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Alameda County Fair Announces Closure of Stables and Training Facility at the Fairgrounds Track

Pleasanton, Calif.—The California Authority of Racing Fairs (CARF) officially announced that it will not apply for a racing license nor conduct live race meets, including during fairs, on behalf of its members because of financial and regulatory challenges marking the end of an era for fairgrounds' racing.

This difficult decision was made by the CARF Board of Directors, who understand the historical and cultural significance of fairgrounds racing in California. CARF prepares license applications and provides administrative and technical support for fair racing tracks. CARF negotiates contracts between fairs and simulcast organizations for satellite wagering venues. The Alameda County Fairgrounds is one of five fairs in the Northern California racing circuit that hosted live horse racing in the summers and more recently year round.

With the closure, the roughly 420 fairground horse stables will close on March 25, 2025 for training operations.

The RV Park Campgrounds is a public facility and still open, and the RV park will remain open for all guests. The Fairgrounds understands that there could be families that require assistance and are dedicated to working with the county and other services to help them transition during the change.