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SUMMARY OF CHRB ACTIONS AND DISCUSSIONS 6-20-13

INGLEWOOD, CA – The California Horse Racing Board conducted its regular meeting Thursday, June 20, at Hollywood Park. Chairman David Israel presided. Vice Chairman Chuck Winner and Commissioners Steve Beneto, Jesse Choper, Bo Derek, George Krikorian, 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 allocated racing dates for the years 2014 and 2015 for quarter horse racing at Los Alamitos Race Course and allocated 2014 dates for harness racing at Cal Expo but, at the request of stakeholders, delayed until the July meeting consideration of the Northern California thoroughbred and fairs date allocations. And at that July 18 meeting, the Board plans to finalize the 2014 and 2015 Southern California thoroughbred date allocations, which were conditionally allocated in May subject to resolution of several matters, including race signal distribution and stabling issues. As allocated Thursday, Los Alamitos will race between the dates December 27, 2013, through December 21, 2014, and then December 16, 2014, through December 21, 2015. Cal Expo will race between the dates December 16, 2013, through June 14, 2014, and then October 1, 2014, through December 24, 2014.
- Thoroughbred Owners of California President Joe Morris reported the Vanning and Stabling Committee voted to fund the relocation of horses displaced by the pending closure of Hollywood Park to three auxiliary stabling locations: Santa Anita with 1,900 stalls, San Luis Rey Downs training center with 500 stalls, and Los Alamitos with 500 stalls.
- The Board conducted a public hearing and then approved the modified texts of exchange wagering regulations that were revised to meet concerns expressed by the Office of Administrative Law. The proposed regulations must now undergo further OAL review. Even after the regulations are in place, exchange wagering could not begin in California until an agreement is reached between an exchange wagering company, a racing association or fair, and horsemen, and approved by the Board.

- The Board approved the license application for the Pacific Racing Association to conduct a race meet at Golden Gate Fields from August 15 through September 15.
- The Board approved the license application for the Humboldt County Fair to conduct a race meet in Ferndale from August 13 through August 25.
- The Board allocated an additional three harness racing dates to Cal Expo and Watch and Wager LLC to allow them to race on all Saturdays in the month of October – racing just the one day per week (Saturdays) in October – in an effort to build momentum leading into their regular meet in November and December.
- The Board received a report on the new claiming rule from Dr. Rick Arthur, the equine medical director. Following discussion, the matter was referred to the Medication and Track Safety Committee for further discussion and evaluation.
- Chairman Israel said he would create an ad hoc committee, chaired by Commissioner Krikorian, to facilitate the opening of additional horse race pari-mutuel wagering outlets in California – whether within existing businesses, such as bars and restaurants, or newly created enterprises designed expressly for wagering – in order to make horse racing more accessible to the public and perhaps greatly increase handle. The law allows for 45 such locations, known as mini-satellites, in California. Currently five mini-satellites are in operation and four more are envisioned before the end of the year.
- The Board extended for 12 months, through July 18, 2014, the suspension of the use of clenbuterol by all breeds at all California racetracks.
- The Board approved the agreement with California racetracks for funding CHRB operations in the coming fiscal year. The FY 2013-14 budget is \$11,639,000, virtually unchanged from the last four years.
- Commissioners Choper and Rosenberg, who both sit on the Board’s Pari-Mutuel, ADW, and Simulcast Committee as well as the Legislative, Legal, and Regulations Committee, reported on the previous day’s meetings of the two committees. Those consecutive meetings together lasted more than five hours in addressing such issues as bills currently being considered by the California Legislature and Governor. full-card simulcasting, and the 20-mile radius protection afforded to simulcast facilities with respect to the locations of new mini-satellites.
- The Board authorized the distribution of \$84,000 in race-day charity proceeds by Hollywood Park to 17 beneficiaries.
- The Board approved for 45-day public notice a proposed regulatory amendment to change the term of a mini-satellite wagering facility license from two years to five years.