

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
AND
THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION

This Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) is entered into by the County of Humboldt (“COUNTY”) and the Humboldt County Fair Association (“ASSOCIATION”) to facilitate the expedient development of an agreement related to funding for the repair and maintenance of the grandstands.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, on December 20, 2022, a strong 6.4 magnitude earthquake occurred in Humboldt County; and

WHEREAS, the earthquake has caused an imminent threat to public safety and significant damage to public and private property; and

WHEREAS, ASSOCIATION leases from COUNTY the premises known as the Humboldt County Fairgrounds, and annually conducts the Humboldt County Fair to benefit the COUNTY and the community; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the lease agreement between COUNTY and ASSOCIATION, ASSOCIATION maintains fairgrounds and all facilities and improvements located thereon, as described in the lease agreement; and

WHEREAS, the grandstands are an essential component to the fairgrounds, providing required seating and facilities for events, which serve as a main attraction for many fairgoers and drives other local economic activity; and

WHEREAS, significant damage has occurred to the grandstands at the Humboldt County Fairgrounds as a result of the earthquake and in their current conditions have been deemed unsafe for use; and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to facilitate the expedient development of an agreement related to funding for the repair and maintenance of the grandstands, the parties desire to enter into this MOU.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises contained herein, the parties hereto mutually agree as follows:

AGREEMENT

1. Purpose.

The purpose of this MOU is to promote a mutually supportive relationship between the parties in development of an agreement regarding payment for needed repair and maintenance of the grandstands located at the Humboldt County Fairgrounds.

This MOU reflects the parties' shared responsibilities of ensuring payment for repair and maintenance for the grandstands at the Humboldt County Fairgrounds is fulfilled in a manner that is suitable for both parties.

2. Roles.

COUNTY owns the Humboldt County Fairgrounds and leases the related premises to ASSOCIATION for maintenance and repair of the leased premises, and to conduct an annual agricultural fair at the fairgrounds.

ASSOCIATION leases the premises from COUNTY and conducts an annual agricultural fair at the fairgrounds. The annual fair consists of many community-centered events, which are essential to local economic activity, youth and learning opportunities, artist endeavors and community-building efforts, among other benefits.

3. Commitment to Cooperate.

The parties agree to cooperate and work together in good faith to work towards developing a cost-sharing or cost-reimbursement agreement for repair and maintenance of the grandstands at the Humboldt County Fair.

To advance this commitment, the parties agree to maintain regular and focused communications until an agreement is reached.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this MOU as of the latest date indicated below.

[SIGNATURE BLOCKS]