Fresno County Zoo Authority Board

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Transparency and Availability of Information

The Zoo Authority Board has consistently advocated transparency in all its activities, and this is demonstrated by the actions it has taken over the years.

The Board Chairman acts as spokesman for the Fresno County Zoo Authority. Requests for information may be made by phone, mail or <u>email</u> to the Board Coordinator, who is the designated point of public contact for the Board.

Board meetings are held in the boardroom of the <u>Fresno County Employees'</u> <u>Retirement Association, 1111 H. Street, Fresno, CA 93721</u>. The building is fully handicapped accessible and free on-site parking is available. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Since April 2005, the first meeting of the appointed Fresno County Zoo Authority Board, meetings have been open to the public. Recordings are available for most meetings and can be purchased for \$13.30 each.

Since January 2006 and the debut of the Fresno County Zoo Authority website (<u>www.zooauthority.org</u>), the public has had the ability listen to meetings over the Internet by following a link to instructions on the home page and to access a map for the meeting's location.

The top of the home page also shows the date, time and location of the next meeting. The date is usually posted within 24 hours of the last meeting. At least 3 days in advance of next the meeting, the agenda and agenda materials are posted via a link to on the home page, and the agenda is posted outside the Retirement Association offices.

The website has a wealth of information for public review, including founding documents, annual reports, procedures, meeting agendas, minutes, budgets, claims, agreements, bylaws and links to related sites.