

SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Regular Meeting
TUESDAY, AUGUST 05, 2008
Closed Session – 8:30 a.m.
Regular Meeting – 10:00 a.m.

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The Agenda is divided into three sections:

CONSENT CALENDAR – These matters include routine financial and administrative actions and are approved by a single majority vote.

SCHEDULED ITEMS – These items are noticed hearings, work sessions and public hearings.

REGULAR CALENDAR – These items include significant policy and administration actions. Immediately after approval of the CONSENT CALENDAR, if the time of the hearing of SCHEDULED ITEMS has not arrived, the REGULAR CALENDAR will be considered.

SCHEDULED ITEMS

8:30 A. M.

CLOSED SESSION - CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY

NEGOTIATOR: It is the intention of the Board to meet in Closed Session concerning a Conference with Real Property Negotiator(s) John Fowler, Director-Commerce, Aviation and Economic Development pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 as follows: Castle Property

CLOSED SESSION - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL -

SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION: It is the intention of the Board to meet in Closed Session concerning Significant Exposure to Litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(b): Three Cases

CLOSED SESSION - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING

LITIGATION: It is the intention of the Board to meet in Closed Session concerning Existing Litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a): Cowden v. County of Merced, Merced County Superior Court Case No. 150214; Lashley v. County of Merced, Merced County Superior Court Case No. 148766 and Mesa v. County of Merced, Merced County Superior Court Case No. 147106

CLOSED SESSION: It is the intention of the Board to meet in Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957: PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION. Title: Mental Health Director

CLOSED SESSION: It is the intention of the Board to meet in Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 concerning a Conference with County of Merced Staff Negotiators concerning negotiations with Independent Employees of Merced County (IEMC), Unit 3

THE BOARD RECESSED AT 8:30 A.M. AND RECONVENED AT 10:00 A.M. WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT AND THE CHAIRMAN ADVISED STAFF WAS PROVIDED DIRECTION

GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54950 COMPLIANCE (LATE AGENDA ITEMS)

10:00 A. M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ON ANY MATTER OF PUBLIC INTEREST WITHIN THE BOARD'S JURISDICTION INCLUDING ITEMS ON THE BOARD'S AGENDA, EXCEPT FOR THOSE ITEMS SPECIFICALLY SCHEDULED AS PUBLIC HEARINGS (Testimony limited to five minutes per person)

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APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA CALENDAR (Item #1 - 26)

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

PUBLIC WORKS - PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED ORDINANCE AND POSSIBLE ADOPTION

To consider Proposed Ordinance: An Ordinance adopting the County Service Area Number One User Charge Rates for Zones of Benefit in the 2008/2009 Fiscal Year (Amends Ordinance No. 1815)

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PLANNING - PUBLIC HEARING

To adopt Resolution to set aside, vacate and void the certification of the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Riverside Motorsports Park project and to set aside, vacate and void those Riverside Motorsports Park project approvals, resolutions and ordinances as ordered by the Superior Court of the State of California, Merced County Case No. 150013.

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REPORTS/BOARD DIRECTION

County Executive Officer, County Counsel, County Auditor, Board of Supervisors Members

CONSENT CALENDAR (Items #1 - 26)

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

Public Works

1. Adopt Resolution annexing Minor Subdivision No. 06-062 into the Los Olivos Street Lighting Maintenance Zone of Benefit No. 334 in County Service Area No. 1.
ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2008-158
2. Adopt Resolution annexing Minor Subdivision No. 06017 into the Greenfield by Brooks Street Lighting and Drainage Maintenance Zone of Benefit No. 252 in County Service Area No. 1.
ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2008-159
3. Approve and authorize Chairman to sign Amendment to Contract No. 2003159 with Dos Palos Lions Club to provide the management, maintenance and operation of the O'Banion Park Softball Fields and the Del Hale Community Recreation Building.

Human Services Agency

4. Approve and authorize Chairman to sign Renewal Contract No. 2004117 with Mental Health for mental health services.
5. Approve and authorize Chairman to sign Renewal Contract No. 2004118 with Mental Health for Alcohol and Drug Services.
6. Approve and authorize Chairman to sign Renewal Contract No. 2006172 with Landy Care, Inc. for personal care service.
7. Approve and authorize Chairman to sign Renewal Contract No. 2005256 with District Attorney for Investigation of CalWORKs and Food Stamp Fraud.
8. Approve and authorize Chairman to sign Renewal Contract No. 2004356 with Health for parenting and bonding classes.
9. Approve and authorize Chairman to sign Amendment to Contract No. 2007247 with Total Self Insight Inc. for domestic violence services.
10. Approve and authorize Chairman to sign Amendment to Contract No. 2004141 with Dept. of Workforce Investment for employment services.

Mental Health

11. Proclaim month of September 2008 as Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month in Merced County.

Planning

12. Approve and authorize Chairman to sign Amendment to Contract No. 2008183 with Planning Partners for consultant services provided for preparation of an updated Mitigated Negative Declaration for Major Subdivision No. MAS04-014 (Lakeview Estates Project).
13. Approve and authorize Chairman to sign Amendment to Contract No. 2008184 with Ed Grossman for consultant services for the preparation of an updated Mitigated Negative Declaration for Major Subdivision No. MAS04-014 (Lakeview Estates Project).

Library

14. Approve and authorize Chairman to sign Amendment to Contract No. 2008186 with Arnolfo and Nelida Prado for lease of office space for the Winton Library.

Fire

15. Approve and authorize Chairman to sign Amendment to Contract No. 2008187 with V.A. Minor Custom Tractor Work for Fire Hazard Weed Abatement.

District Attorney

16. Approve and authorize Chairman to sign Amendment to Contract No. 2007227 with Carolyn Quigley, Trustee of the Quigley Family Trust for office space lease.

Auditor

17. Replenish Change Fund in the amount of \$140.00 for Revenue and Reimbursement and pay that amount from Office Expense and approve Relief of Accountability for Shortages.

Counsel

18. Approve and authorize Chairman to sign Amendment to Contract No. 2007061 with Abbott & Kindermann, LLP for professional legal services surrounding Riverside Motorsports Park.

Executive Office

19. Approve and authorize Chairman to sign Renewal Contract No. 2005143 with Horizon Health for Employee Assistance Program (EAP) services.
20. Act on Claim for Damages submitted by Steven Gonzales (2008-082) as recommended by Executive Office.

Board Recognition

21. Authorize Certificates of Recognition to G. J. Gardner Homes for Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening.
22. Authorize Certificate of Recognition to David Tucker for dedicated service to the City of Merced.
23. Authorize Certificate of Recognition to Leadership Merced Class 23, 2007-2008 Graduates.
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24. Authorize Certificates of Recognition to the Los Banos Chamber of Commerce Awards to: Golden State Gunslingers Club and David Bond for Wilma Keokuk Chamber Volunteer of the Year; All State Insurance for Business of the Year; David Bond for Business Person of the Year; Gene Lib for Outgoing President, Linda White and Raul Jimenez for Outgoing Member and Kathy Ballard for Outgoing Treasurer.

Board of Supervisors

25. Set public hearing for September 9, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. to consider CP07-002, Villages of Laguna San Luis Community Plan submitted by Villages of Laguna San Luis Consortium for Certification of the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR); adoption of the Villages of Laguna San Luis Community Plan; Amendment of the Merced County General Plan; Related Re-zonings; and withdrawal of lands from the Merced County Agricultural Preserve in an area generally located east of the San Luis Recreation Area, west of Interstate 5 and extending approximately two miles south and one mile north of State Highway 152.

DATE CHANGED TO SEPTEMBER 2, 2008 BASED ON CALENDAR CHANGE

26. Set public hearing for September 9, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. to consider 2008 Cycle 2, General Plan Amendment.

DATE CHANGED TO SEPTEMBER 2, 2008 BASED ON CALENDAR CHANGE

REGULAR CALENDAR

BOARD ACTION

PUBLIC WORKS

27. Resolution authorizing Contract with Merced Rescue Mission for preparation of necessary studies and CEQA compliance documentation for the construction of a 100-bed homeless shelter at an estimated cost not to exceed \$30,000.

AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NO. 2008185 AND ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2008-160 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

28. PULLED

HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

29. Authorize termination of Human Services Agency Contract with Health for Immunization Statistical Tracking Contract effective September 4, 2008.

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30. Authorize termination of Human Services Agency Contract with Merced County Association of Governments for Continuum of Care - Homeless Project with the effective date of September 4, 2008.

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31. Authorize termination of Human Services Agency Contract with Sheriff's Department for Social Worker Safety and Support effective September 4, 2008.

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32. Authorize termination of Human Services Agency Contract with Merced Lao Family Community, Inc. for employment and training services effective September 30, 2008.

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33. Authorize termination of Human Services Agency Contract with Merced Community College for Child Care for Foster Parents in Training effective September 4, 2008.

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34. Authorize termination of Human Services Agency Contract with Tinetti Realty Group for lease of property at 2926 G Street, Suites 100, 102 and 108.

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MENTAL HEALTH

35. Contract with Merced County Association of Governments for the Continuum of Care Homeless Project.

AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NO. 2008188 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

36. Contract with Sierra Vista Child and Family Services for specialty mental health services for children.

AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NO. 2008189 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

37. Contract with Merced County Office of Education for provision of services of the Family Resource Council Services.

AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NO. 2008190 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

HEALTH

38. Contract with Merced County Office of Education for purchase of Medical Therapy Services for the California Children's Services Program.

AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NO. 2008191 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

39. Contract with Catholic Healthcare West, dba Mercy Medical Center Merced for training of hospital staff for disaster services.

AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NO. 2008192 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

FIRE

40. Contract with California Dept. of Forestry and Fire Protection for the Volunteer Fire Assistance Program Grant and authorize purchase of 80 units of 50' length 2 1/2" synthetic fire hose, 80 units of 50' length 1 3/4" synthetic fire hose and 30 radio pagers and adopt Resolution.

AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NO. 2008193 AND ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2008-161 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

DEPT. OF WORKFORCE INVESTMENT

41. Contract with Stanislaus County Alliance Worknet for Valley Biotech and Science Coalition Grant.

AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NO. 2008194 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

42. Authorize termination of Dept. of Workforce Investment Contract with Kaljian and Escallier for lease of office space effective September 30, 2008.

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

SHERIFF

43. Contract with The Regents of the University of California for mandatory medical monitoring for personnel working Methamphetamine Laboratory investigations.

AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NO. 2008182 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

COUNSEL

44. Contract with Weakley, Ratliff, Arendt & McGuire for specialized legal services in the case of Wathan v. Merced County Sheriff.

AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NO. 2008195 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

45. Contract with Weakley, Ratliff, Arendt & McGuire for professional legal services in the case of Fenters v. County of Merced.

AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NO. 2008196 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

46. Authorize Special Board Project Funds-District One in the amount of \$2,233 to be used to reimburse the Le Grand Lighting Zone of Benefit for the cost of installing three outlets in Le Grand Park.

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

47. Authorize Special Board Project Funds-District Four in the amount of \$8,500 to be forwarded to the Winton Community Hall Board to assist with costs of repairs to the Winton Community Hall.

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

48. Amend the Board Meeting Calendar for the Month of September, 2008 to change the Board Meeting set for September 9, 2008 to be held on September 2, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

49. Consider the creation of a new STAR Team upon discussion and direction given by the Board of Supervisors and direct Staff to research viability and funding costs and return to the Board for action and/or further consideration.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE

50. Reschedule the public hearing for consideration and adoption of the Fiscal Year 2008/2009 Final Budget for September 16, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. and reschedule the public hearing on Proposition 4 Appropriation Limit for September 16, 2008 at 1:30 p.m.

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

BOARD INFORMATION & POSSIBLE ACTION

ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE AYES: ALL

51. Dept of Workforce Investment re: 2007/2008 WIA Subgrant Agreement R865468, Modification 3, with the State Employment Development Department.
52. Dept. of Workforce Investment re: Notification of Application with Dept. of Labor (DOL) Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM) Grant Update - Application not selected for funding.
53. State Fish and Game Commission re: Notice of Proposed Regulatory Action relating to commercial herring regulations which will appear in the California Regulatory Notice Register on July 18, 2008.
54. California Environmental Protection Agency re: Notice of Public Workshop and CEQA Scoping Meeting, Development of a Drinking Water Policy for the Central Valley.
55. State Water Resources Control Board re: Notice of Public Workshops and California Environmental Quality Act Scoping Meetings - Phase 1 of the Wetland and Riparian Area Protection Policy set for August 18 and 20, 2008.
56. State Water Resources Control Board re: Notice of Public California Environmental Quality Act Scoping Meeting - Proposed Amendment to the Policy for implementation of Toxics standards for inland surface waters, enclosed bays and estuaries of California to establish water quality objectives for cadmium and related implementation methods.
57. State Air Resources Board re: Upcoming Series of Statewide Training Sessions for the In-Use Off-Road Diesel Vehicle Registration.
58. U.S. Bureau of Reclamation re: News Release - Release of Feasibility Report for the San Luis Drainage Feature Re-evaluation.
59. State Water Resources Control Board re: Notice of Public Hearing and Proposed Adoption of Proposed Water Quality Control Plan for Enclosed Bays and Estuaries of California, Part 1, Sediment Quality Objectives.
60. State Water Resources Control Board re: Notice of Opportunity to comment - Proposed approval of an amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basins (Basin Plan) to revise Water Quality Objectives for pH and Turbidity.
61. State Water Resources Control Board re: Petition of California Sportfishing Protection Alliance Waste (Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R5-2007-0132 {NPDES No CA0079049} for the City of Davis Wastewater Treatment Plant, Yolo County), Central Valley Water Board, Board Meeting Notification.

62. State Corrections Standards Authority re: Process of revision to Adult Titles 15 and 24 California Code of Regulations, Minimum Standards for Local Detention Facilities. (On file with Clerk)
63. McClane Company Pacific re: TCRP Funding Allocation for the Campus Parkway Project in Merced, California.
64. State Dept. of Justice re: State Crime Laboratory Fees.

THE BOARD ADOPTS RESOLUTIONS IN MEMORY OF DOLORES SCHWERDTFEGER AND JOAN TROST AND ADJOURNED THE MEETING UNTIL AUGUST 19, 2008 AT 10:00 A.M.

BOARD ORDERS – SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES – AUGUST 5, 2008

10:00 A.M. SCHEDULED ITEM **2008-08-05 PUBLIC OPPORTUNITY**

Mental Health Director Frank Whitman introduces Christopher Jensen, Alcohol and Drug Specialist for Merced County and Mr. Jensen provides information on the “Recovery Happens” event set for September 6, 2008 at Applegate Park Amphitheater.

Present: Crookham, Pedrozo, Nelson, Kelsey, O’Banion

10:00 A.M. SCHEDULED ITEM **2008-08-05 PUBLIC WORKS – PUBLIC HEARING**

The time and date previously set for a public hearing to consider Proposed Ordinance for County Service Area Number One User Charge Rates for Zones of Benefit in the 2008/2009 Fiscal Year (Amends Ordinance No. 1815) submitted by Public Works.

Public Works Director Paul Fillebrown reviews Staff Report.

The Chairman asks if there is anyone present wishing to speak. No one speaks.

The Chairman closes the public hearing.

Upon motion of Supervisor O’Banion, seconded by Supervisor Pedrozo, duly carried, the Board waives further reading and adopts Ordinance No. 1848.

Ayes: Crookham, Pedrozo, Nelson, Kelsey, O’Banion

10:00 A.M. SCHEDULED ITEM **2008-08-05 PLANNING – PUBLIC HEARING**

The time and date previously set for a public hearing to consider a Resolution to set aside, vacate and void the certification of the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Riverside Motorsports Park project and to set aside, vacate and void those Riverside Motorsports Park project approvals, resolutions and ordinances as ordered by the Superior Court of the State of California, Merced County Case No. 150013 as submitted by the Planning Department.

Development Services Director Robert Lewis reviews the Staff Report.

The Chairman asks if there is anyone present wishing to speak.

Speaking in favor of the proposed Resolution: Tom Grave (Merced), Judy Doucette (Atwater), Stacie Machado (Atwater), Executive Director for Merced County Farm Bureau Diana

Westmoreland Pedrozo requests the Board adopt a policy for managing future special privilege requests.

The Board discusses the subject property's Ag. Preserve status and the application process.

Supervisor Nelson refers to a letter the Board received from Ace Bowman on this issue.

County Counsel James Fincher reviews the application process, CEQA requirements that pertain to the process, and the Indemnity Agreement the County required in this matter.

Following discussion and upon motion of Supervisor O'Banion, seconded by Supervisor Kelsey, duly carried, the Board takes the following action to set aside, vacate and void the Certification of the Final Environmental Impact Report for Riverside Motorsports Park and all related project approvals, resolutions and ordinances:

- 1) Sets aside, vacates and voids Resolution No. 2006-219, which certified the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Riverside Motorsports Park project on December 12, 2006,
- 2) Sets aside, vacates and voids Resolution No. 2006-226C which adopted the General Plan Cycle IV, 2006 Amendments on December 19, 2006, and approved General Plan Amendment GPA03-005 designating the project site from "Agricultural" to "Castle Specific Urban Development Plan Industrial" approving the General Plan Text Amendment exempting the project from the Circulation Chapter's Level of Service standards for feature and major feature sporting events, and which removed the property from the Williamson Act Agricultural Preserve,
- 3) Sets aside, vacates and voids Ordinance No. 1800 that established Section 18.33.060 of the Zoning Code by approving of Zone Change No. ZC03-007 which changed the project zoning from A-1 (General Agricultural) and A-2 (Exclusive Agricultural) to PD (Planned Development) Industrial that included the accompanying RMP project Master Plan,

and adopts Resolution No. 2008-157.

Ayes: Crookham, Pedrozo, Nelson, Kelsey, O'Banion

CONSENT ITEM NO. 23

2008-08-05 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Upon motion of Supervisor Pedrozo, seconded by Supervisor Nelson, duly carried, the Board authorizes Certificates of Recognition to the Greater Merced Chamber of Commerce individuals for graduation from Leadership Merced Class 23: Maria Azevedo, Joseph Castro, Elaine Davis, Brian Gudgel, Christie Hendricks, Floyd Higdon, Darren Hughes, Bryan Kelly, Patti Kishi, Leslie Lawson, Michael McLaughlin, Sommer Moniz, Celeste Montgomery, Nathan Quevedo, Tony Salas, Scott Skinner, Robert Taylor and Jennifer Toste.

Ayes: Crookham, Pedrozo, Nelson, Kelsey, O'Banion

ACTION ITEM NOS. 29, 30, 31, 32, 33 AND 34

2008-08-05 MENTAL HEALTH

The Clerk announces the termination of contracts between Human Services Agency and various agencies which are Action Item Nos. 29, 30, 31, 32, 33 and 34 are before the Board for consideration.

County Executive Officer Dee Tatum states in the Proposed Budget, the Mental Health Department budget was reduced by \$2.7 million and the contract termination is being proposed to help posture the department in case other reductions are needed due to the State's budget. Mr. Tatum further states the recommended action will not cause layoffs or termination of staff.

Following discussion and upon motion of Supervisor Nelson, seconded by Supervisor O'Banion, duly carried, the Board authorizes termination of the following Contracts:

Action Item No. 29, 2005105 with Health Dept. for Immunization Statistical Tracking;

Action Item No. 30, 2003103 with Merced County Association of Governments for Continuum of Care;

Action Item No. 31, 2004345 with Sheriff's Department for Social Worker Safety and Support effective September 4, 2008;

Action Item No. 32, 2006111 with Merced Lao Family Community, Inc. for Employment and Training Services effective September 30, 2008;

Action Item No. 33, 2005298 with Merced Community College for Child Care for Foster Parents in Training effective September 4, 2008; and,

Action Item No. 34, 200105 with Tinetti Realty Group for Lease of property at 2926 G Street, Suites 100, 102 and 108 effective November 4, 2008.

Ayes: Crookham, Pedrozo, Nelson, Kelsey, O'Banion

ACTION ITEM NO. 49

2008-08-05 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The Clerk announces the consideration of the creation of a new Sheriff's Department STAR Team funding costs and viability is before the Board for consideration.

Supervisor Kelsey speaks regarding the thefts taking place in the rural areas of the County and the impacts on the property owners.

The following speak regarding rural thefts and impacts and encourage the Board's support of additional staff for the Sheriff's Department to help alleviate rural crime:

Bob Weimer (Atwater) owner of Atwater Irrigation submits a list of his customers that are recent victims of rural theft; Diana Westmoreland-Pedrozo, Merced County Farm Bureau Executive Director, Galen Miamoto (Winton); Louie Bandoni (Merced) also representing Migliazzo Farming.

Sheriff Mark Pazin reviews 2007/2008 statistics concerning rural theft.

District Attorney Larry Morse speaks in support of additional deputy sheriff positions and states the need to investigate materials stolen and sold to recyclers.

Following discussion regarding the rural ag. thefts, recyclers, Sheriff's Department staffing, impacts on other County departments and protection of agriculture and constituents, the Board directs staff to return with a recommendation during Final Budget.
Present: Crookham, Pedrozo, Nelson, Kelsey, O'Banion