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**BOARD SHUTS OFF COEUR D'ALENE SIMULCASTS**

SACRAMENTO, CA – The California Horse Racing Board has instructed all California racetracks to remove the Coeur d'Alene Casino and Account Wagering operations from the state's simulcast wagering program as of March 7, while the CHRB completes its review of allegations that Coeur d'Alene is accepting wagers from California residents in possible violation of state law and CHRB regulations.

In a letter sent Wednesday to the four racetracks currently operating in California, CHRB Executive Director Roy Wood reminded them that the Board, during its February 21 monthly meeting, "removed Coeur d'Alene Casino and Coeur d'Alene ADW from consideration when approving the recent license applications of Bay Meadows and Hollywood Park" for upcoming race meets.

"Our primary concern was that California residents were placing telephone account wagers through the Coeur d'Alene betting system," Wood wrote. "Effective March 7, 2003, the approval of the Coeur d'Alene Casino and Coeur d'Alene ADW is hereby rescinded. Please take all necessary steps to terminate the audio-visual signal of your simulcast program to Coeur d'Alene Casino and Coeur d'Alene ADW as well as preventing any further commingling of pools with the Casino or ADW."

When the Coeur d'Alene operations were discussed at the February 21 Board meeting, CHRB Chairman Roger Licht stated, "Our message is that California regulators are not going to tolerate any impropriety in connection with the sanctity of our signal. We are protecting the revenue stream to the state, the tracks, and horsemen."

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