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COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS PROPOSED WAGERS, MINISATELLITES

ARCADIA, CA – Any horseplayer caught up in the current poker craze should want to attend Wednesday's meeting of the Pari-Mutuel Operations/ADW & Simulcasting Committee at Santa Anita Park for a discussion of a proposed tournament style, pari-mutuel horse-racing wager sponsored by the World Poker Tour.

The meeting will begin at 11:30 a.m. in the Baldwin Terrace Room immediately following the breakfast draw for the Santa Anita Handicap, which will be held just downstairs at Clockers' Corner.

The three members of the California Horse Racing Board who serve on the PMO Committee – Commissioners Jerry Moss (Committee chairman), John Andreini, and Jesse Choper – also will hear a proposal for future book wagering on the signature race at each California racetrack, such as the Big 'Cap at Santa Anita. Details on both of the proposed wagers will be provided during the meeting. Representatives of the World Poker Tour will be present to discuss the tournament proposal.

As many as 45 new minisatellite wagering facilities could open at locations throughout California under a new law (AB 241) designed to expand the number of outlets for pari-mutuel wagering in the state, and the PMO meeting will provide the first public discussion of proposed regulations to implement provisions of the law.

The Committee also will consider various proposals to amend or even repeal the rule requiring that horses with common ownership be coupled in the wagering.

The texts of AB 241 and the proposed regulations, as well as other background materials for the PMO meeting, are available on the CHRB website (www.chrb.ca.gov) under the prompts: Board meeting/Package/Committee. The public is encouraged to attend this and all noticed meetings of the Board and its committees.

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