

## COLUSA COUNTY

<i>Name</i>	<i>Elected</i>	<i>Oath of Office</i>	<i>CAA President</i>	<i>Retired</i>	<i>Deceased</i>
<b>J. Bains</b>	1864				
<b>Z. Pico</b>	1867				
<b>J. Baffum</b>	1869				
<b>Schieferle</b>	1871				
<b>H.M. Hardie</b>	1879				
<b>J.M. Felts</b>	1886				
<b>C.O. King</b>	1894				
<b>Hollister</b>	1906				
<b>E.H. Smith</b>	1947				
<b>Emory O. McGrew</b>	2/1/1954	2/1/1954			x
<b>E. Dan O' Connell</b>	12/31/1980	12/31/1980		x	
<b>Wayne Zoller</b>	6/2006	1/2007		x	
<b>Chuch Niepoth</b>	Appointed	9/2013			
<b>Arnold Gross Jr.</b>	6/2014	1/2015			

Colusa County was created on February 18, 1850. This was one of the original twenty-seven counties of the State of California. The name of this county in the original Act of 1850 was spelled "Colusi" and often in newspapers was spelled "Coluse". It was the name of an Indian tribe living on the west side of the Sacramento River. General Will Green, who went there while the tribe was still a strong body and associated with them so much he acquired a knowledge and free use of their language, said the word "Colusa" means "scratcher". When a member of the tribe married, it was the privilege of the bride to begin the honeymoon by scratching her husband's face. The young women so uniformly availed themselves of this privilege that a newly married man was always known by the deep scratches upon his face inflicted by his wife.\*

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