

**CALIFORNIA EXPOSITION & STATE FAIR  
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

Committee Meeting Minutes  
held via Teleconference  
Friday, May 29, 2020  
10:30 a.m.

**MINUTES**

Committee Members Present:

Rina DiMare, Committee Chair  
Director Erin Choi  
Board Chair Jess Durfee  
Board Vice Chair Rex Hime

Staff Present:

Chief Executive Officer (CEO)  
Chief Deputy General Manager (DGM)  
Deputy General Manager Administration  
Deputy General Manager – Business Development  
Assistant General Manager Expo Events  
Ag Programs Manager  
Recording Secretary

Rick Pickering  
Tom Martinez  
Samantha Brown  
Margaret Mohr  
Marcia Shell  
Jay Carlson  
Sue O'Brien

Committee Chair DiMare called the Legislative Committee Meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present. Committee Chair DiMare dispensed with the reading of the Mission Statement and Public Comment.

**GENERAL UPDATES**

**a.** Discussion and Update of Legislative Matters

Chief Deputy General Manager Martinez reviewed the staff report with the committee. He pointed out that the May revision came out and one of the changes includes \$40.3 million General Fund in 2019-20 to support state-affiliated fairs that are projected to have insufficient reserves to pay legally mandated costs that may be incurred during the state civil service layoff process, including staff salary, payout of leave balances, and unemployment insurance. He also noted that the proposed budget in January 2020 included \$2.25 million from the General Fund for Cal Expo Fiscal Support and Assessment. Given the drastic budget impacts from the Covid-19 Recession these monies have been redirected to CDFA's aforementioned \$40.3 million to support state-affiliated fairs.

Chief Deputy General Manager Martinez also discussed SCA 6 (Dodd) Gambling: Sports Wagering and that it will be heard Tuesday, June 2, 2020 in the Senate Governmental Committee. Committee Chair DiMare reminded the committee that

when the tribes first came out with the initiative in December 2019, the Board made a motion to send a letter in opposition unless amended to the California Attorney General. Committee Chair DiMare would like a motion to have staff continue pursuing inserting fairs into this bill.

**MOTION:**

To direct staff to continue working and follow up on bill SCA 6 to include fairs in the bill. Motion was moved by Board Chair Durfee and seconded by Board Vice Chair Hime. Discussion: Director May asked what CARF's position is on this bill. CEO Pickering and Chief Deputy General Manager Martinez confirmed that CARF's position welcomes any type of new revenue and would continue discussions on this bill at their next meeting. **All in favor, motion carries unanimously.**

**b. Recommend Possible Legislative Pursuits to the Board of Directors**

Committee Chair DiMare stated that the Board has given staff general direction regarding legislative pursuits in the past. However, the committee would like staff to get clarification and verification of the 20 year lease component of Cal Expo property.

**MOTION:**

To direct staff to seek clarification and verification of the 20 year lease restriction at Cal Expo. The motion was moved by Board Vice Chair Hime and was seconded by Board Chair Durfee. Discussion: Board Vice Chair Hime suggested that as part of the progress, the Administration should be seeking this modification. **All in favor, motion carries unanimously.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Committee Chair DiMare asked for a motion to Adjourn.

**Motion:**

Motion was moved by Board Vice Chair Hime and was seconded by Board Chair Durfee.

**All in favor, motion carries unanimously**

The Legislative Committee meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.