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CHRB NEWS RELEASE

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**CHRB CANCELS TELECONFERENCE MEETING**

SACRAMENTO, CA – The California Horse Racing Board has canceled the teleconference meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 17, following the announcement by the Los Angeles Turf Club (LATC) Tuesday indicating they have found a solution to the drainage problem on the main track at Santa Anita Park, which will allow them to keep their synthetic surface in place.

The sole purpose of the teleconference meeting was to consider a request by LATC for the Board to waive the requirement for a synthetic surface, which would have allowed them to replace the existing synthetic Cushion Track surface with a temporary dirt surface.

“Santa Anita has gone to great lengths to solve this challenge, and at the same time to keep racing and training going,” said CHRB Chairman Richard B. Shapiro. “I personally witnessed the testing of the reformulated surface, and it was most impressive. It does not appear to be necessary for us to consider any waiver in light of the direction they have chosen.”

Please go to <http://www.santaanita.com/news/pr.php?f=santaanitaracingtocontinuewithrefor> to view the news release from Santa Anita.

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