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**PROPOSITION 68 TO SECURE FUNDING FOR FAIRGROUNDS IN CALIFORNIA**

Turlock, CA (June 5, 2018) – With today’s voting and if Prop 68 passes, Governor Brown will include \$3.6 million for Fairgrounds.

In 2010, Governor Jerry Brown’s department of finance recommended that \$32 million of all the California county fairs’ funding be eliminated. In 2011, the proposed elimination of funding went on to reduce the income stream and job creation by about 30 percent, resulting in a net loss to the state. This put many California fairs at risk of closure. Seven years later, such fairgrounds continue to serve their communities – however, their continued operation has forced the ridding of crucial maintenance to existing structures. With the help of Prop 68, this can be resolved.

Prop 68, a Parks, Environment, and Water Bond, which will provide California’s network of fairgrounds with \$18 million in support for facility improvements. The Prop will represent a \$4.1 billion investment in outdoor recreation, land conservation and water projects.

“California’s fairgrounds have really stepped up to continue delivering the services their communities value them for,” said Western Fairs Association (WFA) Executive Director Sarah Cummings. “The Governor’s recognition of this through the inclusion of infrastructure funding in his budget is much appreciated. We have great faith in our communities to support Prop 68’s passage – a Yes vote on Prop 68 supports the fair industry!” WFA is a nonprofit trade association serving the fair industry across the western United States and Canada. Founded in 1922 and incorporated in 1945, WFA is based in Sacramento, CA and serves more than 800 members.

The 2018 Stanislaus County Fair opens Friday, July 13<sup>th</sup> for a 10-day run. Fair guests can count on an award-winning experience that has been over 107 years in the making. Discounted Fair admission tickets, unlimited ride wristbands, and the Fair season pass are now on sale. Corporate ticket sales will also be available to purchase at a highly discounted rate. Visit the Fair’s website for upcoming ticket sale information at [www.stancofair.com](http://www.stancofair.com).

The 2018 Fair will feature a spectacular children's area presented by Sky Trek Aviation. Also planned for 2018 are 10-nights of free celebrity concerts included with Fair admission, a total of three stages of live entertainment, upwards of 30,000 local exhibits and over 1,750 animals. Metal-mashing motorsports and rodeo in the FoodMaxx Arena will also be featured.

To receive future Fair announcements, follow us on Facebook at [facebook.com/stancofair](https://facebook.com/stancofair). Also, follow us on Twitter and Instagram @stancofair.

The mission of the Stanislaus County Fair is to provide a family and community-oriented experience promoting agriculture, entertainment and technology. For more information about the award-winning Stanislaus County Fair, visit [www.stancofair.com](http://www.stancofair.com).

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