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“¡Vayan Subiendo!” or “Everyone mount up!” was a common call used by Spanish Lt. Colonel Juan Bautista de Anza from 1775 to 1776 when he led hundreds of men, women and children from the frontier of New Spain to settle Alta California. The expedition was over 1200 miles overland. The cities of Los Angeles, San Francisco and San Jose were established by these settlers. He was also governor of Nuevo (New) Mexico until 1787.