

**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**

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## **NOTICE OF RACE DATES** **COMMITTEE MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the **Race Dates Committee** of the **California Horse Racing Board** will be held on **Wednesday, September 14, 2022**, commencing at **1:30 p.m.** at the California Exposition and State Fair Grandstand, 1600 Exposition Boulevard, Sacramento, California. The audio portion only of the Race Dates Committee meeting will be available online through a link at the CHRB website ([www.chrb.ca.gov](http://www.chrb.ca.gov)) under "Webcasts".

The agenda for the committee meeting will consist of the following matters:

### **AGENDA**

#### **Agenda Items**

1. Discussion regarding the allocation of **2023 race dates for Northern California.**
2. Discussion regarding the allocation of **2023 race dates for Southern California.**
3. **Public Comment:** Communications, reports, requests for future actions of the Board. **Note:** During the public comment period, a total of thirty minutes will be allowed for public comments. After thirty minutes, no further comments will be accepted. Each person will be limited to two minutes.
4. **Adjournment.**

Additional information regarding this meeting may be obtained from the CHRB Administrative Office, 1010 Hurley Way, Suite 300, Sacramento, CA 95825; telephone (916) 263-6000; fax (916) 263-6042. This notice is 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 require aid or services in order to participate in this public meeting, should contact Zachary Voss at [information@chrb.ca.gov](mailto:information@chrb.ca.gov). Requests will be swiftly resolved by CHRB staff.

### **RACE DATES COMMITTEE**

Oscar Gonzales, Chairman  
Wendy Mitchell, Member  
Damascus Castellanos, Member  
Scott Chaney, Executive Director  
Cynthia Alameda, Assistant Executive Director

Date of Notice: September 1, 2022

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD  
**PROPOSED 2023 ALLOCATED RACE DATES**  
**CALENDAR**

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Los Alamitos	09/13/23 – 09/26/23
Santa Anita	09/27/23 – 11/07/23
Del Mar	11/08/23 – 12/05/23
Los Alamitos	12/06/23 – 12/19/23

THOROUGHBRED MEETINGS - NORTHERN ZONE

Golden Gate Fields (PRAI)	12/21/22 – 06/13/23
Golden Gate Fields (PRAII)	08/23/23 – 10/10/23
Golden Gate Fields (PRAI)	10/25/23 – 12/19/23

QUARTER HORSE MEETINGS - STATEWIDE

Los Alamitos	12/21/22 – 12/19/23
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HARNESS MEETINGS – STATEWIDE

Cal Expo	12/21/22 – 05/09/23
Cal Expo	11/01/23 – 12/19/23

FAIR MEETINGS - STATEWIDE

Alameda Fair at Pleasanton	06/14/23 – 07/11/23
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State Fair at Cal Expo	07/12/23 – 08/01/23
Sonoma Fair at Santa Rosa	08/02/23 – 08/15/23
Humboldt Fair at Ferndale	08/16/23 – 08/29/23
Big Fresno Fair at Fresno	10/11/23 – 10/24/23

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# 2023 Northern California Race Dates

December 2022						
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GG (PRAI) - Dec 21, 2021 - Jun 13; Oct 25 - Dec 19  
 Pleasanton - June 14 through July 11, 2023  
 Sacramento - July 12 through August 1, 2023  
 Sonoma - August 2 through August 15, 2023  
 Humboldt - August 16 through August 29, 2023  
 GG (PRAII) August 23 through October 10, 2023  
 Fresno - October 11 through October 24, 2023

	Wks
PRAI	33
Pleasanton	4
Sacramento	3
Sonoma	2
Humboldt	2
PRAII	7
Fresno	2

**Total Weeks: 53**

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# 2023 Harness Race Dates

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W&W - December 21, 2022 through May 9, 2022

W&W - November 1 through December 19, 2023

	Wks
W&W	27

**Total Weeks: 27**

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September 7, 2022

Hon. Oscar Gonzales  
Chair, Racing Dates Committee  
California Horse Racing Board  
1010 Hurley Way, Suite 300  
Sacramento, CA 95825

Dear Chairman Gonzales,

Prior to 2018, Sonoma County Fair was allocated three weeks of racing during the summer fair circuit. For 2023, we propose the return of our third week of racing. Our meet would begin on July 26<sup>th</sup> and end on August 15<sup>th</sup> (see attached calendar). The first week's racing would run concurrent with livestock shows and festival entertainment, and the final two weeks of racing would run with the full fair.

We have argued for an additional week of racing for a number of years, without success. We believe that our arguments are sound, and that they worth making again.

- Our on-track attendance and handle have consistently been higher than those in Sacramento. This year we had an on-track attendance increase of 17.6% over our last fair meet in 2019. Sonoma County residents continue to support live racing. Strong attendance is important in creating new race fans, which has always been a goal of the racing fairs.
- On average, Sonoma County Fair generates higher purses than any other fair. We feel that a three week meet will further strengthen purse generation and allow us to continue to pay some of the highest purses in the fair circuit.
- The Sonoma County Fair made a significant investment in Fair racing by installing a turf course; the only one in the Northern California fair racing circuit. To ensure the utmost safety of our horses and jockeys, we have added a new state-of-the-art Duralock turf rail. A three week meet will help Santa Rosa continue to fund facility improvements and maintain its level of excellence.
- The horsemen have expressed to management that they would like to run for three weeks again in Santa Rosa. More specifically, they have commented on the excellent condition and safety of both our dirt and turf surfaces, the quality of facility accommodations, and the temperate climate that is more like that of Golden Gate Fields.

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Chair, Racing Dates Committee  
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And finally, it is our understanding that Golden Gate Fields will again close for a portion of the summer in 2023. Sonoma County Fair would be interested in looking at the feasibility of opening as a second stabling and training facility.

Sincerely,



Rebecca Bartling  
CEO, Sonoma County Fairgrounds  
Wine County Racing

CC: Scott Chaney, Executive Director CHRB

Attachments: Proposed Racing Calendar 2023

# Sonoma County Fair - 2023 Proposal for Racing Dates

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Dates with traditional Fair
Dates w/ non-traditional Fair & Ag Events

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# 2023 Southern California Race Dates

SA - December 21, 2021 through June 20, 2023

LACF - June 21 through July 11, 2023

DM - July 12 through September 12, 2023

LA - September 13 through September 26, 2023

SA - September 27 through November 7, 2023

DM - November 8 through December 5, 2023

LA - December 6 through December 19, 2023

Wks

Santa Anita	32
LACF@Los Al	3
Del Mar	13
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**Total Weeks: 52**

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# 2023 QH Race Dates

LA (QH) - December 21, 2022 through December 19, 2023

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**Total Weeks: 52**

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**There is no board package material for Item 3**