

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: Board of Supervisors

BOARD AGENDA# *A-2

Urgent _____ Routine X

AGENDA DATE April 30, 2002

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES X NO _____
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES _____ NO X

SUBJECT:

APPROVAL OF COMMENDATION FOR THE 61ST ANNUAL COCA-COLA MODESTO
RELAYS

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

APPROVE A COMMENDATION FOR THE 61ST ANNUAL COCA-COLA MODESTO
RELAYS

FISCAL IMPACT:

NONE

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2002-262

On motion of Supervisor Paul, Seconded by Supervisor Caruso

and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: Blom, Simon, Caruso, Paul, and Chairman Mayfield

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) X Approved as recommended

2) _____ Denied

3) _____ Approved as amended

MOTION:

ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

Christine Ferraro
By: Deputy

File No.

WHEREAS, Modesto's recorded history dates to 1870, when the Central Pacific Railroad extended its line into the heart of the San Joaquin Valley; and,

WHEREAS, if a cartographer drew up a map featuring the great track cities in the world, Modesto would be featured as one, and track people credit Tom Moore, the legendary director of the Modesto Relays, for putting Modesto on the map; and,

WHEREAS, in the uncertain time of 1942, the United States had just joined the Second World War and Fred Earle, the athletic director at Modesto Junior College met with a few of his colleagues about the possibility of holding a small track and field competition for athletes from the Bay area schools, and out of those discussions came a suggestion that he should enlist the help of a newcomer to the valley, a young man named Tom Moore; and,

WHEREAS, Tom Moore moved to Ceres in 1940 to work in his father's lumberyard and was a graduate of Petaluma High School and University of California, where he competed for the legendary Brutus Hamilton at Cal in the mid 1930's, and went on to tie the world record in the 120-yard high hurdles in 1935, clocking 14.2 seconds; and,

WHEREAS, Tom Moore was semi-retired by 1942, but competed in the inaugural meet in 1942, winning the high hurdles, and in 1945, he became the meet director, a position he has held ever since; and,

WHEREAS, an astounding 33 world records have been set in the Modesto Relays over 60 spring Saturdays at Modesto Junior College; and,

WHEREAS, a number of legendary athletes have competed at the Modesto Relays, formerly known as the California relays, such as Carl Lewis, Bob Hayes, Ralph Boston, Jim Ryun, Cornelius "Dutch" Warmerdam, Stacy Dragila, Ron Clarke, Edwin Moses, Bobby Morrow, Jackie Joyner-Kersey, Florence Griffith Joyner, Wilma Rudolph, Renaldo Nehemiah, and many others; and,

WHEREAS, with Save Mart Supermarkets signing on as the event producer in 1999, and with sponsors such as Coca-Cola and Gallo Winery, the meet is on much safer footing; and,

WHEREAS, Bob Piccinini, the chairman and CEO of Save Mart Supermarkets envisions the annual relays as the centerpiece of a community-wide event; and,

WHEREAS, although Tom Moore was inducted into the National Track & Field Hall of Fame in 1988, his greatest legacy is the Modesto Relays,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors does hereby unanimously commend the Modesto Relays upon celebrating their 61st Annual Coca-Cola Modesto Relays Track and Field Festival and wish them a successful Festival in 2002.

Upon motion by Supervisor Paul, seconded by Supervisor Caruso, the foregoing resolution was unanimously adopted this 30th day of April, 2002.

Bob Paul

Paul Mayfield

Cliff Wilson

Raymond

Paul Caruso