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**E-Ticket Cities...Those that Start with the Letter "E"**



## E-Ticket Cities...Those With Names that Begin with the Letter "E"

This issue of the City Manager Newsletter by Trackdown presents a list of those who work in cities that have city-names that begin with the letter "E". California "E" cities include: East Palo Alto, Eastvale, El Cajon, El Centro, El Monte, El Segundo, Elk Grove, Emeryville, Encinitas, Escalon, Escondido, Etna, Eureka, Exeter, and our old friend retired City Manager **Rich Ramirez** reminds us, El Paso de Robles (AKA: Paso Robles).

Seated in the stands at the **USC**/Arizona State basketball game were retired El Segundo ACM **Bill Crowe**, who is a former Rosemead City Manager; Los Alamitos Interim City Manager **Gregory Korduner**, a retired Huntington Park City Manager, who also served in El Monte and South El Monte; **John Bolan** of Structured Finance of America; and retired South El Monte City Manager **Gary Chicots**, who has served in a number of various "interim" assignments.

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## City Managers in E-Ticket Cities

We recognize that there are many young professionals out there who do not place the "E-Ticket" title. Those old enough to remember, probably do not visit Disneyland often these days. The explanation is simple. In the early days of Disneyland visitors would buy a ticket book for entry to the various rides and attractions. Unlike today when everyone pays a flat fee and gets access to the attractions that way. At any rate, E-Ticket rides were always the "best." We hope you enjoy this list of city managers in California's "E" cities.

El Monte Interim City Administrator **Dayle Keller** began her public management career as an Intern in Santa Ana in 1977. She took an Administrative Assistant post with Pomona in 1979, and she was appointed to the Pomona Budget Research Officer position in 1982. Dayle was brought into the City Administrator's office in 1986 as the Assistant to the City Administrator, and in 1988 she was selected to serve as the Deputy City Manager, Operations. Dayle left Pomona in 1989 when she was appointed City Manager in Taft. She moved to the Beaumont City Manager post in 1993. Dayle was appointed Chief Executive Officer in Baldwin Park in 2000 and she retired from there in 2004. She served as Interim City Manager in American Canyon and Lawndale prior to being appointed Interim City Administrator in El Monte when City Administrator **René Bobadilla** resigned to take the Huntington Park City Manager position last year (2012). Dayle earned a BA and an MPA from California State University. In 2003 Dayle was presented with a 20-year ICMA Service Award.



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**George Rodericks**, Atherton  
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**John Gillison**, Rancho Cucamonga  
**Laura Behjan**, Simi Valley  
**Doug Dunlap**, Retired City Manager, Pomona

## City Managers in E-Ticket Cities

**Carol A. Jacobs** began her local government career in 1987 as a Budget & Management Analyst in Costa Mesa. She was promoted to Budget & Research Officer in 1996 and served in that post until 2000. After a half dozen years between 2000 and 2006 in a consultant position with an auditing firm, Carol was appointed Administrative Services Director in Stanton. She was selected to serve as the Stanton City Manager in 2009. Carol was recruited to serve as the Eastvale City Manager in 2012 where she took the reins from Interim City Manager **Robert Van Nort**. She earned a BA and MPA from California State University, Fullerton. In addition to membership in ICMA and participating in the Orange County City Managers Association, Carol is a member of Women Leading Government.

**Magda A. Gonzalez**, 48, President of the International Hispanic Network, served as the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Manager in Redwood City between 1993 and 2000. In 2000 she was selected to serve as the Assistant to the City Manager, and in 2007 Magda was elevated to Deputy City Manager in Redwood City. She joined the San Bruno staff in 2011 as the Assistant City Manager, and in 2012 she was recruited to serve as the City Manager in East Palo Alto, replacing City Manager **ML Gordon**, who retired. Magda earned a BA from California State University, Sacramento, and a J.D. from Santa Clara University, School of Law. In 2010 she was the recipient of a 10-year ICMA Service Award. She served on the ICMA Knowledge Network Advisory Board from 2009 to 2012. She is the recipient of the 2008 "Rising Star Award" presented by the Municipal Managers Association of Northern California (MMANC).



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El Cajon, with a population of a little more than 100,000, is located in San Diego County and was incorporated in 1912. Last year (2012), after working for the City of Santee for 24-years, **Douglas Williford**, 55, was appointed El Cajon City Manager. He took over from Acting City Manager **Rob Turner**, who serves as the El Cajon Public Works Director. Rob served in the post following the retirement of City Manager **Kathi Henry**. Doug served on the Santee staff from 1982 to 2006. He was the Deputy City Manager and Development Services Director. Doug began his city government career as an Intern in La Mesa, and then became a Planning Technician for El Cajon. He served as the Irvine Community Development Director and just prior to his El Cajon City Manager post appointment, he was the Deputy Executive Director for the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG). He earned a Master's Degree in Urban and Environmental Geographic from San Diego State University. Doug was born in the Bay Area. He is an avid photographer, snow skier, golfer, hiker and a huge baseball fan. He is a Giants and Padres fan.

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**Ruben A. Duran** is the El Centro City Manager. El Centro, incorporated in 1908 and is the county seat of Imperial County. From 1979 to 1986 Ruben served as an Internal Audit Operations Analyst in Phoenix, Arizona. He was appointed Finance Director in Avondale, Arizona in 1986, and was elevated to Assistant City Manager in 1987. Ruben served as the Avondale Assistant City Manager for some 13- years. In 2000 he left for Northern California when he was selected to serve as City Administrator in Oroville. Ruben returned south in 2003 to become the El Centro City Manager. Ruben earned an AA from Phoenix College and an AA in Business/Accounting at the same institution. He earned a BA at Western International University. He also studied at Arizona State University. In 2009 Ruben was the recipient of a 30-year ICMA Service Award.



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**Scott Hanin** is the City Manager in the City of El Cerrito. In 1989 he worked in New York City in the Mayor's Office of Operations. He worked as a consultant from 1993 to 1999 when he joined the West Contra Costa Integrated Waste Management Authority staff. He was appointed El Cerrito City Manager in 2001. Born in May 1964, Scott earned a BA from the University of Delaware and an MPA from New York University. In 2012 he was the recipient of an ICMA Community Sustainability Award. He received a 10-year ICMA Service Award in 2007.

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**Karen E. Pinkos**, El Cerrito Assistant City Manager, began her city government career in 1997 as an Assistant to the City Manager in Oak Park, Michigan. Karen moved to California in 2001 and took a similar position with El Cerrito. She was appointed El Cerritos Assistant City Manager in 2006. Karen earned a BA and MPA at Oakland University. She has also completed the Executive Seminar Certificate curriculum at the University of California, Berkeley, and the State & Local Government Executive Program at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government. Karen was awarded the ICMA Community Sustainability Award in 2012 and in 2007 she was the recipient of a 10-year ICMA Service Award. Karen has been active with ICMA, serving as a Regional Vice President on the ICMA Executive Board, 2009-2012. She currently service, among other assignments, as a member of the ICMA Task Force on Women in the Profession. She also serves on the Executive Board of the City Managers' Department of the League of California Cities, and the Board of Cal-ICMA. She is a recipient of the Wes McClure Outstanding Assistant Award presented by MMANC as the group highest honor.



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**James D. Throop** served as a Budget Analyst in Glendale, Arizona between 1996 and 2000. He then took a Budget Director appointment in Pinal County, Arizona and served there between 2000 and 2007. Jim came to California in 2007 when he was appointed Director of Administrative Services in the City of El Paso De Robles (Paso Robles). Jim earned a BA at the University of Southern California (**USC**) and an MBA from Chapman University. Jim is an ICMA member. The Paso Robles City Manager is **James L. App**.



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### City Managers in E-Ticket Cities

El Segundo City Manager **Greg L. Carpenter**, 47, served as the Planning Manager in Lawndale between 2001 and 2002. In 2002 Greg joined the Long Beach staff as a Zoning Administrator/Current Planning Officer. He became the Planning Bureau Manager in 2004 and worked in that post until he left Long Beach to work as the El Segundo Director of Planning & Building Safety. He served as Interim City Manager in 2012 when former City Manager **Jack Wayt**, who retired. Greg was later appointed to the City Manager post later that same year (2012) to replace former City Manager **Doug Willmore**, who currently is the Bell Chief Administrative Officer. Greg earned a BA in geography and an MPA from California State University, Long Beach.



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Elk Grove was the fastest growing city in the United States between July 1, 2004 and July 1, 2005. Founded in 1850 as a stage coach stop, it is about 15 miles south of historic Sutter's Fort of the California Gold Rush days. Elk Grove's current City Manager **Laura S. Gill** began her public management career in 1987 as a Analyst in the Durham, North Carolina's Office of Budget & Management. In 1990 she was promoted to Senior Analyst in the Office of Budget & Management, and in 1993 Laura was appointed Director of the Budget. In 2001 she was appointed Interim Assistant City Manager, and later that year (2001) she served as the Acting General Services Director/Interim Assistant City Manager. After serving as the Acting General Services Director into 2002, Laura returned to the Director of Budget position, and then she was appointed to the Senior Assistant to the City Manager. In 2003 Laura left North Carolina and traveled to California to become the Assistant Chief Administrative Officer in El Dorado County. Laura was appointed Chief Administrative Officer in El Dorado County prior to the end of the year (2003). After about 5-years in El Dorado County, Laura was selected to be the City Manager in Elk Grove. Laura earned a BA from Wake Forest University and an MPA from the University of North Carolina. In 2012 she Laura was the recipient of a 25-year ICMA Service Award.



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Elk Grove Assistant City Manager **Becky Craig** and Elk Grove City Manager **Laura Gill**.

Elk Grove Assistant City Manager **Rebecca Craig** first served as Finance Director for the City of O'Fallon, Missouri. She next work in a similar post for the County of St. Charles, Missouri. In the fall of 2007, Becky joined the Elk Grove staff as Assistant Finance Director. She progressed upward in the organization to Finance Director, and was appointed Interim Assistant City Manager in January 2010. City Manager **Laura Gill** appointed Becky to the Assistant City Manager position in April 2010. Becky earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of Missouri in Columbia, and is a certified public accountant (CPA). She is a member of the Government Finance Officers Association and California State Municipal Finance Officers Association.

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## City Managers in E-Ticket Cities

Emeryville City Manager **Patrick D. O'Keefe** is planning to retire this month (March). He came to Emeryville approximately 18-years ago from El Cerrito, where he served as Economic Development Director. Prior to that he worked with the Concord Redevelopment Agency as a Program Administrator. Former Emeryville City Manager **John Flores**, who served in the post for 19-years, appointed Pat to the Emeryville staff. Pat took over as City Manager in 2006. Pat is a past President of the Executive Board of the California Redevelopment Association (CRA). He earned a BA and MPA from San Francisco State University. With Pat's announced retirement, the City is currently undergoing a full recruitment for a new City Manager.

Etna, California is a city of nearly 800 people located in the Scott Valley area of Siskiyou County near the Oregon border. The **Scotts Valley Blue Grass Festival**, which began in 2004, will be held July 20 and 21, 2013. Tickets go on sale in May, 2013. It is billed as a step back in time to Mayberry RFD. The Festival will be held at the Etna City Park.



## California Contract Cities Association 54th Annual Municipal Seminar

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ICMA's West Coast Regional Summit, designed to gather ICMA members, state association members and leaders, and other local government professionals, for professional development and information sharing, is planned for **April 18-19, 2013** at the Las Vegas Marriott. This year's theme, **ICMA: GREAT BY CHOICE**, will focus on a discussion of Jim Collins' *Twelve Questions for Leadership Teams* as he outlined in his keynote address at the 98th ICMA Annual Conference in Phoenix/Maricopa County, Arizona.

ICMA Executive Director **Bob O'Neill** and **Felicia Logan**, Director of Leadership Development, will lead a thought provoking ICMA University Workshop based on the work of **Jim Collins** and his book, *Great by Choice*. The agenda will feature discussion leaders from the west coast who will share their application of Jim's ideas in their communities.

The Summit is a full professional development package in just 24 hours; it launches at 1:30 p.m. Thursday and wraps up by noon on Friday.  
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## City Managers in E-Ticket Cities

Encinitas City Manager **Gustavo F. Vina** was born in Havana, Cuba and came to the United States with his parents in 1962. After working for the State of California for about 9-years, and the City of Stockton for 10-years, Gus joined the Sacramento staff in 2000 to serve as a Budget Manager. He was appointed Sacramento Director of Finance in 2001. After serving in that post for about 5-years, Gus was promoted to the Sacramento Assistant City Manager position in 2006. Gus was recruited to serve as the Encinitas City Manager in 2011. He earned a BS at the California State University, Sacramento and an MPP from the University of San Francisco. In 2012 Gus was the recipient of a 10-year ICMA Service Award.

**Richard S. Phillips** joined the Encinitas staff as a Management Analyst in 1990 and in 2001 he was elevated to Assistant to the City Manager. He was appointed Deputy City Manager in 2010. Richard earned a BA from California Lutheran University and an MPA from San Diego State University. He was the recipient a 20-year ICMA Service Awards in 2010.

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Escondido was founded in 1888 and is one of the oldest cities in San Diego County. It had a 2010 census population of 143,911. The City is proud to host the 2013 start of the Amgen Tour of California on May 12, 2013, billed as "America's Greatest Race." Escondido City Manager **Clayton Phillips** served as an Accountant in Santa Ana from 1980 to 1984 when he was appointed Deputy Finance Officer in the City of Irvine. Clay moved to San Diego County in 1986 to join the Escondido staff as the Deputy City Manager, and he served in that position for some 17-years. Clay was selected to serve as the Escondido City Manager in 2003. He earned a BS from La Sierra University and an MBA from Pepperdine University.



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## City Managers in E-Ticket Cities

**William T. Panos**, 49, is the current City Manager of the City of Eureka. Bill was previously the Director of Public Works for the City of West Sacramento, beginning in April, 2007. Prior to his West Sacramento service, Bill served as a school construction executive for the State of Washington from 2002 to 2007. There he directed capital finance, land use policy and local school construction throughout the state. Before moving to the State of Washington, Bill served in local government in Northern Idaho where he served as City Administrator of Coeur d'Alene from 2000 to 2002. Between July, 1999 and July, 2000 Bill was the an Interim Director for the Los Angeles Unified School District. He also worked in Massachusetts as a Toxics Director from 1995 to 1999. He served as a Special Advisor to the California State University Chancellor's Office between November, 1987 and January, 1989. His public sector service came following a successful career with TRW Corporation, which started in 1981. He began his Eureka City Manager service in January, 2013. Bill is an alumnus of California State University, Long Beach where he earned a bachelor's degree in forensic science. Bill is originally from the Palos Verdes area of the South Bay in Los Angeles County.



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**David W. Tyson** began his public service career working with the State of California as an Auditor in 1979. In 1980 David joined the Arcata staff in an Accountant position, and in 1981 he was appointed to the Arcata Director of Finance post, where he served for about 9-years. In 1990 David became the Director of Finance for the City of Eureka, and in 1995 he was selected to serve as the Eureka Assistant City Manager. David was elevated to the Eureka City Manager position in 2000 and served there for a dozen years before he retired in 2012. David earned a BS from Humboldt State University. In 2010 he was the recipient of a 30-year ICMA Service Award.

Exeter is a city in Tulare County near the foothills on the westerly side of the Sierra Nevada Mountains. It had a 2010 census population of 10,334. **Randy Groom**, 47, has served as the Exeter City Administrator since 2010. Prior to that Randy worked as the Visalia Unified School District Director of Administrative Services starting in 2006. He was the Deputy City Manager in Visalia before that.

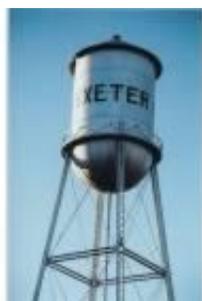


**Gracie Lewis** stole the show as she stood with her Daddy **Jim Lewis** as he was administered the Oath of Office for the Pismo Beach City Manager position.

## City Managers in E-Ticket Cities

Escalon is not listed in the ICMA Who's Who Directory, and the city's web site is sparse on information about their city manager. Way back, **John McCloud** was the first Escalon City Clerk and City Administrator following incorporation in 1957. Of course this is not a complete chronology of Escalon City Managers. City Manager **Thom Clark**, who served the city for some 8-years, resigned his Escalon position in 2003, and **Greg Greeson**, who had been serving as the Assistant City Manager was elevated to the post. When Greg was terminated without cause in 2009, Chief of Police **Doug Dunford** added Interim City Manager to his responsibilities. When Chief Dunford accepted the appointment to serve as the Livingston Chief of Police in early 2010, **Henry Hesling** was appointed Interim City Manager. Escalon City Engineer and Public Works Director **John Abrew** was appointed Deputy City Manager. It appears that Henry's tenure has expired and that **John Abrew** is holding down the fort for the time being.

Our E-Ticket ride has come to an end until next time. We hope you enjoyed the information and that you find some entertainment value among the pages.



## Jim Erickson (1945 - 2013)

Former Benicia City Manager **Jim Erickson** has lost his battle with Lou Gehrig's disease. He died on Tuesday, March 12. Jim served as the Benicia City



Manager from 2003 to 2010. He was 67-years old. After graduating from the University of California, Berkeley he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Air Force. He left the military as a Captain in 1970. In 1971 Jim began his public management career as an Administrative Assistant in Vacaville. He was appointed Vacaville Assistant City Manager in 1973. Jim's next assignment was in 1973 when he was selected to serve as the Folsom City Administrator. He took a similar position with Millbrae in 1982 and served there until 2003; the year he was appointed to the Benicia City Manager post. Jim educationally added to his Cal BA by earning an MA at the University of North Dakota. In 2006 he was the recipient of a 35-year ICMA Service Award. Jim was born in Tacoma, Washington on May 28, 1945. He was raised in San Jose. He is fondly remembered as an avid CAL football fan -- a season-ticket holder for 36 years -- and a fitness enthusiast.

"Very sad news. He helped make my first experiences as a Range Rider much easier as he welcomed me into the Solano CM group."

--Paul Berlant

"Jim was calm and quiet, and every inch a professional." --Michael Garvey

"He was earnest and sincere." --James Marshall

"Jim was a good person and a good professional." --Kevin Duggan, ICMA Regional Manager

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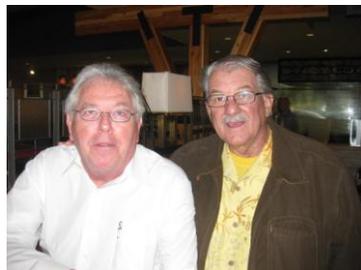


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**Picking Up the Pieces:** New Carlsbad City Manager **John W. Coates**, 56, likes to mountain bike, road bike, hike, camp, swim and surf. He moved to California in 2002 from Virginia when he was selected to serve as the Community Services Director in Santee. Retired long-time Laguna Beach City Manager **Ken Frank** volunteered to serve as a recent Thursday evening "guest host" with Mayor **Kelly Boyd** at the restaurant "Dizz's As Is" in Laguna Beach. One of the co-owners **Marc Pitz**, was recently diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Laguna Beach City Manager **John Pietig** was there too. His and **Marc Pitz's** boys play soccer together. The restaurant had more than double a typical Thursday night's business. **Valerie Barone** is removing the "Interim" from her title as she has been appointed Concord City Manager, replacing City Manager **Dan Keene**, who is currently the Vallejo City Manager. Valerie took the Interim City Manager role when Dan resigned. She served as the Assistant City Manager when Dan was in Concord. 63-year old **Pall Gudgeirsson** becomes San Clemente City Manager on March 20 as City Manager George Scarborough, 62, retires after 10-years of service to the city. Pall, Assistant City Manager and City Treasurer has been with the city 21-years. He is an avid runner who runs between 35 and 40 miles each week. Sacramento City Manager **John Shirey** has indicated that talks are progressing well regarding the building of a new sports arena in the Sacramento Downtown Plaza. The facility would house the NBA's Sacramento Kings should the league reject a deal the team's owners have presented to sell the franchise to a group in Seattle. With Thousand Oaks Assistant City Manager **Mark Watkins** being appointed to be the new Ventura City Manager, Thousand Oaks City Manager **Scott Mitnick** has appointed public information officer **Andrew Powers** as Acting Assistant City Manager. He earned a BA in Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management from North Carolina State University. Andrew joined the Thousand Oaks' staff in 2007. Retired Arcadia City Manager **Don Penman** currently serves as the Interim City Administrator in San Fernando. He was appointed following the resignation of City Administrator **Al Hernandez**. Don previously worked as the San Fernando City Administrator from 1982 to 1990. Don also was the Baldwin Park City Manager and Assistant City Manager in Simi Valley. Don has said that he plans to use his free time to take ballroom dancing lessons. Costa Mesa, for the second year in a row, and Huntington Park are the only California cities to received a "Sunny Award" transparency grade of "A+". The Sunny Awards honor the most transparent

government websites in the nation. The Sunny Awards are presented by the Sunshine Review, a national nonprofit organization dedicated to government transparency. Bell, Berkeley, Sacramento, San Diego, and San Francisco are the California cities that received "A-" grades. After working for San Carlos for 27-years, Assistant City Manager **Brian Moura** will resign in July, 2013 to "explore new projects and opportunities." El Cerritos Environmental Service Division Manager **Melanie Mintz** graduated with a BS from Humboldt State University and with an MCRP from the University of Oregon.



Richmond Library and Cultural Services Department Finance Manager **Stacie Plummer**, 43, circulated a 59-page document, including photographs, charging misconduct by Assistant City Manager **Leslie Knight**, 57. An independent investigation by a Sacramento-based firm "rejected most of the allegations." City Manager **Bill Lindsay**, noting that the report finds that Leslie did not abuse her power or retaliate, harass or treat subordinates unequally, finds that "...the problems do not merit the termination of any employee." City Managers spotted among the attendees at the March meeting of the Los Angeles County Division of the League of California Cities include: Glendale City Manager **Scott Ochoa**; Lancaster City Manager **Mark V. Bozigian** and Assistant City Manager **Jason Caudle**; Beverly Hills City Manager **Jeff Kolin**; Diamond Bar City Manager **Jim DeStefano**; and Monterey Park City Manager **Paul Talbot**. Former City Managers **Wes Wolf** of **Wolf & Company** and **Frank G. Tripepi** of **Willdan** also attended. Lemon Grove City Manager **Graham Mitchell** has been jogging the streets of his town. He has jogged Lemon Grove's 93-miles of streets, avenues, lanes and drives after being motivated by Lemon Grove HEAL Zone steering committee member **Mark Stapleton**. Graham has charted his routes on maps and notes data following each run. Colusa Fire Chief **Randy Dunn**, who has been serving as the Acting City Manager since last summer, has now been officially appointed Interim City Manager for a term of one-year on a 3-2 vote. The city has also cancelled its executive recruitment efforts to find a new city manager.



**More Pieces Picked Up:** Marina has repealed the outdated local requirement that the Marina City Manager live in the city, as the executive recruitment efforts continue to find a new City Manager. Former City Manager **Tony Altfeld** left the post about a year ago. Livermore Economic Development Director **Rob White** is resigning his position to accept the appointment of Chief Innovation Officer for the City of Davis. He will be working with development agencies, the high-tech industry and UC Davis to deliver more efficient city services and create jobs in Davis. Rob's last day in Livermore is March 22. Atwater Finance Director **Glen Carrington**, 61, has retired. He joined the Atwater staff in November, 2007. Atwater's Police Chief **Frank Pietro** also serves as the city's Interim City Manager. Hemet Assistant City Manager **Mark Orme** has resigned to take the Assistant City Manager position in Chico under City Manager Brian Nakamura. Mark served as Interim City Manager in Hemet for a short time before **Ron Bradley** was appointed City Manager. Mark served on the Hemet city staff for about 13-years. Retired American Canyon City Manager **Rich Ramirez** has concluded an assignment as the Interim General Manager for the El Dorado Hills Community Services District, and is currently retained as the Interim General Manager of the Mountain House Community Services District. Rich has become a modern day Paladin from "Have Gun Will Travel" fame, as the "Need Interim Will Travel" public management professional. Many former city managers serve on redevelopment oversight boards. For instance, retired Paramount City Manager and former CEO of the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority **Bill Holt** serves on the Artesia Redevelopment Oversight Board. Newly elected Cerritos City Council Member **George Ray** also serves on that Board. Imperial Beach City Manager **Gary Brown** has announced that he will retire effective June 1, 2013. Gary has served as the Imperial Beach City Manager since December, 2003. Former City Manager and acting Chief Administrative Officer **Charlie Wagner** is no longer working for the City of Avalon. Public Works Director **Dennis Speer** has been serving as Ridgecrest Interim City Manager since City Manager **Kurt Wilson** took a Stockton Deputy City Manager position in August, 2012. The city is currently recruiting for a city manager. Former Planning & Development Director **Luis Patlan** was appointed to take over for the retired long-time Kerman City Administrator **Ron Manfredi**. Luis previously worked with the Sanger Redevelopment Agency. Ron has been appointed Interim City Manager in Firebaugh. Consultant **Stephen P. Compton**, 59, is the new Colton Interim City Manager behind City Manager **Rod Foster's** resignation to become the Laguna Niguel City Manager.



Former Hanford City Manager **Hilary Straus** is currently the Assistant City Manager in South Pasadena working with City Manager **Sergio Gonzalez**. Hilary is a past President of Cal-ICMA, and he also previously served on the California City Management Foundation Board (CCMF). Regency, a Division of **Keenan & Associates**, is expert in the investigation of claims involving public agencies. Well-managed, efficient and cost effective investigations can reduce claims exposure. Inquiries should be addressed to **Valentina Tripepi-Shoop** at [vsnoop@keenan.com](mailto:vsnoop@keenan.com) or 951-715-0190, extension 1165. Sonora City Administrator **Timothy A. Miller** previously served as the Community Development Director for both the cities of Atwater and Los Banos, and he worked for the County of Merced. As City Administrator, Tim joined the leadership team of the Tuolumne County Economic Development Authority (TCEDA) under the direction of county CAO **Craig Pedro** and former Sonora City Administrator **Greg Applegate**. MMANC Vice President **Hazel L. Wetherford** is a Community Development Analyst in the City of Dublin where **Joni L. Pattillo** is City Manager. Woodland City Manager **Paul Navazio** was the Keynote speaker for the League of Women Voters of Woodland at their 19th Annual State of the Community Luncheon. Paul complimented Interim City Manager **Kevin O'Rourke**, who crafted a budget outline before leaving the city. Paul previously worked in the Cities of Oakland, Berkeley and Davis. Kevin is currently the Interim City Manager in Santa Ana. Laguna Hills Deputy City Manager **David Reynolds** received special recognition for his 10-years of service to the city. David joined the Laguna Hills staff in 2003 as a Management Analyst. **Dan Massiello**, formerly with **Kinsell, Newcomb & De Dios** investment banking, Wedbush Morgan Securities, and Miller & Schroeder Financial, is now a Senior Vice President with the **Kosmont Companies**. Petaluma City Manager **John Brown** has had his employment agreement extended for six-years. Originally from Southern California, John previously served as the City Administrator in Woodburn, Oregon and as City Manager in Jackson. Visalia City Manager **Steve Salomon** will retire this fall.

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