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AGENDA
CALIFORNIA AUTHORITY OF RACING FAIRS
LIVE RACING COMMITTEE MEETING
JOHN ALKIRE, CHAIR
11:00 A.M., TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2015

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the California Authority of Racing Fairs' Live Racing Committee will commence at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 5, 2015. The meeting will be held in Sacramento. No Conference Call. 1776 Tribute Road, Conference Room, Sacramento, CA 95815.

AGENDA

- I. Date, time and location of next meeting on: June 2, 2015.
- II. Public Comment.
- III. Approval of minutes.
- IV. Report, discussion and action, if any, on 2015 Legislative Program.
- V. Report, discussion and action, if any, on Status of Horsemen Agreements for 2015.
- VI. Discussion and action, if any, on Racing Dates for 2015 and beyond.
- VII. Report, discussion, and action, if any, on Summer Racing Operations.
- VIII. Report and discussion on CHRB Racing License Applications.
- IX. Executive Director's Report

CALIFORNIA AUTHORITY OF RACING FAIRS**Live Racing Committee****Tuesday, April 7, 2015****MINUTES**

A meeting of the California Authority of Racing Fairs (CARF) Live Racing Committee was held at 11:00 A.M., Tuesday, April 7, 2015. The meeting was hosted at the CARF offices, 1776 Tribute Road, Sacramento, California.

CARF Live Racing Committee members attending: John Alkire, Richard Conway, Jerome Hoban, Brian May and Rick Pickering.

Staff and Guests attending: Christopher Korby, Larry Swartzlander, Tom Doutrich, Heather Haviland, Juliana Gomes, Raechelle Gibbons, Allen Aldrich, James Morgan, John Quiroz, and Richard Lewis.

Joining by conference call: Louie Brown.

Agenda Item 1 – Date, Time and Location of Next Meeting: April 7, 2015. The next CARF Live Racing Committee meeting will be held Tuesday, May 5, 2015 in Sacramento.

Agenda Item 2 – Public Comment. None.

Agenda Item 3 – Approval of Minutes. Mr. May noted that Mr. Olds did not attend the March CARF Live Racing Committee meeting. Mr. Morgan requested that the minutes reflect the cumulative Ferndale purse underpayment of \$29,284.96. Mr. Conway moved to approve the meeting minutes as amended. Mr. Pickering seconded, unanimously approved.

Agenda Item 4 – Report, Discussion and Action, if any, on CARF 2015 Legislative Program. Mr. Brown reported that the Legislature reconvened from spring recess on April 6, making this the first week of serious policy committee hearings prior to the May 1 deadline for policy committees refer bills to fiscal committees. Legislation regarding industry-specific racing bills is light, with most bills on the legislative report being spot bills. Legislative staff is working closely with Assemblyman Henry Perea on AB 650 as a placeholder for racing fairs should policy changes be required during the session.

Mr. Brown reported that Internet poker is still a leading issue at the Capitol. The two outstanding issues hampering forward movement are the bad-actor clause (i.e. Poker Stars) and the participation of the horse racing industry. The racing industry wants to be eligible for a license, which is heavily opposed by some in the tribal community, while other tribal

interests favor offering mitigation. Racing principals themselves do not have a cohesive plan for the industry as a whole. Mr. Brown will reach out to racing lobbyists this week to better determine how racing fairs would like to fit in the overall structure of Internet poker legislation.

Mr. Brown reported that Governor Jerry Brown's proposed 2015-2016 state budget, which includes \$3 million to assist with fair operations and a \$7 million one-time allocation for deferred maintenance at fairs, passed the Assembly Budget Subcommittee on a unanimous vote and will be heard in the Senate Budget Subcommittee later this month.

Agenda Item 5 – Report, Discussion and Action, if any, on Recruitment and Horsemen's VIP Credential Program. Mr. Swartzlander reported that the 2015 CARF Recruitment Program will focus on payments for starts made by out-of-state horses, bonuses to trainers that hit start thresholds at each fair, renewed on-site recruitment trips by the Racing Secretary and shipping assistance to new trainers bringing substantial stables into the system. Mr. Swartzlander stated that the participation fee for Thoroughbreds has been eliminated while the participation fee for Emerging Breeds will remain \$50 per start.

Mr. Swartlander reported that the revised pro-formas for each fair include a budget line item for recruitment, which has decreased compared to 2014 due to the increase in overall race days. The Trainer Incentive Program that encourages starts/field size by paying a bonus to trainers that start 5-9 horses or 10 or more horses per meet. As the trainer incentive program has developed, Pleasanton, Cal Expo and Ferndale matched the cost of the program 50/50. The revised pro-formas for 2015 include Stockton and Fresno participating in the cost of the program, at \$6,000 and \$10,500 respectively, following the same 50/50 split.

Mr. Doutrich reported that his first recruitment trip will be to Turf Paradise in Phoenix, Arizona the weekend of April 10-12. Mr. Doutrich stated that he has asked Allen Aldrich and Richard Conway to join him on a recruiting trip to Idaho in mid-May. Mr. Doutrich indicated that he will also be travelling to Emerald Downs in Seattle and will be making several trips to Southern California.

Mr. Doutrich reported that stall applications are available online at www.calfairs.com and that Oak Tree at Pleasanton condition books are ready to print pending approval from the California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) for summer dates. Mr. Doutrich reported that two young trainers, Jack Steiner and Jonathan Wong, have entered the Northern California system and plan to racing during the fair season.

Agenda Item 6 – Report, Discussion and Action, if any, on Establishment of a Reserve for Summer Race Operations. Mr. Korby reported that during the March CARF Live Racing Committee meeting, staff presented the 2015 purse program and brought forth the recommendation that a prudent risk management tool for member fairs would be to develop a

"purse reserve" from unpaid commissions that could be applied to 2015. The Live Racing Committee voted unanimously to adopt a purse reserve pool concept from 2015 generated funds based on formula options to be brought back to the committee for consideration. The resulting formulas and breakdown are included as a spreadsheet in the meeting packet titled ***2015 – Proposed Allocation Formulas for Purse Reserve.***

Mr. Korby stated that the spreadsheet contains three options to develop a purse reserve of \$150,000: 1) a flat protata consisting of an even \$30,000 contribution per fair, 2) a formula based on each fair's handle generation as a percentage of overall tote/ADW handle, and 3) a hybrid option that is based 50/50 on a flat prorata contribution and a percentage of handle generation. Mr. Korby stated that CARF staff recommendation for establishing the 2015 purse reserve is option 3, the hybrid option based 50/50 on a flat contribution and a handle based contribution.

Mr. Morgan stated that at the March meeting he had requested staff provide a formula based on the purse money paid at each fair. Mr. Morgan stated that the two fairs that contribute positively to the overall purse fund, Ferndale and Stockton, seem to be disproportionately represented in each of the purse reserve options thereby creating a hardship for the two smallest fairs that have the least imposition on the common purse fund. Mr. Morgan asked why Ferndale and Stockton, the two fairs that contributed to the purse fund with underpayments, would be asked to make up deficiencies from the other fairs.

Mr. Pickering asked if he needed to provide the group with a review of the history of the CARF Consolidated Purse Program and the significant fluctuation in purse under and overpayments that can occur year-to-year at a fair. Mr. Morgan stated that he is familiar with the history, but believes that the 2015 purse reserve should be based on relevant 2014 figures and reviewed annually.

The group discussed the various options as presented, the ability of individual fairs to absorb expenses and the feasibility of utilizing other methods for calculating a base figure.

Mr. Hoban moved to adopt staff recommendation option 3, 50/50 split between handle generation and a flat prorata contribution, because it strikes a balance between the calculable generation of handle and the non-tangible benefit to a small fair of an entity underwriting purses. Mr. Pickering seconded for discussion. Mr. Morgan objected based on the hardship this type of formula creates to small fairs and his prior request of a purse-based formula. Mr. Morgan stated that option 2 could be supported by Ferndale. Mr. Hoban stated that handle generation is a neutral metric while a purse structure has the potential for manipulation. YES VOTE: Mr. Hoban, Mr. Pickering, Mr. May and Mr. Alkire. NO VOTE: Mr. Conway. Motion passes.

Agenda Item 7 – Report, Discussion and Action, if any, on Summer Racing

Operations. Mr. Korby reported that the meeting packets contain information to keep the group informed regarding CARF staff efforts to secure vanning reimbursements for horsemen running at fairs. The packets include a proposal from CARF staff to the NCOTWINC Board of Directors requesting stabling and vanning reimbursements during the 2014 summer fair meets. This proposal was rejected for 2014, but the NCOTWINC Board requested that the proposal be brought back for 2015. The proposal was rejected again and staff is contemplating the next course of action. Correspondence regarding the proposal and rejection are included in the packet for committee review. Mr. Hoban stated that he is worked with CARF staff to secure more funding and/or cut costs to make year-round stabling at Pleasanton viable.

Agenda Item 8 – Report, Discussion and Action, if any, on Racing Dates for 2016 and Beyond. Mr. Korby reported that the CHRB Dates Committee is meeting Wednesday, April 15 at Golden Gate Fields to discuss 2016 racing calendar and the 2015 Fresno allocation. CARF and Fresno staff are working closely with the CHRB to make sure that Fresno is allocated dates that run concurrently with the scheduled 2015 fair.

Mr. Korby asked the group to share plans for 2016 race dates. Representatives reported as follows:

- Alameda County Fair – June 22 – July 10, 2016
- California State Fair – July 13-31, 2016
- Humboldt County Fair – Aug. 17-28 or Aug. 25 – Sept. 5, 2016
- San Joaquin Fair – Sept. 21 – Oct. 2, 2016
- Big Fresno Fair – Oct. 5-16, 2016 (with a potential increase in dates)

Mr. Morgan stated that the Ferndale dates would be dependent on the allocation given to Santa Rosa and that Santa Rosa has expressed a preference to run three weeks ending on August 14, 2016. Mr. Morgan asked that the CARF position include the request that each fair race without overlap and retain host status on allocated race days. If Ferndale is allocated overlapped race dates, Mr. Morgan requested that the CARF position support restrictions on the type of races Golden Gate Fields is allowed to offer and run.

Richard Lewis stated that he does not have an official position from Santa Rosa, but believes that Santa Rosa sent a letter to the CHRB requesting a date allocation similar to 2015.

Mr. Hoban moved for fairs to maintain the request a block of races dates from June 22 through October 16, 2016, with specifics to be determined. Mr. Conway seconded, unanimously approved.

Agenda Item 9 – Report and Discussion on CHRB Racing License Applications. Mr. Swartzlander reported that final cleanup/changes are being made to the Oak Tree at Pleasanton application and the Cal Expo application is due Friday.

Agenda Item 10 – Executive Director's Report. No report.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Haviland

CA Authority of Racing Fairs

4/24/2015

[AB 9](#)

(Gatto D) Gambling: Internet poker: unlawful gambling activity.

Current Text: Introduced: 12/1/2014 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 12/1/2014

Status: 1/16/2015-Referred to Com. on G.O.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chambered
1st House				2nd House				Conf.	Conc.		

Summary: Would authorize eligible entities to apply to the California Gambling Control Commission for a 10-year nontransferable license to operate an intrastate Internet poker Web site offering the play of authorized Internet poker games to registered players within California, as specified. The bill would require that the license be automatically renewed every 10 years upon application, as specified. The bill would prohibit the offer or play of any gambling game provided over the Internet that is not an authorized Internet poker game permitted by the state pursuant to this bill.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject
CARF	Watch			

[AB 76](#)

(Mathis R) Tribal gaming: regulatory costs.

Current Text: Introduced: 1/5/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 1/5/2015

Status: 1/6/2015-From printer. May be heard in committee February 5.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chambered
1st House				2nd House				Conf.	Conc.		

Summary: Current federal law, the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988, provides for the negotiation and execution of tribal-state gaming compacts for the purpose of authorizing certain types of gaming on Indian lands within a state. The California Constitution authorizes the Governor to negotiate and conclude compacts, subject to ratification by the Legislature. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to these provisions. This bill contains other current laws.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject
CARF	Watch			

[AB 167](#)

(Jones-Sawyer D) Gambling: Internet poker: unlawful gambling activity.

Current Text: Introduced: 1/22/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 1/22/2015

Status: 2/2/2015-Referred to Com. on G.O.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chambered
1st House				2nd House				Conf.	Conc.		

Summary: Would authorize eligible entities to apply for a 4-year license to operate an authorized poker Web site offering the play of authorized Internet poker games to registered players within California, as specified. The bill would require that the license be automatically renewed every 4 years upon application, as specified. The bill would prohibit the offer or play of any gambling game provided over the Internet that is not an authorized Internet poker game permitted by the state pursuant to these provisions.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject
CARF	Watch			

[AB 315](#)

(Bigelow R) Fairs: annual reports and expenditures.

Current Text: Amended: 3/19/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/12/2015

Status: 4/23/2015-Read second time. Ordered to consent calendar.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chambered
1st House				2nd House				Conf.	Conc.		

Summary: Current law provides for admission to a state, district, county, or citrus fair without payment of an established admission price to persons with credential admissions or courtesy pass admissions, and requires each fair to make an annual report to the Department of Food and Agriculture of the total number of credential and courtesy pass admissions issued and honored at the fair. This bill would repeal the annual reporting requirement. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject
CARF	Watch			

[AB 431](#)

(Gray D) Gambling: Internet poker.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/19/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/19/2015

Status: 4/22/2015-In committee: Hearing postponed by committee.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chapered
1st House				2nd House				Conf.	Conc.		

Summary: Would authorize the operation of an Internet poker Web site within the borders of the state. The bill would require the California Gambling Control Commission, in consultation with the Department of Justice, to promulgate regulations for intrastate Internet poker. The bill would require those regulations to include, but not be limited to, a licensing process for an individual or entity to become an operator of an Internet poker Web site and rules for the operation of an Internet poker Web site.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject
CARF	Watch			

AB 581 ([Gomez](#) D) State Facilities Renewal Bond Act of 2016.

Current Text: Amended: 4/21/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/24/2015

Status: 4/22/2015-Re-referred to Com. on A. & A.R.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chapered
1st House				2nd House				Conf.	Conc.		

Summary: Would enact the State Facilities Renewal Bond Act of 2016, which, if adopted by the voters at the June 7, 2016, statewide primary election, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$2,000,000,000, pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law, to finance deferred maintenance on state-owned property, subject to appropriation by the Legislature in the annual Budget Act.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject
CARF	Watch			

AB 650 ([Perea](#) D) Horse racing: out-of-state thoroughbred races: Blue Grass Stakes.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/24/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/24/2015

Status: 3/9/2015-Referred to Com. on G.O.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chapered
1st House				2nd House				Conf.	Conc.		

Summary: Under the Horse Racing Law, the total number of thoroughbred races imported by associations or fairs on a statewide basis under specified provisions are required to not exceed 50 per day on days when live thoroughbred or fair racing is being conducted in the state, with the exception of specified prescribed races. This bill would exempt from the 50 imported race per day limitation, races imported that are part of the race card of the Blue Grass Stakes.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject
CARF	Support			

Notes 1: March 11: KSC Letter delivered to Author

AB 701 ([Garcia, Cristina](#) D) Gaming: Gaming Policy Advisory Committee.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/25/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/25/2015

Status: 4/16/2015-Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chapered
1st House				2nd House				Conf.	Conc.		

Summary: Would increase the membership of the Gaming Policy Advisory Committee from 10 to 12 members, and would instead require the committee to be composed of 5 representatives of controlled gambling licensees, 5 members of the general public, and 2 representatives from the Department of Justice.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject
CARF	Watch			

AB 1188 ([Gipson](#) D) Gambling: key employee.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/27/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/27/2015

Status: 4/23/2015-Read second time. Ordered to consent calendar.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chapered
1st House				2nd House				Conf.	Conc.		

Summary: Would revise the definition of "key employee" to mean any natural person employed in the

operation of a gambling enterprise in a supervisory capacity or empowered to make discretionary decisions with regard to gambling operations. The bill would also delete pit bosses and shift bosses from the definition of "key employee," and would instead include shift managers and surveillance managers and supervisors in these provisions.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject
CARF	Watch			

[AB 1282](#) (Gray D) Gambling: Gambling Control Act.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/27/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/27/2015

Status: 3/23/2015-Referred to Com. on G.O.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chambered
1st House				2nd House				Conf. Conc.			

Summary: For purposes of the Gambling Control Act, existing law defines applicant as any person who has applied for, or is about to apply for, a state gambling license, or other licenses, permits, or approvals, as specified. This bill would revise the definition of "applicant" to no longer include any person who is about to apply for a state gambling license, or other licenses, permits, or approvals, as specified.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject
CARF	Watch			

[AB 1295](#) (Gray D) Horse racing: out-of-state thoroughbred races: limitation exception.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/27/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/27/2015

Status: 4/23/2015-In committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chambered
1st House				2nd House				Conf. Conc.			

Summary: Under the Horse Racing Law, the total number of thoroughbred races imported by associations or fairs on a statewide basis under these provisions are required to not exceed 50 per day on days when live thoroughbred or fair racing is being conducted in the state, with the exception of prescribed races. This bill would additionally provide that the limitation of 50 imported races per day does not apply to races imported into the combined central and southern zones when there is live thoroughbred or fair racing being conducted in those zones but no live thoroughbred or fair racing is being conducted in the northern zone.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject
CARF	Watch			

[AB 1355](#) (Gray D) Gaming: Tribal Nation Grant Fund.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/27/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/27/2015

Status: 3/23/2015-Referred to Com. on G.O.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chambered
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Summary: Would specify that the Tribal Nation Grant Fund reflects a vision of facilitating the development of tribal institutions and improving the quality of life of tribal people throughout the state. This bill contains other existing laws.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject
CARF	Watch			

[AB 1421](#) (Linder R) Gambling Control Act.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/27/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/27/2015

Status: 3/2/2015-Read first time.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chambered
1st House				2nd House				Conf. Conc.			

Summary: Current law, the Gambling Control Act, provides for the licensure and regulation of various legalized gambling activities and establishments by the California Gambling Control Commission. The willful failure to pay the required license fee is a crime. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to that provision.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject
CARF	Watch			

[AB 1539](#) (Committee on Governmental Organization) Horse racing: advance deposit wagering: deductions

and distributions: jockey retirement plan.**Current Text:** Introduced: 3/26/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)**Introduced:** 3/26/2015**Status:** 4/6/2015-Referred to Com. on G.O.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: The Horse Racing Law requires that the method used to calculate the reduction in proportionate share be approved by the board and deducted and distributed in specified amounts, including 50% of the money to the California Horse Racing Board to establish and to administer jointly with the organization certified as the majority representative of California-licensed jockeys, a defined contribution retirement plan for California-licensed jockeys who retired from racing on or after January 1, 2009. This bill would provide that a person becomes a participant in the retirement plan when he or she is licensed as a jockey in California.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject
CARF	Watch			

AB 1540**(Committee on Governmental Organization) Tribal gaming.****Current Text:** Introduced: 3/26/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)**Introduced:** 3/26/2015**Status:** 4/6/2015-Referred to Com. on G.O.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Current law creates in the State Treasury the Indian Gaming Revenue Sharing Trust Fund and the Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund for the receipt and deposit of moneys received by the state from Indian tribes pursuant to the terms of gaming compacts entered into with the state, and authorizes moneys in those funds to be used for certain purposes. Existing law, until January 1, 2021, establishes the method of calculating the distribution of appropriations from the Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund for grants to local government agencies impacted by tribal gaming. This bill would reorganize and make technical, nonsubstantive changes to these provisions. The bill would conform these provisions to the changes made by the Governor's Reorganization Plan No. 2. of 2012.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject
CARF	Watch			

SB 135**(Berryhill R) Gambling.****Current Text:** Introduced: 1/22/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)**Introduced:** 1/22/2015**Status:** 2/5/2015-Referred to Com. on RLS.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
1st House				2nd House				Conf.	Conc.		

Summary: The Gambling Control Act provides for the licensure and regulation of various legalized gambling activities and establishments by the California Gambling Control Commission and the investigation and enforcement of those activities and establishments by the Department of Justice. Current law makes related findings and declarations. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to these provisions.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject
CARF	Watch			

SB 187**(Hall D) Horse racing: out-of-state thoroughbred races: Wood Memorial.****Current Text:** Amended: 4/21/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)**Introduced:** 2/9/2015

Status: 4/21/2015-From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on G.O.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Under the Horse Racing Law, the total number of thoroughbred races imported by associations or fairs on a statewide basis under these provisions are required to not exceed 50 per day on days when live thoroughbred or fair racing is being conducted in the state, with the exception of specified prescribed races. This bill would also exempt from the 50 imported race-per-day limitation, races imported that are part of the race card of the Wood Memorial.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject
CARF	Watch			

SB 221**(Jackson D) State public employees: sick leave: veterans with service-related disabilities.****Current Text:** Amended: 4/20/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/12/2015

Status: 4/20/2015-From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on P.E. & R.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chapered
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Summary: Would grant a state officer or employee who is a military veteran hired on or after January 1, 2016, with a military service-connected disability rated at 30% or more by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs an additional credit for sick leave with pay of up to 96 hours for the purpose of undergoing medical treatment for his or her military service-related disability. The bill would require that the sick leave be credited to a qualifying officer or employee on the first day of employment and remain available for use for the following 12 months of employment.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject
CARF	Watch			

SB 278

(Hall D) Gambling: Internet poker.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/19/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/19/2015

Status: 3/5/2015-Referred to Com. on G.O.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chapered
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Summary: Would authorize the operation of an Internet poker Web site within the borders of the state. The bill would require the California Gambling Control Commission, in consultation with the Department of Justice, to promulgate regulations for intrastate Internet poker. The bill would require those regulations to include, but not be limited to, a licensing process for an individual or entity to become an operator of an Internet poker Web site and rules for the operation of an Internet poker Web site.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject
CARF	Watch			

SB 280

(Stone R) Public employees: compensation.

Current Text: Amended: 4/15/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/19/2015

Status: 4/20/2015-April 27 set for first hearing canceled at the request of author.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chapered
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Summary: Current law requires the Controller, in conformity with an accounting system prescribed by the Department of Finance, to install and operate a uniform state payroll system for state agencies. This bill would require the Controller, as part of the development and implementation of a new uniform state payroll system on and after January 1, 2016, to include in the design of the system an Internet Web site portal that allows a state employee to view and print his or her pay warrant electronically.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject
CARF	Watch			

SB 374

(Hall D) Tribal gaming: local agencies.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/24/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/24/2015

Status: 4/16/2015-Set for hearing April 28.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chapered
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Summary: Current law requires funds not allocated from a County Tribal Casino Account or an Individual Tribal Casino Account for the grants by the end of each fiscal year to revert back to the Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund, except for moneys allocated for specified fiscal years, which are required to be eligible for expenditure through the calendar year. This bill would delete the obsolete provisions relating to allocations made in those specified fiscal years.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject
CARF	Watch			

SB 399

(Hall D) Gambling: California Gambling Control Commission.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/25/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/25/2015

Status: 4/16/2015-Set for hearing April 28.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chapered
		1st House				2nd House		Conc.			

Summary: Would require that a public record of every vote of the California Gambling Control Commission be posted on the commission's Internet Web site no later than 48 hours after the vote is taken.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject
CARF	Watch			

SB 650 (Hall D) California Gambling Control Commission: records.

Current Text: Amended: 4/8/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/27/2015

Status: 4/16/2015-Set for hearing April 28.

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Summary: Current law, the Gambling Control Act, establishes the California Gambling Control Commission. Current law requires the commission to keep a record of all proceedings at its regular and special meetings and a record of all applications for licenses under the Gambling Control Act, and to make these records open to public inspection. This bill would require the commission to make these records open to public inspection during normal business hours.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject
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SB 692 (Vidak R) Gambling: California Gambling Control Commission.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/27/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/27/2015

Status: 4/17/2015-Set for hearing April 27.

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Summary: Would prohibit a member of the California Gambling Control Commission, the executive director, the chief, and any employee of the commission or department designated by regulation, for a period of 2 years after leaving office or terminating employment, from being employed as a consultant or key employee of a gambling establishment. By creating a new crime, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject
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SB 777 (Lara D) Gambling Control Act: corporations.

Current Text: Amended: 4/6/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/27/2015

Status: 4/21/2015-Set for hearing May 12.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Existing law, the Gambling Control Act, provides for the licensure and regulation of various legalized gambling activities and establishments by the California Gambling Control Commission and the investigation and enforcement of those activities and establishments by the Department of Justice. This bill would specify that information on the extent of the remuneration as compensation for services of specified individuals includes bonuses. The bill would require supplying information on the amount of remuneration to persons other than directors and officers in excess of \$95,000. The bill would also require the corporation to supply in its information a copy of its annual federal income tax return within 30 business days after that return is filed.

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Total Measures: 25

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Note: As Sent to CHRB
in April

April 2, 2015

California Horse Racing Board
Attn: Ms. Jacqueline Wagner
1010 Hurley Way
Sacramento, CA 95825

Dear Jackie,

As requested by Board staff, the California Authority of Racing Fairs (CARF) respectfully submits the following preliminary information regarding proposals for racing dates at Northern California Fairs in 2016.

The CARF Racing Committee and Board of Directors will be meeting on April 7 to discuss a CARF position on the 2016 racing calendar. At this time, CARF is in the process of gathering information on prospective racing dates proposed by individual member Fairs.

The CARF proposal for Fair dates will relate to Northern California racing specifically during the calendar period from June 20, 2016 through October 16, 2016. Racing dates for the following CARF member Fairs will be addressed in the CARF proposal.

- **Alameda County Fair (Pleasanton)**
- **California State Fair (Sacramento)**
- **Humboldt County Fair (Ferndale)**
- **San Joaquin County Fair (Stockton)**
- **Fresno District Fair (Fresno)**

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CARF letter to CHRB
April 2, 2015

CARF will be working to develop a comprehensive proposal for the 2016 racing calendar which will include specific dates' information for each member Fair listed above. Please note that individual Fairs may also submit calendar proposals to the Board under separate cover.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Christopher Korby
Executive Director

Cc: CARF Racing Fair CEO's
CHRB Executive Director

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Golden Gate Threatens Closure at CHRB Session

by Jeremy Balan

Date Posted: 4/15/2015 8:19:16 PM

Last Updated: 4/16/2015 1:06:52 PM

A California Horse Racing Board discussion regarding the reallocation of 2015 racing dates for the California Fair circuit often shifted to the possibility of Golden Gate Fields closing in the future.

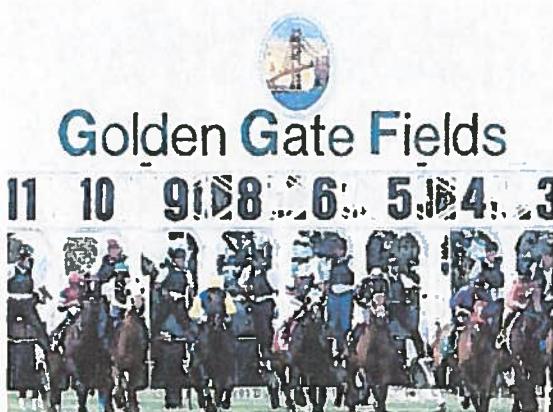


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During an argument between representatives of The Stronach Group and members of the California Authority of Racing Fairs April 15, Keith Brackpool, the chairman of West Coast operations for The Stronach Group—which owns the track—made the first reference to the potential sale of the site on the shores of the San Francisco Bay.

"We intend, over the coming weeks, to put forth a proposal as to what it would take for us to stay in business here at Golden Gate," Brackpool said in front of the CHRB. "That proposal will include a proposed racing calendar. It will include potential overlaps in the racing calendar. But if we can't come to agreement on what that is and have the security, then we will have no other alternative but to close the facility."

"The redevelopment options here are quite extraordinary... The upside is very, very significant and we have offers that are stratospheric."

The two sides, in essentially a public negotiation, eventually agreed in principle to adjust the racing 2015 racing calendar—with Golden Gate ending its August-September meet Sept. 7, followed by the San Joaquin County Fair conducting meets in Stockton, Calif. for two weeks, leading into another two-week meet for Golden Gate, which would then lead into Fresno's fair dates beginning Oct. 8. But Brackpool consistently contended that Stockton should not be allowed to have racing, because it doesn't conduct a true "fair."

Thoroughbred Owners of California president Joe Morris agreed with Brackpool's assertion.

"TOC has been very consistent on this point over the last couple of years," Morris said, "We don't think race dates should go to fairs that don't run (fairs). We've been saying that on record in the two years I've been here and we've continued to say that."

San Joaquin County Fair representatives said they would put on "fair-like events" during the meet and CHRB commissioner Steve Beneto vehemently disagreed with the notion of cancelling Stockton's racing dates.

"We're not going to kill any more fairs," Beneto said.

But Brackpool continued to criticize the system, which he feels directly impacts Golden Gate's bottom line, and hinted at a proposal, coming at a later date, that would change the structure of Northern California's racing schedule.

"You won't find a race calendar like this anywhere in the country—open two weeks, close two weeks, reopen for two weeks," Brackpool said. "It doesn't work. That's why we're coming forth with something radically different. This

model is broken beyond repair. This is nothing but a subsidy to the fairs. That's all this model is—broken beyond repair. It makes absolutely no sense at all... It's absurd. We will go with it for this year, but we won't go with this on an ongoing basis. It doesn't make any sense."

Another Stronach Group representative, Scott Daruty, also explicitly mentioned potentially closing Golden Gate, which sits on the border of Bay Area cities Albany and Berkeley.

"It feels like the solution is to always take (racing dates) from Golden Gate... It's an expensive facility to maintain and it's an expensive business to run." Daruty said. "We're not making any money, so we've got to figure out a way to keep this industry viable long term... We would certainly hope to avoid (closing Golden Gate). That's the hope and that's the goal we're working toward... There are astronomical property values and there are challenges in developing this property, but those challenges could be overcome, eventually."

"Is that what we want to do? No... (But) what we can't do is have multi-million dollar losses every year. That won't work. We'd like to come forward with a proposal to right the ship and we can all move on to the future. Will the fairs be part of that? Of course they will, in some shape or form. But will it be identical, in our opinion, to what it's been in the past? Probably not."

California Authority of Racing Fairs executive director Christopher Korby said the CARF would not want Golden Gate to close, but also acknowledged the Northern California fair locations could be in a position to absorb the dates should Golden Gate end racing.

"We're not advocating that, but we'll step up if that's what the reality becomes," Korby said.

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2015 PURSES*

Category	Claiming	Condition	Purse	OTP Purse
Allowance		Open	\$33,000	\$36,000
Allowance		NW x 1	\$27,000	\$35,000
Allowance		NW x 2	\$28,000	\$35,500
Claiming	\$1,600	Humboldt Only **		
Claiming	\$2,500		\$7,000	
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Claiming	\$5,000		\$12,000	
Claiming	\$5,000	NW 2 / Clause	\$11,000	
Claiming	\$6,250	Open or Date	\$13,000	
Claiming	\$8,000		\$13,500	
Claiming	\$8,000	NW 2 / Clause	\$13,000	
Claiming	\$10,000		\$14,000	
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Claiming	\$12,500		\$15,000	

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PURSES (continued)

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Claiming	\$12,500	NW 2/Clause	\$14,000
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Claiming	\$25,000		\$24,000
Claiming	\$32,000		\$25,000
Claiming	\$40,000		\$27,000
Md Claiming	\$5,000		\$7,000
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Md Claiming	\$12,500		\$10,000
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Md Special Alw		All Ages	\$25,000
Claiming	\$5,000	1 & 1/4 Mile or further	\$15,000
Claiming	\$10,000	1 & 1/4 Mile or further	\$18,000
Str Allowance	\$40,000	NWx2 Lifetime	\$17,000

2015 STAKES SCHEDULE*

* Subject to approval from the Thoroughbred Owners of California and California Horse Racing Board.

DATE	TRACK	RACE	PURSE	DESCRIPTION
JUN 20	OTP	Oak Tree Handicap	\$50,000	Added Overnight Hdcp 3 YO & Up 8.5 Furlongs
JUN 21	OTP	Pleasanton Oaks Stakes	\$50,000	Added Overnight Stakes F, 3 YO 6 Furlongs
JUN 27	OTP	Oak Tree Distaff	\$100,000	Guaranteed (Cal-Bred)** F&M, 3 YO & Up 6 Furlongs
JUL 4	OTP	Juan Gonzalez Memorial	\$50,000	Added Overnight Stakes F, 2 YO 5.5 Furlongs
JUL 5	OTP	Oak Tree Sprint	\$50,000	Added Overnight Stakes 3 YO & Up 6 Furlongs
JUL 5	OTP	Everett Nevin Futurity	\$50,000	Added Overnight Stakes 2 YO 5.5 Furlongs
JUL 11	SAC	Governor's Handicap	\$50,000	Added Overnight Hdcp F&M, 3 YO & Up 8.5 Furlongs
JUL 18	SAC	Sacramento Golden Bear Sprint	\$50,000	Added Overnight Stakes 3 YO 6 Furlongs
AUG 30	FER	C.J. Hindley Humboldt County Marathon	\$20,000	Guaranteed 3 YO & Up 13 Furlongs
SEPT 19	STK	The Harvest Stakes	\$50,000	Added Overnight Stakes F&M, 3 YO & Up 6 Furlongs
TBD	FNO	Harris Farms Stakes	\$100,000	Guaranteed (Cal-Bred)** 3 YO & Up 6 Furlongs
OCT 18	FNO	The Bulldog Handicap	\$50,000	Added Overnight Hdcp 3 YO & Up 9 Furlongs

OTP: Oak Tree at Pleasanton | SAC: Sacramento | FER: Ferndale | FNO: Fresno | STK: Stockton | TBD: To Be Determined

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2015 STAKES SCHEDULE*

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