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Board of Directors Votes to Issue RFQ/RFP for the Operation of Harness Meets at Cal Expo

Approved Plan Will Take Effect After Current Lease Expires in 2005

SACRAMENTO – After two hours of testimony at its June meeting on Friday, the California Exposition & State Fair Board of Directors unanimously voted to issue a request for qualifications (RFQ) and requests for proposals (RFP) for the operation of a harness meeting beginning in September 2005.

The current lease with Capitol Racing LLC expires in July of 2005.

Testimony was provided by Cal Expo staff, Ralph Scurfield and Jack Coffey of the Sacramento Harness Benevolent Association, Steve Bieri of Capitol Racing LLC, Roy Minami of the California Horse Racing Board and others.

The Chairman of the Cal Expo Board of Directors, Rex Hime, will appoint an ad hoc committee to work with staff to finalize the RFQ and RFP processes. The RFQ will be available to the public some time in July.

Interested parties may contact Brian May at (916) 263-3066 for information related to the operation of harness racing meetings at Cal Expo beginning September 2005.

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