

ACCEL Contact List with Area of Specialty - March 2025

Member	Name	City Title	City Department	Email	Work Phone	Area of Specialty
Primary Board Members						
Anaheim	Tracey Matthews	Risk Manager	Human Resources/Risk Management Division	TMatthews@anaheim.net	(714) 765-4466	General Liability, Employment Practices, Litigation Management, Liability Analysis, Contracts, Insurance, Coverage, Writing
Bakersfield	Jena Covey	Risk Manager	Risk Management	jcovey@bakersfieldcity.us	(661) 326-3090	Workers' Comp, Disability Mgmt, Safety
Burbank	Betsy McClinton	Management Services Director	Management Services	EMcClinton@burbankca.gov	(818) 238-5026	Benefits, Labor Relations, Adjusting Liability Claims
Modesto	Matthew Braley	Risk Manager	Risk Management	mbraley@modestogov.com	(209) 860-2110	
Monterey	Rafaela King	Finance Director	Finance	king@monterey.org	(831) 646-3940	
Mountain View	Samhitha Cutshaw	Risk Manager	Finance and Administrative Services	Samhitha.cutshaw@mountainview.gov	(650) 316-2877	Workers' Comp, Liability, Safety, Contracts, Insurance
Ontario	Theresa St.Peter	Risk Manager	Risk Management	tsPeter@ontarioca.gov	(909) 395-2067	Workers' Comp, Liability, Safety, Contracts, Insurance, Interactive Process, IDR
Palo Alto	Sandra Blanch	Assistant Director HR and Risk Management	Human Resources	Sandra.Blanch@CityofPaloAlto.org	(650) 329-2294	Contracts/Insurance, Safety, Workers' Comp, Interactive Process and Leaves of Absence, Benefits including CalPERS IDR
Salinas	Rhonda Combs	Assistant City Attorney	City Attorney's Office	rhondac@ci.salinas.ca.us	(831) 758-7065	Contractual Risk Transfer, Insurance, Public Agency Liability and Defense, Workers' Comp
Santa Barbara	Mark Howard	Risk Manager	Finance/Risk Management	MHoward@SantaBarbaraCA.gov	(805) 897-2654	Claims management (workers' comp, liability, property, etc); Occupational Safety & Health; Loss Control; Budget; Risk Finance; Insurance; Risk Transfer; Workers' Compensation law; CalPERS IDR
Santa Cruz	Ross Brandon	Risk and Safety Manager	Finance/Risk Management	rbrandon@cityofsantacruz.com	(831) 420-5073	Liability Claims, Safety
Santa Monica	Oles Gordeev	Risk Manager	Risk Management	Oles.Gordeev@santamonica.gov	(310) 458-8385	Workers' Comp, RTW/Interactive Process, Post-offer/Pre-Employment Testing
Visalia	Andrew Guzman	Risk Manager	Risk Management	Andrew.Guzman@visalia.city	(559) 713-4335	Benefits, Workers' Comp, Liability
Alternate Board Members						
Burbank	Alvaro Valdez	Assistant Management Services Director	Risk Management/Safety	AValdez@burbankca.gov	(818) 238-5022	Liability Claims
Modesto	Christina Alger	Director of Human Resources	Human Resources	calger@modestogov.com	(209) 577-5402	
Monterey	Lisa Cox	Risk Manager	Finance/Risk Management	cox@monterey.org	(831) 646-3948	
Mountain View	Derek Rampone	Director of Finance and Administrative Services	Finance and Administrative Services	derek.rampone@mountainview.gov	(650)903-6006	
Ontario	Marquie Lugo	Senior Human Resources Analyst	Human Resources	mlugo@ontarioca.gov	(909) 395-2191	
Palo Alto	Kelly-Louise Poggetti	Risk Manager	Risk Management	kelly_poggetti@cityofpaloalto.org	(650) 329-2677	Insurance; Contractual Risk Transfer; Risk Finance; Claims Management (Property), Budget
Salinas	Selina Andrews	Finance Director	Finance	selinaa@ci.salinas.ca.us	(831) 758-7420	
Santa Barbara	Marisa Kahn	Risk Analyst II	Finance/Risk Management	mkahn@SantaBarbaraCA.gov	(805) 897-2585	Liability Claims
Visalia	Amy Powell	Management Analyst	Human Resources/Risk Management	Amy.Powell@visalia.city	(559) 713-4417	Workers' Comp, Human Resources (recruitment, employee relations), Interactive Process and Leaves of Absence

Safety Officers, Claims Managers, other						
Anaheim	Todd Pettingill	Safety Manager	Human Resources/Risk Management Division	tpettinghill@anaheim.net	(714) 765-4399	Industrial Safety, CalOSHA, Safety training, Scene Investigations
Bakersfield	Joe Sheppard	Safety Officer	City Manager's Office/Risk Management	jsheppard@bakersfieldcity.us	(661) 326-3476	Safety
Burbank	Michael Keeler	Environmental Health & Safety Coordinator	Management Services/Risk Management	Mkeeler@burbankca.gov	(818) 238-5326	Safety
Modesto	Audrena Harlan	Safety Officer	Human Resources/Risk Management	aharlan@modestogov.com	(209) 571-5134	Safety
Mountain View	Chris Allen	Safety and Training Administrator	Public Works	chris.allen@mountainview.gov	(650) 903-6207	Safety
Mountain View	Angela Apitz	Risk Analyst II	Finance/Risk Management	angela.apitz@mountainview.gov	(650) 903-6053	
Ontario	Stefanie Padilla	Risk Management Specialist	Human Resources/Risk Management	spadilla@ontarioca.gov	(909)395-2973	Safety
Salinas	Venissa Rosa	Risk & Benefits Analyst	Human Resources	venissar@ci.salinas.ca.us	(831) 758-7144	Workers' Compensation, Safety, Benefits, Interactive Process, Leaves of Absence
Santa Barbara	Marisa Kahn	Risk Analyst II	Finance/Risk Management	mkahn@SantaBarbaraCA.gov	(805) 897-2585	Liability Claims
Santa Barbara	Julie Ruggieri	Risk Analyst I	Finance/Risk Management	jruggieri@santabarbaraca.gov	(805) 564-5347	Occupational Safety and Health; Loss Control
Santa Barbara	Michael Ranson	Risk Analyst II	Finance/Risk Management	mranson@santabarbaraca.gov	(805) 897-2619	Workers' Comp Claims
Santa Cruz	Dana Stahl	Safety Officer	Finance/Risk Management	dstahl@santacruzca.gov	(831) 420-5036	Safety - Certified Industrial Hygienist
Santa Monica	Don Coccozza	Safety Administrator	Risk Management	don.coccozza@santamonica.gov	(310) 458-4908	Safety
Visalia	Angie Zimmermann	Safety Officer	Human Resources/Risk Management	Angie.Zimmerman@visalia.city	(559) 713-4260	Safety