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**ZAVALA NAMED SENIOR MANAGEMENT AUDITOR**

SACRAMENTO, CA – Roberto Zavala, a section manager with the California Department of Motor Vehicles for the last two years, has been named senior management auditor for the California Horse Racing Board.

Zavala, who joined the CHRB in April, assumed responsibility for reviewing totalizator programs and audit reports, reviewing pari-mutuel pool distributions, resolving pari-mutuel complaints submitted to the Board, reviewing reports of charity racing proceeds, and monitoring audits of breeders' award programs and horsemen's organization welfare funds.

Zavala was the section manager over the Commercial and Governmental Requestor Audit Unit and the Information System and Security Audit Unit at the DMV. This involved overseeing approximately 100 audits a year. He also served on the audit team for Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's California Performance Review. He began his State service as an auditor with the California Department of Transportation in 1988. Zavala earned a business degree from California State University, Sacramento, with an accounting concentration. He currently serves as president of the California Association of State Auditors.

"My previous positions involved working with very large organizations," said Zavala. "Here, I look forward to working more directly with the citizens of California. In my short time with the CHRB, I've been privileged to meet some remarkable people, and I look forward to learning more about the inner workings of the horse-racing industry."

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