

Thursday, January 14, 2016

6:30 p.m.

Sherman Oaks Hospital, 4929 Van Nuys Blvd., Doctor's Conference Room.  
(Validated parking in the structure)



## LADWP Power Rate Proposal

Presentation and discussion with  
LADWP Chief Financial Officer, Jeff Peltola,  
regarding the proposed power rate increase.

### AGENDA

- Welcome and Introductions Jill Banks Barad, Founder and Chair
- **El Nino:** 5 Steps to Neighborhood Preparedness, (Mona Curry, Emergency Management Coordinator, City of LA)
- **Animal Welfare Committee:** Does *your* NC have this committee? (Jeff Mausner, Tarzana NC)
- **Elections, Elections, Elections...2016 Update:** *Latest* dates, timelines, and information for the Valley's four Regions.
- **DONE** update: (Grayce Liu, DONE General Manager).
- **BONC** update: (Len Shaffer, Lydia Grant, BONC Valley Commissioners)
- **VANC "Best of... Awards":** Deadline for submitting nominations **February 24**
- Important **Council Files** for your NC to consider - (Glenn Bailey, Northridge East)
- **Update: BMO/ HMO**
- **Update: Mobility Plan**
- **Update: Additional speaking time** for NCs/Alliances at City Council and Committees?
- Items from the floor

#### Mark your calendar:

- **Next VANC Meeting**, Thursday, February 11, 6:30 p.m. SO Hospital  
Seleta Reynolds, General Manager DOT
- **VANC 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mixer**, Thursday, March 10, 5:30 p.m. CBS Studios

Hi. My name is Jeff Mausner. I'm on the Tarzana Neighborhood Council and Chairman of its Animal Welfare Committee. Tarzana NC, as well as Sherman Oaks, Sunland Tujunga, and several other neighborhood councils, have Animal Welfare Committees.

I'd like to urge all of the Neighborhood Councils to consider having Animal Welfare Committees. There are so many issues that come up in the neighborhoods involving animals, and there is a great deal of interest in animal welfare. At one of our Tarzana Animal Welfare meetings, 23 people attended.

The Animal Welfare Committees can deal with issues involving the East and West Valley City Animal Shelters. Residents of each of our neighborhoods are Volunteers at the Shelters. Residents adopt dogs, cats, and other animals from the Shelters, and stray animals from the neighborhoods are brought there. There are many issues at the shelters that we deal with, from opposing the killings of healthy, adoptable dogs and cats at the shelters, to issues involving the volunteers.

Tarzana's Animal Welfare Committee also deals with issues like the injunction against City participation in trap, neuter, release (TNR) of feral cats, and the resultant increase of feral cats in the neighborhoods, despite killings of feral cats at the shelters. We deal with issues involving the rescue organizations in our neighborhoods. Recently, Rockin' Rescue on Ventura Blvd in Woodland Hills was threatened with being shut down because of a zoning issue, and we became involved with the Woodland Hills NC in getting a variance for Rockin' Rescue, so it could stay open.

We deal with issues of wild animals like coyotes and outbreaks of animal diseases. We're trying to develop several programs to increase adoptions of dogs, cats, and rabbits: bring school field trips to the animal shelters, or bring animals to the schools. We would love to have you join with us in working on these matters.

Animals are an extremely important part of our lives. Animals, and the people who care about them, should have a voice on the neighborhood councils. I'd be happy to speak with any neighborhood councils that are considering having an Animal Welfare Committee. Thank you.