

CALAVERAS COUNTY

<i>Name</i>	<i>Elected</i>	<i>Oath of Office</i>	<i>CAA President</i>	<i>Retired</i>	<i>Deceased</i>
M. McCormick	1869				
J.L. Gibson	1870				
W.J. Robinson	1872				
C.V. Gottschalk	1875				
A. Love	1875				
W.R. Terry	11/07/1882				
James B. Luddy	1886				
William N. Nuner, Jr.	11/06/1894				1938
James L. Romaggi	08/30/1938 **				
George G. Braddock	08/25/1942				11/17/1962
Charles G. Clark	01/03/1963** 06/07/1966	01/03/1963	1972	08/30/1986	
William D. Ratterman	06/03/1986	09/02/1986		12/18/1998	
Grant W. "Randy" Metzger, Jr.	06/02/1998	12/21/1998			
Leslie K. Davis					

Calaveras County was created on February 18, 1850. It was one of the original twenty-seven counties of California. The meaning of "Calaveras" is "skulls", and the county derived its name from Calaveras Creek, which was named by Captain Moraga of the Mexican army, who headed the first exploring expedition of the Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers and into the Sierra Nevada Mountains, from the fact that he found a number of skulls lying along the banks of the creek. According to the diary of Captain Moraga, the history of this abundance of skulls is that the tribes who lived on the Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers made a desperate war against the tribes of the Sierra, who annually came down to fish for salmon in these rivers. This was considered trespassing, inasmuch as the Sierra tribes refused to allow the valley tribes to go into the mountains to hunt deer and gather acorns. In a battle fought near this creek, the tribes of the valley were victorious, and more than three thousand Indians were killed. Hence, the name of the creek, from which the county subsequently derived its name. *

November 7, 1882	Terry - 1,130 Votes Love - 1,130 Votes
	Board of Supervisors proclaimed a special run-off election to be held on Tuesday, December 26, 1882. Terry won by a majority of 65.
November 6, 1894	William N. Nuner, Jr. 1,425 votes (Opponent Gourley - 1,095)
November 8, 1898	William N. Nuner, Jr. 1,976 votes (Opponent Thomas Smith - 1,136)
November 4, 1902	William N. Nuner, Jr. 2,428 votes
November 6, 1906	William N. Nuner, Jr. 1,473 votes
November 8, 1910	William N. Nuner, Jr. 1,460 votes (Opponent Lombardi - 778)
August 27, 1914	William N. Nuner, Jr. 2,013 votes
August 27, 1918	William N. Nuner, Jr. 1,290 votes
August 29, 1922	William N. Nuner, Jr.
August 31, 1926	William N. Nuner, Jr. 1,817 votes (Opponent Ed Leonard 112)
August 30, 1930	William N. Nuner, Jr. 1,959 votes
August 28, 1934	William N. Nuner, Jr.
August 30, 1938	William N. Nuner, Jr. (Died in 1938)
August 25, 1942	James L. Romaggi Appointed by Board of Supervisors George G. Braddock Former Deputy County Assessor, "Defeated the incumbent James L. Romaggi with an overwhelming vote of 1,812 to 893."
June 4, 1946	George G. Braddock
June 6, 1950	George G. Braddock

June 8, 1954	George G. Braddock
June 3, 1958	George G. Braddock
June 5, 1962	George G. Braddock (Died November 17, 1962)
January 9, 1963	Charles Clark appointed Assessor
June 7, 1966 - 1984	Charles G. (Chuck) Clark 4,001 votes
June 3, 1986	William D. Ratterman 6,703 votes
September 2, 1986	Oath of Office
June 2, 1998	Grant W. Metzger, Jr. 7,179 votes; 3 opponents
December 21, 1998	Oath of Office

* H.M. Moreno, Moreno's Dictionary of Spanish-Named California Cities and Towns,
(San Luis Obispo, CA, 1916)

** Appointed