CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD 1010 HURLEY WAY, SUITE 300 SACRAMENTO, CA 95825 (916) 263-6000 FAX (916) 263-6042



# RACE DATES COMMITTEE MEETING

of the California Horse Racing Board, to consider Race Dates issues, will be held on Wednesday, October 14, 2009, commencing at 2:00 p.m., in the Ballroom at the Harris Ranch Inn and Restaurant, 24505 West Dorris Avenue, Coalinga, California. This meeting to discuss issues before the Race Dates Committee is noticed as a Board Meeting, in order to allow, consistent with California's Open Meeting Law, four or more CHRB commissioners, including non-Race Dates Committee members, to attend and participate in the meeting. In the absence of a board quorum, the commissioner attendees will nonetheless proceed with non-final actions similar to a committee of the whole.

#### Agenda Items

- 1. Discussion and action regarding the allocation of race dates and related issues for 2010 and beyond.
- 2. Public Comment: Communications, reports, requests for future actions of the Board. Note: Persons addressing the Board under this item will be restricted to three (3) minutes for their presentation.

Additional information regarding this meeting may be obtained from Jacqueline Wagner at the CHRB Administrative Office, 1010 Hurley Way, Suite 300, Sacramento, CA 95825; telephone (916) 263-6000; fax (916) 263-6042. A copy of this notice can be located on the CHRB website at <a href="https://www.chrb.ca.gov">www.chrb.ca.gov</a>. \*Information for requesting disability related accommodation for persons with a disability who require aids or services in order to participate in this public meeting, should contact Jacqueline Wagner.

#### CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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# STAFF ANALYSIS DISCUSSION AND ACTION BY THE BOARD REGARDING THE ALLOCATION OF RACE DATES AND RELATED ISSUES FOR 2010 AND BEYOND

# Race Dates Committee October 14, 2009

#### BACKGROUND

Business and Professions Code section 19440 (a) states the Board shall have all powers necessary and proper to enable it to carry out fully and effectually the purposes of this chapter. Responsibilities of the Board shall include allocation of racing dates to qualified associations in accordance with law.

Board Rule 1430, Allocation of Racing Weeks and Dates, states the Board shall allocate racing weeks and dates for the conduct of horse racing in this State for such time periods and at such racing facilities as the Board determines will best subserve the purposes of the Horse Racing Law and which will be in the best interests of the people of California in accord with the intent of the Horse Racing Law.

In preparation for discussion regarding 2010 race date allocations, the industry was asked to submit proposed 2010 race dates. Proposals for Southern California thoroughbred race dates have been received from the Los Angles Turf Club at Santa Anita; Hollywood Park Racing Association; Del Mar Thoroughbred Club (DMTC); Oak Tree Racing Association at Santa Anita and Fairplex Park Pomona (Pomona). The Los Alamitos Race Course has submitted its proposed 2010 race dates.

Northern California's 2010 proposed racing calendar was submitted by Pacific Racing Association (PRA) on behalf of PRA, TOC and California Authority of Racing Fairs (CARF). This is a calendar on which PRA, TOC and CARF can currently agree. Details of the summer block of dates, shown on the attached draft, are still being negotiated.

California Exposition and State Fair (CESF) advised that the Cal Expo Board of Directors will meet October 9, 2009 to discuss the concept of moving its fair dates in 2010. Dependent upon the decision made by the Cal Expo Board, CESF will request 11 to 13 racing days, with days of racing to occur within the block of dates allocated for summer fair racing.

If the fair program is moved to July, CESF would request 13 racing days to begin concurrent with the opening of its fair. If dates remain in the current timeframe, CESF would request 14 racing days, which would include the traditional August racing dates and conclude on Labor Day.

In 2010 Cal Expo Harness proposes to race 45 weeks from December 26, 2009 through December 18, 2010 with a summer break of approximately seven weeks. Race dates would include 132 racing days at three days per week.

#### **ANALYSIS**

- 1. 2010 Southern California Proposed Race Dates (Proposed dates submitted by Los Angeles Turf Club; Hollywood Park racing Association; Del Mar Thoroughbred Club; Los Angeles Country Fair (Fairplex) and Oak Tree Racing Association).
- 2. 2010 Northern California Proposed Race Dates (Proposed dates submitted by Pacific Racing Association; California Authority of Racing Fairs).
- 3. 2010 California Exposition/ Harness Proposed Race Dates
- 4. 2010 California Exposition and State Fair Race Dates proposal.
- 5. 2010 Los Alamitos Proposed Race Dates
- 6. 2009 Racing Calendars
- 7. 2010 Blank Calendar

#### RECOMMENDATION

This item is presented for Committee discussion.

# PROPOSED 2010 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RACE DATES

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Proposed Dates Submitted by:

Los Angeles Turf Club (LATC); Hollywood Park Racing Association (HP); Del Mar Thoroughbred Club (DM); Los Angeles County Fair(Fairplex); Oak Tree Racing Association (Oak Tree)

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Proposed Dates Submitted by:

Cal Expo Harness Association



September 8, 2009

Commissioners California Horse Racing Board 1010 Hurley Way, Suite 300 Sacramento, CA 95825

Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of the California Exposition & State Fair we respectfully submit our request for FAIR THOROUGHBRED AND OTHER BREED racing dates for 2010.

As you may or may not know, we consider our most recently concluded race meet a success due to the fact that our live racing handle in Northern and Southern California experienced an increase 5% from 2008.

With the assist and concurrence of the Thoroughbred Owners of California, we were also able to increase the amount of purse money paid to horsemen for specific classes.

The Cal Expo Board of Directors will meet October 9, 2009 to discuss the concept of moving our fair dates in 2010. Dependent upon the decision made by the Cal Expo Board, we will request racing days in the amount of 11 to 13 days, with days of racing to occur within the block of dates allocated for summer fair racing.

If our fair program is moved to July, we would request 13 racing days that would begin concurrently with the opening of our fair. If dates remain in the current timeframe, we would request 14 racing days which would include the traditional August racing dates and concluding on Labor Day.

Respectfully,

CALIFORNIA EXPOSITION & STATE FAIR

Norbert J. Bartosik, General Manager/CEO

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cc Mr. Kirk Breed

Ms. Jackie Wagner

Cal Expo Board of Directors

Mr. David Elliott

# PROPOSED 2010 LOS ALAMITOS RACE DATES

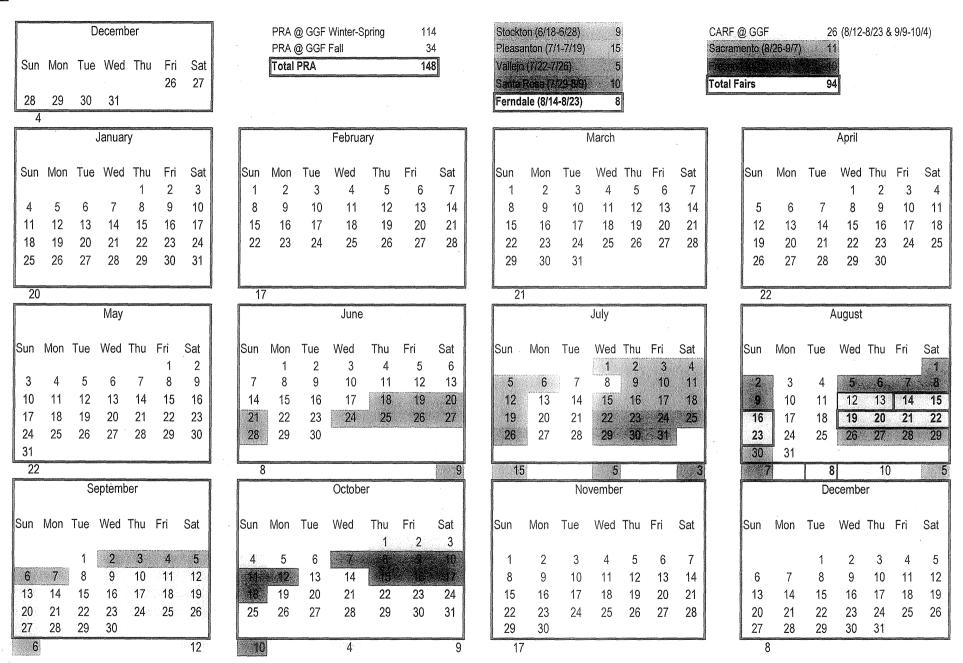
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Proposed Dates Submitted by:

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