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RACE DATES COMMITTEE MEETING

of the California Horse Racing Board will be held on Wednesday, July 13, 2016, commencing at 1:00 p.m., at the Del Mar Surfside Race Place, (Downstairs General Admission Area) 2260 Jimmy Durante Blvd., Del Mar, California. Non-committee Board members attending the committee meeting may not participate in the public discussion, official committee vote, or committee closed session.

AGENDA

Agenda Items

1. Discussion and action regarding **the allocation of California race dates calendar and related issues.**
2. **General Business:** Communications, reports, requests for future actions of the Committee.

Additional information regarding this meeting may be obtained from Mike Marten at the CHRB Office at Los Alamitos Race Course, 4961 E. Katella Avenue, Los Alamitos, CA, 90720; telephone (714) 820-2748; cell (714) 240-1870; fax (714) 821-6232. A copy of this notice can be located on the CHRB website at www.chrb.ca.gov. *Information for requesting disability related accommodation for persons with a disability who requires aids or services in order to participate in this public meeting, should contact Mike Marten.

RACE DATES COMMITTEE
Chairman Chuck Winner, Chairman
Commissioner Steve Beneto, Member
Commissioner George Krikorian, Member
Rick Baedeker, Executive Director
Jacqueline Wagner, Assistant Executive Director

STAFF ANALYSIS
DISCUSSION AND ACTION
REGARDING THE ALLOCATION
OF CALIFORNIA RACE DATES AND
RELATED ISSUES

Race Date Committee Meeting
July 13, 2016

ISSUE:

For the June 15, 2016 Race Date Committee meeting the industry was asked to submit proposed race dates for discussions regarding the allocating of California race dates. At that meeting, constructive discussion took place; with no definitive decisions made regarding dates allocation.

Subsequent to the June 2016 Committee meeting, the industry was asked to submit revised dates proposals. Golden Gate Fields (GGF) was the only association to submit a revised proposal. It should be noted, that Del Mar, while submitting no revisions to the Del Mar dates previously requested, did request that a 2017 stabling agreement - via the Stabling and Vanning Committee, be executed by all Southern California stakeholders prior to the allocation of 2017 race dates.

The proposals are as follows:

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

California Authority of Racing Fairs (CARF)

- June 21 - July 9
Alameda County Fair – Oak Tree at Pleasanton
- July 12 - July 30
California State Fair
- August 23 - September 4 (Proposed with no overlap)
Humboldt County Fair
- September 6 - September 17
Alameda County Fair - Oak Tree at Pleasanton Fall
- September 20 - October 1
Alameda County Fair - Oak Tree at Pleasanton Fall (formerly Stockton)
- October 4 - October 15
Fresno District Fair

CARF notes the proposed calendar represents inclusive block proposed for each fair. Specific racing dates may vary within the proposed blocks.

SONOMA COUNTY FAIR

July 19 - August 6

Represents one more live racing day over the 2016 race meeting.

Dark Days; Monday and Tuesday with simulcast only on Wednesday. Live racing days would be as follows:

July 20, 21, 22, 23, 27, 28, 29, 30; August 3, 4, 5, and 6

Sonoma notes all requested race dates will coincide with all of Sonoma's 2017 fair dates and will provide for a more robust race meeting.

GOLDEN GATE FIELDS

(Revised proposal subsequent to the June 15, 2016 meeting of the Race Dates Committee)

December 21, 2016 - June 13, 2017

August 23 - October 3, 2017 (Overlap with Humboldt; August 25, 26, and 27)

October 18 - December 19, 2017

In the GGF revised proposal the winter/spring race meeting ends one week earlier in June than in the calendar previously submitted. GGF submits that by dropping this week in June the fairs will be able to start one week earlier and have a longer season.

GGF continues to propose opening its summer race meeting on August 24 and running through October 1 (which includes the old Stockton dates). They propose that by GGF running the former Stockton dates, they will be able to open its summer race meeting one week later and as a result Humboldt is able to run the first week of its race meeting un-overlapped – something Humboldt has been requesting for the last many years.

With respect to Southern California, GGF appreciates the constructive conversation that took place at the June dates committee meeting and looks forward to another productive meeting in July. To date, the industry has not had a chance to hold a stabling and vanning meeting to discussing stabling for 2017. It is anticipated that a stabling and vanning meeting may be held the week of July 4. Since that meeting has not be held, at this time Santa Anita believes it is premature to submit a revised proposed 2017 race dates calendar for Southern California.

COMMISSIONER PROPOSAL

- June 14 - July 4
Alameda County Fair – Oak Tree at Pleasanton
- July 5 - July 23
California State Fair
- July 26 – August 18
Sonoma County Fair
- August 16 – August 27
Humboldt County Fair
- August 18 – September 17
Golden Gate Fields

- September 22 – October 1
Alameda County Fair - Oak Tree at Pleasanton Fall (Formerly Stockton)
- October 4 - October 15
Fresno District Fair

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

SANTA ANITA (SA) AND DEL MAR (DMR) (Joint Proposal)

SA: December 26 - July 4
 DMR: July 5 - September 5
 Los Alamitos: September 6 - September 26
 SA: September 27 - October 31
 DMR: November 1 - November 28
 Los Alamitos: November 29 - December 19
 SA: December 26, 2017 -

LOS ANGELES COUNTY FAIR AT LOS ALAMITOS

September 6 - September 24
 The three week period where racing has historically been conducted by the fair.

LOS ALAMITOS (THOROUGHBRED MEETING)

November 29 - December 17

Los Alamitos submits that this is a period in which Los Alamitos previously conducted thoroughbred racing. One week Christmas break would be provided prior to the opening of the Santa Anita race meeting.

Los Alamitos is also requesting two consecutive weeks for racing either at the end of Santa Anita's main meet or somewhere during Santa Anita's main race meeting. In 2016, Los Alamitos had been allocated a three week meet between the Santa Anita Derby and the Kentucky Derby.

HARNESS

WATCH AND WAGER LLC AT CAL EXPO

December 26 - May 6
 October 14 - December 23

Watch and Wager anticipates racing on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings. One Monday evening, December 26, 2016 is planned.

RECOMMENDATION

This item is presented for discussion and action.

CARF - 2017 PROPOSED NORTHERN CALIFORNIA RACING DATES CALENDAR -

2016

As Proposed June 2, 2016

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RACE DAYS

Pleasanton	12
Cal Expo	11
Santa Rosa	11
Humboldt	7
Oak Tree/CARF (Pleasanton Fall)	8
Stockton (Pleasanton Fall)	8
Fresno	9

CARF MEETS	55
SANTA ROSA	11
TOTAL FAIR DAYS	66

SIMULCAST-ONLY DAYS	21
TOTAL NORTHERN CALIFORNIA FAIR DAYS	66

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Proposed Dates - 2017 WINE COUNTRY RACE DATES from SONOMA COUNTY FAIR

Santa Rosa Race Days Total = 12

Simulcast Only Days Total = 3

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Proposed Dates Submitted By: Sonoma County Fair and Exposition, Inc.

2017 Northern California Race Dates - Golden Gate Field Proposal

License Period

GGF - December 21, 2016 through June 13, 2017

GGF - August 23 through October 3, 2017 (Overlap with Humboldt August 25, 26, & 27)

GGF - October 18 through December 19, 2017

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PROPOSED DATES - 2017 NORTHERN CALIFORNIA RACE DATES - CHRB COMMISSIONER

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Pleasanton - June 14 - July 4

Sacramento- July 5 - July 23

Santa Rosa- July 26 - August 13

Ferndale (GGF overlap) - August 16 - 27

Golden Gate (Ferndale overlap)

August 18 - September 17

Pleasanton- Sept. 22 - Oct. 1

Fresno October 4 - October 15

Proposed Dates Submitted By: CHRB Commissioners

2017 Southern California Race Dates - Joint Proposal of Santa Anita and Del Mar

SA - December 21, 2016 through July 4, 2017

DMR - July 5 through September 5, 2017

Los AI - September 6 through 26, 2017

SA - September 27 through October 31, 2017

DMR - November 1 through 28, 2017

Los AI - November 29 through December 19, 2017

SA - License begins December 20, 2017

Santa Anita	130
Del Mar	56
Los AI	24

Total Race Dates	210
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2017 Dates Proposals - Northern California

Note: allocations begin on the Wednesday prior to Opening Day and end on the Tuesday following Closing Day.

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2015

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2016

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Proposed 2017 Calendars

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2	GGF - Original Adds extra week to at end of meet to June 20 pushing fairs back one week; adds former Stockton slot to end of Fall meet	GGF (did not submit)												GGF		(did not submit)		GGF												
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2	GGF - New Spring/Summer meet ends one week earlier; only one week of overlap with Ferndale	GGF (did not submit)												FERN/GGF		GGF		(did not submit)		GGF										
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3	CARF Starts Pleasanton a week later pushing all fairs back one week; creates new Oak Tree / CARF meet at Pleasanton	GGF												PLEASANTON			CAL EXPO			SONOMA		FERNDALE		OT/CARF		PLN/STK		FRESNO		GGF
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4	Santa Rosa Restores Sonoma dates to 2014 slot	(did not submit)												SONOMA		(did not submit)														
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2017 Dates Proposals - Southern California

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Del Mar / Santa Anita

Breeders' Cup 11/3-11/4

1	SANTA ANITA				DEL MAR			LA/FPX	SANTA ANITA		DEL MAR	LA		2015			
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Los Alamitos

2	In addition, Los Alamitos requests two consecutive weeks of racing either at the end of Santa Anita's main meet or somewhere during Santa Anita's main meet.										LA/FPX	LA		2015		
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