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COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER RACE DATES, FUTURE

DEL MAR, CA – The racing calendar for 2008 and beyond will be considered Wednesday, August 22, when the Strategic Planning Committee of the California Horse Racing Board convenes at 9 a.m. in the board room of the 22nd District Agricultural Association at Del Mar.

All seven racing commissioners are members of this Committee, which is developing a racing calendar for 2008 and, for the first time, attempting to put in place a three-year racing schedule. The long-range plans would take into account a variety of factors, including the possible closures of existing racing venues, reconfiguring the calendar to better appeal to fans and horsemen, preference in date allocations based on performance, and efforts to improve the industry.

The Board's stated goal is to conduct a series of meetings with all industry representatives, so that a consensus can be reached and enacted at the September 27 Board meeting in Arcadia. All interested parties are encouraged to attend the planning sessions.

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