STAFF ANALYSIS
DISCUSSION AND ACTION BY THE BOARD ON THE REQUEST FOR RACING DATE ALLOCATIONS BY LOS ANGELES TURF CLUB, DEL MAR THOROUGHBRED CLUB, LOS ALAMITOS QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION, LOS ALAMITOS RACING ASSOCIATION, AND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FAIR

Board Meeting
November 18, 2026

ISSUE

Allocation of thoroughbred, fair, and quarter horse racing dates in the Central and Southern Zones for the 2026-2027 racing year as requested by Los Angeles Turf Club, Del Mar Thoroughbred Club, Los Alamitos Quarter Horse Racing Association, Los Alamitos Racing Association, and the Los Angeles County Fair.

BACKGROUND

Business and Professions Code section 19440(a)(6) authorizes the California Horse Racing Board ("Board") to allocate racing dates to qualified racing associations in accordance with law. California Horse Racing Board Rule 1430 requires the Board to allocate racing dates in a manner that best serves the purposes of the Horse Racing Law and the interests of the people of California. The Board is also authorized to allocate fractional racing weeks and may, at any time, change, limit, restrict, or reallocate racing weeks, days, or dates as provided by law.

ANALYSIS

On or about November 2, 2026, the Board received a request for race date allocations for the Central and Southern Zones from the affected racing associations and fair. The request proposes the following calendar for the 2026-2027 racing year:

Thoroughbred Meetings

Location	**Proposed Dates**
Santa Anita	12/23/26 - 06/22/27
Los Alamitos	06/23/27 - 07/06/27
Del Mar	07/07/27 - 09/07/27
Los Alamitos	09/08/27 - 09/21/27
Santa Anita	09/22/27 - 11/02/27
Del Mar	11/03/27 - 11/30/27

Fair Meeting

Location	**Proposed Dates**
LA County Fair at Los Alamitos	12/01/27 - 12/21/27

Quarter Horse Meeting

Location	Proposed Dates
Los Alamitos	12/23/26 - 12/21/27

RECOMMENDATION

This item is presented for Board discussion and action.