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SUMMARY OF CHRB ACTIONS AND DISCUSSIONS 7-10-20

The California Horse Racing Board conducted an emergency meeting by teleconference on Friday, July 10. The public participated by dialing into the teleconference and/or listening through the audio webcast link on the CHRB website. Dr. Gregory Ferraro chaired the meeting, joined by Vice Chair Oscar Gonzales and Commissioners Dennis Alfieri, Damascus Castellanos, Wendy Mitchell, and Alex Solis.

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 called an emergency meeting to discuss the recent spike in horse fatalities at Los Alamitos Race Course. The meeting consisted of a review of the CHRB's declaration and petition regarding the equine fatality data at Los Alamitos Race Course; testimony by Drew Couto, Los Alamitos Quarter Horse Racing Association General Counsel; statements by CHRB Equine Medical Director Dr. Arthur and Los Alamitos Race Course track veterinarian Dr. Fitzgerald; public comment; and discussion and action by the Board.
- Following discussion, the Board voted (5-1) to allow Los Alamitos Race Course to continue to race under a probational period, pending a plan from the track to reduce the spike in equine fatalities. Another meeting is set for July 20 for the Board to review such plan and take any further action, if necessary.
- The Board Members voted on the motion as follows: Chairman Ferraro (Yea), Vice Chairman Gonzales (Yea), Commissioner Alfieri (Yea), Commissioner Castellanos (Yea), Commissioner Mitchell (Nay), and Commissioner Solis (Yea).
- The written transcript for the meeting will be posted as soon as available.

Below are images with links from California All, Center for Disease Control and Prevention, and the California Department of Public Health that will serve you with updates on Coronavirus (COVID-19). To access the information to any of the public entities, click on the department images below.



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