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New Life Comes to Solano County Fair

Vallejo, CA — December 16, 2024 — As a new year approaches, a new day dawns for the community's beloved fairgrounds. In November, the Solano County Board of Supervisors approved a $1 Million grant to repair the roof of McCormack Hall and upgrade its ventilation systems to make the hall more shelter compatible for emergencies.

On December 10, following over a year of negotiations, the Solano County Supervisors along with the Solano County Fair Association Board of Directors successfully agreed on a five-year management agreement bestowing use of the full 153 acres of the fairgrounds for the first time since 2008.

The Fairgrounds and Event Center staff were presented to the Supervisors. "This handful of people are the heart-and-soul of your fair. They make the magic happen, I couldn't do my job without this incredible team," said CEO Tom Keaney in his introductory remarks to the Board of Supervisors. Featured was Maintenance Supervisor, Francisco "Pancho" Chairez, who was recognized for his 38 years of service to the people of Solano. "We were his first job. He stayed in good times and bad. He held on when others had given up hope. His dogged commitment is my inspiration." Keaney went on to say.

SCFA Director, Joe Joyce, thanked the Supervisors for giving the fairgrounds the new "lease on life" and expressed gratitude for the cooperation and collaboration that is now the norm for the Fairgrounds Association and County leadership.

The Solano County Fairgrounds in Vallejo …. The 2025 Solano County Fair will take place June 12-15 with "Fun for the Whole Herd." Visit scfair.com for details.

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