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25	Henry Rivera, AV Specialist

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1	STATE RACE TRACK LEASING COMMISSION MEETING
2	MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2023, 11:17 A.M.
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4	RTLC CHAIR MILLER: Good morning, everyone. And I'm
5	just letting you know that those of us who are on ZOOM can't
6	see the room. If it's possible to change that, if we could, in
7	the beginning.
8	But welcome, everyone, to the State Race Track
9	Leasing Commission meeting. And we are in two locations, in
10	the Board Room at Del Mar, and also at the Department of
11	Finance at 1021 O Street.
12	So we're thrilled to welcome everyone back today.
13	And we will have open comment from folks in the room first, and
14	then open it up to anyone joining us via ZOOM. Folks via ZOOM
15	can raise their ZOOM hand, and I'll also make sure that there's
16	no one here from the Department of Finance that would like to
17	testify.
18	And with that, we will take a roll call vote to begin
19	the meeting, please.
20	DONNA O'LEARY: Commission Chair Miller.
21	RTLC CHAIR MILLER: Here.
22	DONNA O'LEARY: Delegate Osborn.
23	DELEGATE OSBORN: Here.
24	DONNA O'LEARY: Delegate Flores.
25	DELEGATE FLORES: Here.

1	DONNA O'LEARY: Commissioner Valdez.
2	COMMISSIONER VALDEZ: Here.
3	DONNA O'LEARY: Commissioner Barkett.
4	COMMISSIONER BARKETT: Here.
5	DONNA O'LEARY: Commissioner Mead.
6	COMMISSIONER MEAD: Here.
7	RTLC CHAIR MILLER: Great. Thank you. We have a
8	quorum, and so glad that everyone else can be there in person.
9	I'm sorry I'm not able to join.
10	The next item on the agenda is the approval of the
11	minutes from March 30th, 2022.
12	Any public comment on the minutes?
13	Seeing none, I will move approval of the minutes,
14	just because I can't see the room.
15	May we have a second, please?
16	HENRY RIVERA: Stand by, Gayle. Sorry. I was a
17	little bit slow to your request.
18	We have a Jim Coleman, first one, from the Del Mar
19	Village Association.
20	RTLC CHAIR MILLER: Great. And is this on the
21	minutes, Mr. Coleman?
22	HENRY RIVERA: This is public comment.
23	CARLENE MOORE: On the minutes?
24	HENRY RIVERA: Oh, I'm sorry. I'm sorry, Gayle. So
25	keep going. I thought you were on public comment for the
25	keep going. I thought you were on public comment for the

1	approval of the minutes.
2	RTLC CHAIR MILLER: I am.
3	CARLENE MOORE: We need a second.
4	COMMISSIONER MEAD: This is Commissioner Mead.
5	Second.
6	RTLC CHAIR MILLER: Great. Thank you, Commissioner
7	Mead.
8	Mr. Coleman, do you want offer public comment on the
9	minutes from March 30th, 2022? Please go ahead. If you want
10	to unmute yourself. Star 6 to unmute yourself.
11	JIM COLEMAN: I think I just did.
12	No, not on the minutes, on the DMTC report.
13	RTLC CHAIR MILLER: Great. Okay. Well, when we get
14	to that item, we'll be sure to call you then, if you want to go
15	ahead and mute yourself again. And then, as soon as we're on
16	that item
17	JIM COLEMAN: Right.
18	RTLC CHAIR MILLER: we will call you after folks
19	in the room. After the DMTC after the report is given.
20	HENRY RIVERA: So next public comment for approval of
21	the minutes would be Martha Sullivan.
22	RTLC CHAIR MILLER: Again, Star 6 to unmute yourself.
23	And again, we're on the minutes, not on the reports yet.
24	Public comment on the minutes, Ms. Sullivan?
25	MARTHA SULLIVAN: Hello. I didn't mean to comment on

1	the minutes, but I would like to note, since I have this time,
2	I was unable to register online to comment on the RTA agenda,
3	and I've been advised that I will be allowed to do so. So I
4	RTLC CHAIR MILLER: Absolutely.
5	MARTHA SULLIVAN: want to confirm that I want to
6	on
7	RTLC CHAIR MILLER: Yep. We will ask for public
8	comment, Ms. Sullivan. Thank you for pointing that out.
9	Anyone that wishes to offer public comment will be
10	able to after each item. So we won't rely on the registration.
11	If you have a comment, you will absolutely be able to comment
12	at the appropriate time.
13	MARTHA SULLIVAN: Thank you.
14	RTLC CHAIR MILLER: Thank you for pointing that out.
15	HENRY RIVERA: And then, the last one for this topic
16	would be Maria Luisa.
17	RTLC CHAIR MILLER: Ms. Luisa, please go ahead and
18	unmute yourself, Star 6. But again, if you are calling on an
19	item that is not the minutes, this is not the time that we will
20	be calling on you.
21	So is this on the minutes or no?
22	MARIA LUISA: No. I'm waiting for the DMTC.
23	RTLC CHAIR MILLER: Great. Thank you very much.
24	Yep, we will ask for public comment after that report
25	is given. So please sit tight, and as soon as we will be

1	sure to elevate you all to be able to comment at that time.
2	Thank you for your understanding; and apologies that the
3	registration wasn't working.
4	So with that, we have I move the minutes of
5	March 30th, 2022, seconded by Commissioner Mead.
6	May we take roll to approve the minutes.
7	DONNA O'LEARY: Commission Chair Miller.
8	RTLC CHAIR MILLER: Aye.
9	DONNA O'LEARY: Delegate Osborn.
10	DELEGATE OSBORN: Aye.
11	DONNA O'LEARY: Delegate Flores.
12	DELEGATE FLORES: Aye.
13	DONNA O'LEARY: Commissioner Valdez.
14	COMMISSIONER VALDEZ: Aye.
15	DONNA O'LEARY: Commissioner Barkett.
16	COMMISSIONER BARKETT: Aye.
17	DONNA O'LEARY: And Commissioner Mead.
18	COMMISSIONER MEAD: Aye.
19	RTLC CHAIR MILLER: Great. The minutes are approved.
20	Next, and I just want to make sure everyone in the
21	room and the public knows we are now moving to the reports part
22	of the agenda. And there are six reports. I defer to the
23	staff as to whether or not it makes sense to ask for public
24	comment on each or to do all of them and then ask for public
25	comment.

Do you have a preference so that we can let the
public know what the preference is?

CARLENE MOORE: Typically, we'll take public comment

at the end of all of the reports, as some of these are just informational items, and there's not really a report, such as the dates and things.

RTLC CHAIR MILLER: Great.

Okay. So please be advised that we'll go through each one of these and then open it up for public comment. We absolutely won't complete this item without hearing from each of you. And we thank you for your patience.

So if we can go ahead, please, on the 22nd DAA update, please.

CARLENE MOORE: Thank you, Commissioner Miller.

So the 22nd District Agricultural Association has climbed back from the brink of disaster over the past three years. At the start of the Covid-19 pandemic, the 22nd DAA was on the verge of economic collapse. As a self-funding public asset whose primary business is bringing people together, the prohibition on masked gatherings all but obliterated the DAA's business model and cut off revenue sources overnight.

Having to cancel the annual San Diego County Fair that summer, the summer of 2020, only further exacerbated the crisis for the DAA. Without revenue streams from contracted events or from the fair, the DAA could not support its payroll,

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resulting in a massive layoff. And without the financial support provided through AB 75 in the State's fiscal year '20 and '21 budget, AB 1499, or New Fair Funds -- this is the three-quarters of one percent of gross sales on all fairgrounds in California, as well as a federal Paycheck Protection Program loan that was ultimately forgiven by the Small Business Administration, the 22nd DAA would have ceased to operate.

As the pandemic conditions lingered into 2021, much longer than anyone had ever anticipated, the 22nd DAA began to serve as a vaccination superstation. And fortunately, event promoters converted their events to outdoor setups and socially distanced activities, taking advantage of the ambient year-round weather here in San Diego County. With California not yet fully opened, the 22nd DAA team got creative and organized a small summer event in place of the 2021 San Diego County

Fair. But even then, this event, called Home\*Grown\*Fun, which we reported on at last year's meeting, was on a much smaller scale than a fair. And even with that activity, though, 2021 was still not business as usual.

Without further support from, again, AB 75, for the fiscal year '20 and '21 state budget, as well as the Shuttered Venues Operator Grant, also known as the SVOG grants, through the Small Business Administration, the DAA would have faced another round of devastating layoffs that this time, most likely, would have resulted in completely shuttering,

effectively ending more than eight decades of stewardship of the Del Mar Fairgrounds.

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Though California officially reopened on June 15th, 2021, the 22nd DAA remained in a precarious financial position, following a second consecutive year without a fair, making us reliant on outside assistance for the remainder of the year and through the first half of 2022.

For everyone just to know, the San Diego County Fair, itself, accounts for more than 65 percent of the DAA revenues annually.

Confirmation of the amount of financial assistance that the 22nd DAA could count on from the Budget Act of 2021 came later in that calendar year. So with the short runway to plan the return of the San Diego County Fair in 2022, following a two-year hiatus and a turnover of more than 70 percent of the full-time employees since the fair was last produced in 2019, we are proud to say in 2022, we produced a highly-successful 21-day event.

Throughout the pandemic and the recovery period, the DAA remained committed to serving the greater San Diego County community, taking the time to assess and improve operations, develop creative solutions, find ways to save money and increase net earnings, and make necessary business adjustments. This included ceasing equestrian activities at the DAA's Equestrian Center, while planning for a near \$4 million

environmental infrastructure need, as well as transitioning plans away from self-operating the renovated entertainment venue.

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Today, the DAA is back and in full swing with a more sustainable business model. As an example of that, the 22nd DAA, we've turned to professionals from their respective industries to invest in and operate the newly-renovated Equestrian Center, the Del Mar Horsepark, as well as to operate the entertainment venue, The Sound.

In February of this year, The Sound opened with two back-to-back sold-out shows and has continued on that trajectory. The Del Mar Horsepark hosted its grand opening in July. And earlier this summer, with a full year to plan, the 22nd DAA brought back the beloved San Diego County Fair at full strength to the standards that we have for it, bringing together nearly one million San Diegans to the Fairgrounds for our 22-day run with a paid attendance that was near prepandemic levels.

But the pandemic provided a valuable lesson to us as well. The 22nd DAA needed to engage in long-range planning of this incredible and vast public asset that's comprised of the Del Mar Fairgrounds, the Surf & Turf Recreation Center, and the Del Mar Horsepark. Beginning in 2021, and continuing today, the DAA has embarked on a strategic planning process, laying a foundation to rebuild its business and prepare for the future

During this time, the 22nd DAA has also been actively engaged with the City of Del Mar regarding the city's state-mandated need to provide affordable housing, and we are working quickly and diligently to assess possible sites on DAA property and to work through potential regulatory issues before the DAA decides whether and how to proceed with a formal agreement with the City.

This year, the 22nd DAA has also commissioned a facilities condition assessment to understand and better plan for immediate and mid-range infrastructure needs, while simultaneously conducting a feasibility study to financially assess a variety of current and future land use opportunities, all with the goal of creating a new master site plan.

Most recently, the DAA tore down the front-side housing building due to its dilapidated condition. And this newly-opened space will offer new opportunity to design a grand promenade to welcome the community into the historic Del Mar Fairgrounds.

This has been an era of tumult, immense challenges, and extensive adaptations but also of great opportunity. The 22nd DAA is excited to build a brighter future as it stands on the traditions it has created and its timeless values. But whatever the future holds, what we want to ensure here is that what will never change is that the DAA is always poised and

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1	ready to serve the greater San Diego community in times of
2	celebration, as well as need.
3	And that concludes the 22nd DAA update. And so, with
4	that report
5	RTLC CHAIR MILLER: Thank you.
6	Yeah. If you want to maybe take us off ZOOM, just so
7	folks that are calling in can see the room.
8	Thank you so much.
9	So do we want to take all of the reports, even for
10	questions from the board, as well?
11	Any questions from the board on the DAA report?
12	CARLENE MOORE: No.
13	RTLC CHAIR MILLER: No?
14	CARLENE MOORE: Doesn't look like it.
15	RTLC CHAIR MILLER: None? Okay. No? Okay.
16	Let's move on, then, to the Capital Improvement
17	Account, please.
18	CARLENE MOORE: So next and this is in your packet
19	on pages 6 through 8, which is a copy of the as of December
20	31st, 2022. As you can see, the Capital Improvement Account
21	has no funds in it. The bank statement is attached as well
22	from that same period. And so, just for a reminder, and for
23	those who I'll walk you through a little bit of the history
24	that we have with regard to the Capital Improvement Account.
25	So the Commission was formed in 1968 for the purposes

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of leasing out or -- the racetrack operations for conducting thoroughbred racing. And so -- on behalf of the 22nd DAA. And since that time -- with the money and the proceeds from that going towards implementing the master plan.

Over the course of time, the funding has changed -has transitioned as different -- there have been major
projects. And so, in 1996, the Del Mar Race Track Authority,
or the RTA, as it's sometimes called, or the Authority, was
formed for the purposes of selling bonds. And this was to
finance the rebuild, the new construction, of a new grandstand.
So -- in 1996. That was the first round of bonds that took
place.

There have multiple restructurings, as well as new debt taken out over the course of time, 2005 bonds, most recently the 2015 bonds. And during that time, again, this funding, or the Del Mar Capital Improvement Account, has changed. So with the current bonds, the 2015 bonds, those bonds are paid back through, first, the net proceeds -- the net revenues of the horseracing operations is the first pool of money. And the other pledged revenues come from the DAA, and those would be in the form of net concession revenues, up to four million dollars for anything above and beyond what net horseracing revenues are short of. So horseracing revenues first; second is our concessions.

If there is any money left over from that, from

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making the bond payment through net horseracing revenues, that creates a surplus fund, which can then come back through the Capital Improvement fund.

So this account has primarily been used for the bond activity for those projects and things. It was depleted as of the end of 2021. So all bond activity going forward -- and prior to 2020, there -- or, I should say, since 2020, the net operations from horseracing have more than paid for the bond payments each year. So we anticipate funds coming back through the Capital Improvement Account and to the DAA later this year.

and actually, even going back prior to that -- has also contributed to the expenses of whether it was bond debt or other expenses previously attributed as Race Track Authority expenses. So, again, the bond money was spent as of the end of 2021. The calculations are delayed by the trustee for those future funds, which is why it's the end of 2022, December -- and we operate on a calendar year -- at the end of 2022, there was still no funds in the Capital Improvement Account.

Any questions?

RTLC CHAIR MILLER: Thank you.

Any questions on that item?

So I think, why don't we do the DMTC results, since we know we have public comment. I think I'm going to pause there and see if there's public comment on any of the first

1	three reports, just so folks have an opportunity to comment on
2	that.
3	So let's move to the DMTC report next.
4	CARLENE MOORE: Come up to the podium.
5	We do have a member of the public, Chair Miller.
6	RTLC CHAIR MILLER: Well, let's do the DMTC report
7	first.
8	CARLENE MOORE: Okay.
9	RTLC CHAIR MILLER: And then, we'll pause for public
10	comment for all three of them.
11	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You're going back and forth
12	between the two agendas?
13	CARLENE MOORE: No. No. We are still on the
14	Commission agenda. We're on Item number three, bullet point
15	number three. And so, we're going to take we're going to do
16	this bullet point, which is actually short. We'll have DMTC
17	come up and make that report before then. And we'll take
18	public comment at that point, before moving into bullet point
19	number four, the Racing Industry Update.
20	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you. If I could, if, in
21	the future, since people are coming in person, if you could
22	have the agendas printed for us, that would be very helpful.
23	Thank you.
24	RTLC CHAIR MILLER: Thank you. And the agendas we
25	will take that into account. And then, obviously, the agendas

are online for now. But, yes. Thank you for noting that. 1 2. So why don't we -- thank you for being there in 3 person. 4 Why don't we take the DMTC report, and the then, just 5 so folks know what's coming next, we'll do -- we've done the 6 22nd DAA update, we've done the Capital Improvement Account 7 information. We'll now go to the DMTC operating results for 2022. We'll pause, take public comment. There will then be a 8 Racing Industry Update, the 2023 Summer Race Meet dates, and 9 the 2023 Fall Race Meet dates, and then take another 10 11 opportunity for public comment at that time. So there will be 12 two opportunities for public comment between and the end of 13 Item 3. So, again, appreciate your patience as we navigate our 14 post-Covid world. 15 So with that, why don't we have the report on the 16 DMTC operating results, please. 17 JOSH RUBINSTEIN: Thank you, Chair Miller. 18 Josh Rubinstein, with the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club. 19 first cover off on a brief overview on our 2022 results. We were very pleased with 2022. Racing was extremely 20 21 safe, and our product was strong throughout the year. During our 2022 summer meet, wagering averaged 18.7 million dollars 22 23 per day, and that's not just a Del Mar record; that's a California record. We also enjoyed healthy gains in on-track 24 25 attendance and F&B revenues.

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And it's interesting, most racetracks, about 80 percent of their revenues come from wagering. Del Mar is unique in that 50 percent of our net revenues come from non-wagering segments, such as admissions, sponsorship, and food and beverage.

I mentioned safety, and safety is extremely important for the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club. While there is always more work to be done, we are very proud of the fact that during our 2022 season, there were zero race-day fatalities, from 294 races over 2,688 starts. Over 2,000 horses are stabled at Del Mar this summer, and pretty much every summer. And during the eight weeks of the summer season, those 2,000 horses will record over 85,000 individual workouts and training sessions.

During our 2022 Summer Meet, unfortunately, there were four non-racing equine fatalities. Everyone associated with Del Mar takes those losses very, very hard. We will continue to ensure that Del Mar's protocols on equine safety are the nation's best. Like I said, there's always more work to be done, but Del Mark is looked at as the gold standard with safety within our industry.

In 2022, revenues from horseracing provided the 22nd Ag District and the Race Track Authority with 11.2 -- or, excuse me, 11.26 million dollars. In 2021, when Del Mar hosted the Super Bowl of horseracing, The Breeders' Cup, those revenues to the District and the RTA increased to 15.4 million

dollars. I know we'll be talking about The Breeders' Cup later 1 2. in the agenda. 3 Horseracing at Del Mar is also extremely important to 4 the local community, as many businesses, such as restaurants 5 and hotels, depend on the economic boost from racing each 6 summer and fall. Over 100 million dollars of positive economic impact is generated by racing at Del Mar for the local Northern San Diego community, and in years like 2021, when we hosted The 8 Breeders' Cup, that economic impact swells to over 200 million 9 dollars. 10 11 Horseracing here is also a significant driver of 12 jobs. Each summer, 3700 people are employed at the racetrack 13 to put on the races each summer. 14 That's it for our 2022 results. Happy to answer any 15 questions you may have. 16 RTLC CHAIR MILLER: Great. Thank you so much for 17 that report. 18 So I think we'll pause now. Any questions from the 19 board before we move to public comment? No? So why don't we take the folks in the room 20 21 first. If folks in the room want to line up, we can hear from 22 you first. And then, just so folks on ZOOM know, I know that 23 we had at least three callers on ZOOM that wanted to 24 participate. So... 25 CARLENE MOORE: Commissioner Gayle, I think

1	Commissioner Flores had a comment.
2	DELEGATE FLORES: Yes.
3	RTLC CHAIR MILLER: Oh, please. Thank you.
4	DELEGATE FLORES: Yeah. I had a question, actually.
5	I was wondering what, if any, impact does the closure
6	in Northern California have?
7	JOSH RUBINSTEIN: So for those great question.
8	For those of you that don't know or have not heard,
9	Golden Gate Fields, the racetrack in Northern California,
10	announced, I guess it was two weeks ago, their closure at the
11	end of the year. And that is, you know, very difficult and
12	very challenging for people that live in Northern California
13	and work at Golden Gate Fields.
14	The industry is working on a plan moving forward.
15	And we believe if it's structured properly, it will benefit
16	racing in Southern California and at Del Mar, as many of the
17	horses that run at Golden Gate Fields will be relocated here.
18	We are also working on how to get those jobs relocated to
19	Southern California as well.
20	DELEGATE FLORES: Great. Thank you.
21	RTLC CHAIR MILLER: Thank you for that.
22	With that, now we will move to anyone else on the
23	board?
24	No? Great. We will then move to public comment in
25	the room, please. So if everybody in the room just wants to

line up, we will go ahead and take public comment in the order
that you are lined up. And them we will move to the ZOOM
calls.

LORI SALDANA: I think it will be a short line.

Good morning. My name is Lori Saldana. I'm a lifelong San Diego resident, a retired college educator, and also a former Speaker Pro Tem for the California Assembly.

First, I want to commend the board for managing the fairgrounds, the Agricultural District, through some very challenging times and acknowledge you for keeping people employed, when it was possible, and using the CARES Act, using PPP loans and other things to make sure that your finances were stable.

You know, the fairgrounds are historic. I grew up with working here one summer and had family members who worked at the racetrack. And I know the economic effects and the impacts and benefits that have been the case. But the horseracing industry is another story. It is on the decline, as was mentioned.

There is a major -- Golden Gate Park is going to be closing. I may have said that name incorrectly. In 1989, just before you entered into this agreement, there were 74,000 races around the state of California. Last year, there were half that; less -- fewer than half, 33,000 races. Horseracing is seeing land being sold, converted to housing, which is

absolutely necessary. As former chair of the Assembly Housing 1 2 Committee, I can tell you, if we don't invest in housing, the 3 state -- no economic impact is going to benefit our 4 communities. And the simple fact is that right now, the bonds 5 for this agency are at junk bond status because of the future 6 of horseracing. And the economic forecast is not strong. So I would just say, as someone who taught business information technology, who worked in the Legislature on 8 housing futures, I'm not saying that this area should become 9 10 housing the way other areas are because I also co-authored 11 AB 32, Climate -- the first greenhouse gas reduction bill. 12 This land is more important, frankly, as a buffer to rising sea 13 levels, which they are already seeing up in the Bay Area. 14 And so the future of this is going to be premised upon a lot of factors. The finances are a large part of that, 15 16 but so is the reality of encroaching sea level on properties 17 like this. So as someone who has spent my entire life here --I tell people I was born at Scripps Hospital across the street 18 19 from the ocean -- there's a lot of changes coming, and I hope 20 this board will accommodate those the way you did Covid. 21 Thank you. RTLC CHAIR MILLER: Great. Thank you so much. 22 23 Is that the only in-person --HENRY RIVERA: That's the only person. 24 25 Star 9 -- anyone in the ZOOM room that needs to make

1	a public comment, Star 9.
2	RTLC CHAIR MILLER: Okay. So
3	HENRY RIVERA: I have Oscar De La Torre.
4	RTLC CHAIR MILLER: Great. Thank you. Then we'll go
5	to Mr. Coleman, Ms. Sullivan, and Ms. Luisa. Please, if you
6	want to just go ahead and start elevating yourselves so we can
7	hear from all of you.
8	Mr. De La Torre, thank you for joining us.
9	OSCAR DE LA TORRE: Yes, thank you. Can you hear me?
10	RTLC CHAIR MILLER: Yes, I can. Can everyone in the
11	room hear Mr. De La Torre?
12	CARLENE MOORE: Yes.
13	RTLC CHAIR MILLER: Great. Thank you.
14	OSCAR DE LA TORRE: Okay. Great. Thank you very
15	much.
16	My name is Oscar De La Torre. I've had the privilege
17	and honor to work with backstretch workers in the horseracing
18	industry here in the state of California, and most of my
19	comments are coming from that frame and that lens.
20	But I also do want to acknowledge, also, the 22nd
21	DAA's work during one of the greatest challenges that I think
22	have been faced in the state of California and the resilience
23	of the staff and all the great work to keep, you know, the 22nd
24	DAA and the fairgrounds viable, I think, is just commendable.
25	I'm calling to say that there's people that are going

to, you know, have a lot of criticism about horseracing, but one thing that has to be acknowledged is that Del Mar has been a responsible operator. California is leading the nation right now in horseracing reforms, and Del Mar is the leader in horseracing safety in the state of California.

We need to acknowledge that what's happening here at Del Mar through the good work of the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club is that we are leading reforms throughout the nation in horse safety, throughout racetracks throughout the country. And I think that's very important for us to understand because, you know, Del Mar Thoroughbred Club and Del Mar, in general, is showing that safer horseracing is possible, and that's something that needs to be acknowledged. I think we cannot just take that lightly.

So just wanted, you know, to let everybody know that there are hundreds of workers that benefit from horseracing inand outside of the racetrack. I mean, think about all the hotels and all the hotel workers that benefit from the jobs that are created through horseracing. And the workers that I work with, that I have the privilege to work close with, they really appreciate all that Del Mar does. I mean, you know, even providing free meals, recently, you know, for workers, and just supporting them through Covid, you know, providing a tremendous amount of support to their family.

DONNA O'LEARY: Mr. De La Torre, your time is up.

OSCAR DE LA TORRE: Thank you.

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RTLC CHAIR MILLER: Thank you, Mr. De La Torre.

Mr. Coleman. This is on the item you wanted to speak to earlier. If you want to unmute yourself.

Is it Star 9? I thought it was Star 6 if they're on their phone. But there you go. You're unmuted now.

JIM COLEMAN: Okay. Great. Thank you, and good morning. And I will echo what Oscar De La Torre said about the 22nd DAA and all you've done during Covid, and it's just been miraculous.

In my short time, I want to comment to support the DMTC and the way it has been running racing at Del Mar for decades. It runs the operations with impeccability and professionalism and grace and a love of thoroughbred horses racing in the community in Southern California. They've been loyal stewards of the contract to run racing and the tasks they've been assigned. And they've made -- as you heard, they've made Del Mar the safest race track in North America, while at the same time, not settling for that and striving to make it even better and safer with the latest technology and bringing in the experts in the field.

They've been protectors of the State's investment, running the operations, being fiscally accountable, returning substantial profits to the State, providing jobs and security for hundreds of people, and many of whom who have come to

California from other countries to make a better life for their 1 2. families. 3 DMTC's a valuable member of our community, supporting our charitable causes, working with our business communities, 4 5 supporting promotions, events, driving customers to many 6 businesses who stay in business solely because of the 7 summertime and fall business that the DMTC brings to the greater Del Mar area through racing. 8 I've been at Del Mar for 39 years, and Joe Harper and 9 10 Josh and all the people who are truly the DMTC, have 11 consistently been friends and supporters and I'm proud to have 12 the DMTC as neighbors and I'm truly grateful they're here. 13 Thank you very much, for your time. 14 RTLC CHAIR MILLER: Thank you very much. 15 Next, Ms. Sullivan or Ms. Luisa, if you want to go 16 ahead and unmute yourselves so you can comment on this item. 17 Ms. Sullivan, Star 9, Star 6? You'd think I would 18 know after all these years. 19 Okay. Go ahead. You're unmuted. This is Martha Sullivan. 20 MARTHA SULLIVAN: Yeah. 21 There have been five racehorse fatalities reported at 22 Del Mar so far this year by the California Horseracing Board, 23 including a training death at nearby San Luis Rey training center, which is an official auxiliary stable for Del Mar 24 25 racing. This is an increase of 67 percent over the deaths

reported at this point last year.

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There have been 17 racehorse fatalities reported at Santa Anita Park so far this year, which is an increase of 89 percent over this point last year. Twelve racehorse fatalities reported at Los Alamitos race course so far this year, compared to 11 at this point last year and eight at this point in 2021, or a 50 percent increase from 2021 to 2023. There's 50 total racehorse fatalities reported throughout the state by the horseracing board, a 28 percent increase over the deaths reported at this point last year.

The Southern California track deaths have increased at a much higher rate than in Northern California, which doesn't portend well for the consolidation of horseracing in Southern California intended by the Stronach Group's closure of Golden Gate Fields in Northern California by year's end.

I also think you need to check the racing press about the claims that most of those Northern California horses are going to come south. Most of the folks in the business up there say that only about 10 to 20 percent of those horses can compete in Southern California at the level of Southern California racing.

So horseracing is still operating on, you know, a lot of, frankly, fantasy.

DONNA O'LEARY: Ms. Sullivan, your time is up.

RTLC CHAIR MILLER: Thank you very much. We really

1 | appreciate your comments. Thank you.

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Ms. Luisa, I think you're the last one to comment.

Anyone else, please raise your ZOOM hand, if you are able,

and -- as a participant. Please go ahead.

MARIA LUISA: Yes. Good afternoon. My name is

Maria Luisa. And many of my family members work and continue

to work as backstretch workers in the horseracing industry of

California. I, like many of my siblings, wouldn't be here

today as a college-educated professional if not for the hard

work of my parents and the opportunities that they obtained

working in horseracing.

I'm calling today to express my support for the DMTC.

I believe that the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club has done an excellent job in prioritizing the safety of both horses and workers at Del Mar. Del Mar has been recognized as the safest racetrack in the country for many years in a row. The reason DMTC has achieved its safety record in and outside the racetrack is because of the strict protocols that management has implemented and also its consistency in delivering high-quality administration.

DMTC has proven to be a responsible racetrack operator, and if anyone deserves the opportunity to expand the role in offering entertainment and sports wagering in our community, it is the DMTC.

I also want to take this time to thank management at

1	Del Mar for providing meals to backstretch workers. Free
2	dinner has been provided on Wednesdays through Sundays, feeding
3	over 500 workers per day. This is significant. And so, that's
4	one of the things that I want to do is convey my gratitude to
5	the DMTC.
6	Thank you for giving me the opportunity to talk to
7	you today.
8	RTLC CHAIR MILLER: Great. Thank you very much.
9	Anyone else that wishes to comment on the first three
10	items under Reports in the agenda?
11	So we are it's the DAA update, the Del Mar Capital
12	Improvement or the DMTC operating results.
13	Any other public comment?
14	Seeing none, we will move to the next three items on
15	our agenda, please; the Racing Industry Update, the Summer Race
16	Meet Dates, and the Fall Race Meet Dates.
17	JOSH RUBINSTEIN: Josh Rubinstein, again, Del Mar
18	Thoroughbred Club.
19	While I'm happy to answer any questions the
20	Commission may have on the racing industry, my comments were
21	limited to Golden Gate Fields, which is was addressed
22	earlier. So if you have any other questions about the
23	industry, I'm happy to try.
24	RTLC CHAIR MILLER: Great. Any questions from the
25	board?

1	None?
2	CARLENE MOORE: No questions.
3	RTLC CHAIR MILLER: Great. Thank you.
4	Why don't we do the next two together, the summer and
5	fall race dates.
6	JOSH RUBINSTEIN: Yeah. And this is just more
7	informational. Our Summer Meet, 31-day Summer Meet, opened on
8	July 21st. We are 15 days in, about halfway through. The
9	season will close on September 10th. And the results so far
10	have been very positive. On-track attendance is up, as are
11	food and beverage revenues.
12	Our fall season will begin on November 10th and run
13	through December 3rd.
14	Happy to answer any questions.
15	RTLC CHAIR MILLER: Thank you.
16	Any questions from the board?
17	CARLENE MOORE: No.
18	RTLC CHAIR MILLER: Great. Any public comment in the
19	room for any items of the reports?
20	CARLENE MOORE: Yes, we do have one speaker.
21	RTLC CHAIR MILLER: Great. Thank you.
22	LORI SALDANA: Thank you. I actually was looking
23	forward to a little more details on those reports, especially
24	because they are listed as verbal, and there's no packet
25	information. So I am not quite sure. I was hoping to have

some substance that I could address in some format; so I am just surprised there's really no substance to that.

I will say this, that -- to build on my prior comments -- the general public is being relied upon more and more to subsidize the operations here through concessions, through food and beverage sales, and that's true even at the Breeders' Cup. And I'm looking ahead at some of your financial reports, and you're counting on revenues going up for more people to come in who are not necessarily well versed and knowledgeable about horseracing, but they buy a lot of food and drink and they make a day of it for the spectacle.

What that shows to me is the public is subsidizing a very profitable industry and -- on public lands, operating on public lands. And there are just a few people who are making a lot of money from these operations, and that's what I was hoping to hear from the report, which there is no documentation in the packet regarding.

So, frankly, the wealthiest people in the world -- it is now a global industry -- are coming to California to public property benefiting at -- personally, and I'm wondering is that really the best use of public lands in California, when we see, increasingly, hundreds of thousands without housing. The jobs that are being given to people, I don't know the demographic breakdowns, I don't know the income breakdowns, but they are seasonal. And I know as an investor in an hospitality venue

1	that much of the use of hospitality service industry jobs
2	aren't the best paying and they're very seasonal and they go up
3	and down and it's not consistent and it's hard to invest for
4	people that are employed in those industries because of the
5	seasonality of the work.
6	So is this the best investment for public lands? You
7	are entrusted by the governor and others who have appointed you
8	to serve in the public's interest. And it has become a
9	playground for the rich, and you are relying on the public, who
10	are not wealthy, to subsidize that. So I don't think that is a
11	very good future for any industry, and that's why I was really
12	hoping for a more detailed report from the industry.
13	Thank you.
14	RTLC CHAIR MILLER: Great. Thank you.
15	Anyone else wishing to comment? I see
16	Mr. De La Torre and Ms. Fredenberg. Actually, I think
17	Ms. Fredenberg is first, and then Mr. De La Torre.
18	Are you able to unmute yourself?
19	LYNN FREDENBERG: Hi, there. I don't want to jump
20	the line, but I wanted to make a comment on Item number 3, the
21	Racing Industry Update. Is this the correct time?
22	RTLC CHAIR MILLER: It is. Thank you for asking.
23	LYNN FREDENBERG: Okay. Great.
24	My name is Lynn Fredenberg. I am a California
25	resident, an equestrian for 28 years. My comment is from a CNN

report that was published on June 10th, 2023, and it was titled "As horse racing's best trainers rake in millions, records show they violated rules aimed at keeping the animals safe." One of the quotes says, "Researchers have found that about 90% of fatal horse injuries involve pre-existing issues, such as small fractures that weaken horses' bones." I have a copy of the article. I would be happy to email to each and every one of you.

So knowing this now, continuing to race horses for gambling is indefensible, especially with other options for gambling. More and more people are clearly coming to this conclusion, as witnessed by the media firestorm this summer and spring around the deaths throughout the Triple Crown season and the media's attention to the three racehorses who died from racing and training in the first 20 days of the Del Mar Summer Meet, now underway.

Plus, a fourth racehorse who died from training at the nearby San Luis Rey Training Center, an official ancillary stable for the Del Mar Race Track, and Del Mar pony horse, Dallas, who worked alongside the race horses trying to calm them. Nevisian Sunrise, five-year-old, ran into a stationery object while training, got loose. Ghost Them, a four-year-old horse, got a right leg fracture, unrepairable. Episode Five, two years old, racing and she got a racing injury, problem after surgery. Royal to a Fault, a three-year-old, training

injury, San Luis Rey. Dallas, or Mike the Dealer, which is the 1 2. Jockey Club name, is a 16-year-old pony horse who died in his 3 stall, presumably from colic. 4 I'm just curious why there's no live cams to monitor 5 the horses while they are in a stall. It's not like they're in 6 a pasture. They're only out of the boxes when one is ready to 7 go to work. So thank you for listening. 8 RTLC CHAIR MILLER: Thank you very much for your 9 10 comment. 11 Mr. De La Torre, on the Racing Industry Update or the 12 race meet dates. 13 OSCAR DE LA TORRE: Yes. I just -- I wanted to 14 respond to both of the comments that were recently made. 15 It's very -- you know, we heard a speaker just talk 16 about, you know, is this the appropriate use of public land 17 and, you know, questions about the industry and so forth. 18 I mean, I want to just reiterate what was said 19 earlier, that there 37,000 -- 3700, 3,700 people are employed at the race track alone through horseracing. That's 3,700 20 people onsite, at the racetrack. That's not including the 21 22 thousands of workers that are -- that benefit from horseracing in the local hotels. 23 You know, the hospitality industry, for example, 24 25 would be -- I would say would be very hurt if horseracing was

prohibited at Del Mar. You talk about all the restaurants, you 1 2. know, just all the -- just, it's a fragile economic ecosystem; 3 right? And so, you have a lot of businesses that benefit 4 outside of the racetrack as well. So inside the racetrack, 5 many employees benefit; outside the racetrack, many employees 6 benefit. And yet, there would be more homelessness, there 7 would be more people without housing, there would be more poverty in Northern San Diego County without horseracing, 8 that's for sure. 9 The last comment I want to make is in terms of the, 10 11 you know, the comment that was made regarding horse safety. We 12 have a new PDT scan, and just more oversight, veterinarian 13 oversight, which has reduced accidental horseracing fatalities by 50 percent since 2019 in the state of California. That's a 14 15 50 percent decrease. So we're making improvements. Del Mar is 16 leading California, California is leading the nation in 17 horseracing reforms and safety. 18 Thank you. RTLC CHAIR MILLER: All right. Thank you very much, 19 20 Mr. De La Torre. Anyone else for public comment? Any board members? 21 22 COMMISSIONER VALDEZ: Yes, Commissioner Miller. is Richard Valdez. 23 I just wanted to state for the record that contained 24 25 in our packet for this meeting, at pages 9 to 46 of our -- I

think 47 -- of our packet, was the DMTC's budget report for the 1 2. 12-month period ending December 31, 2022, which includes the 3 management's discussion and analysis of DMTC's operations, 4 revenues, and expenses for the year ending December 31, 2022. 5 In addition to those, that information contained in 6 our packet is also Consolidated Balance Sheets, Consolidated 7 Statements of Operations, Consolidated Statement of Equity, Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for 2022 from DMTC. We 8 don't have 2023 numbers because our meet has only been going 9 10 for three weeks, and we won't be receiving those until later in 11 the year, and then into next year, with their completed 12 financials. 13 But I just wanted to make that statement for the 14 record in response to suggestions made, perhaps, that there 15 wasn't any information that was provided by Mr. Rubinstein. 16 RTLC CHAIR MILLER: Great. I think we heard that 17 from a couple people so maybe we could just make those 18 available before folks leave today. 19 COMMISSIONER VALDEZ: They are online. I don't know if we have hard copies, but, yes, they were online, available 20 21 in the packet, posted. RTLC CHAIR MILLER: I think the issue was in the room 22 23 they weren't available, but, yeah. So why don't you state the website for folks so they 24 25 I'm looking at it online as well, but just so they know know.

1	where to go find it.
2	CARLENE MOORE: You go to DelMarFairgrounds.com and
3	visit the public information page. The listed under the
4	State Race Track Leasing Commission, as well as, then, as we
5	move into the Race Track Authority meeting, the agenda, as well
6	as the packet.
7	And just and for clarification of the comment
8	around the Racing Industry Update, in terms of current it
9	was just a verbal report, which was actually addressed during
10	the operating results with the question, on the report that the
11	Thoroughbred Club had planned to give was around the closure
12	of the announcement of the closure of Golden Gate.
13	RTLC CHAIR MILLER: Great. Thank you.
14	Any further clarification or comments?
15	Seeing none, we will move on to General Public
16	Comment for items not on the agenda. So this is we've
17	obviously had public comment on all the items on the agenda.
18	If you wish to speak on items not on the agenda, you will have
19	two minutes, at this time.
20	Anyone wishing to speak?
21	Ms. Fredenberg, please. Items not on the agenda.
22	LYNN FREDENBERG: Hi. Thank you very much for taking
23	my call and listening.
24	RTLC CHAIR MILLER: Of course. And my
25	LYNN FREDENBERG: My comment is

## [MULTIPLE SPEAKERS.]

RTLC CHAIR MILLER: -- there was someone in the room, but why don't you go ahead, since I called your name, and then we'll move to the room. I apologize for that.

LYNN FREDENBERG: No problem. Thank you.

Okay. My comment is that -- on Mary C. Scollay, currently the Chief of Scientists for the Horseracing Integrity & Welfare Unit and the federal Horseracing Industry [sic] and Safety Authority. She published an article called "Autopsy of the Racehorse, The Regulated Perspective." This was on July 6, 2017, at the same time she was the equine medical director for the Kentucky Horseracing Commission.

The quote from the article says, "The California

Horse Racing Board's post-mortem examination program instituted
in 1990 in partnership with the California Animal Health and

Food Safety Laboratory System has demonstrated that
approximately 90 percent of racehorses experiencing a
catastrophic fracture had pre-existing bone lesions that
correlate with the fatal injury."

This is a piece, a vital piece, of the data that undermines the time-worn adage that the horse simply took a bad step. The reality is that the bad step is the point where the bone fails as a consequence of aggregated bone lesions resulting from cyclic loading. Thus, a racehorse submitted for autopsy signals failure on more than one level. It is not just

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the obvious musculoskeletal failure, but more complex and assiduous failure as a trainer, exercise rider, groom, attending veterinarian, and/or regulatory veterinarians who recognized, acknowledged, and/or respond appropriately to the horse's orthopedic health, or their lack of. In reality, the trainer who declares that the affected horse has never had (indiscernible) or was solidest horse in the barn, reveals far more about himself than his horse. No legitimate sport would tolerate the death of 50 of its athletes, as the California Horse Racing Board has reported so far in 32 weeks of California's 2023 racing season, half of which were in the first 20 days of Del Mar's summer meet. Thank you. RTLC CHAIR MILLER: Thank you very much. May I apologize again if I didn't go to the room for public comment on items not on the agenda. LORI SALDANA: Okay. Thank you. Once again, my name

I appreciate that the agenda packets that are circulated are limited in scope. But as someone, again, who has been a presiding officer of the Legislature and a teacher, if you're not providing materials in advance, it's very hard for people to be familiar with the information that's going to be presented and ask good questions and learn from that. And I think that any type of an update to this board, I would

is Lori Saldana, for the record.

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encourage you to take that information into account, whether it comes from industry professionals or members of the public who are the ones that you are relying on for your revenues going forward.

When I was growing up, my family would go to bullfights in Tijuana. And some members of my family absolutely loved them, but I quickly learned not to because I knew, ultimately, what would happen at the end. The culture has changed. There are now bloodless bullfights in many parts of the world because attitudes towards how we treat animals changed in those cultures.

I think that is changing when it comes to horseracing. There are agencies responsible for the welfare of these animals to prevent them from having the type of horrific injuries that are occurring. I have not been to a race meet since probably 10 years ago when I was invited and a horse was euthanized on the track. And that was the last time I would go, the same way I didn't want to go to bullfights anymore.

So I think that this industry needs to respond to changes in terms of attitudes towards how animals are treated for the entertainment purposes. The same with Sea World. The Sea World industry was shut down in terms of its reproduction of orcas because of public outcry and state legislation, but mostly public pressure.

So I would say you can either change with the times,

	1	recognize that the industry is changing, but most importantly,
	2	that human feelings are changing about how we see animals not
	3	as things that are to be killed in parts of spectacles.
	4	DONNA O'LEARY: Ms. Saldana
	5	LORI SALDANA: Thank you.
	6	RTLC CHAIR MILLER: Thank you very much for your
	7	comment.
	8	Anybody else in the room?
	9	HENRY RIVERA: No one else in the room.
	10	RTLC CHAIR MILLER: Great.
	11	Mr. De La Torre, do you have a comment on items not
	12	on the agenda?
	13	OSCAR DE LA TORRE: Yes. I just wanted to quick
	14	comment.
	15	Horseracing is not bullfighting. You know, we're not
	16	deliberately killing animals, you know, for entertainment.
	17	That's very different, you know? And so, it's very important
	18	to make that distinction. We're good stewards of the animals,
	19	and that's our responsibility as human beings, to be good
	20	stewards of animals.
	21	You can go to any, you know, shelter for animals
	22	right now. They're euthanizing a thousand cats. I mean, I
	23	read a statistic that it was up to about 900,000-plus dogs and
	24	cats are euthanized in the country, in the United States of
	25	America. Almost a million; right? We're not closing down
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1 animal shelters because of that.

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You know, you don't get rid of a whole industry because you have a problem. What you do is you get rid of the problem, and that is what we're working on and that is what we have shown successfully that we can reduce accidental horseracing fatalities 50 percent -- that's pretty significant -- since 2019 to the present in the state of California. And Del Mar is the leader of that, and we have to acknowledge that.

Horseracing is not bullfighting. We take good care of the horses that are under our care at Del Mar, and I'm very offended when I hear anyone saying that horseracing is animal abuse when I know the workers that take care of these horses and they do the best job possible and they're proud of the work that they do in horseracing in California.

Thank you.

RTLC CHAIR MILLER: I do want to note, Ms. Sullivan we'll take your comment, two minutes, and then we will move on on our agenda. Thank you very much.

Go ahead, Ms. Sullivan.

MARTHA SULLIVAN: Thank you.

I just want to remind people that horse deaths in California are up 28 percent so far this year over last year.

I'm also going to read something that was published earlier this month by the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance.

Quote, "Our industry's social license to operate 1 2. could be eclipsed as the public rightfully has a voice in the 3 lifespan and wellbeing of thoroughbreds, akin to their 4 involvement in the care of animals residing in zoos and 5 aquariums. We must prioritize the wellbeing of every horse 6 involved, not just our own. It is our collective duty. It's 7 time to address aftercare proactively and directly. We can no longer afford to bury our heads in the sand. 8 "The Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance provides 9 approximately 3.5 million annually to 81 accredited 10 11 organizations. For these organizations, thoroughbred care 12 expenses alone stand at approximately 17 million, based on 2021 13 figures, with costs expected to continue rising. The total 14 budgets for the accredited organizations amount to roughly 46 million per year. Not only does the granted amount fall short 15 16 of horse care alone, it also fails to cover essential business 17 costs." 18 Horse deaths are horrific. It's the deficit, 19 horrendous deficit, of aftercare for horses who can no longer, quote, "earn their keep." That is probably the most 20 devastating consequence of horseracing. Please be mindful of 21 22 this. 23 Thank you. 24 RTLC CHAIR MILLER: Thank you very much. 25 Any final comment?

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Seeing none, and assuming none in the room, we will
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     now move to a recess to convene and hold the Del Mar Race Track
     Authority meeting.
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               Any final thoughts from the board?
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               COMMISSIONER VALDEZ: None here.
               RTLC CHAIR MILLER: Great.
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              (Recess to convene to RTA meeting: 12:14 p.m.)
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1	DEL MAR RACE TRACK AUTHORITY (RTA) ATTENDEES
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3	22nd District Agricultural Association (22nd DAA)
4	Richard Valdez, RTA Board President
5	Lisa Barkett, RTA Board Member
6	Kathlyn Mead, RTA Board Member
7	Carlene Moore, RTA Secretary
8	Michael Sadegh, RTA Treasurer
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10	Department of Finance (DOF) - Joe Stephenshaw, Director of
11	Finance
12	Gayle Miller, Chief Deputy Director, Policy, Delegate
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14	Department of General Services (DGS) Ana M. Lasso, Director;
15	RTA Member
16	Jennifer Osborn, Chief Deputy Director, Department of General
17	Services, Delegate
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19	Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) - Karen Ross,
20	Secretary; RTA Member
21	Michael Flores, Delegate, Department of Food and Agriculture
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23	Office of the Attorney General California
24	Josh Caplan, Deputy Attorney General
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1	DEL MAR RACE TRACK AUTHORITY ATTENDEES (CONT'D)
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3	Del Mar Thoroughbred Club
4	Josh Rubinstein, President
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6	Others Present
7	Donna O'Leary, 22nd DAA Executive Assistant
8	Henry Rivera, 22nd DAA AV Specialist
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1		DEL MAR RACE TRACK AUTHORITY MEETING
2		MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2022, 12:14 p.m.
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4	I	RTA PRESIDENT VALDEZ: I think we are ready to
5	convene on	the Race Track Authority portion of the meeting.
6	-	This is Richard Valdez. I'm the current president of
7	the RTA. (	Can I please have roll call.
8	I	DONNA O'LEARY: President Valdez.
9	I	RTA PRESIDENT VALDEZ: Here.
10	I	DONNA O'LEARY: Member Barkett
11	ľ	MEMBER BARKETT: Here.
12	I	DONNA O'LEARY: Member Mead.
13	1	MEMBER MEAD: Here.
14	I	DONNA O'LEARY: Secretary Moore.
15	\$	SECRETARY MOORE: Here.
16	I	DONNA O'LEARY: Controller Carmichael.
17	C	CONTROLLER CARMICHAEL: Here.
18	I	DONNA O'LEARY: And Treasurer Sadegh.
19	-	TREASURER SADEGH: Here.
20	I	DONNA O'LEARY: Oh, sorry. And we have Vice
21	President 1	Miller.
22	I	DELEGATE MILLER: Here.
23	I	DONNA O'LEARY: Delegate Osborn.
24	I	DELEGATE OSBORN: Here.
25	I	DONNA O'LEARY: And Delegate Flores.

DELEGATE FLORES: Here. 1 2. RTA PRESIDENT VALDEZ: Thank you. 3 Referring your attention to page 4 of our packet, it 4 sets forth the election of officers and states that the by-laws 5 require that the first action item on the first meeting of the 6 RTA of the year is to have our election of officers. And while 7 there is no specificity and requirement the we have a District member be the president and the Vice President being the 8 Director of Finance, who is Joe Stevenson -- Stephenshaw, that 9 is -- has been our tradition. So we tend to have one motion on 10 11 basically the slate. And so, we will have to have a motion 12 that specifies which of the three of the DAA members would be 13 nominated as president. And if you would like to go with 14 tradition, the Vice President would be, as I stated, the 15 Director of Finance, Joe Stephenshaw; and then, we would 16 appoint our Secretary, who is the general manager or designee, 17 and historically, it's been the general manager, who would be 18 Carlene Moore. 19 We designate our CFO or Director of Finance, who is Michael Sadegh, as the Treasurer of the RTA, and we designate 20 our administrative officer, who is Melinda Carmichael, as the 21 22 Controller. So if I have a motion for the slate. 23 MEMBER MEAD: So moved. 24 [MULTIPLE SPEAKERS.] 25 RTA PRESIDENT VALDEZ: I need -- you have to specify

1	as to which of the DAA members you are nominating as president
2	in your motion.
3	MEMBER MEAD: Okay. So Richard Valdez
4	RTA PRESIDENT VALDEZ: Okay.
5	MEMBER MEAD: as president.
6	RTA PRESIDENT VALDEZ: Okay.
7	MEMBER MEAD: As RTA president. And do you want me
8	to go through Carlene Moore as we're good?
9	SECRETARY MOORE: Oh. I think I'm the only just
10	to jump in here; sorry the only one because the other two
11	are actually stipulated in the by-laws.
12	MEMBER MEAD: Right. Okay.
13	RTA PRESIDENT VALDEZ: So we have Richard Valdez as
14	president; would be the Director of Finance as Vice President,
15	Secretary would be Carlene Moore, as general manager; and, as
16	stated in the by-laws, the Director of Finance, Michael Sadegh,
17	as Treasurer; and Melinda Carmichael, as Controller. And that
18	is the motion.
19	Do I have a second?
20	DELEGATE OSBORN: I second the motion.
21	RTA PRESIDENT VALDEZ: That would be Jennifer Osborn.
22	Any I have no public comment, no members of the
23	public are signed up for this action item; is that correct?
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	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: That is correct.

1	comments?
2	May I take the vote, please.
3	DONNA O'LEARY: All right.
4	President Valdez.
5	RTA PRESIDENT VALDEZ: Aye.
6	DONNA O'LEARY: Member Barkett
7	MEMBER BARKETT: Aye.
8	DONNA O'LEARY: Member Mead.
9	MEMBER MEAD: Aye.
10	DONNA O'LEARY: Secretary Moore.
11	Oh, (indiscernible).
12	DONNA O'LEARY: Delegate Vice President Miller.
13	DELEGATE MILLER: Aye.
14	DONNA O'LEARY: Delegate Osborn.
15	DELEGATE OSBORN: Aye.
16	DONNA O'LEARY: And Delegate Flores.
17	DELEGATE FLORES: Aye.
18	RTA PRESIDENT VALDEZ: Thank you very much.
19	On to Item 3, which is the approval of the minutes of
20	the March 30, 2022, meeting.
21	We do have members of the public signed up for this
22	action item. Before I ask for that, do I have any questions or
23	comments from the board?
24	Seeing none.
25	HENRY RIVERA: President Valdez, excuse me. We had

just Martha Sullivan raised her hand at the last minute for the election of the officers, as you were doing the vote; so I'm not sure if you want to go back to that.

RTA PRESIDENT VALDEZ: We have taken the action.

Nonetheless, I will allow Ms. Sullivan to speak on that item.

HENRY RIVERA: Star 6, Martha. You are in the room.

MARTHA SULLIVAN: Thank you.

I just wanted to make sure, since we have a new person presiding over the RTA that -- just remember that I and others were unable to register online to comment on the RTA agenda. So if there's nobody -- you're not seeing anybody signed up to comment because we weren't able to do so. So the assurance we were given at the outset of the RTLC meeting was that we would be given the opportunity to comment on every agenda item. So please, before you move on, you know, give us that opportunity to comment on the agenda items.

Thank you.

RTA PRESIDENT VALDEZ: Absolutely.

I do have members of the public signed up for some of the action items. I had confirmed that there was nobody signed up for that one, Ms. Sullivan, but happy to take your comments, and I will certainly ask for members of the public to speak on each of the items before we take votes or after the reports are given.

So on to the approval of the minutes. I think I had

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a -- wait; did I get a vote on that?
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               I didn't. I was opening it up for public comment,
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     and I believe that we have Jim Coleman signed up for this item.
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               Mr. Coleman, did you want to speak to the approval of
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     the minutes?
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               JIM COLEMAN: No. I'm perfectly fine with the
     minutes. I was signed up for the new business item of
     Breeders' Cup.
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               RTA PRESIDENT VALDEZ: Thank you. We will make sure
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     you are called at that time.
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               DELEGATE MILLER: I'll move approval of the minutes,
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     Mr. Chair.
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               RTA PRESIDENT VALDEZ: Excuse me?
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               DELEGATE MILLER: I'll move approval of the minutes.
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               RTA PRESIDENT VALDEZ: Okay. So -- sorry.
     Commissioner Miller.
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               MEMBER MEAD: Second.
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               RTA PRESIDENT VALDEZ: Second, Commissioner Mead.
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               So that's fine to have the motion, but I want to make
     sure I'm having public comment before we take the vote. And so
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     the member of the public signed up for the approval of the
22
     minutes is Martha Sullivan.
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               HENRY RIVERA: Star 6, Martha. You're in the room.
               MARTHA SULLIVAN: I don't need to comment on the
24
25
     minutes.
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1	RTA PRESIDENT VALDEZ: Thank you. And just for
2	clarification, I have Maria Luisa signed up for to speak on
3	approval of the minutes.
4	Ms. Luisa, did you want to speak on that item or a
5	different item for RTA?
6	HENRY RIVERA: She is no longer in the queue.
7	RTA PRESIDENT VALDEZ: Okay.
8	Are there any other members of the public who desire
9	to speak to the approval of the minutes?
10	Seeing none, I have a motion; I have a second. Any
11	further comment?
12	May I have the vote.
13	DONNA O'LEARY: Okay.
14	President Valdez.
15	RTA PRESIDENT VALDEZ: Aye.
16	DONNA O'LEARY: Member Barkett
17	MEMBER BARKETT: Aye.
18	DONNA O'LEARY: Member Mead.
19	MEMBER MEAD: Aye.
20	DONNA O'LEARY: Delegate Vice President Miller.
21	DELEGATE MILLER: Aye.
22	DONNA O'LEARY: Delegate Osborn.
23	DELEGATE OSBORN: Aye.
24	DONNA O'LEARY: And Delegate Flores.
25	DELEGATE FLORES: Aye.

1 RTA PRESIDENT VALDEZ: Thank you. Motion carries. 2. On to the reports. What we are going to do, similar to the RTLC meeting, 3 4 I'm going to ask for the reports to be given, and then I will 5 open up to public comment. 6 So first item under reports is the 22nd DAA Financial 7 Report, an informational item, and I'm going to hand that over to CEO Carlene Moore. 8 SECRETARY MOORE: And then, just for -- before I 9 10 start on the reports, of which I am also joined by our 11 Treasurer, Michael Sadegh, before doing that, just for 12 clarification, I believe that the confusion -- because it is --13 and for the public, as well as ourselves that are here -- you 14 know, the two meetings, two agendas. And I think that's where 15 some of this confusion over items. So if everybody will just 16 bear with us and be patient through it, we will make sure, as 17 has previously been stated by RTA President Valdez and 18 Commissioner Chair Miller, that we will take all of that public 19 comment. So we do apologize for that -- for any of that 20 confusion. 21 So if I can turn your attention to pages 8, 9, and 10 of the RTA packet, the Race Track Authority packet, what I 22 23 would just like to point out in terms of this -- because really these two items and reports go together -- so historically, 24 25 prior to 2021, the District, at this meeting and representing

the Race Track Authority, would put forward three budgets to the Authority. There was a budget for bonds, the money that was going to be spent from the bonds, there was a budget for administration and maintenance of what was identified as Authority-related -- potentially Authority-related expenses, and there was also a budget put forward for projects but not related to the bonds, other projects to be funded as well. In addition to those three, the District, the 22nd DAA, also had eight separate financials for the District that would be handling those separately.

So starting in 2022, and this after discussions with our bond counsel as well as the public finance company, to more accurately reflect the actual impact on the 22nd DAA of the bonds because ultimately it is the 22nd DAA that is responsible for the debt. Again, as stated previously during the Commission meeting, any shortage of that is the responsibility of the 22nd DAA.

So since that time, we have presented -- and that's what you see here on page 8 -- a consolidated balance sheet of all three entities, the Authority, the Commission, which, again, as we showed previously, doesn't have any funds at this time, and the 22nd DAA.

On page 9 and 10, you then have separate reports. So you have on page 9, the income statement for the 22nd DAA. And what I'd like to do is point out on that page at the bottom, in

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terms of the net income in 2014, this is truly reflective of, again, that sort of first half of 2022 support that the 22nd DAA received, plus, then, having the fair, the return of the San Diego County Fair, as well as that the net horseracing revenues, satisfied the bonds that year as well. And as the 22nd DAA, one of the changes we've made is to actually show and reflect in our -- in the DAA's budget that responsibility for the bond payments, should there be any shortage.

So since net horseracing revenues paid for that annual debt, that's what results in the overall -- part of that variance between what we had planned for and where we actually ended for the year.

Then, on page 10, separately, you have the Race Track Authority's balance sheet, most of which -- a lot, you know, doesn't change here, in terms of land, building improvements. This is an item that when we get to Item 5c later, I'll be referring back to. But the cash, the restricted cash -- this is, as I was saying, over the last few years where the net horseracing revenues have been -- have covered not only the annual debt service, but in addition to. So this is -- reflects principal and interest, reflects money that's there for what we often refer to as the turbo payment, additional payments to pay down the debt service faster, in years where horseracing revenue is as profitable as it has been. And then, those surplus funds that will be in 2023 making their way back

to the District for some capital improvement. So that's the
difference of these three reports, as you see them here.

First one, page 8, consolidated, and then the income statement of the 22nd DAA and the balance sheet of the Race Track Authority. And with that, I will turn it over to Treasurer Sadegh, if there's anything more that you have to add or point out.

TREASURER SADEGH: Thank you, Miss Carlene Moore.

I think she did an excellent job describing the events, earlier this morning as well.

The District continues to be strong, in terms of operating its fair, itself, in 2023. We gradually improved from 2021, which was a very small fair, to '22, and then '23. But as we've discussed in the past, we have 21 to 22 days to make 68 percent of our revenues for the year so it is — it has — it carries a lot of risk. And we had one rainy day event this year, which made us a little bit nervous, but we got through it. When there's rain, not that many people will show up at the fairground, as we know, but that did not impact the results for '23. So we had a successful year, as well.

But we are in the mass gathering kind of environment, and hopefully there aren't any more restrictions going forward; we continue to have a successful year and our cash position is pretty strong.

SECRETARY MOORE: And that concludes the staff

1	report.
2	RTA PRESIDENT VALDEZ: Before I open to public
3	comment, any questions or comments from any members of the RTA?
4	Seeing none, we're going up to public comment. And
5	please, if there's anybody in ZOOMland, if you could raise your
6	hand virtually to let us know that you want to be called on,
7	please do. And I have Martha Sullivan signed up for this item
8	though.
9	Martha?
10	MARTHA SULLIVAN: Hello. I don't have any comment on
11	this is this 5a?
12	RTA PRESIDENT VALDEZ: It is the Reports, and it is
13	item 4 on the RTA agenda, Ms. Sullivan.
14	MARTHA SULLIVAN: Oh. Okay. Yeah. I don't have any
15	comment on this.
16	Thank you.
17	RTA PRESIDENT VALDEZ: Thank you very much.
18	Any other members of the public who would like to
19	comment on Item 4, Reports?
20	HENRY RIVERA: No other hands are up.
21	RTA PRESIDENT VALDEZ: I think I have somebody
22	present.
23	MS. SALDANA: Is it premature to talk about the Joint
24	Powers Agreement that's being modified?
25	RTA PRESIDENT VALDEZ: Yes

Is that the next item? 1 MS. SALDANA: 2 RTA PRESIDENT VALDEZ: -- that would be the next 3 What I'd like to do, Ms. Saldana, is to have the report 4 on that, any questions, and then open up to public comment 5 before we take the action item. Thank you. 6 Any other questions, comments, public comment 7 regarding Item 4 before we move on? Okay. So we do have three different items under new 8 business, a, b, and c. And what I want to do is I do want to 9 10 have the public have the opportunity to speak on each of the 11 items because they are a little bit separate. So what I'm 12 going to do is I'm going to Item 5a, and I'm going to ask 13 Ms. Moore to give a report on that. I'm going to ask for any 14 questions for clarification purposes from the members of the 15 board and then I'm going to open it up for public comment and 16 then we will take the vote. 17 So Ms. Moore. 18 SECRETARY MOORE: Thank you. 19 So in your packet on page 11 is a staff report with this. And, basically, during the process of reviewing not only 20 the by-laws but also the JPA formation documents, as noted 21 22 here, there are some inconsistencies. And while the JPA 23 document supersedes all that, the request is for you to authorize me to work with our Deputy Attorney General, Joshua 24 25 Caplan, who is counsel to the Authority, so that we can go

1	through both of those documents and bring back to the Authority
2	in the future any recommended amendments as a result of that
3	review.
4	RTA PRESIDENT VALDEZ: Okay. Just wanted some
5	clarification, just a bit, on what was stated I think under New
6	Business; it was under a, consideration and vote on whether to
7	amend the RTA by-laws to conform to the JPA. And what I think
8	I'm hearing from Ms. Moore is the motion really is to authorize
9	Ms. Moore to work with our counsel, Mr. Caplan, to determine
10	where there are inconsistencies and bring to us for our
11	consideration whether to amend. That's the motion that you're
12	proposing, Ms. Moore?
13	SECRETARY MOORE: Yes.
14	RTA PRESIDENT VALDEZ: Okay.
15	SECRETARY MOORE: Yes. We don't have amendments at
16	this time.
17	RTA PRESIDENT VALDEZ: Yeah. That was my
18	understanding.
19	Why don't I take a why don't I have a motion and a
20	second, and then we can have questions, and then I'll open it
21	up.
22	Do I have a motion?
23	MEMBER BARKETT: So moved.
24	RTA PRESIDENT VALDEZ: That's Barkett.
25	Any second?

1 MEMBER MEAD: Second. 2. RTA PRESIDENT VALDEZ: And that's Mead. 3 So before I open up to public comment, any questions 4 or comments from the members of the board? 5 Mr. Flores. 6 DELEGATE FLORES: I was just curious, does that 7 really need an action item to do that? RTA PRESIDENT VALDEZ: Actually, well taken. 8 think so, but I think we were asking to be -- amending them. 9 So I don't think so. I think it would be pretty much 10 11 acclimation from the board to provide Ms. Moore and Mr. Caplan 12 the ability to review the JPA and the by-laws, bring forward to 13 us for our consideration any amendments. So I think that's 14 well taken, Mr. Flores. Thank you very much. 15 So I think that the board is providing that authority to Ms. Moore and Mr. Caplan. But before we move on, I do want 16 17 to hear from the public on that item, and I think Ms. Saldana 18 had wanted to speak on that item. 19 LORI SALDANA: Yes. Thank you. And it's -- thank you for providing the original Authority documents, and it's 20 interesting to look back and see it costs \$5 to certify this at 21 the time with the Secretary of State's Office, which gives us 22 23 some indication of how the State's finances have changed. And, in fact, there's many things that have had to keep up with 24 25 changing times in this inflationary environment at the state

level.

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I was concerned to see at the very bottom of this page -- it's actually another agenda item, but if I could just refer to it, that after careful review and discussion with the District's advisor and bonds counsel, you ended the practice, in 2021, of allocating the value of these improvements to the Race Track Authority instead of to the fairgrounds, to the Agricultural District, if I'm understand that correct.

And that seems to me, when the public -- when bonds are put out to the public for investment in public facilities, that the assets should be retained by the public. And it seems like they were managed a little bit differently. And so, I'm trying to understand what this means in terms of your profits and loss and assets categories in your reports, going back for over 30 years and what that means to going forward now, how will that change things?

I mentioned earlier that the -- these -- your bond status is now junk bond status. So your ability to go forward and finance in the future is potentially going to be harmed because of that downgrade. And so, I'm just curious if that could be brought forward as part of these discussions, the changes that are being proposed through the Attorney General's Office in consult with the office? And has the public lost out on any benefit of these bonds being -- in terms of the financing and how they've been -- the value has been allocated?

So I'm just trying to understand how this all has been working 1 2. out. 3 Thank you. 4 RTA PRESIDENT VALDEZ: Thank you. 5 Do you want to clarify anything? 6 SECRETARY MOORE: Just to clarify, and for reference 7 for the Authority members, she was referencing what's under Item 5c on page 35 of your packet in the staff report. And in 8 that, when it talks about ending this practice, that is the 9 reference to putting forward these various budgets. We have 10 11 not changed the way in which the assets -- that's the request 12 under Item 5c -- is to actually explore that because there is 13 some question around does the historic -- potentially, the historic accounting for those because as you'll see on your --14 15 on the financial report on page 10, in the second half of --16 the top half of assets, there's actually physical capital asset 17 listed for the Race Track Authority related to buildings and 18 improvements, land, equipment, which are the District's 19 property. So I'll speak more to that on Item 5c, but I do just want to clarify that that is not the practice of the 20 21 accounting. We're coming forward with that request for you as 22 well. 23 RTA PRESIDENT VALDEZ: Thank you for that. Yes, we'll go back to that when we look at 5c. 24 25 Any other public comment on 5a?

I think, Ms. Sullivan, you were signed up for 5, New 1 2 Business. Would you like to speak to Item 5a? 3 MARTHA SULLIVAN: Thank you. I don't need to comment 4 on this sub-item. 5 RTA PRESIDENT VALDEZ: Thank you very much. 6 Any other members of the public who would like to 7 comment on 5a? Seeing none, we will move on to Item 5b, 8 consideration and vote to -- whether to designate the 9 10 President, Treasurer, and Controller of the Del Mar Race Track 11 Authority, as authorized representatives, to act on behalf of 12 the Del Mar Race Track Authority in all matters relating to the 13 Del Mar Race Track Authority revenue bonds, Series 2015. 14 Ms. Moore. 15 SECRETARY MOORE: So, similar to last year, and on 16 page 34 of your packet. So each year, the Authority does need 17 to designate -- in case there's any -- this is separate from 18 the accounting we were just talking about -- but if there's 19 any, you know, documents or instruments that need to be taken care of on behalf of specifically the 2015 Series bonds, that 20 the Authority designates what has historically been the 21 practice -- or starting last year -- is the Controller, the 22 23 Treasurer, and the President of the Race Track Authority. So this is specific to those three positions to be able to 24 25 authorize, as representatives for it.

1	MEMBER MEAD: Move approval.
2	RTA PRESIDENT VALDEZ: That's Mead.
3	Second?
4	MEMBER BARKETT: Second.
5	RTA PRESIDENT VALDEZ: Barkett.
6	Any questions or comments from the board before we
7	open it up for public comment?
8	And just as a reminder, as Ms. Moore said, we took
9	the similar action last year, as well.
10	Any members of the public that would like to speak to
11	Item 5b before we vote? I don't think anybody present would
12	like to.
13	Ms. Sullivan, would you like to speak to 5b?
14	MARTHA SULLIVAN: Yes. This is Martha Sullivan.
15	This is the sub-item that I wish to comment on; so thank you.
16	I think there is a reason why there are
17	representatives of the Departments of Finance, Food and
18	Agriculture and General Services on this board, and not just
19	the 22nd DAA. This check and balance needs to be maintained
20	throughout this board's dealings, which are about public harm.
21	I think you know, when it says, "in all matters
22	related to the RTA revenue bond, Series 2015," I think similar
23	to how the 22nd DAA board delegates authority for contract
24	approvals and amendments, that this delegation should be
25	limited to a money amount and on a commitment of the RTA or,

1	you know, the public approval, particularly given that the
2	Treasurer and Controller are staff members of the 22nd DAA.
3	I also really believe that there should be a non-22nd
4	DAA designee, just to provide that check and balance. I
5	understand about convenience and all that stuff, but checks and
6	balances aren't about convenience. And it's important, you
7	know, when you have over I think it's \$50 million still in debt
8	to be paid off, that, you know, three representatives of the
9	22nd DAA aren't given, you know, this almost blank check, in
10	terms of "in all matters."
11	Thank you.
12	RTA PRESIDENT VALDEZ: Thank you very much.
13	Are there any other members of the public signed up
14	who would like to speak to Item 5b before we
15	HENRY RIVERA: There are no hands up in the ZOOM.
16	RTA PRESIDENT VALDEZ: Okay. Any further questions
17	or comments from any board members?
18	DELEGATE FLORES: I can assume that items are still
19	going to be brought before the board for approval; correct?
20	RTA PRESIDENT VALDEZ: Yeah. I wanted to ask
21	clarification of Ms. Moore as to the extent of the authority
22	that's being provided here.
23	So could you please clarify?
24	SECRETARY MOORE: Yes.
25	And so and I'll just kind of articulate what's in

1	the third paragraph regarding the background, which is, this is
2	the authority to designate these individuals to sign documents
3	on behalf of so that the Authority maintains compliance related
4	to the bonds. If it would please the board, you can amend the
5	motion to exclude any action to refinance, though the
6	individual members of this board cannot refinance. That's an
7	action that actually does have to come back to the board.
8	RTA PRESIDENT VALDEZ: Are we satisfied with the
9	existing motion? Okay?
10	With no other members of the public signed up, can we
11	please take the vote.
12	DONNA O'LEARY: President Valdez.
13	RTA PRESIDENT VALDEZ: Aye.
14	DONNA O'LEARY: Member Barkett
15	MEMBER BARKETT: Aye.
16	DONNA O'LEARY: Member Mead.
17	MEMBER MEAD: Aye.
18	DONNA O'LEARY: Vice President Miller.
19	GAYLE MILLER: Aye.
20	DONNA O'LEARY: Delegate Osborn.
21	DELEGATE OSBORN: Aye.
22	DONNA O'LEARY: And Delegate Flores.
23	DELEGATE FLORES: Aye.
24	RTA PRESIDENT VALDEZ: Motion carries. Thank you
25	very much.

On to Item 5c. Ms. Moore?

SECRETARY MOORE: So as has been previously mentioned, and for reference, there's a staff report on page 34, but again, in 1968, when the Commission was formed, it was given the responsibility and the authority to lease the racetrack, to oversee the expenditure of the rents for the purpose of implementing a long-range, comprehensive improvement or, in essence, master plan, of the 22nd District Agriculture Association's property.

The Race Track Authority, on the other hand, was formed for the express purpose of financing that grandstand replacement project, which, again, has evolved into other projects, but, in essence, for financing -- for selling the bonds, themselves.

Somewhere along the way in the history of this -- and so the question -- the request before you is, again, to authorize me, as staff, to work with all the relevant parties to this, everything from auditors to legal counsel to even the State Treasurer's Office, which is actually who sells -- sold the bonds, but to work with to make sure that we are properly accounting for those assets because it just raised the question when you -- as we split out -- again, reference back to page 10 of your packet -- whether or not these are actually assets of the Race Track Authority.

The Authority was for the purposes of financing the

1	assets, the property, the buildings and things; this is the
2	District's property. So we just wanted to so it's a
3	bookkeeping issue of just making sure it's being reported on
4	the right financial report, accordingly.
5	So that's the request that you have before you. And
6	this really came up through discussion with, like, as I
7	previously referenced, our bond counsel, not the Authority's
8	counsel, but the bond counsel, which we have separately, and as
9	well as the public finance firm that we work with.
10	RTA PRESIDENT VALDEZ: Director Mead, did you have a
11	question?
12	MEMBER MEAD: I'm going to make a motion.
13	RTA PRESIDENT VALDEZ: Oh, okay. You want to make
14	the motion?
15	MEMBER MEAD: I'd like to make a motion that we
16	accept the recommendation with one addition, and that is that
17	Carlene Moore, the Secretary of the RTA, work in conjunction
18	with the Treasurer of the RTA to carry out the necessary
19	improvements using bond authority, properly accounted for.
20	That way, I feel, that will ensure that it's in combination
21	with the Treasurer.
22	RTA PRESIDENT VALDEZ: Okay. That's the motion. Do
23	I have a second?
24	DELEGATE FLORES: Second.
25	RTA PRESIDENT VALDEZ: That's Mr. Flores.

Before I open up to public comment, any questions or 1 2. comments? 3 MEMBER MEAD: I just have a quick question. 4 Have we -- have you noticed any discrepancies from 5 the past? 6 SECRETARY MOORE: Well, it's not -- the question has arisen, for example, in -- there are a number of reports that 7 we, as a District Agricultural Association, submit directly to 8 the State that others do not because there was actually relief 9 that was provided many years ago through legislation on that. 10 11 But, in essence, because of the bonds and previous reporting of 12 that, we are still submitting those. 13 So, for example, the State Controller's Office has to take the 22nd DAA's Statement of Operations report that we 14 15 submit through the Department of Food and Agriculture that's 16 been just -- that has reflected only what's on the DAA side of 17 the house, I guess. And then, separately, we are submitting a 18 report to the State Controller's Office with the assets of the 19 Race Track Authority. And as you can see on page 10, again, you know, what land or, you know, the grandstand, things like 20 that, this is the property of the District. 21 So is this proper? It is my understanding through 22 23 some of the discussions that have already been had that it's -may or -- it may not be typical of, when an entity is formed 24 25 for the purposes of financing bonds, that they also carry the

1 assets as a result of that versus simply being the financing 2. authority. 3 MEMBER MEAD: Okay. 4 SECRETARY MOORE: So it's not a specific discrepancy. 5 It's -- we just want to make sure that it's correct going 6 forward. And that's why bring all of the parties, you know, to 7 the table to ensure that. RTA PRESIDENT VALDEZ: I think I have a question on 8 what, exactly, we're delegating, what authority we're 9 10 delegating. 11 So, Mr. Caplan, perhaps you can help me with this. 12 Are we -- is this motion to simply allow Ms. Moore 13 and Mr. Sadegh to work with the necessary professionals to make a recommendation to this board for that determination or is 14 this asking them to make that determination? I think it's the 15 16 former, but I just want to make sure. And if that's the case, 17 does that require a motion? 18 ATTORNEY GENERAL CAPLAN: If it's asking staff to 19 bring back additional information once they've had an opportunity to discuss with the necessary parties for the board 20 to then consider those findings and make a determination, then 21 22 a motion wouldn't be necessary. 23 But, as I read the motion, it looks like Ms. Moore is looking for authority from this board to ensure that the 24 25 accounting by RTA is in accordance with California law. And

1	given some of the statements she's made about whether something
2	should fall in the 22nd DAA's side of the house or RTA's side
3	of the house, she wants to be sure that she's providing you all
4	with the necessary accounting on behalf of the RTA but also
5	submitting the documents that the RTA's required to submit.
6	That seems like an operations piece. I don't know that that
7	requires board approval, necessarily. I think it was brought
8	to the board to be sure that you all knew what was going on and
9	the public knew what was going on and also to understand that
10	staff is essentially trying to clarify and confirm the role of
11	the RTA, when it comes to reporting property, for example, that
12	sits on its finance sheet, as compared to the 22nd DAA.
13	MEMBER MEAD: But if I'm correct, they've always
14	past history, it's always shown a property in the report;
15	right?
16	SECRETARY MOORE: Not necessarily. It's a practice
17	that may have started in 2005. So it has not necessarily
18	always been the case.
19	MEMBER MEAD: Okay. Just started in 2005. So not
20	SECRETARY MOORE: Potentially.
21	MEMBER MEAD: Not since the grandstand inception,
22	basically, then.
23	SECRETARY MOORE: Right. Prior to the and, again,
24	part of that question is does the RTA take the building
25	MEMBER MEAD: Right.

1	SECRETARY MOORE: at the end of I mean, its
2	improvements to the District property. And so going back to
3	1968 and the formation of the Commission for overseeing that,
4	it's still District property, at the end of the day. It's just
5	been tracked separately for a period of time.
6	MEMBER MEAD: I think it's good to clarify it then.
7	RTA PRESIDENT VALDEZ: Director Mead?
8	MEMBER MEAD: Thank you so much, Mr. Caplan, for that
9	clarification. And while I would agree that I don't think
10	necessarily that a motion is necessary to work with all of the
11	parties to ensure this is done in according to law and
12	accounting principles, I would like to move forward with the
13	motion so that we can follow up and understand if there were
14	any changes. It's difficult when this board meets so
15	infrequently to know what the follow-up would be, and I think
16	that a motion would document the activity that's going to be
17	engaged in and then would require a follow-up at a later date.
18	Otherwise, I would withdraw the emotion (sic) the motion and
19	the emotion but I do feel like this way, we can ensure that
20	there's follow-up for this board at a later date.
21	RTA PRESIDENT VALDEZ: Any other questions or
22	comments before I open up for public comment?
23	Okay. Any members of the public present that would
24	like to speak to this item?
25	LORI SALDANA: Yes. Thank you. And this is actually

a pretty important issue here because pursuant to -- well, let me take that stat back.

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If you want to put out any more bonds, then it becomes a federal issue. The Securities and Exchange Commission takes a look at public bonds also. And they will look at what our assets are. And the City of San Diego can tell you from a problem about 20 years ago what that means when you don't fully state accurately your assets and liabilities.

In order to fund Petco Park, the City of San Diego fell afoul of the Securities and Exchange Commission, and that went into a federal investigation and that led to hundreds of thousands of dollars of related legal expenses that the tax payers of San Diego had to pay for most of the city councilmembers who issued those bonds without fully stating their actual obligations.

So the challenge for you in this case is going to be determining -- you said it happened around 2005 -- if these assets were wrongly reported to a different agency, you have to now go back and account not just for those actual valuations but what that means over time in changes through, you know, the present value of money versus what that could mean now. It might turn out to be a very good thing. You've invested, you built, you had the bonds go to construction and improvements, and now, the people of California are going to benefit from that. But it is not just a local concern. And so I just

wanted to give some perspective to what it means when public 1 2. bonds are brought forward. The federal Securities and Exchange 3 Commission takes that very seriously and looks at your 4 financial reports. 5 So I'm glad that this was found at this point, and it 6 can be negotiated at the state level and make a determination 7 before anything goes forward. And perhaps, this might even improve your bond rating going forward. 8 Thank you. 9 10 RTA PRESIDENT VALDEZ: Thank you. 11 Ms. Sullivan, would you like to speak to Item 5c? 12 MARTHA SULLIVAN: Thank you. This is Martha Sullivan. 13 14 I guess I really just want to -- what's the right word -- endorse Ms. Saldana's comments. And I also appreciate 15 16 the discussion among the board about trying to determine what the real intent of this item is. I think it's very important 17 18 that, again, that this -- great care be taken with this and 19 that it not be limited to just 22nd DAA designees that are dealing with this. It needs to have a check and balance from 20 21 others as a public debt concern. 22 Thank you. 23 RTA PRESIDENT VALDEZ: Any other members of the public signed up for 5c? 24 25 HENRY RIVERA: Nobody has their hand up, no.

1 RTA PRESIDENT VALDEZ: Thank you.

Ms. Barkett.

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MEMBER BARKETT: I just have a concern that we're taking this to the wrong extent, that there is a possibility that we have, you know, misinformed -- yeah -- you know. And I just worry, this could actually be a very moot issue. We could find out if -- how it's been done in the past and if it was properly communicated, which I feel -- I'm sure it has. That's just my feeling. Because you're talking about hard assets. You're talking about things we can see, that everybody knows is on the property. So I don't know. I have a little bit of difficulty that -- what comes first, you know, the horse or the cart. I just think we're getting a little bit further ahead, and with just some more, you know, looking into this, I think this could be put to bed pretty quickly. I'd be surprise if it was otherwise.

SECRETARY MOORE: And that's really what the request is before you or -- is -- and just the awareness of it because this -- in essence, the question has come up. It is all being reported. It's just for some reporting, it's having to -- it is being split out and how we go about that. So it's -- I don't think we're looking at something that was nefarious by any means. We just want to make sure going forward, and if the people have changed and some of the processes and things, that it's being done appropriately and has been. And if an

adjustment needs to be made, that it is made. And it's just an 1 2 area of, when it comes to the Race Track Authority, and to 3 Member Mead's point, where, you know, it's just an annual 4 meeting, typically, that has had -- does not have, you know, 5 regular staff assigned, you know, to it, there really is not a 6 lot of business of the RTA, but needing to explore this and 7 then the by-laws and JPA document issue, some significant work that we'll be undertaking over the course of the next few 8 months, then potentially the next year. 9 10 RTA PRESIDENT VALDEZ: Director Mead. 11 MEMBER MEAD: Thank you. 12 Thank you, Carlene. I really appreciate that. And I 13 just want to clarify that, again, there's oftentimes confusion 14 in terms of the roles. Mr. Sadegh, the role that you play at 15 the DAA, 22nd DAA, is one where you report directly to Carlene. 16 But as the Treasurer of the RTA, it is important that you 17 differentiate those roles and you understand your role as the 18 Treasurer to help support the activities and the proper 19 reporting. And I just wanted to differentiate those roles because of the importance of your Treasurer role to report with 20 this DAA. 21 22 TREASURER SADEGH: Understood. 23 MEMBER MEAD: Thank you. RTA PRESIDENT VALDEZ: 24 Thank you. 25 ATTORNEY GENERAL CAPLAN: I know there's a motion

pending. I just, again, wanted to clarify -- and then it will go back to you, President Valdez.

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When you are distinguishing between operational matters and board policy matters, those are really easy to answer in a vacuum. But the RTA is a very unique organization created through the JPA between the Race Track Leasing Commission and the 22nd DAA. And there is language in the RTA by-laws that talks about the need for the Authority to retain or work with counsel or agents, other personnel, permanent or temporary, to carry out the work of the RTA.

And so, I think, again, in an abundance of caution, and given that language, that's why Ms. Moore is bringing an item like this to this board. While for other agencies, like the Department of General Services or the Department of Finance, this might be solely an operations piece, that the governing bodies don't really hear about the operations side. They get updates, and then they're presented with decisions that they might need to cast a vote on. Because the RTA operates a little bit differently, I think it is important -- and to Director Mead's point -- for this board to vote on this item because it's allowing Carlene to engage with these other individuals under the by-laws to carry out the role of the RTA.

MEMBER MEAD: It's just a motion, really, for engagement, to allow engagement between Carlene and the other agencies. That's what she said.

1	RTA PRESIDENT VALDEZ: Thank you for that
2	clarification, Mr. Caplan.
3	Any other questions or comments?
4	We've heard all the public comment. May I have a
5	vote.
6	DONNA O'LEARY: President Valdez.
7	RTA PRESIDENT VALDEZ: Aye.
8	DONNA O'LEARY: Member Barkett
9	MEMBER BARKETT: Aye.
10	DONNA O'LEARY: Member Mead.
11	MEMBER MEAD: Aye.
12	DONNA O'LEARY: Vice President Miller.
13	DELEGATE MILLER: Aye.
14	DONNA O'LEARY: Director Osborn I mean, Delegate
15	Osborn.
16	DELEGATE OSBORN: Aye.
17	DONNA O'LEARY: And Delegate Flores.
18	DELEGATE FLORES: Aye.
19	RTA PRESIDENT VALDEZ: Thank you. Motion carries.
20	That closes new business. We're on to Item 6, which
21	is public comment on matters not appearing on the agenda.
22	So we have a number of people signed up here. I want
23	to clarify that you wanted to sign up and speak in public
24	comment on non-agenda items.
25	So first is Lynn Frudenburg (sic). Oop. Sorry.

1	Sorry about that.
2	LYNN FREDENBERG: Hello?
3	RTA PRESIDENT VALDEZ: Yes.
4	LYNN FREDENBERG: Hello? Can you hear me?
5	RTA PRESIDENT VALDEZ: Yes, we can hear you.
б	LYNN FREDENBERG: Okay. Thank you so much. I do
7	appreciate the opportunity of allowing to make comments about
8	the meetings and everything since it's all been horseracing.
9	My comment is millions of work horses were replaced
10	by the industrial revolution. That wasn't a ban. It was human
11	life evolving. The same process is underway now to end animal
12	exploitation. The downsizing of U.S. horseracing has been
13	underway for 30 years now, and it will definitely continue.
14	Over 40 tracks have closed since 2000, now joined by
15	Golden Gate Fields in Albany-Berkeley at the end of the year,
16	which will be the fourth track to close in California since
17	2008, following Bay Meadows, Hollywood Park and Pomona
18	Fairplex. Los Alamitos Race Course in Orange County will close
19	after the death of its almost 90-year-old owner,
20	Dr. Ed Aldridge, per city zoning. In 1989, there were more
21	than 74,000 races; in 2022, only 33,453. The annual foal crop
22	has declined by nearly two-thirds since 1986. The number of
23	trainers has dropped in half since 2000.
24	We keep telling government decision-makers to start
25	planning for the end of this antiquated industry of the

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twentieth century; increasingly they're irrelevant to

Californians and Americans, as a whole. It is the right thing
to do for the horses, and it's the right thing to do for the

workers.

I've heard comments by Mr. De La Torre. He rightfully raises concerns about what would happen if the race tracks closed. Well, my example is Hollywood Park, now SoFi Stadium. I can't think of a better opportunity to generate income for the community. This includes hotels, restaurants, related venues of interest in the area. SoFi Stadium and surrounding businesses will be -- can generate so many employment opportunities. If you watch the Super Bowl, you've seen what developers did to the old Hollywood Park.

Thank you so much. I appreciate your time.

RTA PRESIDENT VALDEZ: Thank you.

Next, Lori Saldana.

LORI SALDANA: Thank you.

And I know I mentioned the importance of sharing information in advance, and I apologize. I will share with the board the report I referenced earlier about sea level rise because this is taking place, the studies are taking place up in the Bay Area, not far from their horse area -- the current field that's closing. And what researchers are finding, and I suggested to local agencies that they ask Scripps Institution to take a look at our local sea level intrusion, as it may not

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be obvious, but, in fact, the sea levels are putting pressure on groundwater and lifting up groundwater and disturbing infrastructure all along the coastline. And we don't see that as readily as we see king tides, for example, when it's very obvious that the coastline is flooding. But the crumbling bluffs where the trains are running is an example of the impacts of that, which is why now, consistently this past year, that train has been interrupted as they've been trying to build from the top down. But, in fact, the problem is from the bottom up.

And I'm bring this forward because I think that the future of Del Mar, this facility in particular, is also going to face that level of seawater intrusion and groundwater being, frankly, lifted upwards. It won't be the sea coming in and flooding us. It will be the groundwater coming up from below.

So changes are going to have to be made. These buffer zones -- I was the chair of the City of San Diego's wetlands advisory board when it was first created, and what we determined then is the vast importance of having coastal wetlands; ninety percent have disappeared around the state of California. If we don't have them, we're even more vulnerable to this type of damage and intrusion.

So I just want to encourage you to take that into account. I will forward this information to your board secretary to share with you. And I really encourage you to

consult with Scripps Institution researchers, as well as the Bay Area researchers, to determine what is the likely future of groundwater intrusion and how will it impact the facility and fairgrounds.

Thank you.

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RTA PRESIDENT VALDEZ: Thank you.

Next member of the public signed up for public comment is Jim Coleman.

JIM COLEMAN: Thanks, again, for giving me another moment to comment on the DMTC. I think I confused the agendas, and maybe this should have been on the earlier one about the Breeders' Cup, but I want to -- I really want to congratulate the DMTC and the fair board and the State Track Leasing Commission for all of the efforts that have been put in to bring the Breeders' Cup to Del Mar.

You heard from Josh earlier the financial impact to the entire Greater San Diego economy. Our hotels were filled to capacity, retailers and restaurants celebrating the biggest sales of the history -- of their history, the excitement and electric energy to the entire area. For me, as a local, the fun I had meeting people from all over the world with this common passion, and these guests to our area were the most gracious and generous guests anyone could imagine. I mean, it was fun and thrilling to watch and be part of.

For Del Mar Village and our Village Association, we

were able to partner with the Breeders' Cup to help promote it 1 2. and drive business and people and dollars directly into the 3 community. And none of this would have happened without the 4 tireless efforts of the Thoroughbred Club and Joe and Josh and 5 the entire team. And the beautiful part for them, it wasn't a 6 one and done. They continually worked throughout the year to 7 bring Breeders' Cup back to Del Mar, but do it in a manner that brings it to the community and yet doesn't make a negative 8 impact. And they do that; each time surpasses the last. 9 10 So I want to express my deep gratitude to the -- to 11 you, to the Race Track Leasing Commission, and to the DMTC for 12 all you do for our community and for our people, our charities, 13 the workers. Thank you very, very much. 14 I'm done. 15 RTA PRESIDENT VALDEZ: Thank you. 16 And the next member of the public signed up for this 17 item is Martha Sullivan. 18 MARTHA SULLIVAN: Hello, again. Martha Sullivan. 19 Del Mar's handle, or the wagers placed on its races, was down 6.1 percent this past weekend, Thursday through 20 21 Sunday, from the same time last year, continuing the trend 22 noted by the San Diego Union Tribune on August 3rd. 23 Quote, "Gross wagering is off some six percent, a drop that was expected by track 24 25 officials. Like many industries, as things have

fully reopened and people are back to their routines 1 2. out of their houses, we've seen a softening in our 3 online business. That's not unique to Del Mar or 4 horseracing; that's throughout many industries. In 5 addition, with the spread of horse wagering online, 6 that's provided more competition for racing. Lastly, we increased rates to some of our highvolume computer wagering players and put 8 restrictions on their participation in the win 9 10 pools, with the goal of reducing late odds shifts. 11 So as Rubinstein assessed, the net impact by the end 12 of the summer meeting will be revenue-neutral," end 13 quote. 14 Things aren't looking so rosy for horseracing. And this is not just local, this is national. Handle is down this 15 year, you know, largely due to the reasons that were expressed 16 17 by Mr. Rubinstein to the UT. And that's not going away. 18 That's continuing. 19 RTA PRESIDENT VALDEZ: Thank you. The next member of the public signed up for public 20 21 comment is Oscar De La Torre. OSCAR DE LA TORRE: Yes. Thank you very much for 22 23 giving me another opportunity to talk about the importance of the jobs that are created in horseracing and also the 24 25 importance of horseracing for the workers that work in

1 horseracing.

And you know, a lot -- on the same page with that,

I'm very excited. And I know many workers that I've talked to

are very excited about Del Mar and the DMTC hosting the

Breeders' Cup. And I just wanted to speak on that just to say

that it's very important for us. I think, you know, as

Mr. Coleman spoke earlier, all the economic benefit that occurs

because of the Breeders' Cup, even to the hotels, restaurants,

you know, the local economy in Northern San Diego County

benefits tremendously from the Breeders' Cup.

And one of the things also that's very important, aside from the economic benefit, is that hosting the Breeders' Cup will provide us an opportunity to showcase the racetrack with the best record in horseracing safety in our country, and I think we can't say that enough, you know, that Del Mar and the DMTC host the safest racetrack in the United States, I mean, many years in a row. And that's so important for us to showcase that on an international level because we want the reforms we have implemented here in the state of California to not just have a national impact but also to have an international impact because then, that will be —that's the best-case scenario for horses and for the industry in total. And we want to see that happen.

We care about the horses, and we also care about the workers; and it's very important for us to say that. We care

1	about both. And I think that there is no conflict between
2	animal rights and human rights. We have to be about both, the
3	compassion that we have for the horses must extend to the
4	workers who take care of them.
5	So thank you very much. Appreciate it.
6	RTA PRESIDENT VALDEZ: Thank you.
7	That's the last member of the public that I have on
8	my sheet. Is there any other members of the public signed up?
9	Seeing none, that concludes public comment.
10	We are going to go back to the State Race Track
11	Leasing Commission meeting for an action item there. And other
12	than if there's reason to come back to this, this portion of
13	the meeting is adjourned.
14	So back to you, Commissioner Miller. And we're going
15	to go to I think 6, New Business.
16	DELEGATE MILLER: Great.
17	(RTA Meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.)
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4	RTLC CHAIR MILLER: Can you guys all hear me?
5	COMMISSIONER VALDEZ: Yes.
6	RTLC CHAIR MILLER: Great. Thank you. And thank you
7	for completing that piece of our agenda. And I thank everyone
8	for their patience as we work through our first hybrid meeting.
9	The final item today is New Business. It is Item 6
10	on the SRTLC Agenda. It's a very short request for approval of
11	the Breeders' Cup Agreement between the Del Mar Thoroughbred
12	Club and the Breeders' Cup, as required by Paragraph 5.8 of the
13	Operating Agreement, added to the Operating Agreement with
14	adoption of the second amendment to the Operating Agreement.
15	So with that and it's up on our screen as well
16	are there any questions from the board of this agreement?
17	COMMISSIONER MEAD: I have one question.
18	RTLC CHAIR MILLER: Yes, please, Ms. Mead
19	Commissioner Mead.
20	COMMISSIONER MEAD: Thank you.
21	RTLC CHAIR MILLER: Thank you.
22	COMMISSIONER MEAD: The memo from Mr. Rubinstein on
23	page 49, I just want to be sure I'm understanding correctly.
24	Bullet point one indicates that there's an increase
25	in the facility fee year period over period.

1	Number two indicates that there is 50 percent of the
2	net revenue for walk-up food and beverage, up to \$200,000, and
3	it looks to me like I'm reading it as we hit that maximum
4	the last time. But that maximum is not increasing for this
5	contract; it remains the same.
6	JOSH RUBINSTEIN: So I'll touch on the increase to
7	the facility rental fee.
8	So, yes, a 50 percent increase from \$400,000 to
9	\$600,000, and then a \$200,000 cap, which stays the same, the
10	same terms that were in place in 2021 on walk-up concessions.
11	COMMISSIONER MEAD: Okay. No change to that?
12	JOSH RUBINSTEIN: No change there. Yeah.
13	COMMISSIONER MEAD: Thank you.
14	RTLC CHAIR MILLER: Any other questions from the
15	board?
16	Seeing none, are there any public comments? And
17	this, again, is Item 6 on the State Race Track Leasing
18	Commission meeting agenda.
19	Mr. De La Torre, Mr. Coleman, and is there anyone in
20	the room? We're going to let folks in the room go first.
21	Okay. Ms. Saldana, are you in the room?
22	LORI SALDANA: Yes, thank you.
23	RTLC CHAIR MILLER: Thank you very much.
24	LORI SALDANA: And so, again, I know you're going to
25	hear a lot of from the boosters about the economic benefits

of the Breeders' Cup. And I would just ask that at some point, you simply ask that they provide their evidence of this.

People come to San Diego for a lot of different reasons. Yes, they come here for racing, they come here for the Breeders' Cup. The fact is that a lot of people stay in private homes through the Air BNB industry, not at hotels. If people want privacy, if they want ocean-front views, there are increasingly numbers of homes that are being consolidated into what are -- essentially, what are mini-hotels. Instead of people staying in hotels, they stay in homes that I, as chair of the Housing -- Assembly Housing -- believe would be homes, full-time residential homes, into perpetuity as part of what we call our regional housing needs assessment.

So we have -- for purposes of housing in this area, it is a crisis. Not just Del Mar, not just Solana Beach, but all up and down the coast. Air BNB, short-term vacation rentals, I would ask for an analysis of people who are going to come on after me and say we are an economic driver. Then show us hotel receipts and how many are those are going to hotels and how many are going to Air BNB. Because every house that is used as Air BNB displaces a family, displaces people who would love to live in a house full time and they can't because people are making profits out of mini hotels and residential houses instead of families living in them. And the ripple effect is now people are pushed off the coast, they're pushed off areas

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near the coast, and now, they're getting higher and higher housing costs inland. That is not an economic driver. That is an economic balloon that is busting all around us. And if you don't believe it, go downtown and look at the thousands of people living in tents on the sidewalks.

So if this is an economic driver, show us the money. What goes to Air BNB and takes homes away from our residents and what goes to the hotels? I am tired of people saying this is an economic boost, an economic driver, and not giving us real numbers to go along with it.

RTLC CHAIR MILLER: Thank you very much, Ms. Saldana.

We'll now move to public comment in the order that hands were raised, starting with Mr. De La Torre, then Mr. Coleman, then Ms. Sullivan.

Mr. De La Torre, please go ahead.

OSCAR DE LA TORRE: Yes. Just want to urge the board to approve Item number 6 for the comment I made earlier. The Breeders' Cup is a great economic boom for the local economy for sure. And you know, Ms. Saldana is calling for economic assessment. I think that's a good and worthy thing to do. I think it would be important to show the economic benefit, you know, to the local economy, which we all know that it is. But it would be good to the facts, right? because, you know, we all have opinions on things, but it would be good to get that information out there because I think it will show that many

businesses depend on horseracing and it's an economic boom for those businesses and for the workers that work in those businesses.

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Ms. Saldana does have a good point, you know, in terms of the hundreds of people that we see, thousands of people, really, in San Diego and Southern California that we see homeless in tents. And it is very important to note that at the racetrack, there's more than 800 people in the backstretch that are living in cots, that are living in housing, within the racetrack. Many people don't know that that occurs, that that's what's happening. These workers get free housing, get free medical care, dental, vision. So they get those benefits aside from their salary. They have an opportunity to make a living, and also, they're able to live in housing that's way better than a tent out in the streets.

You know, there is a crisis out on our streets, and it's not in horseracing. There is a huge crisis on our streets with homelessness, and the root of that is poverty and mental health, you know, issues and drug addiction. And those are things that we should all care about. But the money that's generated at the racetrack allows the State of California and the county to provide social services for those individuals because --

DONNA O'LEARY: Mr. De La Torre, your time is up.

RTLC CHAIR MILLER: Thank you very much.

Mr. Coleman.

JIM COLEMAN: Thanks for again giving me another moment to comment on this, you know.

And I listened to those saying show us the money.

Well, the money is here. When -- during that Breeders' Cup

weekend, the entire week, the money that was generated as a

result of the Breeders' Cup, the Del Mar Village Association

was able to form an association with a partnership with the

Breeders' Cup to market. So we know how many people came to

town solely because of Breeders' Cup from all over the world.

Yes, Del Mar is a local destination. San Diego is a local destination. But the people that come in for that week to two weeks of Breeders' Cup are here solely for that. And that is a direct result of the efforts that the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club and the 22nd DAA have put in to bringing this world-class event to Southern California. And the Thoroughbred Club is doing it not as just a one and done. They've seen what bringing the Breeders' Cup can do. We've seen the results.

We've actually seen the numbers of our local hotels that have shared what their occupancy rate was, what their average room rate was, and it is so far above what they would normally do during that time. And these guests that come in, they're gracious, they're generous, they're provide -- as a result of that, they are providing jobs and incomes for people that wouldn't -- maybe wouldn't have them otherwise.

1	I am thrilled to see what the Thoroughbred Club has
2	done bringing the Breeders' Cup back in a responsible manner.
3	The way they've done
4	MS. O'LEARY: Mr. Coleman, your time is up.
5	JIM COLEMAN: is outstanding.
6	Thank you.
7	RTLC CHAIR MILLER: Thank you so much, Mr. Coleman.
8	Ms. Sullivan, please go ahead.
9	MARTHA SULLIVAN: Hello, this is Martha Sullivan
10	again.
11	I want to clarify that the backstretch workers who
12	live at Del Mar Race Track do so during the summer meet, about
13	10 weeks in the summer. During the winter, most of the horses
14	are transported in. There's very little residential there at
15	the track during the winter, which is when the Breeders' Cup is
16	there.
17	I also want to emphasize, the Breeders' Cup is two
18	days. Yeah, it's the Super Bowl of horseracing, but it's two
19	days. So let's not get carried away.
20	On that note, the 22nd DAA is just a measly \$800,000
21	from, you know, what is called the pinnacle from an event
22	that's called the pinnacle of thoroughbred racing throughout
23	the world. The state-owned and operated Del Mar Race Track
24	makes this possible. It is owed much more than the token
25	amount for the long-term debt it has assumed over the past 30-

1	plus years and continues to carry, to the tune of over about
2	\$50 million, valued now as junk bonds due to the decline of the
3	horseracing industry, recognized by the bond raisers.
4	Please, don't be a rubber stamp of this paltry token
5	fee, and don't be a chump.
6	Thank you.
7	RTLC CHAIR MILLER: Thank you very much,
8	Ms. Sullivan.
9	Any other questions from board members?
10	COMMISSIONER VALDEZ: I just want to this is
11	Richard Valdez.
12	I just want to clarify for the record that while the
13	agreement, itself, specifies that we will get a rent and a
14	concession amount, we're guaranteed that; that's not the extent
15	of what we receive, the DAA receives, as a result of
16	Breeders' Cup. And you can recall from the RTA, RTA itself has
17	benefited greatly from the increased revenue that DAA the
18	DMTC generates as a result of the Breeders' Cup. So we
19	receive, on top of that guaranteed amount under the agreement,
20	all of the other surplus that DMTC is generating as a result of
21	this two-day event, which is a very, very successful two days
22	for the DAA.
23	Back to you, Ms. Miller Commissioner Miller.
24	HENRY RIVERA: It looks like she oh, there she is.
25	RTLC CHAIR MILLER: Great. Thank you.

1	Any other questions?
2	COMMISSIONER VALDEZ: I'm happy to move
3	RTLC CHAIR MILLER: Great.
4	COMMISSIONER VALDEZ: to the motion
5	RTLC CHAIR MILLER: Thank you, Mr. Valdez. I am
6	happy to second.
7	May we have a roll call vote, please.
8	DONNA O'LEARY: Delegate Chair Miller.
9	RTLC CHAIR MILLER: Aye.
10	DONNA O'LEARY: Delegate Osborn.
11	DELEGATE OSBORN: Aye.
12	DONNA O'LEARY: Delegate Flores.
13	DELEGATE FLORES: Aye.
14	DONNA O'LEARY: Commissioner Valdez.
15	COMMISSIONER VALDEZ: Aye.
16	DONNA O'LEARY: Commissioner Barkett.
17	COMMISSIONER BARKETT: Aye.
18	DONNA O'LEARY: And Commissioner Mead.
19	COMMISSIONER MEAD: Aye.
20	RTLC CHAIR MILLER: Great. The Item 6 is adopted.
21	And I think there is nothing further, if I'm not
22	mistaken.
23	COMMISSIONER VALDEZ: That's correct.
24	RTLC CHAIR MILLER: Great. Thank you very much.
25	Thank you, all, for attending. I hope everyone has a
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great day.
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                And we are adjourned.
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                Thank you. Bye, bye.
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