

# Highest paid Placer County employee retiring

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Placer County's Dr. Richard Burton was the region's highest paid public official in 2012, earning nearly \$340,000. Throw in his benefits, and his total compensation reached nearly \$460,000.

Burton wasn't doing just one job, according to Nancy Nittler, the county's personnel director. He had two key Placer County posts as public health officer and director of the Health and Human Services Department. After seven years in the health officer post, he added the HHS director title when the previous director left a decade ago.

The Placer County doctor is one of 22 city and county employees in the Sacramento region who earned more than \$250,000 in total pay last year, according to a *Sacramento Bee* review of data from the State Controller's Office.

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