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### SUMMARY OF CHRB ACTIONS AND DISCUSSIONS 10-18-12

ARCADIA, CA – The California Horse Racing Board conducted its regular meeting Thursday, October 18, at Santa Anita Park. Chairman Keith Brackpool presided. Vice Chairman David Israel and Commissioners Steve Beneto, Jesse Choper, Bo Derek, and Chuck Winner were in attendance.

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

- The Board approved the license application for the Los Angeles Turf Club to conduct a horse racing meeting at Santa Anita from December 26 through April 21, conditioned on the submission of several documents. During the course of this discussion, industry representatives reported they were only a day or two away from finalizing an agreement to allow both TVG and HRTV access to all California thoroughbred race meets through the conclusion of the Golden Gate and Hollywood Park meets early next summer. This agreement includes the winter Santa Anita meet and the upcoming Hollywood Park fall meet. Chairman Brackpool believes wider distribution of race signals will encourage wagering on races that more people can watch on television and he described this broadcast agreement as a “transformational” for horse racing. Santa Anita also is considering conducting twilight racing on Fridays late in the meet.
- The Board approved the license application for the Pacific Racing Association to conduct a thoroughbred meet at Golden Gate from December 26 through June 18. Management indicated they will be offering more seven-race cards during the week, and they expect a slightly larger inventory of horses for the meet, but Chairman Brackpool urged them to do more to increase field size and offer a quality product.
- The Board approved the license application for the Los Alamitos Quarter Horse Racing Association to conduct a year-long quarter horse meet at Los Alamitos from December 28 through December 22. Racing will be conducted three nights per week – Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.
- The Board approved the license application for Watch and Wager LLC to conduct a harness meet at Cal Expo from December 26 through May 25. Representatives of the harness meet said they anticipate offering three nights of racing per week – Thursday, Friday, and Saturday – beginning opening night, December 26.
- The Board approved for 45-day public notice a regulatory amendment to bring California in step with the national movement to tighten the procedures for administering furosemide (anti-bleeding medication) to horses on the day of the race. Under the proposed changes, Lasix would be the only authorized bleeder medication, eliminating estrogens, and veterinarians with a private practice at the track would no longer be allowed to administer any medication on race day. The Board asked staff

to work with the Medication Committee to develop uniform procedures for implementation of the new requirements and to present them for consideration when the Board conducts a public hearing on this matter in January.

- The Board approved a new regulation prohibiting tampering with smoke detectors located at racetracks and authorized training facilities. The regulation authorizes fines for those who tamper with the safety devices and also for trainers whose employees violate the regulation.
- The Board authorized the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club to distribute \$149,232 in race day charity proceeds to 16 beneficiaries. More than 90 percent of this money will be distributed to charities related to horse racing.
- The Board approved for 45-day public notice a proposed regulatory amendment to update the CHRB Penalty Categories Listing by Classification by adding and/or reclassifying specified drug substances.

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