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SUMMARY OF CHRB ACTIONS AND DISCUSSIONS 2-17-11

ARCADIA, CA – The California Horse Racing Board conducted its regular monthly meeting Thursday, February 17, at Santa Anita Park. Chairman Keith Brackpool presided. Vice Chairman David Israel and Commissioners Jesse Choper, Bo Derek, John Harris, and Richard Rosenberg were in attendance.

The audio of this entire Board meeting is available on the CHRB Website (www.chrb.ca.gov) under the [Webcast](#) link. In brief:

- The Board finalized the 2011 racing calendar by allocating dates in the late summer and fall for three Southern California racetracks. The Los Angeles County Fair meet will be run at Fairplex Park from September 8 through September 26, followed by the Pacific Racing Association meet at Santa Anita Park (September 28 – November 6) and the Hollywood Park Racing Association meet at Hollywood Park (November 9 – December 18). As part of the allocation motion, the Board encouraged the owner of Santa Anita to continue to work in cooperation with the Oak Tree Racing Association for the benefit of the horse-racing industry, and the Board again thanked Hollywood Park for staging the 2010 Oak Tree meet.
- The Board authorized for notice to the public a proposal to reduce the permitted level of phenylbutazone in an official test sample from five nanograms to two nanograms per milliliter of blood plasma or serum. The Board will conduct a public hearing on this proposed regulatory amendment following the 45-day notice period.
- The Board authorized for notice to the public a proposal to allow the Board to suspend the authorization for any authorized medication after notification at a properly noticed public hearing. The Board will conduct a public hearing on this proposed regulatory amendment following the 45-day notice period.
- The Board approved for public notice proposals to allow random drug testing of jockeys and apprentice jockeys under specified conditions and to require drug screening during the annual jockey physicals. The Board will conduct a public hearing on these proposed regulatory amendments following the 45-day notice period.

- The Board heard testimony and discussed various agenda items pertaining to revising the application for license to conduct a horse-racing meet, the feasibility of improving the rule that encourages giving horses needed time off, the expansion of the mini-satellite facility at the Commerce Casino, and the status of labor negotiations with advance deposit wagering (ADW) providers. The Board also received a report from staff concerning the distribution and use of the takeout dollar in California.

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