

Split vote on Raley's contract nullifies it

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A tentative labor contract at Save Mart Supermarkets was supposed to bring clarity to the labor drama gripping Northern California's supermarket industry.

Instead, it brought more confusion.

The United Food and Commercial Workers announced Wednesday that workers in the Central Valley voted to ratify a two-year contract with the Modesto grocery chain.

But two locals covering the Bay Area rejected the deal with Save Mart, the UFCW said.

A union spokeswoman said the split verdict means the contract won't go into effect.

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