

Capitola's Burrell top-paid manager

Capitola City Manager Steve Burrell is the highest-paid city manager in Santa Cruz County.

Burrell just received a 12 percent pay increase from the Capitola City Council, boosting his annual salary to \$60,480 plus a car allowance.

By comparison, Watsonville City Manager John Radin receives an annual salary of \$56,004 and the top salary for Santa Cruz City Manager Richard Wilson is \$56,340.

County Administrative Officer George Newell's salary range is \$51,912 to \$63,132.

Burrell's pay increase, and raises of 5-10 percent for the small city's other general government employees, was approved Thursday night by the City Council following a closed-door meeting with Burrell.

Most of the full-time city's full-time employees outside the police department, which negotiated a two-year contract last year, received six percent pay increases.

Capitola, like Santa Cruz County and the other cities in the county, has a five step pay scale for its full-time, permanent employees.

Hourly employees, such as the city's lifeguards, code enforcement officers ("Quad Squad"), reserve police officers, relief police dispatchers, seasonal maintenance workers, and student interns, received an average five percent increase.

Seven percent increases went to City Public Works Director Craig French and Planning

Director Steve Russell, bringing their salary schedule up to \$31,968 to \$38,856.

Finance officer Ardith Fugate's salary rose 10 percent to \$29,700 a year, and Building Official Daniel Kostelec received a seven percent increase, bringing his annual salary range to \$28,512 to \$34,668. Others, including Police Chief Bob Allen, received a six percent increase.

Allen, who plans on retiring this fall, receives an annual salary of \$48,792.

The city's assistant planner and housing coordinator (which is presently vacant) are both paid \$22,728 to \$27,624.

A maintenance worker I in the city's public works department and the city animal warden (dog catcher) is paid \$18,564 to \$22,560. A maintenance worker II earns between \$20,424 to \$24,828. A Maintenance Worker III can make \$24,156 to \$29,376.

The city hall receptionist is paid \$15,264 to \$18,564. An administrative secretary earns \$18,732 to \$22,764.