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CHRB ADVISORY**MAY 11, 2010**

The CHRB has begun a project to develop track surface safety standards. One objective is to determine any relationships between equine injuries and racetrack conditions (e.g. track maintenance procedures, climate, moisture content, degree of compaction, etc.) This will involve regular testing of the racing surfaces at California racetracks.

Jeffery Salmon and Thomas McCarthy have contracted with the CHRB to serve as project managers. They will be working closely with the CHRB safety stewards at the racetracks. Salmon and McCarthy will meet with Luis Jauregui tomorrow (Wednesday) and Thursday at Hollywood Park and with Paul Nicolo the following Tuesday and Wednesday at Golden Gate. They will be meeting with the track superintendents and others involved in the project. They will be glad to speak with owners, trainers, jockeys, track officials, and anyone else interested in this matter. They intend to conduct their work as unobtrusively as possible, usually during non-training and non-racing hours.

The CHRB welcomes the racing industry's input and cooperation in this project. The goal is to develop standards that will result in the safest possible racing surfaces.

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