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Handouts

Not Included with Mailed Agenda

For Item 8

- Chairman's draft intro letter for Annual Report

For Item 9

- Draft Resolution and amendments for Zoo Authority Conflict of Interest Code
- Zoo Corporation Conflict of Interest Code, Appendix A

For Item 10

- Related December 9 Fresno Bee Tiger story

Zoo Corporation Minutes of July 29, 2014

December 10, 2014

Fresno County Board of Supervisors
Hall of Records
2281 Tulare Street, Room 300
Fresno, CA 936721

Dear Supervisors,

On behalf of the Fresno County Zoo Authority, I am pleased to present the Annual Report for the fiscal year 2013-2014. The Authority and staff have dedicated many hours this year to the process to extend Measure Z. In June, it was approved for by your Board for placement on the ballot, and on November 4, 2014, over 72 percent of Fresno County voters approved the tax for another ten years.

As we complete our ninth year, we continue to take our responsibilities overseeing the distribution of Measure Z funds very seriously, while maintaining a positive working relationship with Fresno's Chaffee Zoo Corporation, Director Scott Barton and his staff.

Since inception, Measure Z has greatly benefitted the Fresno Chaffee Zoo; initially with upgrades to exhibits and infrastructure. These improvements were followed by Stingray Bay, Dino Dig, the national award-winning Sea Lion Cove, the River Otter and King Cobra exhibits, the Reptile House expansion and other smaller projects. Dramatic increases in attendance figures prove visitors are very pleased with the improvements their Measure Z taxes have provided to the Fresno Chaffee Zoo. Director Scott Barton reports that visitors are not only the taxpayers of Fresno County, but are from throughout the Valley, as well as from 47 states and 15 countries. Measure Z also benefits the area's economy by paying prevailing wages to construction workers employed by local companies, providing a "multiplier effect" and keeping our tax dollars local.

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, Measure Z proceeds totaled \$12,214,126, and the Authority reimbursed Fresno Chaffee Zoo \$3,497,218 for maintenance and operations, and \$8,566,482 for capital projects, primarily for the construction of the African Adventure exhibits that broke ground in January and will open in October 2015.

From April 2005 through June 30, 2014, Measure Z tax proceeds totaled \$99,396,662, and the Authority reimbursed Fresno Chaffee Zoo \$27,738,039 for maintenance and operations, and \$24,269,358 for capital projects.

Up to 2% of Measure Z revenue is also available for the Authority's administrative expenses, primarily professional and specialized services provided by Fresno County staff, including managerial, clerical, accounting, and legal services, as well as the independent annual audit. Zoo Authority members would like to express their sincerest appreciation for the conscientious County staff that provide support our board.

Final Chairman's letter with stats 12.3.14

If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,

Peter Herzog
Chairman
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BEFORE THE FRESNO COUNTY ZOO AUTHORITY
FRESNO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

In the matter of) No. 2014-3
Amendment of Standard Conflict of)
Interest Code.)
_____)

Whereas, the Political Reform Act, Government Code section 81000 et seq., requires state and local government agencies to adopt and promulgate conflict of interest codes; and

Whereas, the Fair Political Practices Commission has adopted a regulation, Title 2, California Code of Regulations, section 18730, which contains the terms of a standard conflict of interest code, and which may be amended by the Fair Political Practices Commission after public notices and hearings to conform to amendments to the Political Reform Act; and

Whereas, any local agency may incorporate this standard conflict of interest code, and thereafter need not amend its code to conform to future amendments to the Political Reform Act.

Now therefore be it resolved, that the terms of Title 2, California Code of Regulations, section 18730, and any amendments to it duly adopted by the Fair Political Practices Commission, are hereby incorporated by reference and, along with the attached Exhibits A and B in which officers and employees are designated and disclosure categories are set forth, constitute the conflict of interest code of the Fresno County Zoo Authority.

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Individuals holding designated positions under this code shall file their statements with the Authority, which will retain the statements, and will make the statements available for public inspection and reproduction. (Gov. Code Section 81008.)

Upon receipt of the statements for the Authority Board Members, the Authority shall make and retain a copy and forward the original of these statements to the Clerk to the County Board of Supervisors.

The provisions of all Conflict of Interest Codes and amendments thereto previously adopted by the Agency are hereby superseded.

Adopted at a meeting of the Fresno County Zoo Authority, held on the 10th day of December 2014, by the following vote, to wit:

- Ayes:
- Noes:
- Absent:

Peter Herzog, 2014 Chairman

Attest:

Catherine Crosby, Board Coordinator

Fresno County Zoo Authority

Conflict of Interest Code

EXHIBIT "A"
Designated Positions

<u>Designated Officers and Employees</u>	<u>Category</u>
Members of the Board	I, II, III
Administrator	I, II, III
Coordinator	I, II, III
Staff Counsel	I, II, III
Staff Treasurer	I, II, III
Consultants	*

*The Administrator may determine in writing that a particular consultant, although a "designated position," is hired to perform a range of duties that is limited in scope and thus is not required to fully comply with the disclosure requirements in this section. Such written determination shall include a description of the consultant's duties and, based upon that description, a statement of the extent of disclosure requirements. The Administrator's determination is a public record and shall be retained for public inspection in the same manner and location as this Conflict of Interest Code.

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Fresno County Zoo Authority

Conflict of Interest Code

EXHIBIT "B"

Proposed Amended Disclosure Categories

Individuals holding designated positions must report their interests according to their assigned disclosure category(ies).

Disclosure Category I

~~Designated employees in this category must report any (I) interests in real property which is located within 2 two (two) miles of the boundaries of Fresno Chaffee Zoo, or Reeding Park, or within 2 (two) miles of any other real property owned or used by Fresno's Chaffee Zoo Corporation. Such interests include any leasehold, beneficial or ownership interest or option to acquire such interest in real property.~~

Disclosure Category II

~~Designated employees in this category must report (A)II investments in, income from and business positions with in business entities, and income including gifts, loans and travel payments from, and business positions with from any business entity which within the last two years has done or may foreseeably do business with the Authority to provide goods or services to the Authority.~~

Disclosure Category III

~~Designated employees in this category must report (A)II investments in, income from, and business positions with in business entities, and income including gifts, loans and travel payments from, and business positions with from any business entity which within the last two years has done or may foreseeably do business with the entity operating the Fresno's Chaffee Zoo Corporation to provide goods or services to the Zoo.~~

APPENDIX A TO CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE

CATEGORY 1

Persons occupying the following positions are designated employees in Category 1:

- Members of the Board of Directors
- Chief Executive Officer / Zoo Director
- Chief Financial Officer
- Chief Development Officer
- Construction Manager

Designated persons in this category must report:

- a) Interests in real property located within a two mile radius of the Fresno Chaffee Zoo such interests include any leasehold, beneficial or ownership interest or option to acquire such interest in real property.
- b) Investments or positions in any business entity that provide services, supplies, materials, machinery or equipment to ZooCorp.
- c) Income:
 - 1) From sources that are engaged in the acquisition or disposal of real property within a two mile radius of the Fresno Chaffee Zoo; ;
 - 2) That is derived from vendors, contractors or subcontractors that provide services, supplies, materials, machinery or equipment to ZooCorp; or Including, loans, gifts or honoraria of \$250 or more from vendors, contractors or subcontractors that provide services, supplies, materials, machinery or equipment to ZooCorp.

Fresno zoo's tiger cubs — now 11 months old — driving mother Mek up the wall

By Ron Orozco The Fresno Bee December 8, 2014 Updated 9 hours ago

Like most moms, Mek needs a break. The mother of the four fast-growing Malayan tiger cubs at Fresno Chaffee Zoo has frayed nerves and needs some space.

"You can tell Mek has had it," says Lyn Myers, assistant curator for mammals at the zoo. "It's like the end of summer, when kids have been home all the time, and mom wants school to come. They're ready for them to go."

Born Jan. 5 at the zoo, the cubs are now 11 months old. They are in good health and are receiving training from zoo officials to become more independent. They continue to pack on the pounds. Berani, a male, is up to 117 pounds. But Mek is a basket case at times. In the wild, tiger moms can separate themselves from their cubs by going on hunts and returning with food for them.

"In captivity, they are in an enclosure, and they can't separate as much," Myers says. "They get sick and tired of each other." Lion moms are different, Myers says. They receive help. "Aunts" and other family members watch lion cubs so mom has her space at times. "Tigers have no one; it's just them," Myers says.

The Chaffee Zoo cubs — females Arya and Batari and males Cinta and Berani — sense when they're pressing their luck with mom.

"She will clobber them," Myers says. "And they go, 'I'm getting out of here!' They take one look — and they will walk wide of her."

To ensure Mek gets her space and doesn't hurt the cubs, zoo officials often use a system in the tiger habitat. They let only two cubs at a time out with mom. Other times, they let mom out by herself, or they let the cubs out by themselves. The cubs also are battling another challenge: cutting teeth. They are in transition, losing their baby teeth while getting adult teeth. They have canines for "grabbers," premolars for sheering and molars for sheering and crushing. Unlike kids, cutting teeth doesn't cause the cubs to feel pain or become lethargic. No teething rings necessary.

"Tiger cubs are always chewing on each other," Myers says. "They chew a lot." Zoo staff don't need to play tooth fairies. "We never find them," Myers says. "They almost always swallow them."

On a recent day, the chewing was obvious. Cinta chewed on a wood chip, which the others cubs soon wanted until Cinta hissed at them. Mark Schlaefer of Tollhouse was visiting the zoo with 10-year-old twin daughters Mae and Abigail, and friend, Jaiden Farris, 11. Schlaefer says he could relate to Mek needing space — just like parents.

"Sometimes, I've had it, too," he says. "I've felt, 'Let them go off by themselves.' But the nice thing with twins is they always have playmates."



General Meeting of the Board of Directors
Fresno Chaffee Zoo Education Building
Monday, July 28, 2014 5:31pm

Table with 4 columns: Board Members Present, Board Members Absent, Public Present, Staff Present. Lists names of attendees and absentees, including Board Members Present like Bruce Campbell and Board Members Absent like Shari Rainwater.

Meeting called to order at 5:44 p.m.

Discuss and consider minutes: Director Nokes made a motion to accept the May 21, 2014 and June 16, 2014 minutes as amended. Director Dougherty seconded. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Chair Report: None.

CEO Report: CEO Barton stated attendance is doing very well partly due to the great weather. CEO Barton stated the African Adventure construction is going well, on schedule and on budget. CEO Barton stated the tiger cubs and wolf pups continue to delight zoo visitors. CEO Barton stated the zoo recently had an inspection by the USDA and the inspection went well, congratulations to General Curator, Dan Subaitis and his staff.

Committee Reports: Finance Chair Saladino stated the finance committee had met and approved the recommended budget amendment and budget footnotes be forwarded to the full board for review and approval. Audit Committee Chair Richards stated Moore Grider Company recently conducted the audit FY2013 and presented the results to the committee. Audit Chair Richards stated the committee approved the audit results to be forwarded to the full board for review and approval.

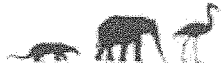
Review Financial Report: CFO, Brian Goldman reviewed the current financial report with the board. Director Richards made a motion to accept the financial report. Director Saladino seconded. Call for discussion. None offered. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Discuss and consider Conflict of Interest code review and updated model: General Counsel Larsen reviewed the updated conflict of interest code and updated model with the board. Mr. Larsen noted some of the changes and updates were in response to the Fresno County Board of Supervisors request. Director Richards made a motion to accept the conflict of interest code and updated model after clarification regarding the 2 (two) miles radius within the zoo and give Board Chair Valentino authorization to approve final changes as discussed. Director Nokes seconded. Call for further discussion, none offered. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Discuss and consider FY2015 Budget Amendment: Finance Chair Saladino stated the finance committee reviewed the Zoo Authority's request to amend the budget line item related to Measure Z. Finance Chair Saladino stated the appropriate amendment and footnotes were approved by the committee. Director Manning-Cartwright made a motion to accept the amendment and footnotes as presented. Director Dougherty seconded. Call for further discussion, none offered. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Review, discuss and consider the FY2013 Audit Report: Audit Chair Richards introduced Kelli Steel of Moore Grider Company. Ms. Steel reviewed the FY2013 Audit with the board stating the audit went very well all balances are accurate and the audit clean. Director Richards made a motion to accept the FY2013 Audit as presented. Director Nokes seconded. Call for further discussion, none offered. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Board questions and comments: Director Richards thanked CFO Brian Goldman for another excellent audit year. Director Richards thanked Ms. Steel for her service.



Discuss and consider 2014 proposed Bylaws changes and updates: General Counsel Larsen reviewed the updates and changes with the board. Mr. Larsen stated the changes included moving the CEO and Docent President positions to Advisory, simplifying the nomination process, adding that technical website issues don't affect the right to conduct meetings and including more information about the public's right to review records as contained in the June 14, 2014 Resolution made to the Fresno County Board of Supervisors. Director Dougherty made a motion to accept the bylaw changes and updates as presented to go into effect when the board members are placed. Director Levy seconded. Call for further discussion. None offered. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Public Comment: This time is set-aside for the public to comment on any item within the jurisdiction of the Board, but not appearing on the agenda. Items presented under public comment may not be discussed or acted upon by the Board at this time. For items appearing on the agenda, the public is invited to comment at the time the item is called for consideration by the Board. Any person addressing the Board under public comment will be limited to a 3-minute presentation to insure that all interested parties have an opportunity to speak. Please state your name and address for the record. None offered.

Adjournment: Board Chair Valentino adjourned the meeting at 6:36 pm

Respectfully submitted by: Lisa Condoian, Assistant Board Secretary
Fresno Chaffee Zoo Corporation