



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 6/16/2026

File #: 26-577

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Public Works

Agenda Section: Consent

Vote Requirement: 4/5th

SUBJECT:

Second Amendment to the Lease Agreement with the Humboldt County Fair Association Regarding the Operation, Management and Maintenance of the Humboldt County Fair and Fairgrounds (4/5 Vote Required)

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve, and authorize the Chair of the Board to execute, the attached second amendment to the lease agreement with the Humboldt County Fair Association regarding the operation, management and maintenance of the Humboldt County Fair and Fairgrounds (4/5 Vote Required); and
2. Direct the Clerk of the Board to return one (1) fully executed original copy of the attached second amendment to the Real Property Division of the Humboldt County Department of Public Works for further processing.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This action supports the following areas of your Board's Strategic Plan.

Area of Focus: Core Services/Other

Strategic Plan Category: 9999 - Core Services/Other

DISCUSSION:

Since 1926, the Humboldt County Fair Association has been leasing and operating the Humboldt County Fairgrounds under various agreements with the County of Humboldt. On Jul. 1, 2020, the county and the Humboldt County Fair Association entered into the current lease agreement regarding the operation, management and maintenance of the Humboldt County Fair and Fairgrounds. This lease agreement was extended for a one-year term and will terminate on Jun. 30, 2026.

The Humboldt County Fair Association and the county have agreed to a six-month extension to provide additional time for both parties to engage in discussions regarding potential revisions and updates to enter into a new lease agreement. Pursuant to Government Code Section 25536, The Board of Supervisors, by a 4/5 vote, may enter a lease of property owned by the County of Humboldt without competitive bidding. The attached second amendment to the lease agreement with the Humboldt County Fair Association will extend the term thereof through Dec. 31, 2026, with all other terms and conditions of the lease remaining unchanged during the extension period.

Accordingly, staff recommend that the Board approve and authorize the Chair of the Board to execute the attached Second

Amendment to the Lease Agreement with the Humboldt County Fair Association regarding the operation, management and maintenance of the Humboldt County Fair and Fairgrounds for the period of July 1, 2026, through Dec. 31, 2026.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

None

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Narrative Explanation of Financial Impact:

There are no direct costs associated with the attached second amendment to the lease agreement with the Humboldt County Fair Association.

STAFFING IMPACT:

Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impact:

Approval of the attached second amendment to the lease agreement with the Humboldt County Fair Association will not impact current staffing levels.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

California Department of Food and Agriculture

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board may choose not to approve the attached second amendment to the lease agreement with the Humboldt County Fair Association regarding the operation, management and maintenance of the Humboldt County Fair and Fairgrounds. However, this alternative is not recommended as it will limit the Humboldt County Fair Association's ability to operate, manage and maintain the Humboldt County Fair and Fairgrounds.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Lease Agreement with the Humboldt County Fair Association Regarding the Operation, Management and Maintenance of the Humboldt County Fair and Fairgrounds dated Jul.1, 2020
2. First Amendment to the Lease Agreement with the Humboldt County Fair Association Regarding the Operation, Management and Maintenance of the Humboldt County Fair and Fairgrounds
3. Second Amendment to the Lease Agreement with the Humboldt County Fair Association Regarding the Operation, Management and Maintenance of the Humboldt County Fair and Fairgrounds

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Meeting of: 7/23/13, 10/16/18, 6/20/20, 6/24/2025

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