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## **RACE DATES** **COMMITTEE MEETING**

of the **California Horse Racing Board** will be held on **Friday, July 21, 2017**, commencing at **12:30 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 regarding **racing calendar proposals for southern and northern California in the context of the continued challenges of providing full fields and attractive race cards for the wagering public.**
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](http://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  
First Vice Chairman George Krikorian, Member  
Rick Baedeker, Executive Director  
Jacqueline Wagner, Assistant Executive Director

STAFF ANALYSIS  
DISCUSSION REGARDING  
RACING CALENDAR PROPOSALS FOR  
SOUTHERN AND NORTHERN CALIFORNIA  
IN THE CONTEXT OF THE CONTINUED CHALLENGES  
OF PROVIDING FULL FIELDS AND ATTRACTIVE RACE CARDS  
FOR THE WAGERING PUBLIC

Race Date Committee Meeting  
July 21, 2017

ISSUE:

In preparation for the May 24, 2017 Race Dates Committee meeting, the industry was asked to submit proposed racing calendars for 2018. Proposals were received from: California Authority of Racing Fairs (CARF); Sonoma County Fair (Santa Rosa); Golden Gate Fields; Watch and Wager LLC at Cal Expo and Los Alamitos (thoroughbred).

However, at that meeting rather than focus on specific race date allocation at the present time, the Committee solicited a broader discussion from stakeholders and other interested parties addressing the industry's continued challenge of providing full fields and carding attractive race cards for the wagering public.

The Committee continues to solicit the broader discussion from stakeholders and other interested parties addressing the continued challenges of providing full fields and attractive race cards for the wagering public.

RECOMMENDATION

This item is presented for discussion.

The proposals received for the May 24<sup>th</sup> meeting are as follows:

**California Authority of Racing Fairs (CARF)**

Alameda County Fair - Oak Tree at Pleasanton: June 13 - July 10

California State Fair: July 11 – July 31

Humboldt County Fair: August 15 - August 28

CARF submits the following requests on behalf of the Humboldt Fair

- Race without overlap;
- Maintain traditional August dates until the 2017 overlapped Labor Day weekend results can be evaluated.
- Work with Sonoma County Fair to accommodate their race meeting.

Alameda County Fair (Oak Tree at Pleasanton Fall) (formerly Stockton): September 19 - October 2

Big Fresno Fair: October 3 - October 16

**Sonoma County Fair (Santa Rosa)**

Alameda County Fair - (Oak Tree at Pleasanton): June 20 - July 10

California State Fair: July 11 - July 24

Santa Rosa: July 25 - August 14

Humboldt: August 15- August 28

**Golden Gate Fields**

Golden Gate Fields: December 20, 2017 - June 19, 2018

(Fairs): June 20 – August 21

Golden Gate Fields: August 22 - October 2

(Fairs): October 3 – October 16

Big Fresno Fair: October 4 - October 17

Golden Gate Fields: October 17 - December 18

**HARNESS**

WATCH AND WAGER LLC AT CAL EXPO

December 26 - May 12

October 20 - December 23

Watch and Wager anticipate racing on Friday, Saturday with the exception of Tuesday evening, December 26, 2017.

**THOUGHBRED RACING AT LOS ALAMITOS**

Los Alamitos Race Course

Los Alamitos facility respectfully requests the allocation of five (5) weeks of thoroughbred racing and three (3) weeks of fair racing.



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May 11, 2017

Mr. Rick Baedeker, Executive Director  
California Horse Racing Board  
1010 Hurley Way  
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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 2018. Horse racing is conducted at the CARF member Fairs shown below.

- Oak Tree at Pleasanton (Summer)
- California State Fair
- Humboldt County Fair
- Oak Tree at Pleasanton (Fall)
- The Big Fresno Fair

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Swartzlander  
Interim Executive Director

Cc: CARF Racing Fair CEO's

**CALIFORNIA AUTHORITY OF RACING FAIRS**  
**Proposed Racing Dates for CARF Member Fairs in Northern California**  
**2018**

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**2018 DATES:**

- June 13 – July 10
  - Alameda County Fair - Oak Tree at Pleasanton Summer Meet
- July 11 – 31
  - California State Fair
- August 15 - 28
  - Humboldt County Fair
    - CARF respectfully submits the following requests on behalf of the Humboldt County Fair:
    - Race without overlap.
    - Maintain traditional August dates until the 2017 overlapped Labor Day weekend results can be evaluated.
    - Work with the Sonoma County Fair to accommodate their race meet.
- September 19 – October 2
  - Alameda County Fair - Oak Tree at Pleasanton Fall Meet (formerly Stockton)
- October 3 – 16
  - The Big Fresno 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.

## 2018 CARF Member Fair Preferred Hosting Dates

2017

December						
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### RACE DAYS TBD

Oak Tree at Pleasanton Summer	-
Cal Expo	-
Humboldt*	-
Oak Tree at Pleasanton Fall	-
	-
<b>Total CARF Member Fair Days</b>	

2018

January						
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\* CARF requests Humboldt race unoverlapped.

CARF requests Humboldt maintain their traditional August dates until the 2017 overlapped Labor Day weekend results can be evaluated.  
 CARF and Humboldt will work with the Sonoma County Fair to accommodate their race meet.



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May 15, 2017

Mr. Rick Baedeker, Executive Director  
California Horse Racing Board  
1010 Hurley Way  
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Dear Mr. Baedeker,

The enclosure with this letter is Santa Rosa's (Sonoma County Fair's) submittal for the proposed 2018 horse racing dates.

As expressed in an earlier letter we are deeply concerned regarding the California Horse Racing Board setting the 2018 Northern California horse racing dates until after the Santa Rosa meet is complete. As there has not been an opportunity to evaluate the success of the 2017 meet and the impacts of the significant move the Sonoma County Fair is making in 2017, we strongly believe it is premature to determine any dates for 2018. However, we appreciate your effort to start the conversation and as such have included our proposed Fair racing dates for the summer of 2018.

Best Regards,

Rebecca Bartling  
Chief Executive Officer  
Sonoma County Fair  
Wine Country Racing

At the Fairgrounds:  
Golf Course  
RV Park  
Jockey Club  
Wine Country Racing  
Fair Foundation

# Santa Rosa - 2018 Proposed Racing Dates

LIVE RACE DAYS TBD

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Pleasanton	3 weeks
Sacramento	2 weeks

Santa Rosa	3 weeks
Ferndale	2 weeks



# 018 Northern California Race Dates - Golden Gate Field Proposal

GGF - December 20, 2017 through June 19, 2018

Fairs - June 20 through August 21, 2018

GGF - August 22 through October 2, 2018

Fairs - October 3 through October 16, 2018

GGF - October 17 through December 18, 2018

Total GGF Race Dates
156

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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

May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Re: 2018 Harness Racing Dates Allocation Request

Dear Jackie,


Watch and Wager LLC, operator of Cal Expo harness racing, would like to request the following 2018 race dates. Our split meet request will be almost identical to our 2017 racing schedule.

- December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017 through May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 for the Winter/ Spring meeting.
- October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 through December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 for the Fall meeting.

Racing will be conducted on a Friday and Saturday evening schedule. One exception will be Tuesday December 26, 2017.

We thank the Board for consideration of our 2018 date request.

Sincerely,



Christopher J. Schick

**Wagner, Jacqueline**

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**From:** jack liebau  
**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2017 10:18 AM  
**To:** Wagner, Jacqueline  
**Cc:** Baedeker, Rick M; Cathy Monji  
**Subject:** 2018 Allocation of Racing Dates--Los Alamitos Facility

Jacqueline Wagner  
Assistant Executive Director

For 2018, the Los Alamitos Facility respectfully requests the allocation of five (5) weeks of Thoroughbred Racing and three (3) weeks of Fair Racing.

Jack Liebau