

CALIFORNIA CODES
FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL CODE
SECTION 4051-4060

4051. An association, with the approval of both the Department of Food and Agriculture and the Department of General Services, may do any of the following:

(a) Contract.

(b) Purchase, acquire, hold, sell, exchange, or convey any interest in real or personal property and beautify or improve that property. Any acquisition of land or other real property shall be subject to the Property Acquisition Law (Part 11 (commencing with Section 15850) of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code).

(c) Lease, let, or grant licenses for the use of its real estate or personal property, or any portion of that property, to any person or public body for whatever purpose may be approved by the board.

(d) Use or manage its real estate or personal property, or any portion of that property, for any or all of the purposes of this section jointly with any lessee, sublessee, or licensee, or otherwise use or manage the property in connection with the lease, sublease, or license which is made or granted.

(e) Lease or let its real property for public park, recreational, or playground purposes.

(f) Rent or permit the use of its premises for any purpose which is beneficial to the agricultural industry, including, but not limited to, the holding of sales or auctions of cattle or other livestock.

(g) Contract with any county or county fair association for holding a fair jointly with the county or county fair association. The joint fair is a district fair of the association.

(h) Make permanent improvements upon publicly owned real property adjacent to real property of the district when the improvements materially benefit the property of the district.

(i) Pledge any and all revenues, moneys, accounts, accounts receivable, contract rights, and other rights to payment of whatever kind, pursuant to such terms and conditions as are approved by the board. The revenues, moneys, accounts, accounts receivable, contract rights, and other rights to payment of whatever kind pledged by the association or its assignees constitute a lien and security interest which immediately attaches to the property so pledged and is effective, binding, and enforceable against the association, its successors, purchasers of the property so pledged, creditors, and all others asserting rights therein, to the extent set forth, and in accordance with, the terms and conditions of the pledge, irrespective of whether those persons have notice of the pledge and without the need for any physical delivery, recordation, filing, or further act.

4051.1. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in accordance with procedures established by the board, the board may enter into agreements to secure donations, memberships, and corporate and individual sponsorships, and may enter into marketing and licensing agreements for the receipt of money, or services or products in lieu of money, and may employ, or create and participate in an entity, or enter into an agreement with an entity or person to

4055. Associations, by majority vote of their respective boards, may cooperate in the holding of a fair in any of the districts.

4056. An association may pay membership fees, and join and participate in the affairs of any organization which has the following purposes:

(a) Interchange of information that relates to livestock, poultry, and other agricultural animals and products.

(b) Conduct and management of fairs.

(c) Conducting of horseracing meetings.

An association may also pay membership fees, join and participate in affairs of any similar organization that deals with subjects that are related to powers and duties of the association.

4057. The state is not liable for any premium which is offered or award that is made, or on account of any contract which is made, by any association.

4058. (a) Notwithstanding Section 4052, the California Exposition and State Fair, a district agricultural association fair, or county fair in the northern zone, with the approval of the Department of Food and Agriculture, may form an entity for conducting combined fair horseracing meetings and utilize their racing facilities for conducting horseracing meetings, with parimutuel wagering, on days other than the days on which general fair activities are conducted. A combined fair horseracing meeting pursuant to this section shall be a general fair activity for the purpose of Section 19549 of the Business and Professions Code.

(b) The association shall designate certain days of a mixed breed meeting held pursuant to this section as charity days with the proceeds therefrom to be distributed in accordance with Sections 19550 and 19556 of the Business and Professions Code.

(c) The association shall encourage the racing of emerging breeds of horses.

4059. (a) (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Department of Food and Agriculture shall develop criteria to be used, subject to the approval of the Department of General Services, for the disposal of property by a district agricultural association and the California Exposition and State Fair.

(2) As used in this section, "disposal of property" means the sale of equipment, materials or other forms of personal property no longer necessary to effectuate the purposes of the fair and that do not exceed an estimated fair market value of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000).

(b) The board of the district agricultural association or California Exposition and State Fair shall, prior to the disposal of property, as defined in this section, first be required to determine, through the Department of Food and Agriculture, if the property can be used by another fair in the California Fair Network or other state