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CHRB NEWS RELEASE

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SUMMARY OF CHRB ACTIONS AND DISCUSSIONS 12-12-13

ARCADIA, CA – The California Horse Racing Board conducted its regular meeting Thursday, December 12, 2013, at Santa Anita Park. Chairman David Israel presided. Vice Chairman Chuck Winner and Commissioners Steve Beneto, Jesse Choper, Bo Derek, George Krikorian, and Richard Rosenberg were in attendance.

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 received reports from Southern California stakeholders on progress and plans for stabling and vanning of thoroughbreds at Santa Anita, Los Alamitos, Fairplex Park, and San Luis Rey Downs following the February 1 closure of the Hollywood Park stable area. The Del Mar Thoroughbred Club reported that its new, wider turf course will be completed this spring. Los Alamitos reported that expansion of its main track to slightly less than one mile will be completed prior to the influx of thoroughbreds for stabling around February 1. Representatives of Fairplex Park and San Luis Rey Downs gave similar assurances.
- The Board allocated 2014 racing dates for the Northern California thoroughbred and fair circuit that closely mirror the 2013 calendar with two conditions: Cal Expo will be allocated a third week of racing in 2015 and the racing office at Golden Gate Fields must make a good faith effort to avoid writing claiming races of less than \$5,000 during its overlap period with the Humboldt County Fair. The Board and northern stakeholders will continue to work together on finalizing the 2015 racing calendar as quickly as possible. As allocated, after the early meet at Golden Gate Fields closes June 15, 2014, racing will shift to Pleasanton (June 19 through July 6), Cal Expo (July 10-20), Santa Rosa (July 21-August 10), Ferndale (August 13-24), Golden Gate (August 15-September 14), Stockton (September 19-28), Fresno (October 1-13), and finally Golden Gate (October 16-December 21).
- The Board approved an application for S&S Venues to operate a mini-satellite in Norco in a currently vacant building that will be renovated and enlarged specifically to accommodate wagering on horse racing.

- The Board approved requests from both Northern and Southern California Off Track Wagering Inc. (NOTWINC and SCOTWINC) to modify the distribution of certain ADW revenues at rates of 2.9 and 2.4 percent, respectively.
- Chairman Israel appointed Vice Chairman Winner and Commissioner Krikorian to work with Santa Anita and water authorities in addressing storm drainage and business concerns relating to greatly improving the Santa Anita stable area.
- Representatives of the stabling and vanning committee agreed to accept two representatives of the California Thoroughbred Trainers as ex officio members of the committee.
- The Board authorized the distribution of \$152,665 by the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club to 11 beneficiaries.
- As reported in an earlier news release, the commissioners elected Commissioner Chuck Winner to serve as CHRB Chairman in 2014 and elected Commissioners Bo Derek and Richard Rosenberg to serve as 1st vice chair and 2nd vice chair, respectively.

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