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SUMMARY OF CHRB ACTIONS AND DISCUSSIONS 10-6-11

ARCADIA, CA – The California Horse Racing Board conducted its regular meeting Thursday, October 6, at Santa Anita Park. Chairman Keith Brackpool presided. Vice Chairman David Israel and Commissioners Jesse Choper and Jerry Moss 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:

- Chairman Brackpool opened the meeting with an announcement that Executive Director Kirk Breed was ill and unable to attend the meeting. He extended the Board's best wishes to Breed and their hope for a full recovery.
- Board Counsel Robert Miller read the following statement: "On April 11, 2011, the California Horse Racing Board received a communication from an organization entitled the California Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association. The purpose of the communication was to inform the CHRB that the California Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association would be going forward with a petition to decertify the Thoroughbred Owners of California as the organization empowered by the Board to represent thoroughbred owners. In accordance with CHRB Rule 2040, the CTHA has six months to obtain signatures from 10 percent of the qualified members of the TOC agreeing to the decertification. The CTHA thereafter submitted the requisite number of petition signatures. The CHRB staff reviewed the petition to insure those signing the petition were qualified to do so. When the review was completed, the CHRB staff randomly selected 300 signers and sent a letter requesting verification of their signatures. The total of 300 names was chosen to give the CHRB a 95-percent confidence factor that the remaining petition signatures were true and correct. The CHRB is now receiving responses from individuals selected. Some of the selected individuals have indicated that they did not sign the petition or do not remember signing the petition. For those selected individuals who do not respond to the verification, the petition signature will be compared to the signature on their license application. At the November meeting of the CHRB, the staff will report to the Board regarding efforts to verify the signatures on the submitted petition. If the Board determines there are

sufficient verifications to proceed with an election, the Board will then decide how and when the election will be held. The TOC has requested the opportunity to address the Board regarding the decertification process. They will be afforded that opportunity at the November meeting. Other interested parties will also be permitted to make presentations to the Board at that time. All persons and organizations wishing to address the Board on this matter are requested to submit their comments in writing to Jacqueline Wagner on or before November 1, 2011, so Board members will have the opportunity to review the materials in advance of the November meeting.” The next Board meeting is scheduled for November 17 at Hollywood Park.

- The Board approved the 2012 racing calendar with the exceptions of the final six months of 2012 for harness racing and precise dates and overlap with Golden Gate for the Humboldt County Fair meet in Ferndale. Both issues will be discussed and potentially resolved at the November meeting. As approved:
 1. The Southern California thoroughbred and fair racing circuit will begin December 26, 2011, at Santa Anita Park and continue with live racing through April 22, 2012, followed by live race meets at Hollywood Park (April 25 through July 15), Del Mar (July 18 through September 5), Fairplex Park (September 7 – 23). Santa Anita (potentially starting as early as September 26 through November 4), and Hollywood Park (November 7 through December 16). The two-day 2012 Breeders’ Cup will be held during the fall Santa Anita meet on Friday, November 2, and Saturday, November 3.
 2. The Northern California thoroughbred and fair circuit will begin December 26, 2011, at Golden Gate Fields and continue with live racing through June 17, 2012, followed by live race meets at Pleasanton (June 21 through July 8), Cal Expo in Sacramento (July 11 – 22), Santa Rosa (July 25 through August 12), Ferndale (tentatively August 15 – 26), Golden Gate (tentatively August 17 through September 16), Stockton (September 19 – 30), Fresno (October 3 – 14), and Golden Gate (October 18 through December 9 or potentially to December 16).
 3. The quarter horse meet at Los Alamitos will run from December 30, 2011, through December 23, 2012.
 4. Harness racing for the first part of the year received a block of dates at Cal Expo from December 26, 2011, through June 30, 2012.
- The Board conditionally approved the application for the fall meet at Hollywood Park from November 9 through December 18, subject to the resolution of an ambulance issue in agreement with the California Thoroughbred Trainers. Racing will be conducted four days a week in November and five days a week in December if the

horse inventory permits.

- The Board approved revisions to the CHRB forms for license applications to conduct race meets in California that will result in additional information pertaining to a wide range of issues, including a surety bond, parent companies of licensed associations, adjustments to takeout, handle, ambulance service, promotional and marketing budgets, and track surfaces.
- In conformance with state law, the Board approved for public notice a proposed amendment to increase jockey riding fees for losing mounts by a minimum of \$5 and in most cases by \$10.
- Staff provided a summary of horse racing legislation approved by the California Legislature and signed by the Governor in 2011. Details of this chaptered legislation will be provided in the CHRB annual report, which will be available on the CHRB Website (www.chrb.ca.gov) in January.

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