

SOLANO COUNTY

<i>Name</i>	<i>Elected</i>	<i>Oath of Office</i>	<i>CAA President</i>	<i>Retired</i>	<i>Deceased</i>
Edgar Ernest Long	1898		1915	1934	
Fred W. Birchmore	01/07/1935 **				02/1935
Ellard Williams	02/25/1935		1943		
Gordon Gojkovich	11/03/1970	01/04/1971			
Robert P. Blechschmidt	11/04/1986	01/05/1987		12/2002	
Skip Thomson	03/05/2002				
Marc C. Tonnesen					

Fred W. Birchmore died a month after he was appointed to office in 1935.

Gordon Gojkovich went on to serve on the Board of Supervisors from 1994 to 1998.

Solano County was created on February 18, 1850. This county is one of the original twenty-seven counties of the State of California. "Solano" in Spanish means "east wind", and was the second name of the celebrated missionary Francisco Solano. When the chief of the powerful tribe of Suisunes Indians, which inhabited the west side of the River Jesus Maria, was Christianized, he was baptized Solano, and his name was given to this county. *

Before receiving the name *Solano*, the chief was called *Semyeto*, which signifies "brave or fierce hand." At the request of General Mariano Vallejo, the county was named for Chief Solano, who at one time ruled over most of the land and tribes between the Petaluma Creek and the Sacramento River. ***

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

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*** California State Association of Counties, The Creation of California Counties