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## SUMMARY OF CHRB ACTIONS AND DISCUSSIONS 10-24-13

ARCADIA, CA – The California Horse Racing Board conducted its regular meeting Thursday, October 24, 2013, at Santa Anita Park. Chairman David Israel presided. Vice Chairman Chuck Winner and Commissioners Steve Beneto, 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](http://www.chrb.ca.gov)) under the [Webcast](#) link. In brief:

- The Board voted unanimously to give final approval to the 2014 and 2015 racing calendars for thoroughbred racing in Southern California. As allocated, the 2014 racing calendar will begin at Santa Anita Park on December 26, 2013, through July 2, 2014, followed by Los Alamitos (July 3 through July 13), Del Mar (July 16 through September 3), Fairplex (September 4 through September 23), Santa Anita (September 25 through November 2), Del Mar (November 5 through December 3), and finally Los Alamitos (December 4 through December 21).

The 2015 racing calendar will begin at Santa Anita Park on December 26, 2014, through July 1, 2015, followed by Los Alamitos (July 2 through July 12), Del Mar (July 15 through September 7), Fairplex (September 10 through September 25), Santa Anita (September 26 through October 25), Del Mar (October 28 through December 2), concluding at Los Alamitos (December 3 through December 20).

- Chairman Israel asked Commissioners Beneto and Choper to conduct another meeting with northern stakeholders in an effort to reach consensus on the Northern California thoroughbred and fairs racing calendar for 2014 prior to the Board reconsidering this matter at the November 21 meeting.
- The Board approved the license application for Watch and Wager LLC to conduct a harness meet at Cal Expo from December 26, 2013, through May 25, 2014.
- The Board approved the license application for the Pacific Racing Association to operate a thoroughbred meet at Golden Gate Fields from December 26, 2013, through June 18, 2014.

- The Board put over until the November meeting consideration of separate license applications for the Santa Anita winter meet and the 2014 quarter horse meet at Los Alamitos.
- Chairman Israel reported on a recent meeting of the Stewards' Committee at which he and Vice Chairman Winner agreed to allow jockeys to use cell phones and other communications devices in the jockeys' room during racing programs.
- Acting on the recommendation of the Medication Committee (Commissioners Derek and Winner), the Board agreed to suspend authorization for the anabolic steroid stanozolol for 12 months commencing December 26, 2013, and also ordered that any horse treated with any anabolic steroid for legitimate health reasons must be placed on the Veterinarian's List for 60 days and not permitted to race during that time.
- Acting on recommendations of the Jockey and Driver Welfare Committee (Commissioners Winner and Derek), the Board approved for public notice two proposed regulatory amendments – one to add Pony Riders to the list of licensees required to wear a safety vest while mounted on a horse at a racetrack or auxiliary training facility, the second to require exercise riders to undergo an annual physical examination.
- The Board approved the license application for Ocean's Eleven Casino in Oceanside to offer wagering on horse racing as a mini-satellite wagering facility.
- The Board authorized the Los Angeles Turf Club (Santa Anita) to distribute \$129,734 in race day charity proceeds to 14 beneficiaries.
- The Board authorized the Los Alamitos Quarter Horse Racing Association to distribute \$36,266 in race day charity proceeds to five beneficiaries.
- The Board authorized for public notice a proposed regulatory amendment requiring racing associations and fairs to include the takeout rate for each wager in their license applications and official daily programs.
- The Board authorized for public notice a proposed regulatory amendment to prohibit the deduction of any portion of entry, nomination or other fees from a jockey's riding fee unless such fee is paid exclusively by the owner, who is not reimbursed in any way.