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Commissioners, LADWP
Mr. Martin Adams, General Manager, LADWP
111 N. Hope Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Commissioners and Mr. Adams

On February 19, 2008 the Los Angeles City Council established The Los Angeles Equine Advisory Committee to address equine issues within the City of Los Angeles. The Committee is composed of one member from each Council District, appointed by the Council Member and one member at large appointed by the Mayor. We hold regular meetings with public involvement. Our concern is the protection and safety of equines within areas of the city where equines are housed.

We see water conservation as a critical issue and we would like to be proactive in addressing this major concern. While the City and LADWP are in the process of working through the many phases of current domestic water restrictions, the water requirements for backyard horses and boarding stables must also be considered. Access to safe drinking water is essential for the health and well-being of horses. The LAEAC would like to offer its expertise in participating in a dialogue with knowledgeable professionals at DWP as water restrictions are formulated.

Questions and concerns may include:

1. Are properties zoned for equine keeping subject to an additional water allotment when occupied by equines?
2. Can a "water budget" be developed for equines based on their anticipated needs?



3. Would the severity of the drought affect water allocated for horses?
4. Can water use be "tracked" in the existing ordinances for residential and commercial conservation measures so that use for horses can be measured?
5. Could horses and other equids be considered "per capita" users, similar to family size?
6. Could restrictions be written to allow more efficient use of water for horses, for example, going from outdoor trough watering to on-demand waterers or buckets only?

Lack of water can quickly become a life-threatening issue for horses and other equids, especially in a hot climate such as in Los Angeles. We have both the expertise and enthusiasm to help formulate commonsense water regulations that allow for the safe and healthy keeping of horses. We are ready to assist you regarding the water needs of horses. We look forward to the beginning of a dialogue that ultimately benefits horses and humans alike.

Sincerely,



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David W. Ramey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

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