



## Board of Directors Meeting

April 23, 2026

Good morning.

The meeting will begin just after 9:30 a.m. For members of the public on Zoom – for Public Comment, please use the chat function to communicate to the meeting secretary to indicate which agenda items you would like to speak to.

Please keep your device on mute until called upon to speak.

If using the Zoom dial-in option, use \*6 to mute and un-mute your phone.

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The Mission of OCFEC is...

Enhancing equitable community access  
to agriculture, entertainment, cultural  
and educational experiences



### 3. Pledge of Allegiance



## 4. Roll Call

### Board of Directors

Chair Barbara Bagneris

Vice Chair Robert Ruiz

Director Nick Kovacevich

Director Newton Pham

Director Doug La Belle

Director Natalie Rubalcava-Garcia

Director Tanya Bilezikjian

Director Dimetria Jackson

Director Martha Sanchez Cannady



# 5a. Presentation of Arab American Heritage Month Proclamation

## ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH



# 5a. Presentation of Arab American Heritage Month Proclamation by Community Affairs Committee

In recognition of Arab American Heritage Month, the Committee will present a proclamation to Rima Nashashibi, Founder and President of Global Hope 365.

The Committee is honoring Rima Nashashibi in recognition of her longstanding leadership and impactful advocacy on behalf of women and girls, both locally and globally. As Founder and President of Global Hope 365, she has led efforts to combat child marriage, human trafficking, and gender-based violence, including advancing policy initiatives and community awareness campaigns across Orange County and beyond. Her work has resulted in the adoption of child marriage prevention resolutions in numerous jurisdictions and the establishment of collaborative coalitions and survivor-led initiatives. Widely recognized for her influence and service, Ms. Nashashibi continues to build bridges across communities and champion the protection, empowerment, and advancement of vulnerable populations.



## 6. Minutes

### **A. Board meeting held March 26, 2026**

Action Item



## 7. Matters of Public Comment

Public comment is allowed on issues NOT on the current agenda. However, no debate by the Board shall be permitted on such public comments, and no action will be taken on such public comment items at this time, as law requires formal public notice prior to any action on an agenda item. Speakers are requested to sign in prior to the start of the meeting and are limited to three minutes.

Comments will be accepted on all other agenda items at the time each item is listed on the agenda. Speakers wishing to address the Board on items on the agenda are requested to sign in prior to the start of the meeting and identify the agenda item(s) on which you desire to address the Board. Speakers are limited to three minutes.



## 8. Consent Calendar

All matters listed under Consent Calendar are operational matters about which the Board has governing policies, implementation of which is delegated to the CEO. They will be enacted in one motion by category in the order listed below. There will be no discussion of these items prior to the time the Board of Directors votes on the motion, unless members of the board, staff or public request specific items to be discussed separately and/or removed from this section.

Any member of the public who wishes to discuss Consent Calendar items should notify the Chair of the Board, at the time requested and be recognized by invitation of the Chair to address the Board.



## 9. Closed Session

- A. Pending Litigation** – The Board will meet in closed session to consult with legal counsel regarding the following pending litigation. [Gov. Code section 11126(e).]
- i. To confer with and receive advice from legal counsel regarding potential litigation involving the 32nd District Agricultural Association. Based on existing facts and circumstances, the Board of Directors will decide whether to initiate litigation. (Govt. Code, § 11126, subd. (e).)
  - ii. To confer with and receive advice from legal counsel regarding potential litigation involving the 32nd District Agricultural Association. Based on existing facts and circumstances, there is significant exposure to litigation against the 32nd District Agricultural Association. (Govt. Code, § 11126, subd. (e).)
  - iii. To confer with counsel, discuss, and consider the following pending litigation to which the 32nd DAA is a party. Changing Strides, et al., v. 32nd District Agricultural Association, et. al., Orange County Superior Court, Case No. 30-2024-01421750
  - iv. To confer with counsel, discuss, and consider the following pending litigation to which the 32nd DAA is a party. Changing Strides, et al., v. 32nd District Agricultural Association, et. al., Orange County Superior Court, Case No. 30-2024-01423147



# 10. CEO's Operational Announcements & Updates

## ***Master Site Plan Activities***

### ➤ Pacific Amphitheatre Upgrades Progress:

- Restroom Floors and Entry Tile Installation
- Drywall Repairs and FRP Cladding
- Replacement of Sinks / Drinking Fountains
- Building Exterior Painting
- Replacement Landscaping
- Pavement Repairs / Coating
- New Concession Counters /Openings
- Artist Area Interior Demo
  - Wall and Floor Repair/Replacement
  - Ceiling and Lighting Repair/Replacement
  - Bathroom Repair/Replacement
  - New Furnishings/Decor



# 10. CEO's Operational Announcements & Updates

## ***New Entertainment Announcements***

- Pacific Amphitheater:
  - Patti LaBelle / The O'Jays – August 6
  - Steel Pulse / English Beat / Eli Mac – August 16
- Action Sports Arena:
  - Kicker Monster Truck Show – July 29 through August 2
- The Hangar:
  - Queen Nation – August 5 & 6
  - Catch A Wave – August 9 (Evening)
  - 24K Magic – August 12 & 13



# 10. CEO's Operational Announcements & Updates

## *Industry Engagement*

### ➤ IAFE Management Conference:

- Key Leadership from Major Fairgrounds/Fairs
  - James and Michael represented OCFEC
- Topics Included:
  - Managing Change – Evolving Facilities
  - Managing Change – Evolving Mission, Programming & Team
  - Managing Change – Branding and Reputation
  - Managing Change – Evolving Staff Structure & Workplace Needs
  - Managing Events – Creativity, Flexibility, Paradigm Shifting

Managing Events  
Managing Self  
Managing Change



❖ Very Timely Topics For Us!



# 11A. Annual Consideration and Vote on the Number of Discounted Fair Admission Tickets and Parking Passes to Allocate to Centennial Farm Foundation Board Members

According to the MOU between the 32nd District Agricultural Association and the Centennial Farm Foundation, the “District, at its sole discretion, may provide to each active Foundation Board member one (1) complimentary pass to District’s annual county fair, which pass may include an F Lot parking hang tag. The type and quantity of additional complimentary passes will be assessed by the District on an annual basis.”

It has been the District’s practice to provide active Centennial Farm Foundation Board members the same opportunity as seasonal staff to purchase discounted fair admission tickets. For the 2026 OC Fair, seasonal staff may purchase up to fifteen (15) general admission tickets at a cost of \$2 each, and staff recommends extending this same opportunity to active Foundation Board members.



# 11A. Annual Consideration and Vote on the Number of Discounted Fair Admission Tickets and Parking Passes to Allocate to Centennial Farm Foundation Board Members

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Board approve the allocation of one (1) complimentary fair admission pass per day of the 2026 OC Fair and one (1) F-Lot parking pass for each active Centennial Farm Foundation Board member, and authorize each active Board member to purchase up to fifteen (15) general admission tickets at a cost of \$2 each.



## 11B. Board Discussion and Vote on Appointment of Member Entity Representative and Alternate to Serve on the CCA Board of Directors

California Fairs Financing Authority, dba California Construction Authority (CCA), is a joint powers authority formed through the “Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement Among the County of Solano, the County of El Dorado, the 22nd District Agricultural Association (22nd DAA), the 32nd District Agricultural Association, and the 46th District Agricultural Association” (JPA) on July 1, 1988, and amended November 22, 1989. These five entities represent the Member Entities as defined in the JPA.

CCA’s mission is to facilitate timely, cost-effective construction on California fairgrounds, providing construction project management, code compliance plan review, and construction inspection services to California fairgrounds.



## 11B. Board Discussion and Vote on Appointment of Member Entity Representative and Alternate to Serve on the CCA Board of Directors

The CCA Board is composed of five voting members: one appointed from each Member Entity and a sixth non-voting ex-officio member appointed by the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA). CCA Board members serve for a term of five years, or until the appointment of a successor, at the pleasure of the appointing Member Entity. An alternate member is also appointed to serve by the Member Entity in the absence of the primary member appointed.

The 32nd DAA is one of the Member Entities of CCA. CEO James Canfield currently serves as the appointed representative to the CCA Board of Directors.



## 11B. Board Discussion and Vote on Appointment of Member Entity Representative and Alternate to Serve on the CCA Board of Directors

With the recent hiring of a Chief Operating Officer, the District is now positioned to appoint an alternate representative to the CCA Board. Historically, a member of the District's executive team has served in this capacity.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is Staff's recommendation to appoint Chief Operating Officer Michael Searle as the alternate representative to the California Construction Authority (CCA) Board of Directors, serving in the absence of the District's appointed representative.



## 11C. Review and Consideration of Adjustment to Board-Delegated Authority for Automatic Staff Write-Off of Uncollectible Debt

California Government Code Section 13943.2 [Renumbered as 12438, effective June 27, 2016] authorizes the Board of Directors to discharge uncollectible accounts of five hundred dollars (\$500) or less once a debt is considered uncollectible.

At the April 2025 Board meeting, the Board of Directors delegated approval to staff to automatically write-off debt of \$0.99 or less. At the March 2026 Board Meeting, the Board of Directors asked staff to confer with legal counsel regarding the possibility of adjusting the amount of debt write-off that could be delegated to staff and bring the information back to the April Board Meeting.



## 11C. Review and Consideration of Adjustment to Board-Delegated Authority for Automatic Staff Write-Off of Uncollectible Debt

Legal Counsel has determined that there is no limit to the amount of write-off authority that the Board can delegate to staff other than the statutory limit of \$500 that the Board has.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is Staff's recommendation that the Board review and discuss the opinion of legal counsel and take appropriate action at their discretion.



# 11D. Staff Recap of Imaginology 2026

Staff will present a recap of 2026 Imaginology event which was held April 11-12. With free admission, Imaginology attracts thousands of kids, parents and families, and is the District's biggest community give-back of the year.



# IMAGiNOLOGY

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Family  
Fun

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IMAGINATION

**April 11-12**



**S.T.E.A.M. Makeshops | Demonstrations | Entertainment**

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# WHAT'S NEW?

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ADMISSION



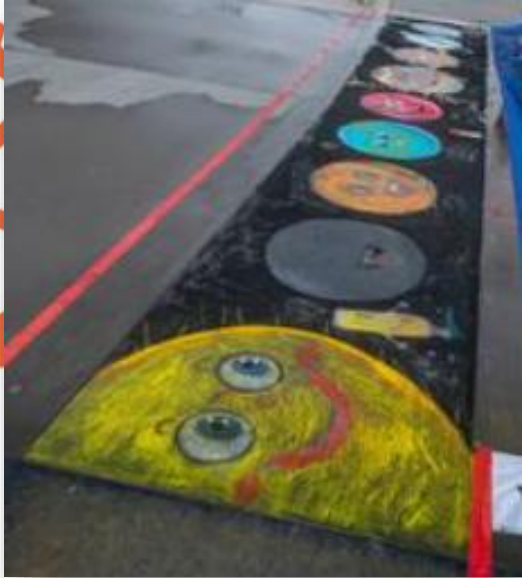


## Event Recap

Attendance 20,500+



# Chalk Art





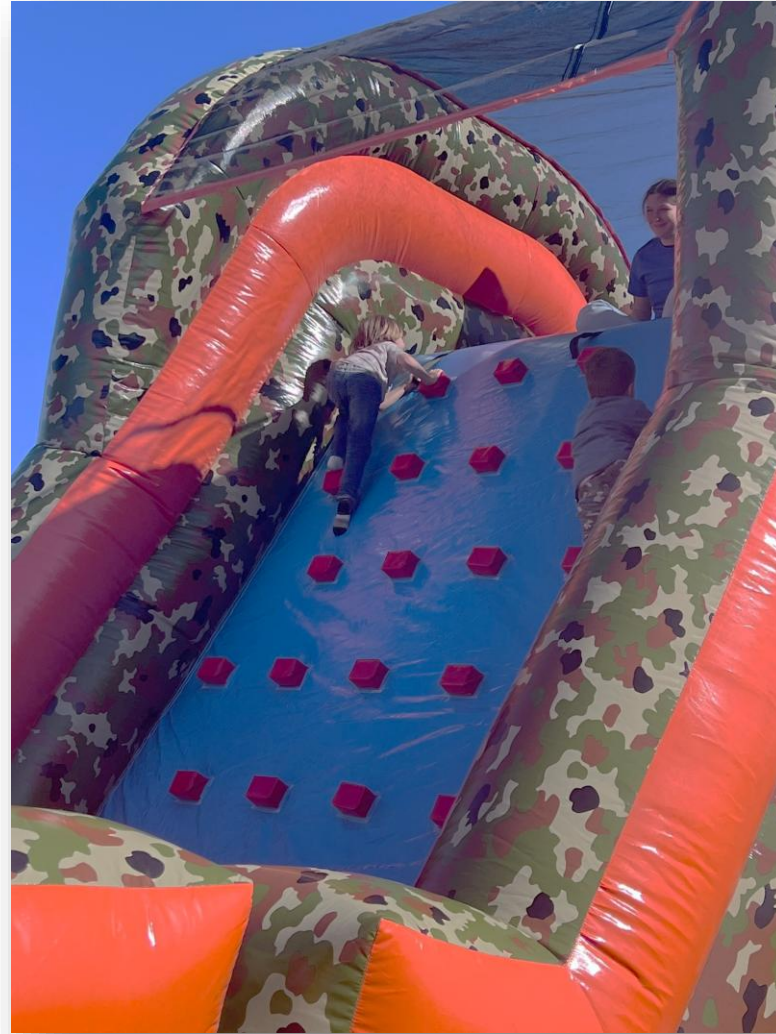
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# Boot Camp



# 4H Show



# Llama Show



Entertainment





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**INVENTION + PLAY + EXPERIMENTATION = LEARNING**

# 11E. Committee/Ad Hoc Committee/Liaison Reports

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# March 2026 Financials

	Actual	Budget	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
March 2026 Revenue	\$ 1,617,597	\$ 1,592,100	\$ 25,497
March 2026 Expenses	<u>\$ 2,806,841</u>	<u>\$ 2,932,281</u>	<u>\$ 125,440</u>
March 2026 Net Proceeds/(Loss)	<u>(\$ 1,189,244)</u>	<u>(\$ 1,340,181)</u>	<u>\$ 150,937</u>



# Cash and Cash Equivalents

	<u>March 31, 2026</u>	<u>March 31, 2025</u>
Cash on Hand	\$ 3,526,386	\$ 4,937,664
Investments	<u>\$57,119,229</u>	<u>\$46,632,305</u>
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u>\$60,645,615</u>	<u>\$51,569,969</u>
Year over Year Change	<u>\$ 9,075,646</u>	
Year over Year % Change	17.6%	



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# Upcoming Events Preview



APR 25



MAY 1 - 3



MAY 7



MAY 8 - 10



MAY 9 & 16



MAY 9



MAY 16



MAY 16



MAY 23 -24



# 11. Upcoming Events Preview



Thursdays



# 11. Upcoming Events Preview

## Classes at Centennial Farm



MAY 9

Wicking Hydroponics for Soil-Free Gardening



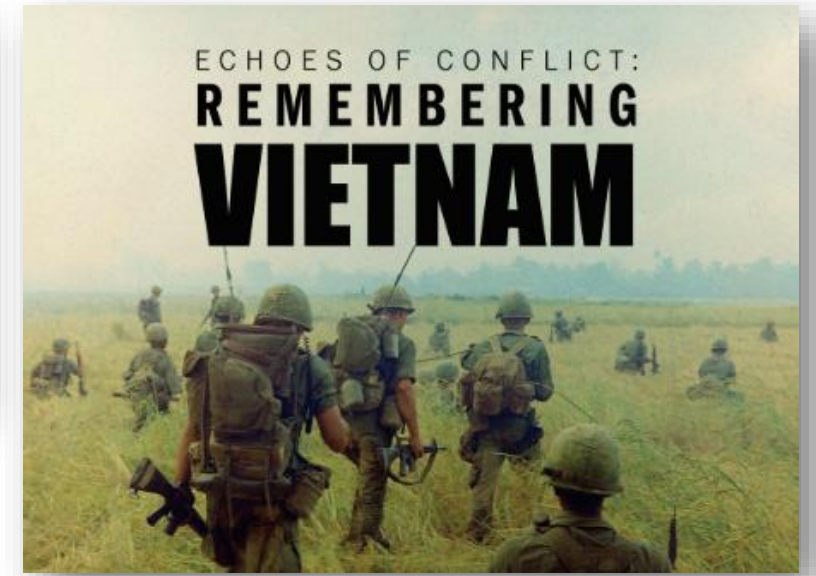
MAY 16

Dwarf Fruits and Vegetables for Small Space Gardens





May 9



Discovery Days May 5 & 18

# 11. Upcoming Events Preview



## Saddle Up for Ranch Discovery Day! May 13

YTD Stats	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Client Sessions	260	278	302	840
Walk Intuit Events	5	4	4	13
Walk Intuit Attendees	46	41	33	120
Volunteer Shifts	210	196	210	616
Volunteers Per Month	21	22	24	
Staff per Month	18	21	20	
OCFEC Event Days	1	3	4	8



**May 2**

# 13. Board of Directors Matters of Information

14. Next Board Meeting

May 28, 2026





*Earthrise*

Apollo 8 Space Mission December 24, 1968

*Earthset*  
Artemis II Space Mission April 6, 2026



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