

ADDENDUM MATERIAL

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Requested Board Meeting Date: December 17, 2019

Title: County Fair Horse Racing Meet 2020

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 racetrack to earn revenue from the racing to fund their operational and other costs. This revenue does not come from actual racing meet revenues, as it comes from a portion of the funds ADOR collects as racing taxes. If actual 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:

Rillito Racing, Inc., a non-profit corporation, contracts with the Pima County Fair Horse Racing Commission (PCFHRC) to provide both Fair and commercial Racing at the Rillito Racetrack. Rillito Racing, Inc. will conduct 14 racing days in 2020. PCFHRC is asking the Board of Supervisors to allow up to four (4) County Fair Racing Days in addition to ten commercial racing days pending final approval by the Arizona Department of Racing (ADOR) prior to the commencement of racing and to waive for this year the requirement that an audit of the previous year's operations be provided. If approved, first by Pima County and then by ADOR, the State will rebate back a portion of the taxes collected by this agency to the PCFHRC.

As a condition of its contract, Rillito Racing, Inc. is required to provide an annual audit to Pima County. Due to a lack of sufficient funding, Rillito Racing, Inc. has been unable to conduct the audit for the 2019 racing season.

Conclusion:

If the waiver is granted and the racing dates are approved by Pima County and ADOR, the PCFHRC will conduct 4 days of racing at the Rillito Racetrack during the "2020 Winter Meet". The 2020 Winter Meet begins on Saturday, February 8, 2020 and will be held every Saturday and Sunday through Sunday, March 22, 2020.

Recommendation:

Staff is asking the Board to consider waving the audit requirement for Rillito Racing Inc., for the 2019 year pending a similar waiver from the ADOR and approving the PCFHRC's request for 4 County Fair Horse Racing Days: February 8, February 9, March 21 and March 22, 2020.

Fiscal Impact:

Revenue generated will benefit the PCFHRC to continue to operate.

Board of Supervisor District:

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