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March 1, 2010

The Honorable City Council
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Honorable Members:

Subject: Council File No. 10-0286 – Department of Water and Power Database of Households with Dogs / Licensing Regulations

This is in response to the motion instructing the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) to report to the City Council on March 3, 2010 with a plan to make available to the Animal Services Department (Animal Services) the LADWP database of households with dogs in order to increase compliance with the City's dog licensing regulations. The amending motion instructed LADWP to include in its database of households with dogs, a list of households with horses; however, LADWP currently has no method to note in any of its systems the existence of horses on a property.

LADWP will enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Animal Services. Under the MOU, LADWP will agree to furnish the addresses of customers with dogs to Animal Services for that Department to solely use for law enforcement purposes (e.g. enforcing city laws relating to requirement for licenses). LADWP's information relative to canine presence is designated: (A) single dog present; (B) multiple dogs present; (C) "dangerous" dog(s) present. While LADWP cannot warranty the current status of dogs on the property all of the dog data in its possession will be shared. The MOU is being expedited and once it is executed, LADWP will transmit the data to Animal Services in a format convenient to both city agencies.

If you have any questions or if further information is required, please call me at (213) 367-1338, or have your staff contact Ms. Winifred J. Yancy, Manager – Government and Neighborhood Relations, at (213) 367-0025.

Sincerely,

S. David Freeman
Interim General Manager

- c: Mr. Gerry F. Miller, Chief Legislative Analyst
- Mr. Miguel Santana, City Administrative Officer
- Ms. Winifred J. Yancy

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