



## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Requested Board Meeting Date: January 3, 2017

Title: County Fair Horse Racing Meet 2017

### Introduction/Background:

The Arizona Department of Racing (ADOR) allows local County Fair Horse Racing Commissions throughout the State of Arizona to hold racing meet days at their local horse race track to earn revenue from the racing to fund their operational and other costs. This revenue does not come from the actual racing meet revenues, as it comes from a portion of the funds ADOR collects as racing taxes. If actual live racing does not take place in the jurisdiction, the commission may hold County Fair Horse racing meets at other operating horse racetracks within the state of Arizona.

### Discussion:

The Pima County Fair Horse Racing Commission (PCFHRC) is asking the Board of Supervisors to allow up to six (6) County Fair racing days that will be presented to ADOR for final approval in the ADOR February 9th Commission meeting. Prior to Rillito Racing holding the non-exclusive operating agreement with Pima County to conduct live horse racing meets, four (4) County Fair racing days took place annually at Rillito Racetrack. If approved ADOR will rebate back a portion of the taxes collected by this agency to the PCFHRC. An operating agreement between the PCFHRC and Rillito Racing Inc. must also be included as part of the permit approval to hold County Fair Horse racing days by ADOR.

### Conclusion:

Pima County Fair Horse Racing Commission will be able to conduct County Fair Horse racing days at the Rillito Race Track during the "Spring Race Meet" or other Arizona race tracks if racing is not conducted at Rillito Racetrack in 2017 or a portion of the approved days if Rillito Racetrack cannot conduct all of the dates.

### Recommendation:

Staff recommends approving up to six days of County Fair Racing at Rillito Racetrack in 2017 or other horse race tracks if there is no racing at Rillito Racetrack, subject to final approval by ADOR.

### Fiscal Impact:

A small amount of revenue will be generated so the Pima County Fair Horse Racing Commission has some funds to operate the commission.

### Board of Supervisor District:

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