



Los Angeles Convention Center

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**LOS ANGELES CONVENTION CENTER FEATURED AS MODEL FACILITY
TO HOST GARCETTI, PERRY WATER CONSERVATION ORDINANCE PRESS CONFERENCE**

July 22, 2009 (Los Angeles, CA)—With its newly installed high efficiency fixtures and commitment to sustainable water practices, the Los Angeles Convention Center (LACC) hosted a press conference this morning highlighting new water conservation ordinance being proposed for the City of Los Angeles by Council President Eric Garcetti and City Councilmember Jan Perry.

Once approved by City Council, the new water conservation measure would set new water efficiency guidelines for toilets, urinals, faucets, showerheads, dishwashers, single-pass cooling systems, and cooling towers in new buildings and for the replacement of broken fixtures in existing buildings.

“It is an honor for LACC to be selected as a model facility and backdrop for today’s press event. As an organization committed to the vision of making Los Angeles the “greenest big city in America,” we are proud to showcase the various water-saving technologies that we have installed throughout the facility,” said Pouria Abbassi, P.E., Los Angeles Convention Center General Manager & CEO.

LACC recently installed approximately 190 low flush urinals throughout the Center to help conserve an estimated 900,000 to 1,000,000 gallons of water annually. The dishwasher in LACC’s main kitchen has also been replaced with an Energy-Star-rated model that renders annual savings of 627,000 gallons of water. Additionally, LACC conserves nearly 528,000 gallons of water per year through active usage of irrigation control timers and rain sensors.

Following the press conference, Councilwoman Perry joined members of the media for a tour of water conservation management fixtures at LACC.

About the Los Angeles Convention Center (LACC)

The Los Angeles Convention Center (LACC) is one of the most technologically advanced convention and exhibition centers in the world. LACC attracts over 2.5 million annual visitors and is renowned internationally as a prime site for conventions, trade shows and exhibitions. With its towering emerald architectural design, the LACC is a well recognized Los Angeles landmark. An integral economic component to the Southern California area, total sales from client secondary spending tops \$1.1 billion annually, generating and sustaining over 12,000 local jobs. LACC is a model environmental-friendly facility. Its solar panels are capable of meeting the electricity needs of an estimated 100 homes, and it’s recycling, energy efficiency, and water conservation programs help to conserve the environment. LACC is enrolled in the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power’s (LADWP) Green Power Program (environmentally-friendly renewable energy resources such as hydroelectric, geothermal, solar, biomass, and wind energy) at a level of 30% of the facilities consumption. The Los Angeles Convention Center is registered with the United States Green Building Council (USGBC) as a member of the Los Angeles and National Chapter and holds the prestigious USGBC LEED certification for existing buildings. LACC is also a proud recipient of prestigious environmental and industry awards including several Planner’s Choice Awards presented by Meeting News magazine, multiple Prime Site Awards from the Facilities and Destinations magazine, recognition for model emergency care programs, and was invited to partner with the Environmental Protection Agency’s National earth conscious WasteWise Program. For more information about the Los Angeles Convention Center, please call (213) 741-1151, ext. 5319 or visit www.lacclink.com.

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