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Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas!



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Mark served as the Coronado City Manager from September, 1999 to February, 2010. Since retirement he served for a time as the Interim City Manager in the City of Del Mar in 2011. He previously served as the City Manager in Cypress (1996-1999) and the City of Campbell (1992-1996). Mark earned a BA and an MPA from San Diego State University.

Women Serving in Cities from Visalia to Wasco

This December 2020 issue of the City Manager Newsletter by Trackdown acknowledges some of the women who work in California cities alphabetically listed between Visalia and the City of Wasco. This is the 47th issue dedicated to women in cities.

There are many highly qualified and dedicated women serving in California's cities. The list is impressive. We address the rhetorical question: Where are the women in city management?

It is impossible to report profiles that are not available. Some city web pages neglect to present some responsible position incumbents. We apologize to those we miss. We try hard to acknowledge all those serving in California cities.

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Visalia is the county seat of Tulare County, and it is the fifth-largest city in the San Joaquin Valley after Fresno, Bakersfield, Stockton, and Modesto. When California achieved statehood in 1850, Tulare County did not exist. That land was all part of the County of Mariposa. In 1852 Tulare County got county status. Visalia located on the Kaweah River, incorporated in February, 1874, and became the county seat. The 2019 estimate population is 134,605. Former Crime Analyst, **Randy Groom**, is the Visalia City Manager, and City Clerk.



Leslie Caviglia has work for the City of Visalia for nearly 17-years. She was appointed Assistant City Manager in May 2004 after serving as Deputy City Manager. She succeeded Assistant City Manager **Mike Olmos**, who became City Manager. Leslie earned a BS in journalism from California State Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo.



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This group caricature was presented to the late **Paul Strohman** at his retirement as a Chief from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. From left to right are: **Gary Sloan, John Jameson, Paul, Ray Harris, Frank Tripepi** and **Jack Simpson**.



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Nancy Lockwood serves as the Executive Director of the **Visalia** Economic Development Corporation.

She also serves on the Board of Directors for the Visalia Fox Theater and the Wesley Foundation and has been a Downtown Visalia Rotarian since 2002. Nancy earned a BA in journalism from San Jose State University. She has been the owner of The Lockwood Agency since 2002.

Shelley Albanese has worked as the General Manager of the **Visalia** Convention Center since January 2016. Prior to that she worked as an Associate Director of a convention center in Kennewick, Washington.



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Aly Zimmermann served as the Vista Assistant City Manager from 2012 until recently when she was appointed City Manager in the City of Rocklin. She worked in progressively responsible positions with Vista her public service and municipal management career working with the California Governor's Office of Planning and Research, and as a Policy Analyst with the League of California Cities. She served for a time as the League coordinator with the California City Management Foundation (CCMF). Aly earned a BA from the University of California, Davis and an MPA from San Diego State University.



Archive picture: **Frank Tripepi, Sheriff Sherman Block, Jack Simpson, Robert Gutierrez, Dennis Courtemanche and Gary Sloan**.

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Sylvia Solis Daniels is the City of Vista Housing Manager. Sylvia joined the city staff in October 2014 after serving three years as the Development Director for the Esperanza Community Housing Corporation (2011-2014). She earned a BA in communications and public relations from North Carolina State University, and an MPA from California State University, Northridge.



Jessica Boensch joined the Vista Housing Division as a Staff Assistant in July 2019. She previously worked as an admissions adviser (2016-2019) and a research assistant (2018-2019) with the University of California, Davis.

In 2017-2018, Jessica worked as a Civil Rights Analyst with the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights in the Washington D.C. Metro Area. In 2015 Jessica served as a Human Resources Intern in the City of Carlsbad. She earned a BA from the University of California, Davis, and an MPA from San Diego State University.

Andrea McCullough is the Vista Communications Officer. She has been with the City since 2008.

Delilah Langan is the City of Vista Economic Development Specialist.



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A 1980s picture of **Susan and Jack Simpson**, and **Lil and Frank Vicencia**. Frank was the Speaker Pro Tem of the California State Assembly.



One cannot address women and the City of Vista without acknowledging the city's retired City Manager **Rita Geldert**. Rita served as the Vista Assistant City Manager from January 1995 until July 1997 when she became City Manager. Rita retired as the Vista City Manager in December 2011. After retirement, Rita served about a year as the Executive Director of the California City Management Foundation (CCMF) starting in February 2013. Prior to joining the Vista city staff, Rita held positions in the Cities of Vacaville, Merced and Dana Point. While City Manager, Rita was a member of the CCMF Board of Trustees and served as the CCMF President for six years. Rita studied at Shasta College, and earned a BA from California State University, Chico, and an MBA in finance from the University of California, Davis. In 2010 Rita received a 30-year ICMA service award. She and her husband **Dale Geldert** live in Oceanside.

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Walnut Creek is a Contra Costa County city located about 16 miles east of Oakland. A U.S. Post Officer was established in Walnut Creek in December 1862. The city began growing with the arrival of the Southern Pacific Railroad in 1891. The City of Walnut Creek was incorporated in October 1914. **Dan Buckshi** is the City Manager and **Teri Killgore** is the Assistant City Manager. **Suzie Martinez** is the City Clerk, and **Amy Heavener** is the Assistant to the City Clerk.



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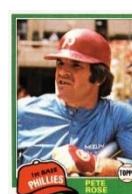
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Teri Killgore began her public service career in 1999 as a Business Manager for the City of Fremont. In 2005 she joined the Mesa, Arizona staff in economic development, and in March 2007 she became the Downtown Redevelopment Manager in the City of Chandler. In December 2013 Teri started as the Assistant to the City Manager in the City of San Jose, and she became the Downtown and Civic Innovation Manager there in August 2015. After serving as the Assistant City Manager in North Bay City from May 2016 until July 2018, Teri joined the Walnut Creek city staff, first as a consultant (October 2018-June 2019). She was appointed Assistant City Manager in June 2019. Teri earned a BA in sociology from the University of Washington, and an MPA from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at the Syracuse University.



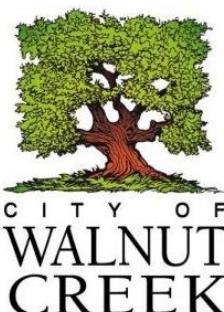
City Manager **Jim Lewis** and his wife Debi of the City of Pismo Beach.



"Opening Day is like Christmas,
except it's warmer."

--**Pete Rose**

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Sandra Meyer is the Walnut Creek Community and Economic Development Director. Sandra worked for a private planning firm from 1981-1983, before she joined the city staff in Fairfield as an Associate Planner in 1984. In November 1989 Sandra came to the Walnut Creek city staff in the Community Development Department. She is now the longtime Community Development Director. Sandra studied marine biology and biological oceanography at the University of California, Santa Barbara, and she attended environmental planning and management courses at the University of California, Davis.

Among the other women serving the City of Walnut Creek are **Betsy Burkhart**, Manager of Communications & Outreach; **Jessica Cole**, Economic Development Services Innovation Lead; **Kelly Guertin**, Human Resources Manager; and **Heather Ballenger**, Public Works Director.



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Wasco is a Kern County city in the San Joaquin Valley located northwesterly of Bakersfield. The community was previously called Dewey and Deweyville in honor of Admiral **George Dewey**, a hero of the Spanish-American War. The Deweyville post office opened in 1899 and changed its name to Wasco in 1907. The "Wasco" name may have come from the Western American Sugar Company. The city incorporated in December 1945 and has a 2019 estimated population 28,710. **Daniel Ortiz-Hernandez** is the City Manager and the elected City Clerk is **Maria O. Martinez**.



Nancy Vera is the City of Wasco Human Resources Manager. She joined the city staff as a Payroll Clerk in March 2018 and was appointed Director in February 2019. Nancy studies economics at an International Summer University Program at Fachhochschule Osnabrück. She returned to earn a BA in economics from California State University, Bakersfield. Nancy also serves as President of Runner Dance Marathon with the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals.



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"Hunt while you can. The weather may change tomorrow." --**Debra Doyle**

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Keri Cobb is the Wasco Community Development Director. After college Keri joined the City of Wasco as an Assistant Planner in July 1995, and she was promoted to Associate Planner in July 1997. Keri was appointed Director of Planning and Community Development in August 2000. She left the city in 2004 to be at home with her children but was invited to return in 2011. She returned to the Wasco city staff in November as a part-time Senior Planner, and in January 2020 Keri became the Community Development Director. Keri earned a BA in environmental analyst and design from the University of California, Irvine. Her husband Rob is the Assistant Superintendent for the Wasco Union High School District.

Neomi Perez is the Communication & Marketing Specialist in the Wasco City Manager's Office.

We hope that you have enjoyed this issue of the City Manager Newsletter by Trackdown. We are behind schedule, as usual, but this time it is because of our pending relocation to a new home in Rancho Mirage. We must leave our Cerritos home next week and will be temporarily staying at a long-term hotel. This will make our newsletter production somewhat problematic, but we will do our best to keep issues coming.



"Path to the Beach," by **David McEwen**, former City Attorney and Bond Counsel.

The painting will appear in the Huse Skelly Gallery "California Dreamin'" Holiday Show.

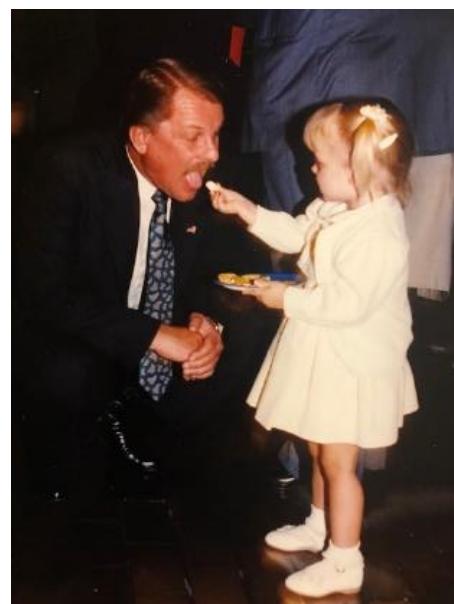
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Founder **John Russo** graduated with honors from Yale University earning a B.A. in Economics and Political Science, and he received his J.D. from New York University School of Law. He is a member of the State Bars of California and Missouri.



John Russo, SynchroniCITY Founder

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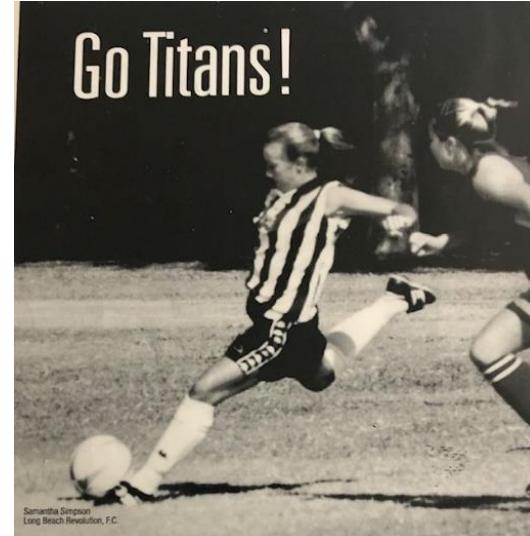
Finally, thought must be given to what the nature of policy implementation will be within an existing organization. In simple terms: it's not enough to pass a policy, you have to get the bureaucracy to accommodate that policy, you have to be sure the policy is legally sound, and you have to have the foresight to see how the policy will be implemented effectively to achieve its stated purpose. To be successful all these considerations—which manifest themselves at different times—must be identified and integrated into a flexible and focused strategy at the outset. Synchronicity Associates has the experience and the track record to assist your organization in navigating all of the roadblocks and getting you to success.



The Colorado Lagoon has a long history in the City of Long Beach.



Picking Up the Pieces: Peter Pirnejad is the new City Manager in the City of Foster City. Peter is a former Assistant City Manager in Napa, and the Development Services Director for the City of Palo Alto. Peter is succeeding City Manager **Jeff Moneda**, who resigned. Peter is a former President of the Planning Department group of the League of California Cities. He earned a BA in environmental studies and geography from the University of California, Santa Barbara, and a Master's and Doctorate in policy, planning and development from the University of Southern California (**USC**). San Pablo Assistant City Manager **Reina Schwartz** is the new City Manager in the City of Clayton in Contra Costa County. She takes the position from Interim City Manager **Frances Robustelli**. Reina began her public service career as a fiscal analyst with the California Legislative Analyst's Office, and then worked 24-years with the City of Sacramento, serving in various posts, including 11-years as the Director of the Department of General Services. Reina then served 5 and a half years with the City of San Pablo. She earned an MPA from Harvard University. Desert Hot Springs City Manager **Charles Maynard** announced his plans to retire at the end of the year. He will, however, serve as Interim City Manager for the first 6-months of 2021. Charles became the Desert Hot Springs City Manager in November, 2016. He began his public service career in law enforcement, serving in the Cities of San Anselmo and Cathedral City. Cupertino City Manager **Deborah Feng** hosts virtual meetings with residents and business operators. She held a virtual meeting on November 20. The hours session continues a series Deb has done as a forum to discuss topics of the public's choice. It is an attempt to connect with residents about issues important to them. Before joining the city staff Deb was a longtime administrator at the NASA Ames Research Center at Moffett Field.



Featured in an advertisement in an old California State University, Fullerton baseball program.

Sincere Trackdown condolences to **Gary Milliman** and his family and friends on the passing of Gary's wife **Carolyn Marie Milliman** on November 30, 2020.. Gary is a Senior Advisor for the Oregon City/County Management Association. He retired as the Brookings, Oregon City Manager and he is a former City Manager in South Gate. Gary and Carolyn were married in 1971. In Fort Bragg, CA they served on the Board of Directors of the Mendocino Coast Parks and Recreation District. In Brookings, she co-founded the Kids After School Program of Education and Recreation (KASPER). In 2015, Carolyn was named Grand Marshall of the annual Relay for Life event after being diagnosed with Stage 4 metastatic breast cancer. Paso Robles City Manager **Tom Fruthey** has announced his retirement after serving in that post for the past 5-years. His last day on the job will be February 3. Tom began his public service career in the City of Mountain View (1982-1989). He served as the Los Altos Hills Town Manager (1989-1991); Campbell City Manager (1991-1992); Oxnard Assistant City Manager (1992-1993); Oxnard City Manager (1993-1997); and Pacific Grove City Manager (2009-2016). He started in Paso Robles in January, 2016. Tom earned a BA from Dartmouth College, and a Masters degree from the University of California, Berkeley. In 2019 Tom received a 25-year ICMA Service Award. Calabasas has named veteran retired City Manager **Don Penman** to replace **Ray Taylor** as the Interim City Manager in the city. Ray, a retired Westlake Village City Manager, has worked in the position since May. Don retired as the Arcadia City Manager in 2012. Since his retirement, Don has served as the Interim City Manager in San Fernando, Temple City, Azusa, Covina and Ventura.



More Pieces Picked Up: Bellflower Director of Parks and Recreation **PJ Mellana** is the owner of Dreams Farmhouse, a Cooperstown Vacation Rental in Coopersown, New York; home of the Baseball Hall of Fame. Prior to joining the

Bellflower city staff as a Recreation Supervisor II in 2006; he worked as a Community Services Supervisor in the City of Glendale (2005-2006). PJ served in the Recreation Department of San Ramon from 2001 to 2005. He earned a BS from California State University, Hayward, and an MS in organizational leadership from National University. Manteca Interim Director of Finance **Stephanie Beauchaine**, who was hired for a six-month tenure in August, may become Finance Director through the end of 2021. Stephanie has served as a Consulting CFO and Municipal Finance Consultant for the past two years, starting in 2018. Los Altos City Manager **Chris Jordan** has announced his resignation after four-years in his position. Chris previously served as the City Manager in West Linn, Oregon. Deputy City Manager **Jon Maginot** will take over as the Acting City Manager effective December 6, while an executive recruitment is conducted for the post. **Stephanie Dietz** is the new City Manager in the City of Merced. Stephanie has worked for Merced since 2017. She served as Assistant City Manager, and filled the Interim City Manager position following the termination of City Manager **Steve Carrigan** in July, 2020. Prior to coming to the City of Merced, Stephie was a Personnel Analyst for the University of California, Merced (2009-2012), and a Fiscal Manager for the Human Services Agency of Merced County (2012-2017). She earned a BA from California State University, Fresno, and an MA in English language and literature from National University. Lomita Human Resources Analyst **Deborah Dixon** joined the Lomita city staff in October, 2018. She previously worked for the cities of Gardena (2009-2015) and Torrance (2015-2016) in their Human Resources groups. Deborah also worked in a number of private sector human resources assignments. She earned a BA from California State University, Dominguez Hills and an MPA from California State University, Long Beach. Born May 20, 1949, the late **Robert L. Fleming** worked for the Cities of Torrance, Rancho Palos Verdes, Hawaiian Gardens, Bellflower and Walnut before moving to a lobbyist position with the private sector. He became a contract lobbyist for Boeing Aircraft. Robert served in the United States Air Force (1968-1971), before earning an AA from El Camino College, and a BA from the University of California, Santa Cruz. Robert, a heavy smoker, passed away as a result of cancer.



SHORTS: *Condolences to family and friends of former Los Angeles CAO **Keith Comrie** on his passing. *Fresno has selected the city's 22nd Chief of Police, **Paco Balderrama**, who comes to Fresno from Oklahoma City, where he has worked in law enforcement for the past 22-years. ***Melanie James** of Tripepi Smith led a project in collaboration with Walnut Administrative Services Director **Karen Ogawa** to develop and launched a web page for the San Gabriel Valley City Managers Association (SGVCM). ***Fran Robustelli** will serve as the San Leandro Interim City Manager beginning December 21. ***Robert Masterson** has been confirmed as the new Atascadero Chief of Police to replace retired Chief **Jerel Haley**. *Retiring Manteca Council Member **Debby Moorhead** gives Manteca City Manager **Miranda Lutzow** high marks and dismisses social media criticism of the city manager and her executive staff. *The Cities of Tulare and Visalia, and the Tulare Irrigation District are perfect partners, as they are all located in the Kaweah Sub-Basin. *Actor/Director **Clinton Eastwood Jr.** was born on May 31, 1930 in San Francisco. *Colusa City Manager **Jesse Cain** is also the City's Public Works Administrator and is thought to be the highest paid administrators for cities with a population around 6,000. ***Steve Baker** served as the City Manager in Suisun City for more than 16-years (1988-2004), and for the past nearly 11-years he has served as the Yreka City Manager. *Cotati City Manager **Damien E. O'Bid** was appointed in May 2015 after he worked as the City's Director of Public Works. *New Rocklin City Manager **Alexandra "Aly" Zimmermann** was appointed in October, 2020 after serving as the Assistant City Manager in the City of Vista in San Diego County. ***Susan West-Jones** was appointed Finance Manager in the City of Pismo Beach in January 1999, after working as the Accounting Supervisor in Coalinga (1993-1999). ***Robert Masterson** is the new Atascadero Chief of Police replacing the retired Chief **Jerel Haley**. ***