boeing from January 1990 to November 1994 when he joined the city staff in Visalia in December. John worked for Visalia until December 1999 and

left as the Financial Service Manager. In January 2000, John was hired as a Management Analyst by the City of Clovis. After serving as the City Clerk (1994-2000), John became the Assistant City Manager in April 2009. He was elevated to the Clovis City Manager position in December 2021. From September 1985 to December 2015, John served in the United States Navy in active duty (1985-1990) at Lemoore for 5 years and 25 years in the Navy Reserves, retiring with the rank of Captain in January 2016. John earned an MBA from Pacific Lutheran University. In 2015 he received a 25-Year ICMA Service Award.

Clovis Assistant City Manager **Andy Haussler** was a Senior Staff Analyst for Fresno County (2002-2006) prior to joining the Clovis city staff in July 2006. He worked in the Housing Program and service in Community & Economic Development. He became Assistant City Manager in December 2021.



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Coachella is the community furthest east in the Coachella Valley. Beginning as a railroad town, Coachella has grown into an important agriculture and shipping business center. Coachella was originally established as “Woodspur” in 1876 when the Southern Pacific Railroad constructed a rail siding at the site. In 1901 the people of Woodspur voted on a new name for the community and selected, “Coachella.” The city of Coachella was incorporated in December 1946. The 2020 population is 41,941. In the 1950s the city expanded in area which includes fruit groves, especially citrus and date palms. **Dr. Gabriel Martin** is the city manager and **Risseth Lora** is the Public Information Officer. The Economic Development Director is **Celina Jimenez**, and **Gabriel Perez** is the Development Services Director. **Ruben Ramirez** is the Controller, **Castulo R. Estrada** is the Utilities Director, and **Maritza Martinez** is the Public Works Director.



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Dr. Gabriel D. Martin, Ph.D. is the current Coachella city manager. After working as a Student Affairs Officer at UC Merced, starting in November 2004, he served as a Service Representative for the Social Security Administration in Fontana. He became a Project

Manager for the County of Riverside in 2005 and worked there until January 2014. In April 2014, Gabriel took an Economic Development Program Manager position with the City of Redmond, Oregon. He returned to California in 2015 to take an Architecture and Engineering Project Manager position with the County of San Bernardino. Gabriel joined the City of Coachella staff in August 2017 as Economic Development Manager and he was promoted to Director in June 2020. He was selected to serve as the Coachella city manager starting in June 2021. Gabriel earned a BA from California State University, Riverside, an MPA from California State University, San Bernardino and a DPA from the University of La Verne.



Risseth Lora is the City of Coachella Public Information Officer. She began her working career in the private sector starting in January 2009. She has worked as a Freelance Translator, translating English to Spanish and vice versa. She joined the city staff

in Coachella in January 2022. Risseth earned an AA degree in apparel manufacturing management (2002-2004) and a BA in communications from California State University, Fullerton.

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David R. Garcia, former Coachella city manager, retired in January 2017. When he left, Finance Director **Bill Pattison** was appointed Interim City Manager. David began his tenure as the Coachella city manager in August 2010. In 2013,

David was a candidate for the city manager position for the City of Stockton, but David rejected the proposed employment agreement. He began his public service career in May 1977 as a Technical Assistant for the North Central Texas COG. He took an Associate Planner job in San Antonio, Texas in May 1978, and he was elevated to Senior Planner in June 1979 and Director of Special Projects in March 1981. David came to California in March 1989 to work as a Deputy Administrator of Redevelopment for the City of Los Angeles. In November 1990, David became the Deputy City Manager for Phoenix, Arizona and he served as City Manager for Corpus Christi, Texas from August 1998 and February 2003. He was the County Manager for Yuma County, Arizona from August 2003 to May 2007, when he returned to California to be the Chula Vista City Manager, where he served from June 2007 until September 2008. David worked for the United States State Department for a couple of years before being appointed City Manager for the City of Coachella. He has remained busy since his retirement. From January 2018 until March 2019, David served as the General Manager for the San Luis Rey Indian Water Authority. He served with the U.S. State Department Provincial Reconstruction Team in Iraq. Currently, he operates a Policy & Management Consultant firm in La Quinta. David earned a BA in economics and urban affairs from St. Mary's University and an MS in architecture from The University of Texas, Austin. In 2015, He earned special certificates from the John F. Kennedy School at Harvard University and from the National Foreign Service Academy. David received a 35-Year ICMA Service Award.



Casey Simpson and her Dad. Casey appeared on national television on the Nashville Star show. She has performed at many Southern California venues, and she sang the National Anthem for the Dodgers, Lakers, Clippers, Sparks, Ducks, and more before moving to Hendersonville, Tennessee near Nashville.

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Coalinga is in Fresno County south of Arroyo de Cantua where the legendary bandito **Joaquin Murrieta** was killed in 1853. The bandit was also called *Robin Hood of the West*, though his historic evidence is

scarce. The story is that a California Ranger named **Harry Love** tracked down Murrieta and brought his head in for the \$5,000 bounty. Coalinga was the 1888 coaling station site of the Southern Pacific Railroad Company. It is surmised that the “Coaling Station A” signs is where the city got its name. The railroad signs said “Coaling A.” The first post office was established in 1899. The city is in the Coalinga oil field area primarily owned by Chevron. The city was incorporated in April 1906, and the 2020 population is 17,590. **Marissa Trejo** is the City Manager and **Shannon Jensen** is the City Clerk and Executive Assistant to the City Manager. **Sean Brewer** is the Assistant City Manager in charge of community development and Public Works. **Greg DuPuis** is the Fire Chief and **Jose Garza** is the Chief of Police.

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Tony Gwynn passed away in Poway at the age of 54. He is buried at the Dearborn Memorial Park in Poway. Tony played Major League Baseball for 20 seasons (1982-2001), all with the San Diego Padres. Tony won eight batting titles, which is tied for the most in National League history. He has a .338 career batting average. Tony was a 15-time All-Star. He was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 2007. In his 20 years in major league baseball, Tony only had one game that

he struck out 3 times. Tony was a baseball and basketball player at Long Beach Polytechnic High School, and at San Diego State University.

"Proof of Life" founder, retired city manager **Gregory Korduner** is a huge sports fan. Here is a picture of Greg in San Diego. He was there to see the Padres play the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Public Managers in California "C" Cities with Names from Clayton to Coalinga



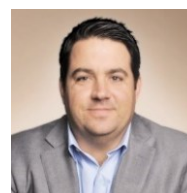
Marissa Trejo is the City Manager for the City of Coalinga. Marissa went to work for Coalinga in December 2006 as a Human Resources Analyst. In November 2007 she took a Human Resources Specialist position with the West Hills Community College District.

Marrisa returned to the Coalinga city staff in October 2008 as the Human Resources Director. After working more than 7-years in that position, Marissa was selected to serve as the Coalinga City Manager starting in November 2015. Marrisa is an Online Adjunct Faculty member with Southern New Hampshire University starting in August 2014 until the present. From July 2011 until July 2019, Marrisa served as a member and Chair of the Kings County Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. She earned two MS degrees in human resources management from Chapman University.



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Picking Up the Pieces: **Consuelo "Connie" Cardenas** went from Finance Director to become the Administrative Services Director and City Treasurer for the City of Calistoga, while another **Connie Cardenas** serves as the Administrative Services Director for the City of Jurupa Valley. After working for the County of Riverside for 11 years

and as a Fiscal Analyst for the Western Riverside Council of Governments, she joined the Jurupa Valley city staff as an Accountant. Connie was appointed Deputy Administrative Services Director and then Administrative Services Director in 2018. She earned an AS from Riverside City College, and a BS and an MPA from California State University, San Bernardino. Volunteer Fire Chief **Ryan Smith** is the new City Manager for the City of Taft. Ryan is the first full-time city manager since City Manager **William Linn** left the position in October 2023. Ryan is the fourth person to serve as city manager since early 2023. Ryan served as an Electronics Technician for the United States Coast Guard. He earned a Fire Science degree from Del Mar College and a BASc in Fire Services Administration from Columbia Southern University. **Henry M. Tingle** served as the City Manager for Citrus Heights from October 1999 until his retirement in September 2016. Henry began his career in April 1977, when he became a Plant Operator for the East Bay Municipal Utility District. In 1982, Henry took the Wastewater Superintendent position for the City of Richmond. After working a couple of years for San Francisco (1988-1990), he became the Assistant Director of Public Works in April 1990. In January 1995 he was appointed the Richmond Deputy City Manager. In September 1998, Henry began his Citrus Heights tenure as the General Services Director. In 2013, Henry received a 35-year ICMA Service Award. Santa Ana Acting City Manager **Alvaro Nuñez** since March 2024, is the new Santa Ana city manager. He became the Code Enforcement Manager in January 2017. In August 2021, Alvaro became Santa Ana Assistant Director of Planning & Building Agency. He joined the Santa Ana city staff in 1993. He is a past President of the Santa Ana Management Association (SAMA). Alvaro earned a BA from the University of California, Irvine. He is in a Master's program at California State University, Long Beach. Carlsbad City Manager **Scott Chadwick** served with U. S. Army Intelligence for 8 years starting in 1989. He worked as a Business Representative for AFSCME beginning in September 1997 where he represented union members while dealing with city management officials. In 2004, Scott became a Labor Relations Officer for the City of San Diego, and he worked his way up in the organization. He was named San Diego's Chief Operating Officer in October 2013. Scott joined the Carlsbad city staff in February 2018 as Chief Operations Officer and he was appointed City Manager in August 2018. He earned a BA from Purdue University.

Letters and Notes from Readers:

Jeff Kinsell passed away. A memorial was held last Friday (August 16). It was really a nice service. He is survived by a daughter and 4 grandkids.

---**Pam Newcomb**

[**Jeff Kinsell**, along with **Pam Newcomb** and **Manny De Dios**, were the principals at Kinsell, Newcomb & De Dios, Inc. The firm was a broad-based, investment banking firm that provided underwriting and financial advisory services to municipalities and other government entities.]

Enjoyed the August 2024 issue. Your quick blurb about the Cerritos air crash brought back memories. We were camping with friends in Sequoia when it happened. We drove by the area as close as we could when we returned, and it was pretty sad to see. Can't believe it was so long ago.

Also, thank you for the Chicago photo plug with the Ernie Banks statue, and the other photo with Lisa Hughes. Vickie and I want to return to Chicago. There are some things we missed on our visit.

---**Gonzalo Vazquez**



Keep your eyes open and "caution" on as Rattle Snakes are out and about. This one was captured in Cameron Park, El Dorado County, Northern California.



This is seven-year-old, would be pilot, **Presley Guarino** just before take-off from the Palm Springs Airport on a flight that would eventually take her back home to Nashville, Tennessee.



SHORTS: *Rancho Palos Verdes City Manager **Ara Mihranian** and the city staff have been dealing with a landslide movement that is moving 88 times faster than in October 2022 and has expanded to 680 acres. ***Dana Ayers** was the Director of Community Development Department for the City of Clayton from

September 2021 to June 2024 when she was hired by a consulting firm. *Carlsbad City Manager **Scott Chadwick** is dealing with a new local ordinance that is the first in San Diego County to expressly prohibit smoking and vaping of cannabis and nicotine products inside all local multifamily residential buildings. *Stockton City Manager **Harry Black** was rewarded for his good work with an employment agreement renewal and an 8% yearly salary increase. ***Courtney Padgett**, the Assistant City Manager for the City of Burbank, worked as a Revenue Specialist Supervisor for the State of Florida in 1999-2000. ***Wade McKinney**, retired Indian Wells city manager, who also served as city manager in Atascadero and Shafter, and was a longtime President of the Board of Trustees for the California City Management Foundation (CCMF), is moving to Missouri to be close to family. *Former South Gate and Fort Bragg City Manager, and the League of California Cities' Southern California Director (2000-2003), **Gary Milliman** is the current City Manager of Talent, Oregon since January 2024. *Retired Los Gatos Town Manager **Greg Larson** who served as the Interim City Manager for the City of Cupertino in 2021, successfully joins the Trustees of the Santa Cruz County Board of Education starting in August 2024. ***Robert C. Lindsey**, retired from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, was hired to serve as the La Puente city manager in October 2018. ***Maria Teresita Maturan Anson**, who goes by "Tess," is the Finance Manager for the City of Rosemead and works with Director of Finance **Bryan Ortega Chua**, who joined the Rosemead city staff after working as the Budget Manager for the City of Fairfield. *Cloverdale City Manager **David J. Kelley** earned an MBA from Sonoma State University. *La Cañada Flintridge City Manager **Dr. Daniel Jordan** (June 2023-present) previously worked as the City Manager for the City of Duarte (March 2020-May 2023). *Former City of Clayton Finance Director (July 2023-May 2024) **Prapti Aryal**, is the new City of Sonoma Finance Director starting in May 2024. ***Ryan Smoot**, who replaced retired Bellflower City Manager **Jeff Stewart** in 2023, is a former Assistant to the City Manager for the City of Villa Park and served as the Lomita City Manager starting in 2016. *When **Lou Shepard** was appointed Delano city manager in 1964 his salary was set at \$11,000 per year. ***Sean Grayson**, a former City of Rialto Fire Chief, has been the City Manager for the City of Nevada City since February 2022. ***Enrique C. Zaldivar**, a former Director and General Manager of the LA Sanitation and Environment (LASAN) Agency of the City of Los Angeles, was appointed Chief Executive/City Manager for the City of Baldwin Park in June 2021.

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***Nicole Almaguer** has served as the Albany city manager since November 2017. *Santa Cruz is considering a November ballot measure that would levy a tax on the sale of sweetened beverages to help fund parks and public health actions. ***Ken Farsing** retired as the Signal Hill city manager in June 2015 and served as the city manager for the City of Carson starting in 2017. ***Michael Doss**, who was appointed Milford, Ohio in 2016 and resigned this month, was charged with trying to solicit sex from someone he believed was 15-years old. *Starting in March 2024, **Samuel Gonzalez** became the twenty-third Chief of Police in the history of the City of La Verne.

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***Gerard Goedhart**, a former member of the Signal Hill City Council and former Los Alamitos Assistant City Manager, is an alumnus of Valley Christian High School in Cerritos. *University of La Verne alumnus, **Troy Butzlaff**, former City Manager for Azusa (2015-2017) and City Administrator of Placentia (2008-2015), and former Assistant City Manager for Indian Wells (1996-2002) and Palm Springs (2002-2008), is the Interim City Manager for the City of Carey, Idaho.



An archive picture of "Proof of Life" lunch program participants: **Gary Sloan, Doug Dunlap, Julio Fuentes** and **Tom Robinson**. Next POL lunch is September 19.
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