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# RACE DATES COMMITTEE MEETING

of the California Horse Racing Board will be held on Wednesday, September 21, 2016, commencing at <u>10:30 a.m.</u>, in the Baldwin Terrace Room at the Santa Anita Park Race Track, 285 West Huntington Drive, Arcadia, 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 Northern 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 <u>www.chrb.ca.gov</u>. \*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

#### Item 1

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

## Race Date Committee Meeting September 21, 2016

#### ISSUE:

In preparation for the August 22, 2016 Race Dates Committee meeting, the industry was asked to submit proposed three-year dates calendars for discussion regarding the allocating of race dates beginning year 2017.

At the August 22, 2016 Race Dates Committee meeting, the Committee recommended approval of a rolling three-year racing calendar for thoroughbred race meetings in southern California as submitted by the race tracks and horsemen reflecting a multi-year agreement on racing and stabling. The Board at its August 23, 2016 meeting, as part of its motion to approve the Committee's recommendation, reserved the right to annually alter the calendars as may be deemed necessary. The allocated dates for the 2017 Southern California racing season are: Santa Anita Park, December 21 (opening day December 26) through July 4; Los Alamitos, July 5 through July 18; Del Mar, July 19 through September 5; Fairplex at Los Alamitos, September 6 through September 26; Santa Anita, September 27 through October 31; Del Mar, November 1 through November 28; and Los Alamitos, November 29 through December 19. The 2018 and 2019 approved allocations mirror this sequence of dates with minor changes due to differences in the calendar and hosting of the Breeders' Cup.

At the August 2016 Race Dates Committee meeting, constructive discussion took place regarding Northern California race dates with no definitive decisions made regarding dates allocation. The stakeholders in Northern California have not reached an agreement on a proposed calendar for 2017 or for 2018 and 2019. The Committee indicated that if racing associations, fairs, and horsemen do not submit a consensus calendar or calendars by the September 22 Board meeting, the Committee will recommend to the Board that it decide those dates.

Subsequent to the August 2016 Committee meeting, the Northern California stakeholders were asked to submit new or revised three-year race dates proposals. Santa Rosa (Sonoma) submitted no changes and a letter was received from Senators Mike McGuire, Lois Wolk and Assembly Members Jim Wood and Marc Levine, supporting Sonoma County Fairs three year race dates proposal. Golden Gate Fields (GGF) also submitted no changes to its July 2016 race dates proposal. GGF also added that while they did submit a three year proposal as requested, they continue to recommend that the Board should only allocate dates for 2017.

California Authority of Racing Fairs (CARF) submitted two proposals (Scenarios A and B) that will be discussed at its September 15, 2016 meeting with Santa Rosa. Scenario A is the CARF proposal to date. In Scenario A CARF is asking that host fees be reinstated to Humboldt for Wednesday and Thursdays of each racing week.

Scenario B is a proposal to compromise with Santa Rosa. Santa Rosa has expressed a concern that if CARF cannot move its proposed June 21 start date to a June 14 start date, that racing a third week without a fair at Santa Rosa may not be economically feasible. In Scenario B, CARF is proposing to give the Santa Rosa third week to Humboldt to run unoverlapped and receive a portion of the increased racing commissions from not running unoverlapped. To date, the outcome of that meeting is unknown.

The proposals are as follows:

#### NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

California Authority of Racing Fairs (CARF) 2017 Race Dates Proposal (Scenario A) to be discussed at September 15, 2016, meeting with Santa Rosa)

Alameda County Fair - Oak Tree at Pleasanton: June 21 - July 11

California State Fair: July 12 - August 1

Humboldt County Fair: August 23 - September 4

- (Seven overlapped race days with Golden Gate Fields;
- Humboldt County Fair Host status (8/23,8/24,8/30, 8/31)

Alameda County Fair (Oak Tree at Pleasanton Fall) (formerly Stockton): September 20 - October 3

Fresno District Fair: October 4 - October 17

CARF notes the proposed calendar represents inclusive blocks proposed for each fair. Specific racing dates may vary within the proposed blocks. Date ranges reflect Host status unless otherwise noted.

California Authority of Racing Fairs (CARF) 2017 Race Dates Proposal (Scenario B) to be discussed at September 15, 2016, meeting with Santa Rosa)

Alameda County Fair - Oak Tree at Pleasanton: June 21 - July 11

California State Fair: July 12 - August 1

Humboldt County Fair: August 16 – August 27

- First week unoverlapped four live race dates
- Humboldt County Fair Host status (8/16, through 8/23)
- Humboldt County Fair revenue sharing week one with Sonoma County Fair

• Three overlapped race days with Golden Gate Fields (8/25,8/26,8/27)

Alameda County Fair (Oak Tree at Pleasanton Fall) (formerly Stockton): September 20 - October 3

Fresno District Fair: October 4 - October 17

CARF notes the proposed calendar represents inclusive blocks proposed for each fair. Specific racing dates may vary within the proposed blocks. Date ranges reflect Host status unless otherwise noted.

Sonoma County Fair (Santa Rosa) 2017 Race Dates Proposal Alameda County Fair - (Oak Tree at Pleasanton): June 15 - July 2 California State Fair: July 6 - July 16 Santa Rosa: July 19 - August 6 Humboldt: August 11- August 20

Sonoma County Fair (Santa Rosa) 2018 Race Dates Proposal Alameda County Fair - Oak Tree at Pleasanton June 14 - July 1 California State Fair: July 5 - July 15 Santa Rosa: July 18 - August 5 Humboldt: August 10 - August 19

## Sonoma County Fair (Santa Rosa) 2019 Race Dates Proposal

Alameda County Fair (Oak Tree at Pleasanton): June 20 - July 7 California State Fair: July 11 - July 21 Santa Rosa: July 24 - August 11 Humboldt: August 16 - August 25

## Golden Gate Fields 2017 Race Dates Proposal

Golden Gate Fields: December 21, 2016 - June 20, 2017 Alameda County Fair (Oak Tree at Pleasanton): June 21 - July 11 California State Fair: July 12, 2017 - August 1 Sonoma County Fair (Santa Rosa): August 2 - August 22 Golden Gate Fields: August 23 - October 3 Humboldt County Fair: August 16 - August 29 (Overlapped) Fresno: October 4 - October 17 Golden Gate Fields: October 18 - December 19

## **Golden Gate Fields 2018 Race Dates Proposal**

Golden Gate Fields: December 20, 2017 - June 29, 2018 Alameda County Fair (Oak Tree at Pleasanton): June 20 - July 10 California State Fair: July 11, 2018 - July 31 Sonoma County Fair (Santa Rosa): August 1- August 21 Golden Gate Fields: August 22 - October 2 Humboldt County Fair: August 15 - August 28 (Overlapped) Fresno: October 3 - October 16 Golden Gate Fields: October 17 - December 18

#### Golden Gate Fields 2019 Race Dates Proposal

Golden Gate Fields: December 21, 2018 - June 28, 2019 Alameda County Fair - Oak Tree at Pleasanton: June 19 - July 9 California State Fair: July 10 - July 30 Sonoma County Fair (Santa Rosa): July 31 - August 20 Golden Gate Fields: August 21 - October 1 Humboldt County Fair: August 14 - August 27 (Overlapped) Fresno: October 2 - October 15

## Golden Gate Fields: October 16 – December 17, 2019

### COMMISSIONER PROPOSAL (2017 Race Dates 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

## HARNESS (2017 Race Dates Proposal)

## 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.

#### QUARTER HORSE (2017 RACE DATES PROPOSAL)

December 30, 2016-December 17, 2017 (Inclusive)

Actual dates racing will be held: December 30, 2016 January 1, 6-8, 13-15, 20-22, 27-29 (13) February 2-3, 10-12, 17-19, 24-26 (11) March 3-5, 10-12, 17-19, 24-26, 31 (13) April 1-2, 7-9, 14-15, 21-23, 28-30 (13) May 5-7, 12-14, 19-21, 26-28 (12) June 2-4, 9-11, 16-18, 23-25 (12)

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#### RECOMMENDATION

This item is presented for discussion and action.

## 2017 Dates Proposals - Northern California; September 21, 2017

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## CALIFORNIA AUTHORITY OF RACING FAIRS Proposed Racing Dates for CARF Member Fairs in Northern California

2017

## 2017 – Scenario A

- June 21-July 11
  - o Alameda County Fair Oak Tree at Pleasanton
- July 12-August 1
  - o California State Fair
- August 23-Sept 4
  - o Humboldt County Fair
    - Seven overlapped race days with Golden Gate Fields
    - Humboldt County Fair Host status (8/23, 8/24, 8/30, 8/31)
- Sept. 20-Oct. 3
  - o Alameda County Fair Oak Tree at Pleasanton Fall (formerly Stockton)
- Oct. 4-Oct. 17
  - o Fresno District Fair

## 2017 – Scenario B

- June 21-July 11
  - o Alameda County Fair Oak Tree at Pleasanton
- July 12-August 1
  - o California State Fair
- August 16-August 27
  - o Humboldt County Fair
    - First week unoverlapped four live race days
    - Humboldt County Fair Host status (8/16 through 8/23)
    - Humboldt County Fair revenue sharing week 1 with Sonoma
       County Fair
    - Three overlapped race days with Golden Gate Fields (8/25, 8/26, 8/27)
- Sept. 20-Oct. 3
  - o Alameda County Fair Oak Tree at Pleasanton Fall (formerly Stockton)
- Oct. 4-Oct. 17
  - o Fresno District Fair

Please note that this proposed schedule shows inclusive calendar blocks proposed for each Fair. Specific racing dates may vary within those proposed blocks. Date ranges reflect Host status unless otherwise noted.



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September 15, 2016

Mr. Rick Baedeker, Executive Director California Horse Racing Board 1010 Hurley Way Sacramento, CA 95825

Dear Mr. Baedeker,

As requested by Board staff, the California Authority of Racing Fairs respectfully submits the attached proposals for Northern California racing dates at CARF member Fairs in 2017. Horse racing is conducted at the CARF member Fairs shown below.

- Alameda County Fair
- California State Fair
- Humboldt County Fair
- Fresno District Fair

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher Korby Executive Director

Cc: CARF Racing Fair CEO's

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## **DRAFT - 2017 PROPOSED NORTHERN CALIFORNIA FAIR CALENDAR - SCENARIO B**

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August 11, 2016

The Honorable Chuck Winner Chairman California Horse Racing Board 1010 Hurley Way Sacramento, CA 95825

Dear Chairman Winner,

Sonoma County Fair and Wine Country Racing is please to present its proposed racing dates for 2017, 2018 and 2019.

We understand the challenge facing the California Horse Racing Board in determining dates for the racing fairs and appreciate your efforts and concerns; understanding that your goal is to do what is in the best interest of racing and the State of California.

After a lengthy review of attendance and handle we believe the following proposed dates truly do accomplish the goals of your board. The proposed racing dates (a total of 12 live racing dates each year) will allow for horse racing and the Fair to run concurrently; which is a much more financially and operationally sound model. In contrast the racing dates proposed by the California Association of Racing Fairs and Commissioner Benito both push the Sonoma County Fair into August where schools are back in session and our carnival is contracted at another Fair. As is evidenced by attendance in 2015 at our bonus week of racing on-track handle is significantly less when the Fair is not occurring.

The following is what we propose for the summer racing fairs, 2017, 2018 and 2019.

#### 2017

Pleasanton: June 15, 16, 17 & 18, 22, 23, 24, 25, 29, 30 & July 1 & 2

Cal Expo: July 6, 7, 8, 9, 13, 14, 15 & 16.

Santa Rosa: July 19, 20,21,22,23, 26, 27,28,29,30 & August 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 (July 19, 26 and August 2 Simulcast only)

Humboldt: August 11, 12 13, 18, 19, 20

## 2018

Pleasanton: June 14,15,16, 17,21,22,23,24,28,29,30 & July 1

Cal Expo: July 5,6,7,8,12,13,15 & 15

Santa Rosa: July 18,19,20,21,22,25,26,27,28,29 & August, 1,2,3,4, 5 (July 18, 25 & August 1 simulcast only)

Humboldt: August 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19

2019

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Cal Expo: July 11,12,13,14, 18, 19, 20, 21

Santa Rosa: July 24,25,26,27,28 31 & August 1,2,3,4,7,8,9,10, 11 (July 24,31 & August 7 simulcast only)

Humboldt: August 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25

We sincerely appreciate your consideration of this proposal and look forward to the August 22<sup>nd</sup> CHRB dates meeting in Del Mar.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Bartleny

Rebecca Bartling Chief Executive Officer

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# watch wager

Operating Harness Racing at Cal Expo Managed By Golden Bear Racing, LLC

Jackie Wagner Asst. Executive Director California Horse Racing Board 1010 Hurley Avenue #210 Sacramento, CA 95825

Dear Jackie,

Watch and Wager.Com LLC would like to make the following request for three-year allocation of Harness racing dates at Cal Expo. Watch and Wager.Com LLC is the operator of Harness racing at Cal Expo, and have a current facility lease through May of 2022.

- December 26, 2016 through May 21, 2017. October 1, 2017 through December 24, 2017.
- December 26, 2017 through May 19, 2018. October 1, 2018 through December 24, 2018.
- December 26, 2018 through May 18, 2019. October 1, 2019 through December 24, 2019.

Racing will be conducted on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings depending on horse population.

We thank you and the Board for consideration of our date request.

Sincerely

Christopher J. Schick



September 15, 2016

Ms. Jackie Wagner Assistant Executive Director CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD 1010 Hurley Way, Suite 300 Sacramento, CA 95825

Dear Ms. Wagner:

Horsemen's Quarter Horse Racing Association dba Los Alamitos Quarter Horse Racing Association respectfully requests the following race dates:

Inclusive dates allocated for the entire meeting: December 30, 2016-December 17, 2017 Actual dates racing will be held:

December 30, 2016 (1) January 1, 6-8, 13-15, 20-22, 27-29 (13) February 2-3, 10-12, 17-19, 24-26 (11) March 3-5, 10-12, 17-19, 24-26, 31 (13) 30 (14) April 1-2, 7-9, 14-15, 21-23, 28-30 (13) May 5-7, 12-14, 19-21, 26-28 (12) June 2-4, 9-11, 16-18, 23-25 (12)

Thank you for your assistance and consideration.

Truly yours,

Edward C. Allred Chairman/CEO

July 1-2, 7-9, 14-16, 21-23, 28-30 (14) August 4-6, 11-13, 18-20, 25-27 (12) September 1-3, 8-10, 15-17, 22-24, 29,

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