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AGENDA
CALIFORNIA AUTHORITY OF RACING FAIRS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS &
LIVE RACING COMMITTEE
CONCURRENT MEETING
JOHN ALKIRE, CHAIR
11:00 A.M., TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2017

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AGENDA

- I. Date, Time and Location of Next Meeting: May 2, 2017 in Sacramento.
- II. Public Comment.
- III. Approval of Minutes.
- IV. Report, Discussion and Action, if any, on 2017 Legislative Program.
- V. Report, Discussion and Action, if any, on Summer Racing Operations.
- VI. Report on Status of Horseman's Agreements.
- VII. Report, Discussion and Action, if any, on Stabling at Pleasanton.
- VIII. Report, Discussion and Action, if any, on CMC and Satellite Marketing at CARF-Member Facilities.
- IX. Discussion on Agency Meeting Procedures.
- X. Executive Director's Report.



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Public and members of the California Authority of Racing Fairs Board of Directors and Live Racing Committee may also participate from the following locations:

Alameda County Fair
4501 Pleasanton Ave.
Pleasanton, CA 94566

Marriot Ko Olina
92-161 Waipaho Place
Oahu, Hawaii 96707

The Big Fresno Fair
1121 S. Chance Avenue
Fresno, CA 93702

Monterey County Fair
2004 Fairground Road
Monterey, CA 93940

Humboldt County Fair
1250 5th Street
Ferndale, CA 95536

San Mateo County Fair
2495 S. Delaware St.
San Mateo, CA 94403

CALIFORNIA AUTHORITY OF RACING FAIRS
Board of Directors & Live Racing Committee
Concurrent Meeting
Tuesday, March 7, 2017

MINUTES

A concurrent meeting of the California Authority of Racing Fairs (CARF) Board of Directors and Live Racing Committee was held at 11:00 A.M., Tuesday, March 7, 2017. The meeting was hosted at the CARF Conference Room, 1776 Tribute Road, Sacramento, California.

CARF Board Directors attending: Richard Conway, Jerome Hoban and Rick Pickering. Joining by conference call: John Alkire and Kelly Violini.

CARF Live Racing Committee members attending: Richard Conway, Jerome Hoban and Rick Pickering. Joining by conference call: John Alkire.

Staff and Guests attending: Larry Swartzlander, Richard Scheidt, Tom Doutrich, Heather Haviland, Juliana Gomes, Raechelle Gibbons, Jeanne Wasserman, Tom Martinez, John Quiroz, Allen Aldrich, James Morgan and Caroline Titus. Joining by conference call: Lauri King.

Agenda Item 1 – Date, Time and Location of Next Meeting: April 4, 2017 in Sacramento. The next CARF Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for April 4, 2017 in Sacramento.

Agenda Item 2 – Public Comment. Allen Aldrich noted that Russell Baze will be inducted to the Bay Area Sports Hall of Fame and honored at the corresponding Enshrinement Banquet on Monday, April 24, 2017 at the Westin St. Francis Hotel in San Francisco. Caroline Titus requested that the Humboldt County Fair be listed as a public call-in location for official CARF meetings. Mr. Swartzlander noted the request. No further public comment.

Agenda Item 3 – Approval of Minutes & Ratify Action from December 7, 2016 Meeting. Mr. Hoban moved to approve the CARF Board of Directors & Live Racing Committee concurrent meeting minutes from February 14, 2017 as presented. Mr. Pickering seconded, unanimously approved.

Mr. Hoban moved to ratify the CARF Board of Directors & Live Racing Committee concurrent meeting minutes from December 7, 2017 as presented. Mr. Conway seconded, unanimously approved.

Mr. Conway moved to ratify the December 7, 2017 motion to support a legislative solution to direct license fee generated by live racing fairs back to the fair racing industry. Mr. Hoban seconded, unanimously approved.

Agenda Item 4 – Executive Session: Personnel. Mr. Alkire reported that no action was taken during Executive Session.

Agenda Item 5 – Report, Discussion and Action, if any, on 2017 Legislative Program. Mr. Scheidt reported that SB 274 (Glazer), the bill giving CDFA the authority to allocate license fees back to racing fairs, will be heard Tuesday by the Senate Governmental Organization (GO) Committee. SB 274 is non-controversial with no opposition and is expected to pass committee easily. The Senate GO Committee will also hear SB 165 (Portantino), a bill that allows the Thoroughbred Owner's of California (TOC) to divert purse monies to pay for the organization's National Thoroughbred Racing Association (NTRA) membership.

Mr. Scheidt reported that CARF is also running two spot bills and legislative staff is monitoring spot bills with horse racing implications. Internet poker returns in the form of AB 1677 (Jones-Sawyer) with the same language as the 2016 bill and will be watched closely by staff.

Mr. Hoban requested CARF legislative staff monitor SB 741 (Mendoza) which would permit private organizations to conduct raffles as a funding mechanism to support beneficial and charitable works.

Mr. Pickering clarified that SB 274's urgency clause will allow CARF to retroactively capture 2016 license fees. Mr. Pickering requested that legislative staff seriously consider running a major bill to protect fair-time horse racing at fairs as part of long-term agency planning.

Agenda Item 6 - Report, Discussion and Action, if any, on Financial Consideration for Humboldt County Fair. Mr. Swartzlander stated that since he has worked at the agency, overlapping race dates in Northern California have been one of the most detrimental issues facing fairs. Overlap has been eliminated for all fairs except the Humboldt County Fair (HCF), which in 2016 was running concurrently with Golden Gate Fields and did not share in host fees or receive any other outside compensation. This change in hosting status led to a \$63,683 decline in revenue and \$93,022 drop in purses. Mr. Swartzlander recommended the CARF Board take action on the following items, as presented in the accompanying letter, to provide financial assistance to the HCF:

- Utilize funds received from providing services to the Sonoma County Fair.
- Fund the cost for a new inner track rail (\$33,008) at HCF per CHRB mandate from recaptured license fees.
- Allocate \$30,000 to HCF from the CARF Augmentation Fund.
- Address purse overpayments at the end of 2017.

Mr. Swartzlander reported that HCF is in financial duress and if the Fair ceases to conduct horse racing, it will cost the remaining CARF-member fairs approximately \$68,000 in increased racing expenses. The group discussed HCF needs, CARF funds and possible mechanisms for helping HCF.

Mr. Pickering moved to provide HCF financial relief as outlined in the letter, contingent on the passage and execution of SB 274. Mr. Hoban seconded, unanimously approved.

Mr. Conway and Mr. Morgan thanked the CARF Board for their support. Mr. Alkire stressed that the HCF should be working hard to maximize community fund raising efforts to support the fair

as well as look at the new funding model established by the Del Norte County Fair. Mr. Conway stated that he has spoken to the CEO at Del Norte and it is something the HCF Board is considering.

Agenda Item 7 - Update on a Mini-Satellite in Humboldt County. Mr. Conway reported that the HCF has approached a new location and both parties are exploring the legality of entering into a mini-satellite partnership. Mr. Conway reported that he should receive an update next week.

Agenda Item 8 - Discussion and Action, if any, on Summer Racing Operations. Mr. Swartzlander reviewed updated purses overpayment figures and updated the group regarding ongoing Thoroughbred Owners of California (TOC) negotiations and Emerging Breed contracts.

Ms. Haviland reported that the meeting packets contain a proposal for services from Roxie Mayberry of Focus On Sponsorship to create a partnership program for CARF-member fairs. This process started as a request from Chairman Alkire to explore sponsorship opportunities specific to horse racing to help augment the shared consolidated purse fund. CARF, Alameda County Fair and Big Fresno Fair marketing staff met with Roxie Mayberry at the WFA Conference in Reno and were impressed with her enthusiasm. The compensation for the proposal is a \$1,000 one-time retainer, 20% commission on acquired sponsorships and 15% for renewed sponsorships. Ms. Haviland stated that if this proposal is adopted, fair marketing personnel and Roxie Mayberry will participate on a conference call this Friday, March 10, to discuss logistical specifics.

Mr. Hoban requested that staff try to negotiate a better commission rate. Mr. Pickering requested that all proposal brought before the Board be unaltered and specifically noted on the agenda.

Mr. Hoban moved to accept the Proposal for Services from Focus On Sponsorship. Mr. Conway seconded, unanimously approved.

Agenda Item 9 - Financials. Mr. Alkire reported that financials are included in the meeting packet and Ms. Gibbons is available to answer questions. No questions.

Agenda Item 10 - Executive Director's Report. Mr. Swartzlander reported that he and Mr. Scheidt met with the Ventura County Fair Board of Directors and staff for an overview of CARF services and better utilization of the satellite wagering facility. Mr. Scheidt briefed the Board on a recent visit to the San Mateo County Fair and his meeting with Ms. Stoehr and Jim Fetter.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Haviland

**CA Authority of Racing Fairs
3/17/2017**

IV.

[AB 253](#)

(Bigelow R) Tribal gaming.

Current Text: Introduced: 1/31/2017 [Text](#)

Introduced: 1/31/2017

Status: 2/1/2017-From printer. May be heard in committee March 3.

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

Summary: The current federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 authorizes 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. Current law ratifies the tribal-state gaming compact entered into between the State of California and the United Auburn Indian Community, executed on August 14, 2015. This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to those provisions.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject
CARF	Watch			

[AB 337](#)

(Mathis R) Tribal gaming.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/7/2017 [Text](#)

Introduced: 2/7/2017

Status: 2/8/2017-From printer. May be heard in committee March 10.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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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.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject
CARF	Watch			

[AB 338](#)

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Current Text: Introduced: 2/7/2017 [Text](#)

Introduced: 2/7/2017

Status: 2/8/2017-From printer. May be heard in committee March 10.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: The California Constitution authorizes the Governor to negotiate and conclude compacts, subject to ratification by the Legislature. Current law establishes the Indian Gaming Revenue Sharing Trust Fund within the State Treasury for the receipt and deposit of moneys received by the state from Indian tribes pursuant to the terms of tribal-state gaming compacts for the purpose of making distributions to eligible recipient Indian tribes. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to that provision.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject
CARF	Watch			

[AB 460](#)

(Bigelow R) Horse racing: satellite wagering facilities: fairs.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/13/2017 [Text](#)

Introduced: 2/13/2017

Status: 2/27/2017-Referred to Com. on G.O.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: The Horse Racing Law authorizes fairs to contract for the operation and management of a satellite wagering facility with an individual racing association or a partnership, joint venture, or other affiliation of 2 or more racing associations that are licensed to conduct thoroughbred meetings within the northern zone. This bill would authorize a fair to contract with 2 or more fairs that are licensed to conduct thoroughbred meetings within the northern zone for the operation and management of a satellite wagering facility.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject
CARF	Sponsor			

[AB 779](#)**(Burke D) Gambling establishments.****Current Text:** Introduced: 2/15/2017 [Text](#)**Introduced:** 2/15/2017**Status:** 2/16/2017-From printer. May be heard in committee March 18.

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

Summary: Would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that adopts comprehensive reforms to the Gambling Control Act relating to the licensing of gambling establishments in the state, streamlines the licensing process, and allows additional resources to be devoted to regulation and oversight of the gambling industry.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject
CARF	Watch			

[AB 865](#)**(Levine D) California Horse Racing Board: public records: votes.****Current Text:** Introduced: 2/16/2017 [Text](#)**Introduced:** 2/16/2017**Status:** 3/2/2017-Referred to Com. on G.O.

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

Summary: The Horse Racing Law establishes the California Horse Racing Board and requires the board, among other things, to maintain a general office for the transaction of its business in Sacramento and to maintain a public record of every vote at the board's general office. This bill would require the board to post the record of its vote on its Internet Web site.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject
CARF	Watch			

[AB 880](#)**(Gray D) Tribal Nation Grant Fund.****Current Text:** Introduced: 2/16/2017 [Text](#)**Introduced:** 2/16/2017**Status:** 3/2/2017-Referred to Com. on G.O.

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

Summary: Would require the California Gambling Control Commission to administer the fiscal operations of the Tribal Nation Grant Fund and would specify that the commission is to act as a limited trustee not subject to the duties and liability contained in the Probate Code, similar state or federal statutes, rules or regulations, or under state or federal common law or equitable principles. The bill would require the commission to allocate and disburse the moneys in the Tribal Nation Grant Fund, as specified, to one or more eligible nongaming tribes and limited gaming tribes upon a competitive application basis.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject
CARF	Watch			

[AB 924](#)**(Gray D) Horse racing: minisatellite wagering facilities.****Current Text:** Introduced: 2/16/2017 [Text](#)**Introduced:** 2/16/2017**Status:** 3/2/2017-Referred to Com. on G.O.

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

Summary: Current law provided that until January 1, 2013, if the proposed minisatellite wagering site is in the northern zone in a fair district where the fair has operated a satellite wagering facility for the previous 5 years, the approval of the fair must be obtained even if the proposed location is more than 20 miles from the existing satellite wagering facility operated by the fair. This bill would delete this obsolete provision.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject
CARF	Watch			

[AB 969](#)**(Acosta R) Horse racing: license fees.****Current Text:** Introduced: 2/16/2017 [Text](#)**Introduced:** 2/16/2017**Status:** 3/2/2017-Referred to Com. on G.O.

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

Summary: Current law requires a race association to pay any license fee theretofore unpaid, or to

have refunded to it any excess license fee theretofore paid, within 7 days after the close of a race meeting. This bill would specify that the payment of the license fee or refund of any excess license fee payment shall be made within 7 business days after the close of a race meeting.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject
CARF	Watch			

[AB 987](#) (Garcia, Cristina D) Gaming Policy Advisory Committee.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/16/2017 [Text](#)

Introduced: 2/16/2017

Status: 3/2/2017-Referred to Com. on G.O.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Current law requires the California Gambling Control Commission to establish a 10-member Gaming Policy Advisory Committee for the purpose of discussing matters of controlled gambling regulatory policy and other relevant gambling-related issues. The committee is composed of representatives of controlled gambling licensees and members of the general public in equal numbers. This bill would increase the membership of the 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 1023](#) (Brough R) Joint powers agreement.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/16/2017 [Text](#)

Introduced: 2/16/2017

Status: 2/17/2017-From printer. May be heard in committee March 19.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: The Joint Exercise of Powers Act authorizes 2 or more public agencies, as defined, if authorized by their governing bodies or the Legislature, by agreement to jointly exercise any power common to the contracting parties. The act authorizes the parties to provide that contributions from the treasuries, payments of public funds, and advances of public funds may be made, or personnel, equipment, or property may be used, for the purposes set out in the agreement. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to that provision.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject
CARF	Watch			

[AB 1167](#) (Gray D) Horse racing: quarter horse races.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/17/2017 [Text](#)

Introduced: 2/17/2017

Status: 3/9/2017-Referred to Com. on G.O.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Would authorize the California Horse Racing Board to authorize a licensed quarter horse racing association that is conducting a live racing meeting in this state to accept wagers on a quarter horse stakes race with a purse equal to or greater than \$100,000. The bill would also make nonsubstantive changes.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject
CARF	Watch			

[AB 1351](#) (Caballero D) District agricultural associations: authorized activities.

Current Text: Amended: 3/15/2017 [Text](#)

Introduced: 2/17/2017

Status: 3/16/2017-Re-referred to Com. on AGRI.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Current law provides for the establishment of district agricultural associations and authorizes a district agricultural association to engage in various activities, including the lease of its real property to any person or public body for any purpose, subject to specified approvals, as well as the use or management of any of its property jointly or in connection with any lessee or sublessee for any purpose approved by the board of directors of the district agricultural association. This bill would expand this authority to include the operation of its property jointly or in connection with any lessee or sublessee for any purpose approved by the board.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject
CARF	Watch			

[AB 1377](#) (Levine D) Tribal gaming: gaming establishments.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/17/2017 [Text](#)

Introduced: 2/17/2017

Status: 3/13/2017-Referred to Com. on G.O.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Would require the Governor, if the United States Secretary of the Interior makes a determination that a gaming establishment on newly acquired lands would be in the best interests of the Indian tribe and its members and would not be detrimental to the surrounding community, to notify the Legislature of the Secretary's determination, and would prohibit the Governor from concurring in that determination without the prior approval, by concurrent resolution, of the Legislature.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject
CARF	Watch			

[AB 1378](#) (Gray D) Gambling: Gambling Control Act.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/17/2017 [Text](#)

Introduced: 2/17/2017

Status: 3/16/2017-Referred to Com. on G.O.

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Summary: Current law authorizes the California Gambling Control Commission , for any cause deemed reasonable by the commission, to deny any application for a license, permit, or approval, to limit, condition, or restrict any license, permit, or approval, or to impose any fine upon any person licensed or approved. For purposes of the Gambling Control Act, current 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 a 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 1499](#) (Gray D) Horse racing: state-designated fairs: allocation of revenues: gross receipts for sales and use tax.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/17/2017 [Text](#)

Introduced: 2/17/2017

Status: 3/16/2017-Referred to Com. on G.O.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Would require a return filed with the State Board of Equalization to report gross receipts for sales and use tax purposes to segregate the gross receipts of the seller and the sales price of the property on a form prescribed by the state board when the place of sale in this state or for use in this state is on or within the real property of a state-designated fair, as defined, or any real property of a state-designated fair that is leased to another party. The bill would require the state board to report the amount of the total gross receipts segregated on the returns filed pursuant to these provisions to the Department of Finance on or before April 30 of each year.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject
CARF	Sponsor			

[AB 1508](#) (Chau D) Horse racing: parimutuel wagers.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/17/2017 [Text](#)

Introduced: 2/17/2017

Status: 2/19/2017-From printer. May be heard in committee March 21.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Current law permits, among other things, the deduction of 33/100 of 1% of the total parimutuel wagers by an association or fair that conducts a racing meeting, as specified. If deducted, current law provides that the funds be used to pay possessory interest taxes, if any, on the racing association or fair. Under current law, any remaining funds may be used to pay the city or county in which the fair meeting was conducted, at the option of the fair or association, in lieu of the imposition of any license or excise tax or fee on the racing association or any racing patron, if a city or county agrees by ordinance to this arrangement. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to these

provisions.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject
CARF	Watch			

[AB 1658](#) (Frazier D) Open meetings.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/17/2017 [Text](#)

Introduced: 2/17/2017

Status: 2/19/2017-From printer. May be heard in committee March 21.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: The Ralph M. Brown Act generally requires that the meetings of the legislative bodies of local agencies be conducted openly, with specified exceptions. The act authorizes a legislative body of a local agency to require that a copy of the act be given to each member of the legislative body and to any person elected to serve as a member of the legislative body who has not yet assumed the duties of the office. This bill would make a nonsubstantive change to that provision.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject
CARF	Watch			

[AB 1677](#) (Jones-Sawyer D) Gambling: Internet poker.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/17/2017 [Text](#)

Introduced: 2/17/2017

Status: 3/16/2017-Referred to Com. on G.O.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Would be known as the Internet Poker Consumer Protection Act of 2016, would establish a framework to authorize intrastate Internet poker, as specified. The bill would authorize eligible entities to apply for a 7-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 7 years upon application, as specified.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject
CARF	Watch			

[AB 1723](#) (Committee on Governmental Organization) Horse Racing Law.

Current Text: Introduced: 3/16/2017 [Text](#)

Introduced: 3/16/2017

Status: 3/16/2017-Read first time. To print.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Current law, until January 1, 2018, requires any racing association, including a fair, that conducts thoroughbred racing to pay to the owners' organization contracting with the association with respect to the conduct of thoroughbred racing an additional 13/4% of the portion required to be deducted for purses for a national marketing program, as specified. Existing law requires an owners' organization to annually file a report with the board and specified committees of the Legislature accounting for the receipt and expenditure of these funds. This bill would not require the owners' organization to file the report with the legislative committees.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject
CARF	Watch			

[SB 165](#) (Portantino D) Horse racing: national thoroughbred racing marketing program.

Current Text: Introduced: 1/19/2017 [Text](#)

Introduced: 1/19/2017

Status: 3/14/2017-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. with recommendation: To consent calendar. (Ayes 11. Noes 0.) (March 14). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Current law, the Horse Racing Law, requires, until January 1, 2018, any racing association, including a fair, that conducts thoroughbred racing to pay to the owners' organization contracting with the association with respect to the conduct of thoroughbred racing an additional 13/4% of the portion required to be deducted for purses for a national marketing program, as specified. A violation of the Horse Racing Law is a crime. This bill would extend the operation of those provisions to January 1, 2022.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject
CARF	Watch			

[SB 274](#)**(Glazer D) Horse racing: fairs: funding.****Current Text:** Introduced: 2/9/2017 [Text](#)**Introduced:** 2/9/2017**Status:** 3/14/2017-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. with recommendation: To consent calendar. (Ayes 11. Noes 0.) (March 14). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Would provide under the Horse Racing Law, that the 1% retained for payment to the state as a license fee and the additional 1% deducted from the total amount handled by any fair racing association in its daily conventional and exotic parimutual pools may be used by the state as payment to a fair conducting a live racing meeting at a fair or as payment to a joint powers authority involved in conducting live racing meetings at fairs for purposes of improving a fair enclosure, racetrack maintenance, safety at fairs, or other similar activities.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject
CARF	Sponsor			

[SB 280](#)**(Glazer D) California Gambling Control Commission.****Current Text:** Introduced: 2/9/2017 [Text](#)**Introduced:** 2/9/2017**Status:** 2/23/2017-Referred to Com. on G.O.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Current law provides for the licensure and regulation of various legalized gambling activities and establishments by the California Gambling Control Commission, consisting of 5 members appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate. Current law requires the commission to post and maintain a public record of every vote at its principal office. This bill would require the commission to also post a public record of every vote on its Internet Web site no later than 2 business days after the meeting at which the vote was taken.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject
CARF	Watch			

[SB 368](#)**(McGuire D) Horse racing: fairs: funding.****Current Text:** Introduced: 2/14/2017 [Text](#)**Introduced:** 2/14/2017**Status:** 3/3/2017-Set for hearing March 28.

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Summary: The Horse Racing Law provides that any unallocated balance from the total revenue received by the Department of Food and Agriculture pursuant to that law is hereby appropriated without regard to fiscal years for allocation by the Secretary of Food and Agriculture for capital outlay to California fairs for, among other things, fair projects involving public health and safety and projects that are required to protect fair property. This bill would revise these provisions to include revenue deposited into the Fair and Exposition Fund pursuant to a specified provision and funding appropriated by the Legislature or otherwise designated for California fairs pursuant to the Horse Racing Law or any other law that is to be appropriated without regard to fiscal years for allocation by the secretary for those capital outlay purposes.

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CARF	Sponsor			

[SB 654](#)**(Dodd D) Local moratorium: gambling tables.****Current Text:** Introduced: 2/17/2017 [Text](#)**Introduced:** 2/17/2017**Status:** 3/9/2017-Referred to Com. on G.O.

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Summary: Would, until January 1, 2024, authorize a city, county, or city and county to amend its ordinance to increase the operating hours of a gambling establishment to up to 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

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[SB 666](#)**(Vidak R) Gambling Control Act.****Current Text:** Introduced: 2/17/2017 [Text](#)

Introduced: 2/17/2017

Status: 3/9/2017-Referred to Com. on RLS.

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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 and the Department of Justice. Any person who willfully resists, prevents, impedes, or interferes with the commission or the department or any of their agents or employees in the performance of duties pursuant to the Gambling Control Act is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment in a county jail for not more than 6 months, by a fine not exceeding \$1,000, or by both that imprisonment and fine. This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to those provisions.

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[SB 678](#)

(Galgiani D) Horse racing: thoroughbred racing: racing weeks.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/17/2017 [Text](#)

Introduced: 2/17/2017

Status: 3/9/2017-Referred to Com. on G.O.

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Summary: The Horse Racing Law authorizes the California Horse Racing Board to make allocations of racing weeks, including simultaneous racing between zones, as it deems appropriate, and allocates, for thoroughbred racing, a maximum of 44 weeks per year of racing weeks in the northern zone and a maximum of 49 weeks per year in the combined central and southern zones. This bill would authorize the board to allocate from the weeks available in the combined central and southern zones a maximum of 5 weeks per year to a thoroughbred racing association to conduct thoroughbred racing at a racetrack in the southern zone that was not used to conduct a thoroughbred race meeting in the southern zone before 2011.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject
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[SB 685](#)

(Glazer D) California Horse Racing Board: public records: votes.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/17/2017 [Text](#)

Introduced: 2/17/2017

Status: 3/9/2017-Referred to Com. on G.O.

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Summary: The Horse Racing Law establishes the California Horse Racing Board and requires the board, among other things, to maintain a general office for the transaction of its business in Sacramento and to maintain a public record of every vote at the board's general office. This bill would require the board to post the record of its vote on its Internet Web site within 48 hours of the vote.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject
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[SB 706](#)

(Vidak R) Tribal gaming: regulatory costs.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/17/2017 [Text](#)

Introduced: 2/17/2017

Status: 3/9/2017-Referred to Com. on RLS.

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Summary: Current law ratifies a number of tribal-state gaming compacts between the State of California and specified Indian tribes. Current law creates in the State Treasury 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. Current law authorizes moneys in that fund to be used for certain purposes, including compensation for regulatory costs incurred in connection with implementing and administering tribal-state gaming compacts. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to these provisions.

Organization	Position	Priority	Assigned	Subject
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[SB 741](#)

(Mendoza D) Charitable raffles.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/17/2017 [Text](#)

Introduced: 2/17/2017

Status: 3/9/2017-Referred to Coms. on G.O. and AGRI.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Would authorize a private, nonprofit organization established by, or affiliated with, a district agricultural association, county fair association, or citrus fruit fair association to conduct a raffle for the purpose of directly supporting specified beneficial or charitable purposes in California, or financially supporting another private, nonprofit, eligible organization, as defined, that performs those purposes if, among other requirements, 50% of the gross receipts generated from the sale of raffle tickets are used to benefit or provide support for beneficial or charitable purposes, as defined, and the other 50% is paid to the winner.

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Total Measures: 30

Total Tracking Forms: 30



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March 9, 2017

Rick Baedeker
Executive Director
California Horse Racing Board

Dear Rick,

On December 10, 2016 Northern California principals voted on and passed a 2017 Northern Stabling & Vanning (S&V) plan. At that time, CARF representatives voted against the plan due to concerns regarding the closure of Pleasanton as an auxiliary site during critical spring/summer months.

The S&V plan was discussed at the December 2016 CHRB meeting and CARF's concerns were heard, but no action was taken. At this time, the CARF Board of Directors took action to authorize the signing of the subsequent S&V Agreement so that the mechanism for eliminating the deficit could move forward.

CARF has significant concerns regarding the current S&V Agreement:

- 1) The ability of Golden Gate Fields (GGF) to accommodate 2-year-olds and large out-of-state stables. GGF is not able to keep a trainer's horses in close proximity, thereby creating split stables and a hardship on horsemen and help.
- 2) Statistics compiled by CARF's Racing Secretary show 11 Northern California trainers have left and don't plan on returning eliminating approximately 70 horses from the circuit.
- 3) Opening Pleasanton May 1 offers only 45 days for Thoroughbreds to prepare on a dirt surface and for Emerging Breeds to train.
- 4) Closing Pleasanton July 11 eliminates a "home base" for fair circuit trainers, creating the need to make multiple moves of horses and equipment causing potential financial hardship for owners, trainers and help.
- 5) When Humboldt closes Sep 5 there is no fair track open for dirt only horses or EBs until Pleasanton opens on 11 Sep.

CARF agrees that paying off the S&V deficit and not incurring any future deficit is paramount to the health of Northern California racing. We believe California principals can work together to address our concerns with the 2017 agreement and create a 2018 S&V Agreement that fits the best interests of Northern California owners, trainers, backside workers and horses.

Respectfully Yours,

Larry A. Swartzlander
Interim Executive Director

CHRB Approved 2017 Northern Race Dates

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Cal Expo	11
Santa Rosa	11
Humboldt (overlapped)	7
Stockton (Pleasanton Fall)	7
Fresno	9

CARF MEETS	46
SANTA ROSA	11
TOTAL FAIR DAYS	57

GOLDEN GATE FIELDS	145
SIMULCAST-ONLY DAYS	62
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