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SUMMARY OF CHRB ACTIONS AND DISCUSSIONS 7-18-13

DEL MAR, CA – The California Horse Racing Board conducted its regular meeting Thursday, July 18, in the Surfside satellite facility at Del Mar. 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:

- Chairman Israel agreed to meet July 23 with representatives of Santa Anita and the California Thoroughbred Trainers in an effort to resolve differences – principally stabling issues – that are getting in the way of a signed agreement for the fall meet. The Board conditionally approved the fall race meet at Santa Anita subject to four conditions:
 - 1) Santa Anita must reach agreement with the trainers' organization.
 - 2) Santa Anita must submit a comprehensive marketing plan to the Board for review at the August 22 meeting.
 - 3) Santa Anita must provide the Board with a timetable and plans for substantially improving the stable area while addressing wastewater requirements being imposed by the Water Resources Board.
 - 4) HRTV and TVG both must be allowed to broadcast the Santa Anita races.

Subject to fulfillment of those obligations, the Board approved the Los Angeles Turf Club II license for a meet at Santa Anita from September 25 through November 3. Santa Anita will host the Breeders' Cup on closing weekend, November 1 and 2.

- Southern California stakeholders updated the Board on their efforts to secure stabling for horses that will be displaced following the closure of Hollywood Park at the end of this year. In May, the Board conditionally allocated additional racing dates to Santa Anita and Del Mar that historically were allocated to Hollywood Park. Resolving

stabling issues is one of the conditions imposed by the Board for the permanent allocation of those dates. Chairman Israel advised the stakeholders that the August 22 meeting is their deadline for finalizing their stabling plans. The Northern California racing calendars for the years 2014 and 2015 also will be allocated at the August meeting.

- After reviewing the proposed decision of referee Scott Chaney in the matter of the complaint of San Luis Rey Downs, Inc, the Board ordered that a fully independent Stabling and Vanning Committee be created as required by Business and Professions Code Section 19607. The Committee must maintain an accurate inventory of horses stabled at auxiliary training facilities and maintain a strict accounting of expenditures. (The proposed decision is posted on the CHRB Website under the [Admin Actions/Board Decisions links](#).)
- The Board approved the application of the Mermaid Tavern in Thousand Oaks to offer wagering on horse racing as a mini-satellite. And the Board renewed the license for the Original Roadhouse Grill to continuing operating as a mini-satellite in Santa Maria. Going forward, all applications for mini-satellites will first be reviewed by staff and then by the newly formed Task Force on Mini-Satellite Expansion, chaired by Commissioner Krikorian. Commissioner Beneto also serves on the panel.
- The Board approved the license for the Los Angeles County Fair to operate a race meet at Fairplex Park in Pomona from September 5 through September 23.
- The Board approved the license application for the San Joaquin County Fair to operate a race meet in Stockton from September 18 through September 29.
- The Board approved Watch and Wager LLC to conduct Advance Deposit Wagering in California. Watch and Wager intends to offer account wagering on harness racing beginning September 6 and is negotiating to offer wagering on the other breeds.
- The Board waived a rule on rail requirements to allow Golden Gate Fields to install hedges within 10 feet of the inside rail on its turf course as a safety precaution to prevent horses from ducking in while racing or exercising.
- The Board approved a regulatory amendment imposing fines when there is tampering with smoke detectors in the stable area.