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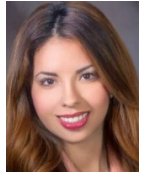
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## California Managers in Cities from Gilroy to Grass Valley

This May 2025 issue of the City Manager Newsletter by Trackdown includes information regarding the cities of [Gilroy](#), [Glendale](#), [Glendora](#), [Goleta](#), [Gonzales](#), [Grand Terrace](#), and [Grass Valley](#). Two of these cities, [Glendale](#) and [Glendora](#), are in Los Angeles County and the remaining five are in the counties of Monterey ([Gonzales](#)), Santa Barbara ([Goleta](#)), San Bernardino ([Grand Terrace](#)), Santa Clara ([Gilroy](#)) and Nevada ([Grass Valley](#)).

**Jimmy Forbis** is the City Administrator for [Gilroy](#), and **Roubik Golanian** is the [Glendale](#) City Manager. **Adam Raymond** is the [Glendora](#) City Manager, and the [Goleta](#) city manager is **Robert Nisbet**. **Carmen Gil** is the [Gonzales](#) interim city manager, **Konrad Bolowich** is city manager for [Grand Terrace](#), and the city manager for [Grass Valley](#) is **Tim Kiser**.



Retired [Indian Wells](#) and [Atascadero](#) city manager and past CCMF President **Wade McKinney** and his wife **Cheryl McKinney** celebrated their 45<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary in March. They relocated their home to Springfield, Missouri. This pictures was taken at the NASCAR Food City 500 at Bristol Motor Speedway in Bristol, Tennessee. They were there to see [Elk Grove](#) native **Kyle Larson** win the race.


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Gilroy is named for a Scotsman emigrant, **John Gilroy**, who came to California in 1814. Gilroy is known for its garlic crop and has held the name as the “Garlic Capital of the World.” The

settlement now known as "Old Gilroy" grew up around the Gilroy rancho complex. Following the end of the Mexican-American War in 1848, **John Gilroy** served as alcalde (mayor) of the village. The community was incorporated as Gilroy in March 1868. The city served as a stagecoach station for the Butterfield Overland Mail and other stage lines in the late 19th century. The 2020 population is 59,520. **Jimmy Forbis** is the Gilroy City Administrator and **Bryce Atkins** is the Assistant to the City Administrator and Acting City Clerk. **Harjot Sangha** is the Finance Director.



**Jimmy Forbis** was named City Administrator for Gilroy in October 2020. Jimmy served as a Parks & Recreation Supervisor for Los Altos Hills from March 2003, until she joined the San Mateo County staff as a Management Analyst in

September 2005. In October 2007, Jimmy took a Budget Manager position with Morgan Hill. Jimmy earned a BA from Missouri Western University and an MPA from San Jose State College. In 2024, he received a 20 Year ICMA Service Award.

Assistant to the City Administrator **Bryce Atkins** served as City Manager for Mendota in 2012-2013, after serving as the Director of Support Operations, before he joined the Rohnert Park city staff as a Senior Analyst in 2013-2016. He worked for Gilroy starting as a Management Analyst in October 2016. He served as Interim Finance Director in 2020 before he joined the Shafter staff as Director of Administrative Services. He returned to Gilroy in 2021. Bryce earned a BA in public administration and an MPA from California State University, Fresno.



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Glendale stems to raising livestock and farming starting around 1784 on land that became a Spanish rancho. **Jose Maria Verdugo** received Rancho San Rafael from Governor Diego de Borica. Verdugo expanded his ranch

operations and grew crops such as grains, peppers, oranges, figs, grapes and pomegranates. The city of Glendale was incorporated in 1906. The 2020 population is 196,543. The city manager is **Roubik Golanian** and the City Clerk is **Dr. Suzie Abajian**. The Finance Director for the City of Glendale is **Michele Flynn**, and **Onnig Bulanikian** is the Director of Community Services and Parks.



Glendale City Manager **Roubik Golanian** has worked for the city for nearly 25 years. He joined the city staff in September 2000 as a Senior Civil Engineer and worked himself up in the organization, He served as Director of Public Works for nearly 4 years starting in July

2014 and worked as the Assistant City Manager from May 2018 until March 2021. He was appointed City Manager in March 2021. Roubik began his public service career in 1987 as an Engineering Technician for the City of Ceres. He earned a BS in civil engineering, and a BASc in applied science, civil engineering from the City of St. George's University of London, and an MA in organizational leadership from Woodbury University.

**Onnig Bulanikian** came to Glendale in 2003 and was promoted to the Community Services and Parks Director in July 2016. He previously worked for the City of Los Angeles, Recreation and Parks Aquatics Section. He earned a BA in sociology and an MPA from California State University, Northridge.

Former Glendale City Manager (1983-1988) **James M. Rez**, passed away at 91 in October 2016. Jim succeeded City Manager **Hugh McKinley**, who served from 1978 to 1983.



Many piers and boardwalks are located along the California coast. It is estimated that there are about three dozen public piers along the coast. Some piers, like the Santa Cruz Wharf,

provides a place to fish, and enjoy the sights and sounds of crashing surf, and watch and listen to the active ocean birds. Among the piers and boardwalks is the Huntington Beach Pier.

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Glendora is on the world-famous Route 66 and is located the San Gabriel Valley. The city is known as the "Pride of the Foothills." British emigrant rancher **Henry Dalton** owned a huge swath of land that includes areas of

today's Azusa, Glendora and stretch from San Dimas to Pasadena. Glendora was established in the 1880s on previously remote agricultural land as real estate began to boom. Railroad service to the area came in 1887. Glendora was incorporated in November 1911. **Adam Raymond** is the city manager, and **Moises Lopez** is the Assistant City Manager. **Marie Ricci** is the Deputy City Manager, and **Jeff Kugel** is the Director of Community Development. **Kyle Johnson** is the Finance Director and City Treasurer. **Kathleen Sessman** is the City Clerk and Communications Director.



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**Chris Fisher** of Willdan Financial, a rabid Philadelphia Eagles and Phillies fan, poses with the statue of Harry Kalas, the legendary Phillies broadcaster. Fans formed a non-profit to pay for the statue tribute at Citizens Bank Park in Philadelphia. This is a 2014 picture of Chris.



City Manager **Adam Raymond** previously served as the Riverside Chief Financial Officer. Adam began his public services career as a Management Analyst for the City of San Bernardino in 2007. In 2010 he took a Senior Administrative Analyst for the City of Rancho Palos Verdes.

Adam joined the Riverside city staff as a Senior Internal Auditor in April 2011. He was promoted often and became the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer in August 2017. He was hired to be the Glendora City Manager in August 2018. Adam earned a BS in accounting from the University of La Verne and an MPA from California Baptist University.

Glendora's last city manager before **Adam Raymond** was **Chris J. Jeffers**. Chris was at the helm starting in 2007. After leaving the Glendora city staff, Chris served as the city manager for the City of South Gate, first as Interim in 2021, and retired in December 2023. Chris was the Monterey Park city manager for 16 years starting at the age of 31 in 1991. He succeeded City Manager **Mark Lewis** in Monterey Park.



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Goleta's first known European visitor was the explorer **Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo**, who explored around The Channel Island in 1542. An expedition in 1782 led

to the establishment of the Presidio of Santa Barbara, and the Santa Barbara Mission. The Goleta area was placed with the Santa Barbara County coastal areas in the jurisdiction of the presidio and mission. Goleta grew as a large unincorporated area and was incorporated in February 2002. The 2020 population is 32,690. **Robert Nisbet** is the Goleta city manager, and **Jaime Valdez** is the Assistant City Manager since April 8, 2014. **Luke Rioux** is the Director of Finance and **Deborah Lopez** is the City Clerk.



Goleta City Manager **Robert "Bob" Nisbet** was hired to serve as city manager in September 2022. He had been serving as the Half Moon Bay city manager between February 2018 and August 2022. Prior to Half Moon Bay, Bob worked six years as Assistant General Manager for the East Bay Regional Park District. He worked 12 years with the Santa Barbara County General Services Department, including 7 years as the Department Director. Prior to the county, Bob worked as the Public Works Director for the city of Carpinteria for 7 years. Bob earned a BS in construction management from Washington State University and an MA in economics from the University of California, Santa Barbara.



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**Gonzalo Vazquez**, retired Cypress utilities executive, and **Vickie Vazquez** on their 2025 exploration trip to Australia and New Zealand. This picture was taken at Queenstown, New Zealand.

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**Michelle Green**, worked for the city of Goleta for 18 years, the last 8 years as city manager. Michelle retired in 2022. Michelle's last official day as city manager was August 31, 2022.



**Dan Singer** resigned as Goleta city manager in April 2014 to become the City Manager for the City of Poway. Dan began his public service career in November 1991 as an Administrative Intern for the city of Lafayette. Dan was hired to serve as Assistant to the City Manager in Ojai in July 1992. He was appointed Director of General Services for Ojai in December 1998, and he became the Ojai city manager in March 2001. Dan was hired as the City Manager in Goleta in September 2005. After working in Goleta until May 2014, he was appointed Poway city manager in 2014. After leaving Poway in September 2016, Dan worked a special project in the City of Del Mar. He was hired to be the Santa Paula city manager in August 2019, where he continues to work. Dan earned a BA from Chapman College, and an MA in political science and an MPA from Syracuse University. In 2024, Dan received a 30 Year ICMA Service Award.



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The next "Proof of Life" lunch will be at the Northwoods Inn Restaurant in La Mirada on **Thursday, July 17, 2025**. Please put it on your calendar and plan to be there!

This "Proof of Life" lunch picture shows former city managers **Johnny Johnston**, **Mike Sedell** & **Bill Crowe**. POL luncheons are opportunities for former colleagues to meet and greet. The importance of the POL is magnified when a participant passes on unexpectedly like former Palmdale city manager, the late **James "Jim" Purtee**. Other POL participants lost are **Bill Holt**, **Darrell Essex**, **Frank Tripepi**, **Howard Chambers**, **Mary Strenn** and **Ray Harris**, Gather at **11:30 for the noon lunch on Thursday, July 17, 2025**.



This is **Presley Simpson Guarino**, the Director of Hydration for *Trackdown Management*. With Summer approaching rapidly, the need for hydration must be revisited. Presley says, "Drink lots of water!"

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Gonzales is an incorporated city in Monterey County. Gonzales was founded by **Dr. Mariano Gonzales** and his brother **Alfredo Gonzales** on land that was originally a local rancho. The rancho was given to their father,

**Teodoro Gonzales**, in 1836 while he was serving as "alcalde" of Monterey. The brothers laid out the town in a grid in 1874. The city was incorporated in January 1947. The 2020 population is 8,647. **Carmen Gil** was appointed City Manager in June 2023.



**Carmen Gil** is the current Gonzales city manager. She was appointed city manager in June 2022, first as Interim and then city manager in June 2023. She has more than fifteen years of experience working with local governments.

Carmen served the City of Gonzales for 3 and a half years first as the Community Engagement and Strategic Partnerships Director, and then as the Interim City Manager. Before coming to the City of Gonzales, Carmen worked for the Monterey County Health Department. Carmen earned a BSW from San Jose State University and an MPA from the University of San Francisco.

After only four months on the job, City Manager **Trevin Barber** resigned as Gonzales city manager. He started his city manager tenure in Gonzales in January 2023 and resigned in May. His four-month city manager tenure is one of the shortest in the State in recent years. He had previously served as the Assistant City Manager in Seaside. He started serving as an Economic Development Manager for the city of Modesto in August 2023. Trevin earned an AA from the Antelope Valley Community College in Lancaster, and a BA from the University of California, Santa Barbara and an MPA from California State University, Bakersfield. **Berkley H. Brannon** was city manager in 1978.

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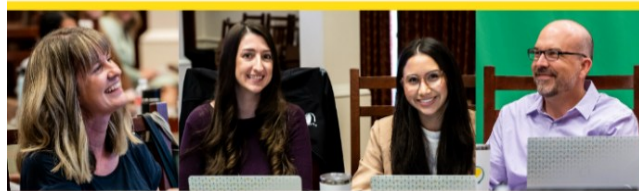
the San Bernardino Valley, during the 1850s. Originally, the area was simply referred to as "the Terrace", but the word "Grand" was added around 1898 because of the grand views which surround the city. Grand Terrace was incorporated in November 1978. The 2020 population is 13,150. **Konrad Bolowich** is the City Manager and **Daysi Alcocer** is the City Clerk. **Christine Clayton** is the Grand Terrace Finance Director, and **Kamran Dadbeh** is the Interim City Engineer. **Seth Armstead** was the first Grand Terrace city manager and city clerk and was followed by **Tom Schwab**.



**Konrad Bolowich** began his city manager tenure January 4, 2022. He previously served fourteen years as Assistant City Manager for the City of Loma Linda, and before that he worked as an infrastructure inspector in Loma Linda.

**G. Harold Duffey** began his Grand Terrace city manager tenure in June 2015 and left in July 2021 to accept the City of Oakland Public Works Director position. Before joining the Grand Terrace city staff Harold worked as the City Manager for Compton. He started his public service career with the City of Riverside, and later worked for the County of San Bernardino, the City of Sacramento and the County of Yolo. He also served as City Administrator in Oroville. He earned a BA from the University of Redlands and an MPA from California State University, San Bernardino.

Director of Planning and Development Services **Steve Weiss** served as Acting City Manager in July 2021, and retired city manager professional **Michael Milhiser** served as Interim City Manager until January 3, 2022.



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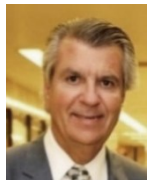
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**Betsy M. Adams** was selected to serve as Grand Terrace City Manager in November 2009. She succeeded City Manager **Steve Berry** starting her Grand Terrace tenure in December. She was the third city manager in Grand Terrace's 31-year history at the time. Betsy worked for the city of Moreno Valley for 19 years prior to joining the Grand Terrace city staff. She was the Moreno Valley Assistant City Manager during her last four years with the city. **G. Harold Duffey** followed Betsy's resignation that was announced in November 2013. Harold joined the staff in 2015 after acting and interim managers filled the position. **Kenneth Henderson** and **Carol Jacobs** served in the temporary capacities. Carol previously served as city manager for Eastvale and Stanton. She also worked starting in 2015 as Assistant City Manager in Newport Beach before leaving for a private sector position.



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Grass Valley is a northern Gold Country city located in Nevada County between Sacramento and Reno, Nevada. Grass Valley was originally known as Boston Ravine and later it was named Centerville. Gold was discovered at Gold Hill in October 1850 and the population in the area grew. When a post office was established the town was named Grass Valley for an unknown reason and Grass Valley was incorporated in March 1893. The 2020 population is 14,016. **Tim Kiser** is the City Manager and **Michael G. Colantuono** is the City Attorney. **Taylor Whittingslow** is the City Clerk and Deputy City Manager. **Andy Heath** is the Administrative Services Director and **Jennifer Styczynski** is the Deputy Finance Director. **Amy Kesler-Wolfson** is the City Planner.



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## California Managers in Cities from Gilroy to Grass Valley



**Timothy Kiser** joined the Grass Valley city staff in June 2005 as Public Works Director and City Engineer. Tim worked for a private consulting firm in Napa and he worked for Placer County. Tim was elevated to city manager in September 2017 when City Manager **Bob Richardson**

resigned to take the city manager position in the City of Auburn. Bob was the first full-time city manager for Grass Valley. He was hired in 2014. After Tim earned an Associates degree from Napa Valley College, he earned a BS in civil engineering from California State University, Sacramento.



**Picking Up the Pieces: Tim Chapa**, retired as City Manager for the City of Sanger in 2023. Tim also worked as the city manager for the cities of Arvin and Rio Vista. Tim currently works part-time as the District Administrator for the Calwa Recreation & Park District in Fresno. He is proud of having just installed a dual-pitch Musco Futsal court in the park. This project is funded

through Proposition 68, State Water and Park Bond of 2018, the U.S. Soccer Foundation and District capital reserves. Calwa officials say both courts will provide for a "5-a-side" play, which has become the "standard" in youth soccer development. Additionally, these courts will provide for year-round soccer play for the youth and community. Sebastopol City Manager **Don Schwartz** has stepped down with a mutual separation agreement with the city following a performance evaluation on April 14. Assistant City Manager **Mary Gourley** was appointed Acting City Manager. Don is receiving 9 months, or \$183,000, in severance, according to the Sebastopol Times. Don served as an Instructor at Sonoma State University from January 2019 until May 2023. Prior to joining Sebastopol as city manager in January 2024, Don worked nearly 10 years as the Assistant City Manager for the City of Rohnert Park (April 2014-January 2024). Don earned a BA in sociology from the University of California, Berkeley and an MPP from the Kennedy School at Harvard University. **Shawn Bayliss** is the new City of Hidden Hills city manager. Shawn has been serving as Executive Director for The Bel-Air Association, a San Fernando Valley gated community. He takes the reigns in Hidden Hills from Interim City Manager **Gloria Molleda**. Shawn previously worked in planning and land use & development for the City of Los Angeles. He is an alumnus of The Ohio State University.



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**More Pieces Picked Up:**

Incorporating in July 2024, Mountain House is the newest city in California. In 1849, **Thomas Goodall** installed a big blue denim cloth tent that served as a midway stopover for miners and prospectors heading to and from the Sierra Nevada gold fields and San Francisco. The San Joaquin

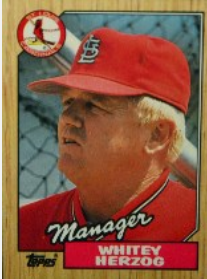
County Board of Supervisors approved the Mountain House community in November 1994. **Steven Pinkerton** is the City Manager and **Jodi Almassy** is Deputy City Manager. The Administrative Services Director is **Sarah Ragsdale** and the Finance Director is **Thomas Retchless**. Santee City Manager **Marlene Best** has left her position, and the city is looking for an Interim replacement. No reason for Marlene's leaving has been announced. She became the Santee city manager in March 2016 after she served as city manager in Calexico (2005-2006) and Imperial (2006-2016). Marlene was the Lake Elsinore Assistant City Manager from December 1998 until January 2005. She was born and raised in Lemon Grove. In 2023, she received a 25 Year ICMA Service Award. Marlene earned a BS in physical education from San Diego State University. In 2019 she was one of seven leaders recognized at a Women in Leadership Luncheon hosted by the San Diego East County Chamber of Commerce. Former Santa Clara City Manager **Dianna J. Santana** has been hired to serve as the Milpitas interim city manager. She was the Santa Clara city manager from October 2017 to April 2022. Dianna also worked as the city manager for the City of Sunnyvale from June 2014 to October 2017. She was the Oakland City Administrator from August 2011 to March 2014. Dianna earned a Master of City Planning, from the School of Architecture & Planning of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). Antioch has a new Chief of Police and Assistant City Manager. It has been announced that Interim Chief **Joe Vigil** and Interim Assistant City Manager **Brad Helfenberger** will continue in those positions on a permanent basis. Antioch City Manager **Bessie M. Scott** is pleased with these personnel moves. Joe replaces retired Chief **Brian Addington**. Brad came to Antioch in February 2021 as the Director of Parks and Recreation. He earned a BS in recreation from San Jose State University.

City Manager **Benjamin Martinez** is working through "...a mutual agreement of separation" from the City of National City. Ben's three-year employment agreement has been terminated early. He began his city manager tenure in National City in November 2023. **Stephen Manganiello** is the Acting City Manager. Officials selected **Armando Vergara** to replace former City Manager **Brad Raulston**, but Armando died of natural causes in late June 2023. Deputy City Manager **Scott Huth** stepped in as acting city manager. In August 2023, Ben was appointed as the interim city manager prior to being hired for the job. Retired city manager **Mike Egan**, a



Director with **Tripepi Smith**, has been hired to serve as Interim City Manager for the City of La Palma. La Palma City Manager **Conal McNamara** is leaving to accept the city manager position for the City of Whittier. He will be the ninth city manager in Whittier's 127-year history. Mike's first city position was with the City of Bellflower. He worked his way up to serve as the Bellflower city manager for 14 years, starting in 1997 following **Linda Lowry**. Mike served as the Norwalk city manager from August 2011 until his retirement in September 2017. Since retiring, Mike has worked as a Director for **Tripepi Smith**, and he served as the Interim City Manager for the City of Artesia in January 2022. Mike earned a BA in Behavioral Science from California State University Polytechnic University, Pomona. **Fred Davis**, who served the City of Chico for 45 years and retired as city manager in 1992. Fred was born June 7, 1924, and passed away at the age of 90 on Thursday, April 23, 2015, in Chico. Fred was born in San Francisco in 1924. In 1942 he enlisted in the U. S. Army Air Corps and served in the European theater during WW II. He earned a BS in civil engineering from the University of California, Berkeley. Fred began his local government career as Assistant Public Works Director in the City of Napa. He became the Director of Public Works for Chico in 1953. Fred was appointed city manager in 1957. After retirement, he operated a consulting firm for the next 15 years. A celebration of life was held for Fred on Tuesday, June 16, 2015.





"Whitey" Herzog was a baseball outfielder and manager. He is remembered most for his MLB managerial career. He was born November 9, 1931, and he passed away at the age of 92, April 15, 2024. Whitey was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2010.

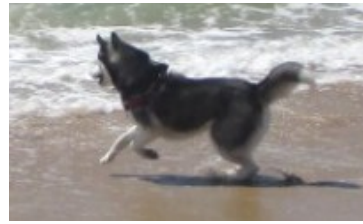


**Still More Pieces Picked Up:** Lodi city manager **Scott R. Carney**, who was placed on administrative leave regarding alleged misuse of public funds issues, was hired to serve as the city manager in June 2024. He served as Deputy Director at the California Department of Health Care Services from July 2021 until June 2024. Scott worked as a Deputy City Manager for the City of Stockton (September 2014 – February 2020). In Lodi Scott succeeded former City Manager **Steve Schwabauer**, who left the city to become the Manager for the North San Joaquin Water Conservation District. **Christina Jaromay** the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Director, is the Acting Lodi City Manager.



Special Report: *Cultivating Tomorrow's Local Government Visionaries;* the four (4) California's representatives in the 2025 Class of Leadership ICMA include **Corey Costelloe**, Assistant City Manager for Tehachapi; **Stone James**, Twentynine Palms City Manager; **Brian MacDonald**, Tracy Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services; and **Jackie Rocco**, West Hollywood. **Seth Floyd**, the Director of Community Development for the City of Las Vegas, Nevada is the lone participant invited from Nevada cities, and the Oregon cities are represented by City Manager **Tyler Deems** of Sandy, Oregon.

**Sydney Fitch** is a Junior Business Analyst for **Tripepi Smith**. Sydney joined the firm in July 2023. One of her responsibilities has been until recently to provide distribution services for the *City Manager Newsletter by Trackdown*. Sydney graduated from Foothill High School in Santa Ana, and she earned a BA in communications from San Diego State University with minors in Spanish and digital and social media studies. Sydney is a past President of Lambda Pi Eta – Pi Beta Chapter in San Diego. San Marino City Manager **Philippe Eskandar**, known to many for his lush-full-beard, began his public service career in April 2007 as a Recreation Leader for the city of Newport Beach. In 2005 he worked as a Recreation Leader in the city of Burbank. Philippe joined the Glendale city staff in 2010 as a Program Specialist. He became Administrative Officer in Glendale in April 2014. In May 2017, Philippe took an Administrative Analyst job in the city of Westlake Village. By July 2019, he was appointed Deputy City Manager. He was appointed San Marino in July 2023. He earned a BA in criminology from the University of California, Irvine, and two Master degrees from Pepperdine University.



**SHORTS:** \*Former Hawaiian Gardens and Bellflower staffer **Sylvia Rodrigues** was seen enjoying dinner this month at Las Casuelas Nuevas in Rancho Mirage, and **Sam and Sharon**

**Olivito** were seen having dinner at the Cowboy Cantina at The River, also in Rancho Mirage. \*Thirty-year law enforcement veteran **David Dickey** is the new Chief of Police for the City of Ventura. \*Berkeley Cjty Manager **Paul Buddenhagen** initiated a citywide hiring freeze to help address a budget deficit. \***Tom Corning** was sworn in as Chief of Police for the City of Ukiah by former Chief **Cedric Crook**. \***Darin Gale** is the new Interim City Manager for the City of Brentwood as City Manager **Tim Odgen** leaves the position to become General Manager of the Cosumnes Community Services District (CCSD). \*Dana Point City Manager **Mike Killebrew** has worked for the city more than 16 years, and he was appointed city manager starting in March 2020. \*Harlingen, Texas native and Brea resident **Jessica Balandran**, who earned a BA and MPA from St. Mary's University is a Senior Administrative Analyst for the Public Utilities Department in the City of Anaheim, and previously worked for Vernon, Cudahy and **Tripepi Smith**.



\***Rebekah Smith** is the Director of Operations for *Willdan Financial Services*. \***M. Cleve Morris** was appointed city manager for Placerville in January 2011 and previously served as city manager for Patterson. \***Danny Jimenez** is the Finance Manager for the City of Orange Cove where **Daniel T. Parra** is the City Manager. \*Santa Rosa City Manager **Maraskeshia Smith**, earned a BS from the University of Kentucky and an MBA from Eastern Kentucky University, is a Board Member for Women Leading Government and a Foundation Board Member at Sonoma State University. \*Woodland city manager **Ken Hiatt** joined the Woodland city staff in 2013 and previously worked 20 years for the City of Davis. \***Mariana Mitchell**, who previously worked for Murrieta, Riverside and Fontana, is the new Menifee Community Services Director effective March 2025. \*Hawaiian Gardens City Manager **Ernesto Marquez**, previously worked for the California State Department of Fish & Game and with the City of Long Beach and earned a BA and MPA from California State University, Long Beach. \*After working as the Soledad city manager (September 1981 – August 1984), **Dr. Carlos A. Urrutia**, who is an ICMA Credentialed Manager, retired and currently operates *Carlos Urrutia Consulting*, served as the City Manager for the City of Rocklin from August 1984 until his retirement in December 2010. \*Since 2009, **La Shelle Dozier** has been the Executive Director for the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency. \***Gavin Curran** is the Assistant City Manager and Chief Financial Officer for the City of Laguna Beach and earned a BBA and BS from Loyola Marymount University. \*\*\*

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---Lyric from a **John Denver** song