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California City Managers in "Lake" Cities

Our past two issues included lists of cities with geographical descriptives, but we did not do all such names. Two folks from "lake" cities have suggested that we go beyond the hills, valleys, canyons and beaches and include a list of "lake" cities. So, here we go.

Not all of California's "lake" cities city managers are members of ICMA so they are not listed in the ICMA Who's Who Directory. Biographical information is sparse and extremely difficult to find on a few. City web sites are sometimes entirely void of information on their city managers. In fact, we have found some web sites that do not even list their city manager's name.

These are the "lake" cities we identified: Big Bear Lake, Blue Lake, Canyon Lake, Clearlake, Lake Elsinore, Lake Forest, Lakeport, Lakewood, Mammoth Lakes, Shasta Lake, South Lake Tahoe, Tulelake, Westlake Village and Woodlake. We also found Sutter Creek and Walnut Creek. Not all of these jurisdictions have city managers and information on some with city managers is difficult to find.



Members of the California City Management Foundation Board held an October quarterly meeting in Napa. Here is **Anthony Gonsalves** of Joe A. Gonsalves Professional Legislative Representation, Hanford Assistant City Manager **Hilary Straus** and **Steve E. Heaney**, Managing Director and Head of Public Finance for Stone & Youngberg. There were no absences at this CCMF Board planning meeting.



Members of the CCMF Board include: (Seated L to R), Millbrae City Manager **Marcia Raines**, Indio City Manager **Glenn Southard**, Vista City Manager and CCMF President **Rita Geldert**, Atascadero City Manager **Wade McKinney**, and CCMF Executive Director **Bill Garrett**. Starting on the left standing: **Anthony Gonsalves**, **Steve Heaney**, **Bill Mathis** of the Mathis Group, attorney **Darold Pieper**, Santa Rosa City Manager **Jeff Kolin**, Rancho Cucamonga Assistant City Manager **Pam Easter**, Napa City Manager **Mike Parness**, **Hilary Straus**, Laguna Hills City Manager **Bruce Channing** and **Mark Curran** of Piper Jaffray. Not pictured is Jack A. Simpson of Trackdown Management.



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The City of Big Bear Lake is in San Bernardino County located along the south shore of Big Bear Lake with a population of about 5,500. Big Bear Lake City Manager **Jeffrey P. Mathieu** was the Economic Development Manager in Santa Monica in 1987. Jeff left there in 1989 to be the Chief of Leasing & Development in Orange County. In January, 1990 Jeff returned to Santa Monica as the Airport Director. He served in that position until 1993 when he was



appointed Director of Resource Management in Santa Monica. Jeff left the coastal city in 2006 to become Big Bear Lake City Manager. He has a BS from California State University, Long Beach.

<http://www.citybigbearlake.com/cityGovt/cityManager.html>

Retired veteran City Manager **David A. Caretto** currently serves on the Big Bear Lake Planning Commission. He began his local government career in 1973 as a Planning Tech in Lynwood. In 1973 Dave move to the Planning Assistant post in Signal Hill where he became Assistant City Manager in 1976 and City Manager in 1978. In December, 1984 Dave took the Assistant City Manager position in Pico Rivera, and he was appointed Irwindale City Manager in 1992. Dave left Irwindale in 1992 to become the General Manager of the Aliso Water Management Agency. He has since retired to his home in Big Bear Lake. Dave has a BA and MA from **UCLA**.

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Blue Lake, incorporated in 1910, and is located in the Mad River Valley. It is home to about 1,135 residents who are mostly employed in nearby Arcata and Eureka. **Karen Suiker** is the Interim City Manager in Blue Lake, appointed in August, 2009. Karen is a Eureka resident and has held various positions with the County of Humboldt. She has also served as the interim Director of Fiscal Affairs at Humboldt State University. She has been active as a board member of various agencies and programs throughout the Eureka area. In addition to her Blue Lake management duties, Karen has been tasked with recruiting a permanent city manager replacement.

Canyon Lake City Manager is **Lori Moss**, 46. She is a former Murrieta Assistant City Manager, appointed in 1999, leaving the Riverside County Economic Development Agency where she was the Assistant Director of Desert Operations officed in Indio. Lori joined the county staff in 1985. In September, 2004 Lori was selected to serve as the Murrieta City Manager following the resignation of former City Manager **Steve Mandoki**. Lori was recruited to become Canyon Lake's City Manager in February, 2007. She is an Indiana State University graduate with a degree in economics and urban and regional planning. http://www.cityofcanyonlake.com/city_manager.asp

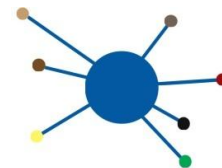


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Clearlake City Administrator **Dale Neiman** service in the United States Navy from 1970 to 1974. Then following a time in private business Dale took a Planner position with the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency in 1981. In 1984 he moved to Humboldt County as a Planner, and in 1991 Dale was appointed Community Development Director in Fortuna. He became the Fortuna City Manager in late 1993 and resigned that post in 2002. Dale first came to Clearlake as an Interim City Administrator.



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Robert A. Brady work in the Cerritos Planning Department starting in 1985 and left as the Planning Manager in February, 1998. He moved to Lake Elsinore as the Director of Community Development that year, and held that post until his appointment as Lake Elsinore City Manager in January, 2005. He has a BS from Michigan State University and an MBA from California State University. <http://www.lake-elsinore.org/index.aspx?page=102>



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Robert C. Dunek received his PhD from **USC** during the time he served as the Executive Director of the Orange County Division of the League of California Cities between 1984 and 1989. Bob began his public service career as a Buena Park police officer in 1973. He left there in December, 1979 as a Master Police Officer for a Senior Administrative Assistant post in Garden Grove and then went on to the League service. Bob was appointed City Manager in Los Alamitos in October, 1989, and served there until his selection to be Lake Forest City Manager in January, 1996.

According to CQ Press City Crime Rankings, Lake Forest is the 10th safest city in America for cities with populations of 75,000 to 99,999.

Incorporated in 1888, Lakeport is the oldest community in, and the County Seat of Lake County. Originally named "Forbestown" after Gold Rush pioneer William Forbes. Lakeport was first a part of Napa County, and broke away in 1861. At that time Forbes deeded 40 acres of his land to the local government in exchange for Forbestown becoming the County seat.

Randy L. Johnsen was Lakeport's first City Manager. He began his local government career in 1968 as an Administrative Intern in Lakewood. In 1969 Randy went to Santa Fe Springs as an Administrative Assistant, and in 1974 he was appointed Assistant City Manager in Colton. In 1978 Randy became an Assistant County Administrator in San Bernardino County with offices in Montclair. Randy left Southern California in 1984 to accept the Cotati City Manager post. He then went to Ione in 1992 and became the Orland City Manager in 1995. He became the first Lakeport City Manager in August, 2001 and retired at the end of 2006. Since then Randy has served in a few interim capacities. In May, 2008 he became the Interim City Administrator in Gridley. Randy has a BA from Occidental College and an MS from California State University, Long Beach. He is a past member of the League's City Managers' Department Board and he earned a 35-year ICMA Service Award. While in Lakeport he performed in a country music band made up of public employees. We happened to catch their act at the Lake County Fairgrounds.



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Lakeport is currently between City Managers, and in the interim period Police Chief **Kevin Burke** is serving as the Acting City Manager.

Jerry Gilham, 54, became Lakeport's second city manager following **Randy Johnsen**'s retirement. Jerry is a Chief Warrant Officer in the Oregon National Guard and has been deployed to Iraq twice. While on deployment he suffered a minor stroke and back injury, and has been stationed at Ft. Lewis, Washington during his recovery period. Before coming to Lakeport Jerry held City Manager posts in Baker City, Madras, Nyssa and Scappoose, Oregon. He was also the Gresham, Oregon Chamber of Commerce Chief Executive Officer for a time. Just prior to coming to Lakeport he was the Assistant City Manager in Prineville, Oregon, and retired from that position in February, 2007.



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Howard L. Chambers has been described as "...a phenomenon..." in the city manager craft. He has served Lakewood as City Manager for more than three decades. Howard began his career in the Lakewood Parks and Recreation Department and as an Administrative Aide in 1968. In July, 1969 Howard went to Rosemead as an Administrative Assistant. In 1972 he became the Rosemead Assistant City Manager, and in 1973 he came back to Lakewood as Executive Assistant to then-City Manager **Milton Farrell**. In 1976 Howard was chosen to be the Acting City Administrator when Milt left. Soon after Howard was appointed permanent on a 5-0 vote. Howard has a BA from California State University, Long Beach, an MA from Pepperdine University, and an MPA from **USC**. He is a past Board Member for the League's City Managers' Department.

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In May, 2009 at The Grand in Long Beach, at a special Public Service Recognition Week program, **Howard Chambers** was recognized with the "Individual Accomplishment Award." Celebrated annually since 1985, the 2009 Public Service Recognition Week was co-chaired by a member of Congress, three State Senators, and eight State Assembly Members. The program is designed to celebrate, recognize and identify the important contributions of public employees. Congratulations go to Lakewood City Manager **Howard Chambers** for being presented the "Individual Accomplishment Award" for demonstrating exceptional individual achievement.

Lisa G. Novotny went to work in Lakewood in 1983 and served as the Assistant to the City Manager when she was appointed Deputy City Manager in December, 2007. She has an AA from Golden West College, a BA and an MA from California State University, Long Beach.

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Veteran City Manager **David M. Jinkens** began his career in 1971 as an Executive Intern in the office of the California Lieutenant Governor. In December of that year he took a teaching position in Fremont, and in 1973 he went to work for the City of Fremont as a Project Assistant. In 1974 Dave became the City Manager in Soledad. In 1977 Dave moved to the City Administrator post in Oroville, and in 1982 he went to Catalina Island as the City Manager of Avalon. In December, 1983 Dave was appointed Manteca City Manager, and served there for nearly 13-years. In 1996 he became the Morgan Hill City Manager, and in 2000 he was appointed City Manager in Elk Grove. After taking some private sector assignments from June, 2000 to September, 2002, Dave was appointed City Manager in South Lake Tahoe. He has an AB and an MPA from the University of California, and a graduate study Certificate from the University of Virginia. Dave has earned a 35-year ICMA Service Award.

South Lake Tahoe Director of Redevelopment and Housing **Eugene M. Palazzo** is a member of ICMA. He started his career as a Planning Technician in Nevada County in 1988. In 1990 he went to the Planning Department in Folsom, and in 1993 he was appointed Director of Planning, Building & Economic Development in Riverbank. In 1998 Gene became the Assistant to the City Administrator in Yuba. He took his current South Lake Tahoe post in 2003. Gene has a BA from Humboldt State University and an MPA from Golden Gate University.

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Lakewood Assistant City Manager **Sandra L. Ruyle** has earned a 25-year ICMA Service Award. Sandi has worked for Lakewood in a full-time capacity since April, 1979 when she became an

Assistant to the City Administrator. She actually worked as a part-timer in the Parks & Recreation Department prior to that. She was appointed Deputy City Manager in 1997 and became Assistant City Manager in 2008. Sandi has a BA and MA from California State University. Sandi is one of the two Lakewood women who have earned ICMA Service Awards of 20 years or more. www.lakewoodcity.org

In November, 1977 **Raymond B. Taylor** reported for his first city government position as an Administrative Assistant in Simi Valley. In December, 1980 Ray's job title changed to "Administrative Officer," and in September, 1981 he ventured to Rolling Hills Estates as Assistant to the City Manager. Ray was elevated to Assistant City Manager in Rolling Hills Estates in 1982. In May, 1985 he went to Ojai as City Manager only to return to Rolling Hills Estates in October to fill that city's City Manager post. From April, 1990 until July, 1991 Ray worked for a municipal executive recruiter, but in June, 1991 he was selected to be the City Manager in Malibu. He selected for the Westlake Village City Manager post in January, 1993 and is still there. Ray has a BA and MA from California State University, and a 25-year ICMA Service Award.

Westlake Village Assistant City Manager **Audrey Brown** formerly worked in the Agoura Hills Community Services Department.



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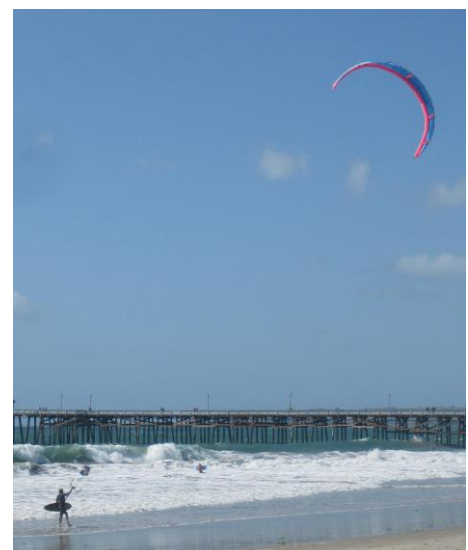


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On the beach at San Clemente on October 4, 2009. Wind did not blow out this guys surfing as his kite surfing skills dazzled those watching from the shore.



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Robert F. "Rob" Clark, 55, received a five-year service recognition award as the Town Manager in Mammoth Lakes in July, 2009. Mammoth Lakes was incorporated in 1984 as Mono County's only incorporated community. The first post office at Mammoth Lakes opened in 1923. Though a tourist destination, Rob deals with all the same issues as other city managers but throws in a few more, such as ski lifts, ice rink opening, bears, and housing TSA employees for the Mammoth/Yosemite Airport. Rob is a member of the California City Management Foundation.



Carol Martin has been the City Manager in Shasta Lake since October, 2006. Carol began working for the City of Shasta Lake in May, 1997. She previously held the position of Finance and Administrative Director for the City. Prior to joining the Shasta Lake staff, Carol was the Finance Director in Anderson. Carol has an MBA from Chico State University. She is a member of CALED in the Northern Sacramento Valley Region, and she is a member of the California City Management Foundation.

<http://www.ci.shasta-lake.ca.us/departments/city%20manager/citymanager.htm>

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Woodlake, founded in 1912 by **Gilbert F. Stevenson**, a Southern California land developer, had 6,651 people at the 2000 Census. It incorporated in 1940 to become Tulare County's seventh city. Woodlake is in California's citrus belt at the foot of the Sierra Nevada Mountains. **Bill Lewis** is listed as the Woodland City Administrator. Bill is a member of the California City Management Foundation.



Singer/Song Writer Casey Simpson performed at the 10th Annual Cruisin' For A Cure prostate cancer research fundraising event on September 26 and celebrated her birthday on September 29; seen here with her life-long friend Marisa Thompson of Placentia. The Answer is an awesome classic rock band, who helped Casey with her Orange County Fairgrounds show.



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Tulelake (pronounced: "Too-lee lake") is 0.4 square miles of corporate limits in Siskiyou County at an elevation of 4,066 feet above sea level. At the 2000 Census Tulelake had a population of 1,020. The community does not have a city manager or city administrator at this time. There were two World War II internment camps in the Tulelake area. There was an Italian and German prisoner-of-war camp, and the other camp housed nearly 18,000 Japanese Americans and Japanese alien residents. The Japanese internment camp was operated from May, 1942 to March, 1946. The *Tule Lake War Relocation Center* was one of ten Japanese internment camps in the U.S. It is located about 7-miles south of Tulelake.

Sutter Creek had a population of 2,303 at the 2000 Census. Known as the "Jewel of the Mother Lode," the town was named for **John A. Sutter**, who owned the sawmill in Coloma where gold was discovered kicking off the "Gold Rush." Sutter Creek became a boom town. Many of the original brick buildings are still standing. **Leland Stanford** was one of Sutter Creek's most famous residents. The League's 2008 City Managers Directory lists **J. Robert Duke** as City Administrator. He is also listed as Chief of Police in other sources.

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Walnut Creek City Manager **Gary F. Pokorny** began his career in Iowa in Woodbury County in 1970. In 1973 he was appointed Assistant City Manager in Sioux City, Iowa. He was selected to be the City Manager in Sioux City in January, 1974. Gary moved west in 1978 to become the City Manager in Corvallis, Oregon. While in Corvallis he gave the private side a try as President of Pokorny Associates. In 1989 he came to California when he was selected to be the El Cerrito City Manager. In 2000 he moved to Walnut Creek as the Director of Arts, Recreation & Community Services. In September, 2006 he was appointed Walnut Creek City Manager. Gary has a BA and an MA from the University of Nebraska. He earned a 35-year ICMA Service Award.

Of course, we did not list all of the fine professionals who serve or served in the "lake" and "creek" cities of California. Ours is a good representative list, and we hope that you enjoyed it. We do not wish to let down those among you who have been waiting for a "jump in the lake" comment. Let it suffice to say that the detractors of California's cadre of outstanding professionals who work hard on the public's behalf in the city management craft...those detractors should splash down a creek to wallow in a lake. We salute those who dutifully serve our municipal governments.



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Picking Up The Pieces: City Manager **Donna Metzler** of Moab, Utah served as an intern in Costa Mesa and worked in the City Manager's office in Glendale prior to her appointment in Moab in 1994. Santa Paula Human Resources Director **Kathy Campbell** reports that executive recruiter **Bob Murray & Associates** received 75 applications for the City Manager position vacated by **Wally Bobkiewicz** in July when he took the Evanston, Illinois City Manager post. Santa Paula Interim City Manager **Clifford G. Finley** may be considered for the job. Former MWD Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer **Joe Tait** is the Interim City Manager in San Juan Capistrano following the departure of City Manager **Dave Adams**, 54, who moved to the Yorba Linda City Manager post. Representing the Third California District in the U.S. House of Representatives, representing the southeastern suburbs of Sacramento, is former California Attorney General **Daniel E. Lungren**, a native of Long Beach. Veteran City Manager Range Rider **Tom Peterson** is retiring after invaluable service to California's City Managers during the past dozen years. Thank you Tom for your attention to helping city managers and best wishes for a long and enjoyable retirement! Recently retired Merced City Manager **Jim Marshall** is filling in behind Tom. Former Douglas County, Nevada Manager **Dan Holler**, 47, is the new City Administrator in Grass Valley replacing former City Administrator **Gene Haroldsen**. Dan has an MPA from Montana State University. Former Long Beach City Manager and Los Angeles County CAO **Jim Hankla** recently celebrated his 70th birthday. Congratulations Jim! Hercules City Manager **Nelson Oliva** traveled south to attend the September meeting of the California Contract Cities Association at the Los Angeles County Fire Department offices. Long-time Seal Beach Planning Director **Lee Whittenberg**, who served in Bellflower for many years, is retiring this month. Belmont City Manager **Jack Crist** has announced that he will retire "again" this February. Mill Valley City Manager **Anne Montgomery** has announced her retirement at the end of the year. East Palo Alto City Manager **Alvin James** has confirmed that he will retire this month after nearly six years in his current post. Retired Fairfield City Manager Kevin O'Rourke has been appointed Interim City Manager in Stockton. San Fernando

City Administrator **Jose Pulido** is the new City Manager in Temple City following **Charlie Martin**. Parks and Recreation Director **Cathy Burroughs** has served as Interim City Manager since Charlie left. Jose has a Master's degree in Urban Planning from **UCLA** and a BA from the University of California, Berkeley. Palo Alto City Manager **James Keene** is addressing a "tree removal" issue. Pasadena Chief of Police **Bernard Melekian**, who has headed the department for 13-years, is retiring and will be taking a U.S. Department of Justice post. San Gabriel City Manager **P. Michael Paules** is leaving after 31-years in public service, more than half of which he served in San Gabriel. He plans to do some teaching, mentoring and consulting. Deputy City Manager **Steve Preston** will be Interim City Manager. Vacaville City Manager **Laura Kuhn** announced that effective October 1 **Maureen Carson** is the Community Development Director in Vacaville replacing **Scott Sexton**. Maureen began her career in Anaheim as a Planning Intern before moving to Norwalk as a Planning Technician. She became an Assistant Planner in Vacaville in 1983. Pico Rivera City Manager **Chuck Fuentes** is married to the former **Linda Unruh**, the daughter of former State Treasurer and Assembly Speaker **Jess Unruh**. Taft City Manager **Bob Gorson** came to the city from Anaheim in 2006 where he was the Planning Director. He has been dealing with an alleged harassing member of the City Council, and Attorney **Michael Jenkins** was appointed to independently investigate some of the issues. Coronado City Manager **Mark Ochendusko**, 54, who proved the "you can come home," has announced that he will retire on his birthday in February. Mark previously was the Coronado Administrative Services Director and also the Human Resources Director before leaving the city in 1991 to become Assistant City Manager in Temecula. He later served as City Manager in Campbell and Cypress before returning to Coronado in 1999. Hanford City Manager **Gary Misenhimer**, 61, has announced he will retire May 1, 2010. <http://www.publicceo.com/>

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