

GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY,  
INNOVATION, AND AUDIT

ARTS, PARKS, LIBRARIES  
NEIGHBORHOOD & COMMUNITY  
ENRICHMENT

## MOTION

Over the last week, Los Angeles experienced a disaster of an unimaginable scale. Sadly, these weather-induced disasters are becoming all too common in the City. With increasing long periods of no rain—leading to dryer terrain—any event, either weather, natural, or man caused can lead to unprecedented destruction. These events may lead to a loss of life and property. It is critical that we continue to build plans that minimize the loss of both.

The Northeast San Fernando Valley is the home to the largest equestrian community in the entire City of Los Angeles, meaning that many residents have horses on their property. In critical times of an emergency, our communities must act quickly to ensure the safety of their horses and evacuate them to a safe area. The welfare of animals, especially within the equestrian community, presents different obstacles when it comes to evacuation procedures.

The Hansen Dam Equestrian Center is the largest equestrian boarding facility in the Northeast San Fernando Valley with a total capacity of 350 stalls. As the most accessible facility to the equestrian communities of Council District 7, primarily located in high fire severity zones, it is crucial that this facility has the ability to quickly intake horses during emergencies.

Following the events of the Hurst Fire, it is important to evaluate the City's contracted space in the Hansen Dam Equestrian Center for equestrian boarding and emergency response.

I THEREFORE MOVE that Council INSTRUCT the Department of Recreation and Parks to audit and report to Government Efficiency, Innovation, and Audit committee on the current contracts at the Hansen Dam Horse Park regarding equestrian boarding and what requirements are stated in the contract that requires expanded boarding during the evacuation orders.

I FURTHER MOVE that Council INSTRUCT the Department of Recreation and Parks, with the assistance of the Department of Animal Services, to develop protocols and requirements for operations at Hansen Dam Horse Park during an evacuation order.

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