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CHRB ADVISORY**DECEMBER 21, 2019**

The California Horse Racing Board strongly supports The Stronach Group's decision to cancel racing on the traditional opening day of Santa Anita,, December 26, as well as Friday, December 27, purely in the interests of equine and participant safety due to predicted rain that could make the racing surfaces unsafe.

"We on the Board indicated our concern for safety when we provided Santa Anita 12 flex days in its upcoming meet." said CHRB Chairman Gregory Ferraro. "Those dark days will be determined by weather and safety conditions as the meet progresses. We are encouraged that Santa Anita, by canceling its first two days of racing, is placing the safety of horses and riders first."

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