

35th DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION

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Board Meeting Notice

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The 35th DAA Board of Directors will be holding their regular monthly meeting on **Wednesday, January 21, 2026** in the

El Capitan Building (Rock House)
Meeting Schedule:
Board Meeting 3:00 p.m.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mark Erreca, President, Vicky Banaga, Lori Gallo, Emily Haden, Luis Lara, Mark Pazin, and Kim Rogina

STAFF

John Allgaier, CEO
Richard Sandoval, Deputy Manager

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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Public comment must be related to Open Meeting Laws for DAAs.

All meeting notices, agendas, and materials considered by the Board during the meeting will be available during the meeting.

The agenda and notices will also be available on the website at www.mercedcountyfair.com

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BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Items listed on this agenda may be considered in any order at the discretion of the Board Chair. All items so listed may be considered for action. Any item not listed on the agenda will not be discussed or considered by the Board. Public Comments will be accepted on Agenda items at the time each item is considered by the Board. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes.

CALL TO ORDER – BOARD CHAIR

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

Banaga ____ Erreca ____ Gallo ____ Haden ____ Lara ____ Pazin ____ Rogina ____

ROLL CALL VOTE

1. Declaration of Quorum
2. Approval of Absences - Action Item

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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CONSENT AGENDA: (Discussion/Action by Board) All items on the consent agenda will be approved in one motion unless a board member requests separate action on a specific item.

1. Review & Approval of December 2025 Board Meeting Minutes
2. Review & Approval of November 2025 Cash Expenditures and Payroll
3. Review & Approval of November 2025 Financial Reports
4. Review & Approval of December 2025 Contracts/Rental Agreements
5. Review & Approval of December 2025 Cash Expenditures and Payroll
6. Review & Approval of December 2025 Financial Reports

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REPORTS AND INFORMATION: (Informational)

1. CEO Report
 - a) Upcoming events
 - b) Lighting upgrade completed (PGE Grant Phase 2)
 - c) Shade Cover update
 - d) Fair 2026 prep & planning updates.
 - e) Other information.
 - f) Livestock operations update 2026
2. Friends of the Merced County Fair Report

MATTERS OF INFORMATION: (Informational)

COMMITTEE REPORTS: (Discussion/Action)

NEW BUSINESS (Discussion/Action by Board)

1. Board appointment of officers (VP, 2nd VP, etc.).
2. Director Committee Assignments
3. California Transportation Authority approval of purchase of land frontage section MLK Jr. Wy.
4. Flea Market continuation of current signed contract/option 2026. (Discussion/Action)
5. Grandstand Speedway 2026 proposal and/or multi-year contract. (Discussion/Action)
6. Rodeo Committee proposal to provide rodeo June 12 & 13, 2026. (Discussion/Action)
7. Approval to request CDFA 2026 annual allocation (grant). (Discussion/Action)
8. Approval of facility upgrade loan(s) from CDFA, if granted by CDFA, with initial estimated target cap of \$350,000 at minimum 5-year term and 8% interest rate cap.
9. Review and approval of 2026 Budget
10. Blue Ribbon Award nomination for 2026.
11. Review and approval of proposed equipment grants (Lawnmower & Hand Equipment).

OLD BUSINESS: (Discussion/Action by Board)

1. CFSA renewal of contract services -Accounting. (Action)
2. Resiliency Project update
3. RV Park project update.

CLOSING COMMENTS

1. Director's Closing Comments
2. CEO's Closing Comments

TOPICS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

1. Agenda Items for discussion and/or action to be listed on the next regularly scheduled board meeting agenda.
2. Next Board Meeting(s): **Wednesday, February 18, 2026**

ADJOURNMENT

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