STAFF ANALYSIS
DISCUSSION AND ACTION BY THE BOARD REGARDING THE DISTRIBUTION OF RACE DAY CHARITY PROCEEDS OF THE LOS ALAMITOS RACING ASSOCIATION FROM ITS 2025 RACE MEETINGS

Board Meeting
November 18, 2026

ISSUE

Los Alamitos Racing Association (LARA) is requesting approval to distribute race day charity proceeds generated at its 2025 race meetings from September 10, 2025, through September 23, 2025, and December 3, 2025, through December 16, 2025.

BACKGROUND

Business and Professions Code (BPC) section 19550 states that the Board shall require each licensed racing association that conducts 14 weeks or less of racing to designate three racing days, and each licensed racing association that conducts more than 14 weeks of racing to designate five racing days during any one meeting, to be conducted as charity days by the licensee for the purpose of distribution of the net proceeds therefrom to beneficiaries through the distribution agent. No racing association shall be required to pay to a distributing agent for the purpose of distribution to beneficiaries more than an amount equal to two-tenths of one percent of the association's total on-track handle on live races conducted by the association at the meeting.

BPC section 19555 requires that proceeds be distributed to beneficiaries within 12 calendar months after the last day of the meet during which charity days were conducted.

BPC section 19556 provides that the distributing agent shall make the distribution to beneficiaries qualified under this article. At least 30 percent of the distribution shall be made to charities associated with the horse racing industry. An additional five percent shall be paid to a welfare fund for horsemen/horsewomen and backstretch personnel, and another five percent shall be paid to a nonprofit corporation, the primary purpose of which is to assist horsemen/horsewomen and backstretch personnel who are being affected adversely as a result of alcohol or substance abuse. In addition to the above distributions, a separate 20 percent shall be made to a nonprofit corporation or trust that has as its sole purpose the accumulation of endowment funds, the income on which shall be distributed to qualified disabled jockeys.

ANALYSIS

LARA is proposing the statutory distribution amount of $2,855.00. The attachment lists the amounts to be distributed to the selected charitable organizations. Staff notes that 100 percent of the proposed charity distributions are made to equine and/or horse racing-related charity organizations.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Board approve the race day charity distribution as submitted.

CHRB ANALYSIS

Los Alamitos Racing Association Charity Day Proceeds
September 10, 2025 - September 23, 2025
December 3, 2025 - December 16, 2025

Statutory Distribution:	$ 2,855.00
Voluntary Distribution:	-
Proposed Distribution:	$ 2,855.00

#	Nonprofit Organization	Statutory Distribution Percentage	Statutory Distribution Amount	Proposed Distribution Amount		Notes
1	CARMA *	minimum 30%	$ 856.50	$ 800.00 **	a	30% to charities associated with horse racing industry [Business and Professions Code (BPC) section 19556(b)]
2	California Thoroughbred Horsemen's Foundation *	minimum 5%	$ 142.75	$ 800.00	b	5% to welfare fund for horsemen/horsewomen and backstretch personnel [BPC section 19556(b)]
3	Winners Foundation *	minimum 5%	$ 142.75	$ 355.00	c	5% to nonprofit organization for horsemen/horsewomen and backstretch personnel adversely affected by alcohol or substance abuse [BPC section 19556(b)]
4	Permanently Disabled Jockey's Fund *	minimum 20%	$ 571.00	$ 900.00	d	20% to nonprofit organization that benefits qualified disabled jockeys [BPC section 19556(c)(1)]

* Equine and/or horse racing-related organization

** The proposed distribution amount of $2,855 fulfills the BPC section 19556(b) requirement that a minimum of 30% be distributed to organizations associated with the horse racing industry.

LOS ALAMITOS
RACE COURSE

October 7, 2026

Ms. Scott Chaney
California Horse Racing Board
1010 Hurley Way, Suite 300
Sacramento, CA 95825

Dear Mr. Chaney:

The statutory charitable contribution from our Los Alamitos Racing Association 2025 race meets was $2,855. The meets were conducted from September 10, 2025 through September 23, 2025 and from December 3, 2025 through December 16, 2025. Accordingly, we respectfully request CHRB approval to make the following distributions:

Permanently Disabled Jockeys Fund	$ 900
CARMA	800
California Thoroughbred Horsemen's Foundation	800
Winners Foundation	355
Total	$ 2,855

The Permanently Disabled Jockey's Fund provides financial assistance to former jockeys who have suffered catastrophic on-track injuries. It works with works with industry and medical research groups to improve the safety of both the human and equine athlete.

The California Retirement Management Account ("CARMA") provides a range of services to former racehorses in need of rehabilitation toward retirement or placement in a new career.

The California Thoroughbred Horsemen's Foundation provides assistance to backstretch personnel occupied with the care of thoroughbred horses at California race tracks and authorized training facilities. The organization maintain several clinics throughout the state.

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The Winners Foundation is a support and referral service for employees and family members of the industry whose lives are affected by alcohol, drugs, mental illness, and gambling related problems.

All proposed beneficiaries are industry related charities. I would be pleased to discuss any questions or comments the Board may have.

Sincerely,

Richard M. English

c/c S. Shinn