



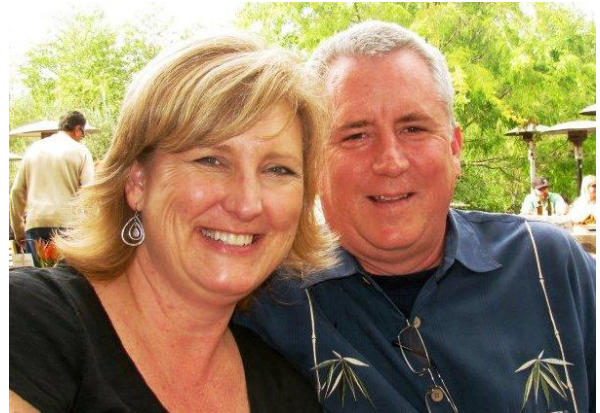
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Just for fun! Unraveling a Tread from Wade to Darrell Atascadero to Cypress!

Here we go on an unstructured adventure list: completely random and without order. We start with CCMF President Wade McKinney and travel an unstructured thread that ends in Cypress with Darrell Essex. It is simply a list of people who have served and those who are still serving in California's city management community. Did you know that in 1985 **Michael B. Shelton** was appointed to the City Manager post in Atascadero? We do not remember Michael and we are sorry we don't. Discovering this tidbit of history has spurred us to come up with this random listing. People should be remembered, and professionals who serve the public need to be remembered, at least, by those who practice the city management craft.



Teresa Egan, Administrative Director of Educational Services for the La Habra City School District, and her husband, Norwalk City Manager **Mike Egan**, who previously served as the Bellflower City Manager, share a little "down time" to get the batteries recharged. Successful people know how to relax.



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Those listed in this issue are a result of following a "thread" starting in Atascadero and moving along from person-to-person, and/or place-to-place until we ran out of room in Cypress. Of course, this is by no means a comprehensive listing. Someone will ask: How can you start with "Wade" and end with "Darrell?" Hey! It just happened, but "Why not?" The list includes: Atascadero City Manager **Wade McKinney**; Atascadero Assistant City Manager **Jim Lewis**; Claremont City Manager **Tony Ramos**; Tustin City Manager **Jeff Parker**; Carson City Manager **David Biggs**; **Larry J. Kosmont** of the Kosmont Companies; retired City Managers **Dennis Courtemarche**, **Bob Williams**, and **Bill Crowe**; Bellflower City Manager **Jeff Stewart**; Norwalk City Manager **Mike Egan**; Willdan's **Frank G. Tripepi**; Pomona City Manager **Linda Lowry**; retired Pomona City Manager **Doug Dunlap**; and former Cypress City Manager and ICMA Range Rider **Darrell Essex**.

Wade McKinney is the current Atascadero City Manager. Wade started his public service and management career in 1979 as an Assistant Planner in the City of La Puente. In 1980 he was appointed Director of Planning in Taft, and in 1984 he was elevated in the Taft organization with a title change to Assistant City Manager/Director of Planning & Building. Wade was selected to serve as the Shafter City Manager in 1986. Eleven-years later Wade was appointed to the Atascadero City Manager position in 1997 where he has served since. Wade earned a BS from California Polytechnic University, Pomona. He served on the Cal-ICMA Board from 2010 to 2011, and he is the currently President of the California City Management Foundation (CCMF). In 2009 Wade received a 30-year ICMA Service Award.



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Atascadero Assistant City Manager **James R. Lewis** began his public service career in 1998 as a Management Analyst in Claremont working for former City Manager **Glenn Southard**. After serving as a Senior Management Analyst in 2001, Jim was appointed Assistant to the City Manager in Claremont. He moved to Atascadero in 2004 to become Assistant City Manager. Jim earned a BS at the University of Southern California (**USC**), and an MPA from the Maxwell School at Syracuse University. He was President of the Municipal Management Association of Southern California (MMASC) in 2001-2001. In 2008 Jim received a 10-year ICMA Service Award. Jim is an ICMA Credentialed Manager. He currently serves on the Cal-ICMA Committee on the Profession and Ethics, and Jim also leads the CCMF Marketing and Communications Committee efforts. In 2006 the Tribune, a leading newspaper covering Atascadero, named Jim one of the Top 20 professionals under-40 years of age. Jim is active with **USC** where he has served on the Board of Governors of the Alumni Association, and on the 2010-2011 **USC** Price Leadership Council. He also served on the Dean's Leadership Council and the Advisory Board of the MPA program.



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After City Manager **Glenn Southard** left Claremont to be the Indio City Manager prior to his retirement, Walnut City Manager **Jeff Parker** served there, and he brought **Tony Ramos** to the Claremont management team as Assistant City Manager. Tony was appointed to the Claremont City Manager post when Jeff was selected to serve as the Tustin City Manager in Orange County. Tony began his career as a Recreation Supervisor in West Covina in 1979. He was selected to serve in an Administrative Aide slot in Walnut in 1985, and then progressed up to Administrative Assistant; Assistant to the City Manager, 1986; and Assistant City Manager in 1990. He moved to Claremont as the Assistant City Manager in 2006 and was appointed to the Claremont City Manager post in 2011. In 2011 Tony received a 30-year ICMA Service Award.



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Jeffrey C. Parker began his public management career in 1982 as an Administrative Intern in West Covina. In 1983 Jeff took an Administrative Analyst position with the City of Poway in San Diego County. Jeff moved up the Pacific Coast in 1986 when he was hired as a Senior Management Assistant in San Juan Capistrano. In 1991 he moved north into the San Joaquin Valley to accept the Patterson City Manager appointment. In 1995 Jeff was selected to serve as the Walnut City Manager, and after 10-years there moved to the Claremont City Manager post in 2005. Jeff was appointed Tustin City Manager in 2011 where he took over for Interim City Manager **William Huston**, who had worked as the Tustin City Manager for many year before his retirement. Bill came back out of retirement when his replacement City Manager **David Biggs** departed after a short tenure. Jeff earned a BA from the University of California, Santa Barbara, and an MPA from California State University, Long Beach. In 2008 Jeff received a 25-year ICMA Service Award.



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--Eleanor Roosevelt



Grandson **Tyler Simpson** heading toward the buses for a Joe A. Gonsalves Elementary School field trip to see the movie; "Chimpanzee."



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In 1980 **David Biggs** began his public management career as an Administrative Intern in Santa Ana. He was hired as a Santa Ana Assistant Planner in 1981, and elevated to an Economic Development Specialist in 1982. David left Santa Ana in 1984 to take a Development Project Manager post in the City of Long Beach. In 1988 David traveled to South Australia to work as a Development Manager. He returned to the States in 1990 and was appointed Economic Development Director in Morgan Hill. In 1992 he was selected to serve as the Morgan Hill City Manager. In 1995 David most back to Southern California to take the Director of Economic Development job in Huntington Beach, and he served there for the next 10-years. In 2005 David was appointed Assistant City Manager in Redondo Beach. After brief service as the Tustin City Manager in 2010, David took the assignment as Interim Assistant City Administrator in Montebello with **Larry Kosmont** of the Kosmont Companies in 2011. Later that year (2011) he was recruited to serve as the Carson City Manager. David earned a BA at California State University, Fullerton, and an MBA at the University of California, Irvine. He also completed the extension program for a Certificate in Continuous Improvement and Quality Management from the University of California, Santa Cruz.



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Larry J. Kosmont began his working career in 1975 as an Administrative Intern in Santa Monica. He was retained by Santa Monica as an Administrative Assistant, and in 1978 he was appointed Assistant City Manager in Seal Beach with then-City Manager **Dennis Courtemarche**. Larry was selected to serve as the Bell Gardens City Manager in 1980. In 1983 he went to work in Burbank as the Redevelopment Director, and in 1985 he was appointed to be the Burbank Community Development Director. Larry founded the Kosmont Companies in 1986 and continues to serve as the firm's President & CEO. Most recently Larry served as Interim City Administrator in Montebello this past year. While serving as the Seal Beach ACM, Larry was the 1980 recipient of the *John H. Nail Memorial Award* presented to the top municipal assistant at the annual League of California Cities City Managers' Department meeting. In 1995 Larry conceived of and created the Kosmont-Rose Institute Cost of Doing Business Survey, which covers 400 cities in all 50 states, and is published annually by Claremont-McKenna College. In 1996 Larry was named Service Professional of the Year in the Los Angeles Business Journal's "Who's Who of Commercial Real Estate." Larry is a past-President of the Southeast Los Angeles County City Manager group (SELAC). Larry earned a BA from State University of New York and an MPA from the University of Southern California (**USC**). He received a 10-year ICMA Service Award in 1988.



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ICMA Lifetime Member **Dennis Courtemarche**, who retired in 2005, began his city government career in 1965 as an Administrative Assistant in Seal Beach. He was promoted up through the Seal Beach organization: 1968, Assistant to the City Manager; 1970, Acting City Manager; 1971, Assistant City Manager; and 1971, he was appointed to the Seal Beach City Manager position where he served for about 9-years. After a year or so in the private sector, Dennis was selected to serve as the Assistant City Manager in Pico Rivera in 1982, with then-City Manager **Robert L. Williams**. In 1984 he was appointed Pico Rivera City Manager, and he served in that capacity until 2005. Dennis earned a BS from California State University, Long Beach in 1966. In 2002 he received a 35-year ICMA Service Award.



Casey Simpson, Tiny Simpson and Susan Simpson on Sunday, April 22, 2012 at the Sunrise Senior Housing facility in La Palma.



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Long-time City Manager **Robert L. Williams** retired in 1991. He began his long public management career in 1950 as an Administrative Assistant in Montebello. Bob was appointed City Manager in Needles in 1952, and served there until he was selected to serve as the Tracy City Manager in 1954. Bob left Tracy in 1959 when he was appointed City Manager in Eureka. In 1962 he moved back to Southern California to become the Santa Fe Springs City Manager where he served for some 18-years. When **Jack Simpson** was blown out of Paramount in 1980, and Assistant City Manager **Bill Crowe** resigned to take a job with then-Los Angeles County Supervisor **Pete Schabarum**, Bob became the Interim City Manager in Paramount. In 1981 Bob took the Interim City Manager assignment in Norco, and in 1982 he was appointed City Manager in Pico Rivera. He served as the President of Turnkey Municipal Group from 1985 to 1987, and took the Signal Hill Interim City Manager assignment between 1985 and 1986. He then served as Interim City Manager in Santa Paula (1986); and Commerce (1987). In 1987 Bob was appointed City Manager in Signal Hill and he worked there until 1989. In 1990 he took the Interim City Treasurer position in Los Angeles, and he retired in 1991. Bob earned an AB at Lafayette College. He was the recipient of an ICMA Management Innovation Award in 1974. In 1988 he received a 35-year ICMA Service Award.

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Susan Simpson, In-N-Out Burger



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William A. Crowe went to work in Paramount in 1975 as an Administrative Assistant. He was promoted to Director of Administrative Services in 1978, and then Assistant City Manager in 1979. Bill resigned from his Paramount position in 1980 to take a job with Los Angeles County Supervisor **Pete Schabarum**, and he worked with the Supervisor for 10-years. After Bill left the county he worked on the private sector side, including Business Development Manager for Unisys from 1995 to 1997. Bill returned to public service in a technical support post with a school district in the La Puente area. In 1999 he was tapped to serve as Director of Administrative Services in Rosemead with then-City Manager **Frank G. Triepi**, and in 2002 Bill was appointed to the Rosemead City Manager position. He left Rosemead in 2006 and went to work with City Manager **Jeffrey L. Stewart** as Assistant City Manager in El Segundo where he worked until December, 2010. Though retired Bill is available for consulting assignment. He earned a BS and MPA at the University of Southern California (**USC**). Bill received a 20-year ICMA Service Award in 2005.

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Jeffrey L. Stewart, who currently lives with his wife and two children in Lakewood, began his career in 1985 in an entry level administrative position in West Covina. In 1986 Jeff joined the Rosemead management team of then-City Manager **Frank G. Triepi**. After working in various top level management positions in Rosemead, Jeff left there in 1999 to become the Assistant City Manager in El Segundo where **Mary Strenn** was City Manager. Jeff was appointed El Segundo City Manager in 2005 and served there until 2008. In 2009 he was selected to serve as City Manager in Los Alamitos. Jeff moved from Los Alamitos in January, 2012 to replace long-time Bellflower City Manager **Mike Egan**, who was appointed to the Norwalk City Manager post. Jeff earned a BA and MPA from California State University, Fullerton.



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Ken Pulskamp
chats with
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After returning home from a 15 month tour of duty with the U.S. Army as a Sergeant in Vietnam, **Frank G. Tripepi** went to work in Hawaiian Gardens as an Administrative Aide in 1971.

Frank was promoted to Administrative Assistant in 1972, and he left Hawaiian Gardens that year (1972) to become the Assistant City Manager in Rosemead. He was appointed to the Rosemead City Manager position in October, 1974 and served in that post for 27 years and 9 months, retiring in June, 2002. While serving as Rosemead City Manager, Frank was a Founding Member of the California Redevelopment Association (CRA), and he was appointed by then-Governor **Pete Wilson** to the California Italian American Task Force. Following his city management retirement Frank served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Willdan Financial Services, formerly known as MuniFinancial, from June, 2002 until May, 2011. In April 2004, Frank received an appointment to the Board of Governors of the Rose Institute of State and Local Government. The Rose Institute conducts and publishes research on California government and politics. Frank served as the Interim City Manager for La Puente between October, 2008 and December, 2009. He currently serves as a Senior Vice President, Business Development for Willdan. Frank earned a BA at California State University, Fullerton. He continues to be active with ICMA, serving as his company's Corporate Partner Web Contact, and as the primary contact for the Corporate Partner Program. In 2001 Frank received a 30-year ICMA Service Award.

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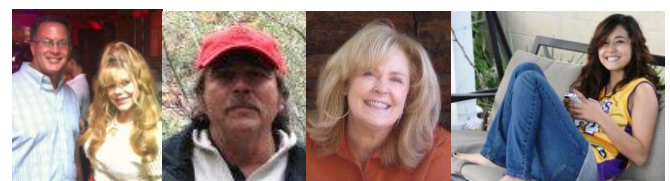


La Habra resident **Mike Egan**, 53, who is a native of Fullerton, and graduated from Lowell High School in Whittier, started his working career in the food service industry. Mike joined the Bellflower management team as a Community Service Coordinator, and was appointed Deputy City Administrator in 1992 by then-City Administrator **Jack A. Simpson**. Jack left the city in 1993 and Finance Director **Linda Lowry** took the helm for a time. Once Linda, who is currently the Pomona City Manager, moved on, Mike was appointed to the Bellflower City Administrator position. In 2005, the position was changed to "City Manager." Mike left Bellflower in 2011 to accept the appointment to serve as the Norwalk City Manager when City Manager **Ernie Garcia** retired.



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After beginning her public service career in Josephine County, Oregon, **Linda C. Lowry** worked in the private sector from 1983 until 1987, and became a CPA. That year (1987) she was appointed Assistant Finance Director in Bellflower, and in 1988 she was promoted to Finance Director/Treasurer. Linda shouldered Assistant City Administrator duties in addition to her Finance Director workload starting in 1990. In 1993, after serving a short time as Acting City Administrator, Linda was appointed Chief Administrative Officer in Bellflower, and served in that capacity until 1997. Following some interim and consulting assignments with the Gateway Cities and the City of South Gate, Linda was appointed City Manager in Diamond Bar in 2001. She served in Diamond Bar for about 5-years before she left and was hired by City Manager **Doug Dunlap** to serve as Pomona Assistant City Manager. Following Doug's retirement, Linda was appointed Pomona City Manager in 2008. Linda earned a BA at the University of California and a BS at California State University. In 2007 she received a 20-year ICMA Service Award.



Trackdown's **Jack Simpson** standing behind former colleagues **Mike Egan**, Norwalk City Manager, and **Linda Lowry**, Pomona City Manager.



Douglas B. Dunlap began his public management career in 1967 as an Administrative Intern in Pasadena. In October, 1968 he went to work in Cypress as an Administrative Assistant with then-City Manager **Darrell Essex**, and Doug was promoted in 1973 to Assistant City Manager. In 1976 Doug was selected to serve as City Manager in Chowchilla. In returned to Southern California in 1979 to become the City Administrator in the Orange County City of Villa Park. Doug was appointed City Administrator in El Monte in 1981. His next assignment was City Administrator in Hawaiian Gardens in 1983, and he served there until 1987. That year (1987) Doug took the Community Development Director post in Stanton, where he served for about a year. After working on the private side and as a consultant for a time, in 1989 Doug was appointed Deputy Executive Director to the Pomona Redevelopment Agency. Doug's next assignment was City Manager in Bradbury, and he went from that position in 2000 to be Pomona City Administrator, where he retired in 2007. He went to Lompoc High School and was an outstanding member of the football team there. Doug earned a BA from California State University.

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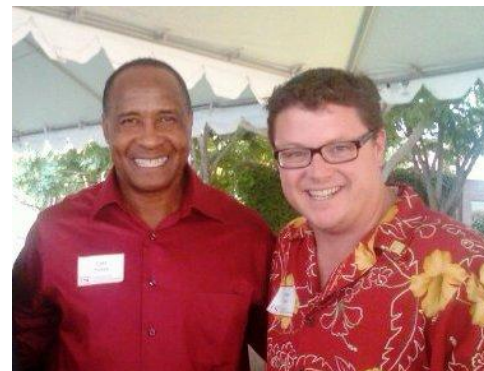
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Life ICMA Member **Darrell L. Essex** served as the Assistant City Manager in Santa Fe Springs between 1957 and 1962. On July 1, 1962, Darrell was appointed City Manager of the City of Cypress. Darrell took the reins from Acting City Manager **John M. Toups**, and held them for the next 34-years. He served from 1962 until 1996. In 1994 the Cypress City Council renamed the former Texaco Park, at 5131 Ball Road as "Darrell Essex Park," in Darrell's honor. Since his retirement from active city management in 1996, Darrell has served as an ICMA Range Rider starting in 1999; to the present. The 80-year old Darrell continues to play golf, and has maintained his interest in city management. He earned a BS and an MS from the University of Southern California (**USC**). In 1992 Darrell received a 35-year ICMA Service Award.

We started in Atascadero With CCMF President Wade McKinney, and somehow ended up in Cypress with ICMA Range Rider Darrell Essex. Of course, there are others we passed along the way who could have been included and deserve mention, including: the late **Lee Risner Jr., Glenn Southard, Tony Ramos, William Huston, Mary Strenn, Ernie Garcia, Bob Gutierrez, Gary Chicots, Bill Holt, Jim DeStefano, John Bahorski** and many others. We hope that you enjoyed this presentation. If you like this concept, please let us know and we will try it again.



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Anne Samuelson Williams, VP, Central City Assoc.;
Justine Menzel, Deputy City Manager, Artesia;
Elaine Andersen, Assistant to the CM, Folsom; and
Paula Islas, HR Administrator, Galt.

Picking Up The Pieces: Simi Valley Assistant City Manager **Laura Behjan** will serve as Interim City Manager when veteran City Manager **Mike Sedell** retires in July. Stockton City Manager **Bob Deis** addressed a press conference to underscore the city's desire to avoid bankruptcy explaining that the city will enter mediation with its largest creditors and try to negotiate a time frame for payment of city obligations. **Alan Christensen** resigned his position as Wasco City Manager. Alan previously served as City Manager in Arvin and Hanford. In the picturesque Delta town of Isleton, a community of about 850 residents, City Manager-City Attorney **Dave Larsen**, 61, has been terminated. Lomita City Manager **Dawn Tomita**, 66, who became Lomita's second city employee in July, 1964, retired May 1st. Dawn moved up in the city organization from secretary, and was Lomita's longtime City Clerk until she was appointed City Manager, as well, in March, 2010. She worked for Lomita 47-years and 10-months. **PARS** announced that **Kevin O'Rourke** has joined the **PARS** team to help design creative, flexible and effective retirement programs for California cities. Kevin, a past Regional Vice President on the ICMA Executive Board, is a former City Manager in Stanton, Buena Park, Fairfield and Interim City Manager in Stockton and Woodland. San Leandro City Manager **Chris Zapata** has announced that **David Baum** is joining the San Leandro management team as Finance Director. David is the former Chief Financial Officer for the San Jose Redevelopment Agency, a position he held for some 20-years. Most recently he served as Interim Finance Director in Hercules. He is a Stanford University graduate. Long-time municipal consultant and former City Manager **Andy Lazzaretto** notes that the new Arcadia City Manager **Dominic D. Lazzaretto** is an alumnus of Pennsylvania



State University. Occasionally, we miss folks in some of our lists and we sincerely apologize for our oversight in our "Pennsylvania" issue. **James Stretch** is the new City Manager in the City of Rio Dell starting June 4. The current City Manager **Ron Henrickson** will retire and is planning to move back to Minnesota to spend more time with his grandchildren. Rio Dell, in Humboldt County, incorporated in 1965. Newport Beach City Manager **Dave Kiff** wants advance notice of any military "fly-overs" in his jurisdiction. Apparently local residents, including the Mayor and Dave himself, were "startled" by a fly-over at the Balboa Yacht Club memorial service for war hero **John Francis (Jack) Callahan**, who died at age 94. Blythe City Manager **Dave Lane** served as the County Administrator in Centre County, Pennsylvania between 1997 and 1999; the home of Pennsylvania State University. Dave recalls attending a Penn State/Illinois football game with then-University President **Graham Spanier** and attending a pep rally breakfast that included football coach **Joe Paterno**. Like **Hugh Riley** of Moorpark, Dave is a big Nittany Lions football fan. New Corning City Manager/Public Works Director **John Brewer**, the city's former Public Works Director, has been given a waiver from the city's requirement that its city manager live in the city. John has resided in Cottonwood since 2003. **James Mason**, the Mercer Island, Washington Maintenance Director, is the new Assistant City Manager in Ventura. James was the Mercer Island Deputy City Manager, and was working on an 18-month duty rotation as the Maintenance Director. Red Bluff City Manager/City Attorney **Rick Crabtree** is now the Human Resources Director too. In a cost-saving action, the city has eliminated the HR director's position. HR Director **Tessa Pritchard** has an employment agreement that expires June 30. Dana Point City Manager **Doug Chotkey** discussed local tourism when he appeared at the Dana Point Civic Association's April monthly meeting. Ventura City Manager **Rick Cole** recently noted that the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) has adopted a visionary Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy that will guide the Region through 2035. He points out that the \$524 billion plan exceeds the tough new State standards for cutting greenhouse gas emissions. Benicia City Manager **Brad Kilger** is the League of California Cities' City Managers Department President-elect.





More Pieces Picked Up: Sebastopol City Manager **Jack Griffin**, 48, has been hired as the new San Marcos City Manager. San Marcos retained the professional executive recruitment firm **Bob Murray & Associates** to aid them. City Manager **Paul Malone**, who replace City Manager **Rick Gittings** in 2006 when he retired after 24-years at the helm, is retiring and Deputy City Manager **Lydia Romero** will serve as Acting City Manager until Jack arrives from Sebastopol. South Pasadena has formally appointed **Sergio Gonzalez** to serve as City Manager. He first came to the city in 2003 in the Community Services Department, and was promoted to Assistant City Manager in 2008. He has been serving as Interim since City Manager **John Davidson** left in October, 2011. Bellflower Assistant City Manager **Lee Mingle**, who served as Interim City Manager when City Manager **Mike Egan** left to take the Norwalk City Manager post, joined the city staff in 1995 as Public Safety Coordinator. Humboldt County CAO **Phil Smith-Hanes** attended the Transforming Local Government Conference, April 18-20 in Kansas City, Missouri. Western Regional Director for the Alliance for Innovation **Pamela Muse** was also at the conference. **Doug Williford**, 54, a Sand Diego State graduate, is the new El Cajon City Manager. Doug began his career as a planning technician in El Cajon, and then worked with the City of Santee for 24-years. Doug was raised in the Bay Area. He is an avid photographer, snow skier, hiker, golfer, and a enthusiastic baseball fan. He pulls for both the San Francisco Giants and San Diego Padres. Retired City Manager **Gene Albaugh** of Nevada City, a **USC** alumnus and a Grass Valley resident, has battling Stage 4 gall bladder cancer for the past 5-months. As of April 24, 2012, Gene checked into the *Hospice of the Foothills* for incurable cancer patients. Chemo was offered, which might extend life a couple of month, but with severe side effects. Gene has elected to proceed with his best quality of life for the time he has left. San Jose Assistant City Manager **Edward Shikada** was awarded the John H. Nail Memorial Award as the League of California Cities' City Managers' Department annual meeting in Indian Wells earlier this year. Retired Pomona City Manager **Doug Dunlap** graduated from Lompoc High School where he played varsity football.



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