

Blair King

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Coastal Issues	Budgeting and analysis
Land Use	Public Engagement
Cultural Arts	“Main Street”/ Downtown Preservation
Public Works & Utilities	Alternative Transportation
Sustainability	Project Management
Labor Relations	Inter-governmental Relations
Economic Development	Organizational assessment

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

City of Coronado, California
City Manager
May 2010 – Present

Chief Administrative Officer of a full service general law city. Coronado, also known as Coronado Island, is an affluent resort beach community that welcomes 2 - 3 million annual visitors. Coronado holds a rare Aaa rating from Moody’s Investors Services. It is the home of three major resorts, including the iconic Hotel del Coronado, and home to Naval Base Coronado. Focus of administration is the implementation of best in class long-term financial management practices; addressing traffic and improving pedestrian and cyclist safety; improving public communications and citizen involvement; encouraging cultural arts programs; consolidation of departments; encouraging environmental sustainability practices; implementing an aggressive capital improvement program; customer service; and addressing the dissolution of Redevelopment. (Coronado Beach was ranked the best beach in the U.S. in 2012 by “Dr. Beach” of Florida International University.)

City of Lodi, California
City Manager/Executive Director
January 2005 – May 2010

Chief Administrative Officer of a full service general law city, including water, wastewater, and electric utility. Lodi has a broad-based economy with an excellent jobs housing balance unique in the region. The focus of effort was toward economic stability, creative partnerships, environmental sustainability, development of an urban development limit, community engagement and open government. Accomplishments include development of a Surface Water Treatment Plant, expansion of the Wastewater Treatment Plan, improved financial rating for the Electric Utility, increasing the identity of the emerging premium wine industry with downtown Lodi, (*California Planning & Development Reporter* named Lodi as one of the best small-city downtowns in California), retaining Blue Shield as a major employer, and managing a “terrorism crisis.”

City of Milpitas, California
Assistant City Manager/Assistant Executive Director
May 2001 – December 2004

The single Assistant Chief Administrative Officer of a full service general law city in Santa Clara County. Directly responsible for the Redevelopment Agency and the Departments of Fire, Public Works, Information Systems, and Building Services. Achievements include Redevelopment Plan amendment that added 691 acres to the Project Area and increased the tax increment limit to \$2.4 billion.

City of Half Moon Bay, California
City Manager
January 1997 – April 2001

Chief Administrative Officer of a coastal resort city. Focus of administration was to provide stability while addressing contentious land use decisions and improved internal organizational performance and economic development. Achievements include securing over \$11 million for transportation improvements, condition compliance for the development of a Ritz Carlton hotel, administration of a voter approved growth control initiative, and securing the city's first Certificate of Excellence for the 1990 Comprehensive Annual Finance Report.

City of Imperial Beach, California
City Manager/Executive Director
December 1993 – December 1996

Chief Administrative Officer of a San Diego County general law city. Achievements include finalizing General Plan and Local Coastal Plan, creation of an economic development and code compliance program, activation and formation of a Redevelopment Agency and development of the Palm Ave./Commercial Project Area Plan, creation of a Business Improvement District, improving General Fund reserves, and construction of public facilities.

City of Soledad, California
City Manager/Executive Director
June 1991 – November 1993

Chief Administrative Officer of a Monterey County general law city. Responsible for providing administrative direction during a period of rapid growth and extreme financial constraint and austerity. Achievements include development of a comprehensive General Plan, expansion of wastewater treatment facilities, housing rehabilitation program, successful legislative initiative, expansion of public facilities, and the recruitment and development of Dole fresh salad packaging facility.

City of Coalinga, California
Assistant City Manager/Assistant Executive Director
July 1988 – May 1991

Assistant Chief Administrative Officer of a full service general law city. Major responsibilities included personnel, purchasing, risk management, grants coordination, public information, Redevelopment Agency administration, and acting as City Manager in the Manager's absence.

City of Eureka
Assistant Director of Public Works
July 1985 – June 1988
Redevelopment Specialist
November 1983 – June 1985

The Assistant Director of Public Works was responsible for budgeting, personnel, long-range capital improvement plan, development coordination, and the Divisions of Parks, Recreation, and Zoo. The Redevelopment Specialist was responsible for the day-to-day functions of the Redevelopment activities of the City Manager's Office.

United States House of Representatives
Office of the Doorkeeper/Congressional Assistant
Congressman B.F. Sisk
November 1976 – December 1977

EDUCATION

Master of Public Administration
California State University, Fresno

Bachelor of Arts
California State University, Fresno

MEMBERSHIPS AND INTERESTING INFORMATION

Member – International City/County Managers Association (ICMA)
Member – Cal-ICMA
Executive Board Member – The Southern California Intergovernmental Training and Development Center D/B/A: Government Training Agency (GTA)
Member – International Network of Asian Public Administrators (I-NAPA)
Past President – San Diego County City County Managers Association
Past Director – League of California Cities City Managers' Department
Past Chair – League of California Cities City Manager's Department Committee on Diversity