

URATA NEWS

Summer 2008

THUNDER VALLEY FINALLY KICKS OFF!!

After passing a series of city, county and state requirements including environmental impact studies, Thunder Valley finally gained approval on Wednesday, July 23, 2008 to move forward with construction. This prominent project will include a five star, 23-story hotel tower with 650 rooms, performing arts center, three new restaurants, two new ball-rooms, a 1.8 million square foot parking structure that will hold 4,500 vehicles and 100,000 square feet of additional gaming area. This immense project will generate 1,200 new construction jobs as well as 1,000 full-time jobs when completed.



\$10.2 million in property taxes, \$900,000 in food and beverage taxes and \$1 million in occupancy taxes annually.

Urata & Sons worked on Thunder Valley's Phase I for Perini Building Company that opened in the summer of 2003. We are very excited to be working with DavisReed and J.E. Dunn Construction on this major expansion for Phase II that is such an important part of our community.

This project is scheduled to be completed before the summer of 2010. To accomplish this goal Urata & Sons will be working on a very accelerated schedule. Stay tuned for more updates or visit our website for more information and pictures on this great project.

Urata's \$30 million dollar contract includes pouring and finishing 1.8 million square feet of parking garage slabs, hotel tower foundations and over 600,000 square feet of elevated slabs. We will also be pouring over 500,000 square feet of slab-on-grade and slab-on-metal deck not to mention over 100,000 square feet of new exterior flatwork at support structure foundations. When this project is completed it is expected to generate



First Pour at Thunder valley

Project Location:	Lincoln, CA
Project Amount:	\$32,000,000.00
Project Manager:	David Acrell
General Superintendent:	Mark Present
Site Superintendents:	Kevin Townsend, Reed Gillespie, Doug Keeney, Paul Miller, and Steve Petkovich

Helping Our Community

Urata & Sons participated in the Grant Napear Golf Classic on Monday, August 4, 2008. This Future Foundation is dedicated to providing college and vocational opportunities for low socio-economic youths. By helping to educate students who may not otherwise be able to afford college will create a stronger, more productive and caring society.



For the Love of Concrete

Las Vegas, NV

Article by Jeff Pierce

The concrete pour crew at CityCenter whom are all members of the Laborers Local 872 have been working together on the infamous CityCenter project for one year now. This is an incredible group of men who have done an outstanding job contributing to the success of CityCenter. They have demonstrated excellent teamwork and strenuous labor.

If anyone knows concrete, they know the working hours are far from the normal 8 to 5. This crew has had some extraordinary working hours which vary from 12:30am to 4:30am. Their quitting time is when the concrete is poured, the mess is cleaned up, the system is broke down, moved and set back up for the next days pour. This job by all means, is not easy! If anyone has watched a crew pour concrete they know that it is backbreaking and tiring. These men spend most of their day at the end of a shovel bent over shoveling concrete for hours while moving a four inch hose system with a pipe line.

Through all this backbreaking, arduous work this crew has maintained excellent morale and one of the best safety records. When I asked the General Foreman, Pancho Guzman how he keeps the morale up and the injuries down, he said, "the guys know each other and know what they're doing, so they watch each others back and help each other." As Safety Specialist for Urata & Sons, I have to admit I haven't been more proud.



Bottom Row: Marco Porras, Arnulfo Montano, Juan Guzman, Jose Barreras

Top Row: Hermenegildo (Kiko) Rodriguez, Pedro Inzunza, Oranio Inzunza, Francisco (Pancho) Guzman

Not pictured: Horacio Inzunza

Current Projects

CALIFORNIA

- **Washington High School**
Turner Construction – Sacramento, CA
- **Thunder Valley Casino**
DavisReed/JE Dunn Construction – Lincoln, CA
- **St. Joseph's Medical Center**
Turner Construction – Stockton, CA
- **Elk Grove Promenade**
Howard S. Wright – Elk Grove, CA
- **Ritz Carlton Club Phase I**
SMC Contracting – Northstar, CA
- **Sierra College**
Turner Construction – Grass Valley, CA
- **Oak Ridge High School Remodel**
Carter Kelly Construction – El Dorado Hills, CA
- **Cal Trans District 3**
Turner Construction – Marysville, CA
- **South Lake Tahoe Refuse**
Thomas Haen Co. – South Lake Tahoe, CA
- **Sacramento State Recreational & Wellness**
McCarthy Construction – Sacramento, CA

NEVADA

- **CityCenter Project**
Perini Building Co. - Las Vegas, NV
- **CityCenter Fire Station #32=20**
Tooles Construction Company - Las Vegas, NV
- **St. Joseph's Medical Center**
Turner Construction – Stockton, CA
- **VDARA Topping Slab**
Valley Crest Landscape Development - Las Vegas, NV

Project Updates -

Elk Grove Promenade was the first project that Urata & Sons has done for Howard S. Wright Construction



and has turned out to be a big success. Mark Abarca who led the Urata team dealt with daily ongoing plan changes and kept everything in check with his hard work and thoroughness. Mark did an outstanding job but couldn't do it without the back up of field team leaders: Kevin Townsend, Mike Cunningham, Steve Castro, Doug Keeney and Andrew Cooke. Way to go guys for getting the job done on time and with outstanding quality.

San Juan Mercy Parking Garage was another successful project that Urata & Sons did for Turner Construction. With the superb leadership of Superintendent, Kevin Schultz and field foreman, Mike Cunningham, Urata was able to complete the project on time and under budget which in turn helped Turner and the Mercy Hospital relieve the parking congestion earlier than expected. Way to go Kevin and Mike for working together to sustain excellent workmanship and dedication.

Sofio's Annual Fishing Trip... A Big Success!!

Urata & Sons' annual fishing trip took place on July 19, 2008. Our fellow anglers departed Sacramento, CA at 3:30am and headed for Berkeley, California where there were two boats waiting for us. Each boat contained about 35 people. David Acrell's son, Bryce won the contest for the largest fish and the most caught. He caught seven fish and the largest was 15lbs AND 31.1 inches long. Despite the cold weather everyone enjoyed a full filled day of fishing, lunch and some great laughs.

A **big** thank you to Sofio Urata and Joey Stetson for planning such a wonderful event!!



A job well done... A good problem to have!!

Article by Joey Stetson

We would like to take our hats off and thank Nick Contreras for being an outstanding Employee. Nick started working for Urata & Sons in September 2007. For the past six months he has been working on the St. Joseph's Medical Center in Stockton, California on a Turner Construction Project.

On June 25, 2008, a typical workday, Nick noticed a lot of smoke coming from the lower level of the medical facility. When he saw the smoke which appeared to be unusual he immediately brought it to the attention of Steve Frost, Turner's safety manager. Nick made himself available to assist Steve and help clear everyone out of the area. Nick's actions were very appropriate and admirable.

We would like to give a special thank you and commend Nick for doing a wonderful job and Staying Safe!!



Welcome New Employees

CALIFORNIA OFFICE

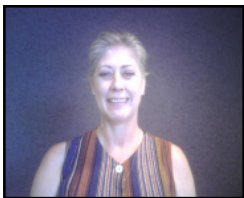
Mark Present – General Superintendent



Mark joined Urata & Sons on July 7, 2008. He is originally from a small town in Wisconsin. He went into the US Coast Guard right out of high school and went through

the Academy. The Service sent him to Graduate school at the University of Illinois. He retired as a Commander in 1984, and went to work for Roebbelen Construction as a Field Engineer. He spent 23 years at Roebbelen fulfilling various positions, and retired as the Division Manager for Special Projects. He and his wife Paula recently celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary. Mark claims that they were not fortunate enough to have children, but have several spoiled pups, the most recent being a 7# miniature wiener dog. In Mark's spare time, he loves to get on board cruise ships and to date he has embarked eighteen. Mark is also a World War II airplane nut, and belongs to both the Confederate Air Force and the Experimental Aircraft Association. In summary, Mark has lived a full-filled and interesting life!

Sharon Oyler – Project Administrator for Thunder Valley jobsite



Sharon joined Urata & Sons on August 4, 2008. Sharon was originally from Gilroy but in 1995 she relocated to Sacramento. Since then

she has been involved in construction from residential remodels to California prisons. Prior to starting with Urata she worked for a General Contractor for 8 years until he retired. Sharon is excited about her new position with Urata and looking forward to being a part of the Thunder Valley Team!!

Crystal Hernandez – Dispatcher



Crystal joined Urata & Sons on May 12, 2008. Crystal is a single mother and has two children, Cameron, 17 and Marisa, 10. Prior to working for Urata & Sons she was an Administra-

tive/personal assistant for Vice President of Aspire Investments. Before coming to Urata she knew nothing about concrete or dispatching. Crystal is bi-lingual in Spanish and has caught on rather quickly. She recently went through a divorce and had to start all over with a new house, new life and new job. She claims that she truly enjoys her job and has met so many great people. In her spare time she loves listening to music of all kinds and being out in the sun and water. Crystal comes to work every day with a smile and we are happy to have her.

Alex Spence – Receptionist



Alex joined Urata & Sons on May 19, 2008. She recently graduated from University of California, Davis with a degree in Psychology. She also recently got married and just returned

from a fabulous honeymoon in Puerto Vallarta. After graduating college she wanted to spread her wings and see what opportunities were out there. That's when she found her job at Urata. She claims that she loves every minute of her job and it has been a great and rewarding learning experience every step of the way.

We'd also like to give a warm welcome to our newest Foremen.

Nevada Foremen

Benny Cortez - Promoted to Laborer Foreman
Juan Gonzalez

We are very pleased to have all of these employees join our team.

Mark Your Calendars

September 13, 2008

Annual Company Picnic (California)

October 31, 2008

Office Halloween Party

November 27, 2008

Thanksgiving Holiday

December 25, 2008

Christmas Holiday

January 10, 2009

Company Party (California)



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If you have comments regarding our newsletter please email inquiries@urataconcrete.com

For more information on Urata & Sons, including career opportunities, recently completed projects and more, please visit our newly designed website www.urataconcrete.com

Announcements

Brad Dent and his wife had their first baby boy born on May 5, 2008. They named him Andrew Dayle and he was 6 lbs and 6 ounces. We would like to congratulate Brad and his wife on their first born.



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