

FRESNO COUNTY ZOO AUTHORITY

MEETING AGENDA

9:00 AM, Wednesday, October 29, 2025

Fresno Chaffee Zoo

Tonle Classroom located inside of Kingdoms of Asia 894 West Belmont Avenue, Fresno, CA 93728 (559) 498-5910

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Roll Call
- 3. Approve Agenda
- 4. Public Comments

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5. Approve Consent Agenda Items

These matters are routine in nature and are usually approved by a single vote. Prior to action by the Board, the public will be given the opportunity to remove any item from the Consent Calendar. Items removed from the Consent Calendar may be heard immediately following approval of the Consent Calendar:

- a. Review and approve minutes of August 27, 2025 and September 11, 2025
- b. Review and approve payment of County of Fresno August 2025 invoice for Professional and Specialized Services in the amount of \$20,187.60 for services through September 2025
- c. Receive Treasurer's Reports for August 2025 and quarter ended September 2025
- 6. Receive Fresno Chaffee Zoo Director's report
- 7. Receive Fresno Chaffee Zoo August 2025 Year-to-Date Financial Report

- 8. Approve Fresno's Chaffee Zoo Corporation's request for Measure Z Capital Funds totaling \$118,934 for the completion of the concept design phase of work for the California Exhibit project
- 9. Approve and authorize release of retention withheld on construction services related to Reclaimed Water Project for Golden Valley Pipeline, Inc. totaling \$67,691.78
- 10. Discuss 2026 Supplemental Measure Z Capital Request
- 11. Receive 2026 Draft Budget Preview
- 12. Review next meeting dates and revise if necessary:
 - November 19, 2025
 - December 17, 2025
- 13. Receive staff reports
- 14. Chair's comments
- 15. Board Member comments
- 16. Adjourn

All supporting documentation is available for public review in the office of the Fresno County Zoo Authority, 2281 Tulare Street, Room 304, Fresno, 93721, during regular business hours.

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FRESNO COUNTY ZOO AUTHORITY

ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES

9:00 AM, Wednesday, August 27, 2025

Fresno Chaffee Zoo

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- Call to Order
 CHAIRMAN ROMAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 9:02AM.
- 2. Roll Call
 A QUORUM WAS PRESENT WITH MEMBERS ROMAN, GARABEDIAN, HERZOG,
 MARTINA, TOSTE, AND ARIAS IN ATTENDANCE.
- 3. Approve Agenda

CHAIRMAN ROMAN REQUESTED THAT ITEMS 11 AND 13 BE TABLED TO A DATE UNCERTAIN. MEMBER ARIAS MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS REVISED. SECONDED BY MEMBER GARABEDIAN. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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HELD. NONE RECEIVED.

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- a. Review and approve minutes of June 25, 2025
- b. Review and approve payment of County of Fresno August 2025 invoice for Professional and Specialized Services in the amount of \$11,722.60 for services through July 2025

- c. Receive Treasurer's Reports for fourth quarter, June, and July 2025

 MEMBER ARIAS MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT ITEMS. SECONDED BY MEMBER
 HERZOG. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
- 6. Receive Fresno Chaffee Zoo Director's report
 RECEIVED. CEO JON DOHLIN PROVIDED AN UPDATE ON THE NEW ENTRANCE AND
 THE PARKING PROJECT.
- 7. Receive Fresno Chaffee Zoo Corp year ended December 31, 2024 audited financial statements and agreed upon procedures from Price Paige & Company RECEIVED. ROSY GONZALES WITH PRICE PAIGE & COMPANY REPORTED. ISSUED AN UNMODIFIED OPINION.
- 8. Receive Fresno Chaffee Zoo June 2025 Year-to-Date Financial Report RECEIVED. CFO NORA CROW PROVIDED A JUNE 2025 ANALYSIS SUMMARY. REPORTED ON ATTENDANCE, HIGHLIGHTS & LOWLIGHTS, FINANCIAL SUMMARY, AND THE BALANCE SHEET.
- 9. Receive and approve request from Fresno's Chaffee Zoo Corporation to release remaining Measure Z budgeted funds from Kingdoms of Asia Phase II (formerly Mixed Species Exhibit) back into the Measure Z capital fund in the amount of \$307,944.80 in construction funds MEMBER TOSTE MOVED TO APPROVE THE RELEASE OF REMAINING FUNDS. SECONDED BY MEMBER GARABEDIAN. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
- Receive and approve request from Fresno's Chaffee Zoo Corporation to release remaining Measure Z budgeted funds from Event Space project back into the Measure Z capital fund in the amount of \$96,825.25 in construction funds
 MEMBER TOSTE MOVED TO APPROVE THE RELEASE OF REMAINING FUNDS.
 SECONDED BY MEMBER MARTINA. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
- 11. Approve Fresno's Chaffee Zoo Corporation's request for Measure Z Capital Funds totaling \$454,685.40 for the construction of the Lyles Admin Building Improvements Phase I **TABLED DURING APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.**
- 12. Approve Fresno's Chaffee Zoo Corporation's request for Measure Z Capital Funds totaling \$302,661.24 for the completion of the pre-design phase of work for the New Entrance project MEMBER GARABEDIAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE FUNDING REQUEST. SECONDED BY MEMBER MARTINA. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
- 13. Approve Fresno's Chaffee Zoo Corporation's request for Measure Z Capital Funds totaling \$1,499,975.00 for the furnishing and installation of the solar and associated electrical infrastructure related to the Maintenance Warehouse project **TABLED DURING APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.**
- 14. Receive presentation from Fresno's Chaffee Zoo Corporation Operational Sustainability:
 Pricing
 - RECEIVED. CEO JON DOHLIN AND CFO NORA CROW REPORTED ON OPERATING FUNDS AS A PERCENTAGE OF EXPENSES, REVIEWED THE OPERATIONAL FUNDING GAP, ADMISSIONS PRICING, AND PROJECTED FINANCIAL RESULTS.
- 15. Review next meeting dates and revise if necessary:
 - September 24, 2025

- October 29, 2025
- November 19, 2025
- December 17, 2025

REVIEWED. A SPECIAL MEETING WAS SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 11, 2025 AT 3:00PM. NO OTHER REVISIONS MADE.

- 16. Receive staff reports
 NO FURTHER REPORTS RECEIVED.
- 17. Chair's comments
 THANKED ALL FOR BEING IN ATTENDANCE.
- Board Member comments
 MEMBER ARIAS THANKED ALL AS WELL.
- 19. Adjourn
 THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIRMAN ROMAN
 ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 11:25 AM.

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FRESNO COUNTY ZOO AUTHORITY

ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES

3:00 PM, Thursday, September 11, 2025

Fresno Chaffee Zoo

Simba Room

894 West Belmont Avenue, Fresno, CA 93728

(559) 498-5910

Call to Order
 CHAIRMAN ROMAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 3:00 PM.

MARTINA, TOSTE, AND WATERHOUSE IN ATTENDANCE.

- 2. Roll Call
 A QUORUM WAS PRESENT WITH MEMBERS ROMAN, GARABEDIAN, HERZOG,
- 3. Approve Agenda

 MEMBER GARABEDIAN MOVED TO APPROVED THE AGENDA. SECONDED BY

 MEMBER HERZOG. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
- 4. Public Comments

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HELD. NONE RECEIVIED.

- 5. Approve Fresno's Chaffee Zoo Corporation's request for Measure Z Capital Funds totaling \$454,685.40 for the construction of the Lyles Admin Building Improvements Phase I FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS, MEMBER HERZOG MOVED TO TABLE THIS ITEM. SECONDED BY MEMBER TOSTE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
- 6. Approve Fresno's Chaffee Zoo Corporation's request for Measure Z Capital Funds totaling \$1,499,975.00 for the furnishing and installation of the solar and associated electrical infrastructure related to the Maintenance Warehouse project

MEMBER HERZOG MOVED TO APPROVE THE FUNDING REQUEST. SECONDED BY MEMBER MARTINA. THE MOTION PASSED WITH 5-1 WITH MEMBER TOSTE VOTING NO.

- 7. Review next meeting dates and revise if necessary:
 - September 24, 2025
 - October 29, 2025
 - November 19, 2025
 - December 17, 2025

REVIEWED. MEMBER GARABEDIAN MOVED TO CANCEL THE SEPTEMBER 24TH MEETING. SECONDED BY MEMBER TOSTE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- Receive staff reports
 NO FURTHER REPORTS RECEIVED.
- Chair's comments
 CHAIRMAN THANKED ALL FOR BEING IN ATTENDANCE.
- 10. Board Member comments

 MEMBER GARABEDIAN REQUESTED A REVIEW OF THE ZOO AUTHORITY POLICIES

 AND PROCEDURES DURING A MEETING PREFERABLY BY YEAR-END BUT NOT LATER
 THAN JANUARY.
- 11. Adjourn
 THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIRMAN ROMAN
 ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 3:57PM.

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Invoice for Professional Services in Support of the Zoo Authority Billing Hours and Expenses through September 2025

> **Invoice Number** 10-ZOO-10222025

October 22, 2025

TO: Zoo Authority Board c/o County of Fresno 2281 Tulare St. Room 304 Fresno, CA 93721

Department / Title	Hours	Rates	Cost
ACTTC FR&A			
Accounting & Finance Div Chief	0.75	\$171.00	\$128.25
Accounting & Finance Manager	7.75	\$137.60	\$1,066.40
Accountant II	12.25	\$110.60	\$1,354.85
Accountant I	0.00	\$98.20	\$0.00
Account Clerk I	0.00	\$68.50	\$0.00
Account Clerk II	30.09	\$94.60	\$2,846.51
Supervising Account Clerk	0.00	\$91.80	\$0.00
County Counsel			
Deputy County Counsel	4.90	\$169.00	\$828.10
CAO			
Board Coordinator	97.00	\$130.52	\$12,660.44
CLA			
Contracted Audit Services			\$1,303.05
Professional Services Total	152.74		\$20,187.60
Office Expense			\$0.00
Invoice Total			\$20,187.60

Statement

September 25, 2025 Date:

Invoice # 26-01

FRESNO COUNTY COUNSEL 2220 Tulare Street, Suite 500 Fresno, CA 93721

Bill to:

Zoo Authority VIA Email to Ron Alexander

Comments:

Date		Description				Balance	Amount	
9/25/25		Invoice# 26-01 Billin	g for Professional Serv	ices for 6/2	3/25-7/20/25		\$	202.80
		Past Due:						
7/7/25		Invoice# 25-13 Billin	g for Professional Serv	ices for 5/2	6/25-6/22/25		\$	625.30
		PLEASE EMAII	L COPY OF JV TO jmo	ontova@fre	snocountyca.gov			
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Current		1-30 Days Past Due	31-60 Days Past Due		61-90 Days Past Due	Days Past Due	Amount Due	
Current	\$828.10		l ast Due		T ast Due	Fast Due	Amount Due	\$828.10
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Remittance	
Invoice #	26-01
Date	
Amount Due	\$828.10
Amount Enclosed	

Make all checks payable to Fresno County Counsel 2220 Tulare Street, Suite 500, Fresno, CA 93721 Ph# 559/600-3479



Invoice

FOR COUNTY USE ONLY						
ACCOUNT FUND ORG PROGRAM SUBCLASS						
4885	0001	0300	0	10000		

BILL TO:

Zoo Authority

Email to:

ronalexander@fresnocountyca.gov

(Separate invoice)

Invoice Date	Invoice Number	Due Date
9/17/2025	26032	10/17/2025

MAKE YOUR REMITTANCE PAYABLE TO:

FRESNO COUNTY TREASURER

AND SEND IT TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

Oscar J. Garcia, CPA

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER/TREASURER TAX COLLECTOR - ADMINSTRATION DIVISION

PO BOX 1247

FRESNO, CA 93715-1247

PLEASE INCLUDE THE INVOICE NUMBER ON YOUR CHECK OR MONEY ORDER

	DESCRIPTION		П	AMOUNT
ACTTC FR&A (04100300)			Г	
Project Code:	9810ACCT EB 01		l	
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FR&A Accounting Services for	r pay period ending	8/3/2025	\$	1,919.83
FR&A Accounting Services for	r pay period ending	8/17/2025	\$	2,704.50
FR&A Accounting Services fo	r pay period ending	8/31/2025	\$	771.68
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		Total Balance Due	\$	5,396.01



Invoice

FOR COUNTY USE ONLY						
ACCOUNT FUND ORG PROGRAM SUBCLASS						
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BILL TO:

Zoo Authority

Email to:

Ronalexander@fresnocountyca.gov

Invoice Date	Invoice Number	Due Date
9/4/2025	26028	10/4/2025

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FRESNO, CA 93715-1247

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DESCRIPTION		AMOUN	NT
ACTTC FR&A (04100300)			
Reimbursement for invoice payments on behalf of Zo	o Authority		
Invoice: #L251503850		\$	1,303.05
	CURRENT AMOUNT DUE		
	Total Balance Due	\$ 1,	303.05



Account Name

County of Fresno

Account Number

B118825

Authorization Number

6027700000

Invoice Total

\$1,303.05

Invoice Number

L251503850

Invoice Date

08/15/2025

Due Upon Receipt

Direct billing inquiries to 844-325-1836.

Please pay your bill online at CLAconnect.com/billpay - CLA's preferred method of payment.

Finance charges will be assessed at 1.25% monthly, 15% annually.

Ship To Address: County Administrative Office, 2281 Tulare St Ste 304, Fresno, CA 93721-2138, United States of America

Service / Work Description	Amount
Audit services performed for 06/30/2025	\$1,241.00
Technology and Client Support Fee	\$62.05
Sales Tax	\$0.00
Invoice Total	\$1,303.05

Subclass:10000

RECEIVED

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ACTTC Administration Division

Please detach and remit payment to the address below.

We appreciate your business and referrals

Remit to:

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CliftonLarsonAllen LLP P.O. Box 31001-2443 Pasadena, CA 91110-2443

County of Fresno County Administrative Office 2281 Tulare St Ste 304 Fresno, CA 93721-2138

Amount Remitted

Account Number

B118825

Invoice Number

L251503850

County of Fresno Billing Summary Agreement No. A-24-292 FYE June 30, 2025

Invoice Period Through:

August 8, 2025

Task		Total Contract	Billed to Date		Balance emaining	 Current Invoice
B5 Zoo Authority	\$	6,753.00	\$ 1,241.00	\$	5,512.00	\$ 1,241.00
5% Technology Fee (RFP)	***************************************	337.65	 62.05	*********	275.60	 62.05
Total	\$	7,090.65	\$ 1,303.05	\$	5,787.60	\$ 1,303.05

AGENDA ITEM 5c



Fresno County Zoo Authority Treasurer's Report Unaudited Cash Basis For the Month Ended August 31, 2025

Summary of Measure Z Proceed	ds		
Tax Proceeds Received:			
	- Measure Z - Sales Tax Proceeds	\$	1,817,777.43
	Total Proceeds Received:	\$	1,817,777.43
Tax Proceeds Allocated:			
	- Allocation to Zoo Authority Fund (2%)		36,355.55
	- Allocation to Trust Fund for Operations and Capital Projects (98%)		1,781,421.88
	Total Proceed Allocations	\$	1,817,777.43
		_	
Cash Balance by Fund			
Zoo Authority Fund >	> Administrative Fund 2%		
	Beginning Cash Balance	\$	3,715,085.74
Receipts:	- Measure Z Sales Tax Proceeds		36,355.55
Disbursements:	- PeopleSoft Financial Charges		(121.22)
	- ITSD Data Processing Charges		(4,448.08)
	Net Increase/(Decrease) to Cash		31,786.25
	Ending Cash Balance - Zoo Authority Administrative Fund	\$	3,746,871.99
Trust Fund for FCZC Operati	ons and Capital Projects 98%		
Trust Fund for FC2C Operati	•	\$	E2 600 702 74
>>	Beginning Cash Balance Operations Fund	Ф	52,608,782.74
.	Beginning Cash Balance		5,498,202.78
Receipts:	- Measure Z Sales Tax Proceeds		593,807.29
Disbursements:	- FCZC Operations Claim #2025-06		(822,910.24)
Dispuisements.	- Wire Fees		(20.00)
			(229,122.95)
	Net Increase/(Decrease) to Cash Ending Cosh Palance, Available for Operations	\$, ,
	Ending Cash Balance - Available for Operations		5,269,079.83
>>	Capital Facilities Project Fund		
·	Beginning Cash Balance	\$	47,110,579.96
Receipts:	- Measure Z Sales Tax Proceeds		1,187,614.59
Disbursements:	- FCZC Capital Claim #2025-06C		(91,239.88)
	Net Increase/(Decrease) to Cash		1,096,374.71
	Ending Cash Balance - Available for Capital Projects	\$	48,206,954.67
	Ending Balance Available for Operations and Capital Projects	\$	53,476,034.50
By Staff	Date		
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Accepted	Date		

^{*}Interest receipts are recorded in the month received rather than in the month earned and were calculated on an annual percentage rate of 2.975% as of June 30, 2025.



$Fresno\ County\ Zoo\ Authority$

SUMMARY OF MEASURE Z SALES TAX PROCEEDS

AUTHORITY		Pr 2022-23	ior	Fiscal Yea 2023-24	rs	2024-25	CURRENT FISCAL YEAR 2025-26					
		ACTUAL		ACTUAL		ACTUAL	В	UDGETED		ACTUAL	BUDGET TO AC	TUAL
	TA	X RECEIPTS	TA	X RECEIPTS	TA	AX RECEIPTS	TA	X RECEIPTS	TA	K RECEIPTS	VARIANO	E
July	\$	2,050,253	\$	1,995,098	\$	1,905,679	\$	1,905,137	\$	1,946,253	\$ 41,116	2.16%
August		1,848,761		1,894,187		1,817,945		1,817,428		1,817,777	349	0.02%
September		1,702,532		1,704,489		1,725,891		_		_	_	
October		1,857,650		1,828,102		1,603,753		_		_	_	
November		1,871,323		1,896,677		2,038,199		_		_	_	
December		1,739,869		1,653,448		1,777,368		_		_	_	
January		1,599,634		1,608,374		1,560,536		_		_	_	
February		2,189,378		2,082,571		2,326,642		_		_	_	
March		1,622,972		1,661,989		1,572,217		_		_	_	
April		1,518,282		1,519,602		1,422,494		_		_	_	
May		1,807,486		1,858,151		2,055,676		_		_	_	
June		1,679,730		1,699,914		1,756,814		<u> </u>				
Total	\$	21,487,870	\$	21,402,602	\$	21,563,214	\$	3,722,565	\$	3,764,030	\$ 41,465	2.18%

TOTAL MEASURE Z PROCEEDS FROM INCEPTION \$ 290,862,686

Prepared by the County of Fresno, Office of the Auditor-Controller/Treasurer-Tax Collector



Fresno County Zoo Authority Treasurer's Report Unaudited Cash Basis For the Month Ended August 31, 2025

	Summary of Quarterly Interest Receipts							
			4845-10000	4850-10000	485	0-427000		
			Zoo Authority	FCZC - Operations	FCZC - CP	African River Repmt	Total Interest	
Quarter	Allocation	Date Received						
	African River		_	_	_	_	\$ —	
1st	1st	7/22/2025	767.82	1,385.41	9,306.43	_	\$ 11,459.66	
	2nd		_	_	_		\$ —	
	African River		_	_	_	_	\$ —	
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	2nd		<u> </u>	_	<u> </u>		\$ —	
	African River		_		_	_	\$	
3rd	1st		_	_	_	_	\$	
	2nd		_	_	_		\$ —	
	African River		_	_	_	_	\$ —	
4th	1st		_	_	_	_	\$	
	2nd		<u> </u>	_	_		\$ —	
Total			\$ 767.82	\$ 1,385.41	\$ 9,306.43	\$ —	\$ 11,459.66	

For Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026



Cash Balance as of 8/31/2025

Fresno County Zoo Authority Capital Projects Fund Cash Flow For the Month Ended August 31, 2025

BRANCES	
ked projects, FY25-26 expenditures paid through August 20	25 claims):
Reclaimed Water Project - Aug 2024	206,550
Maintenance Facility-Design - Nov 2024	734,588
Animal Acquisition - Jan 2025	84,435
Exhibit Renovations - Jan 2025	352,377
New Entrance - Aug 2025	302,661

Total Encumbrances: \$ (1,680,611)

48,206,955

TOTAL: \$ 46,526,344



Fresno County Zoo Authority Operations Fund Cash Flow For the Month Ended August 31, 2025

Cash Balance as of 8/31/2025 ENCUMBRANCES

5,269,080

(earmarked projects, FY25-26 expenditures paid through August 2025 claims):

Animal	1,149,767
Veterinary	23,751
Maintenance	51,585
Commissary	130,538
Maintenance-General Equipment	17,452
Maintenance-Equipment	20,133
Maint-Water/Water Standby	37,244
Maintenance-Buildings & Ground	323,255
Medical, Dental & Lab Supplies	22,763
Animal Feed	163,749
Interest/Bank Charges	150

Total Encumbrances:

\$ (1,940,387)

TOTAL:

\$ 3,328,693



Fresno County Zoo Authority Administration Fund Cash Flow For the Month Ended August 31, 2025

Cash Balance as of 8/31/2025	\$ 3,746,872

ENCUMBRANCES

(FY 25-26 Remaining budgets, ZA Claims paid through August 2025):

Telephone Charges	250
Office Expense	982
Postage	1,000
PeopleSoft Financials Charges	679
Professional & Specialized Services	161,807
Data Processing Services	5,070
Publications & Legal Notices	500
Trans, Travel & Education	2,500

Total Encumbrances: \$ (172,788)

TOTAL: \$ 3,574,084



Fresno County Zoo Authority Treasurer's Report Unaudited Cash Basis For the Month Ended August 31, 2025

African River Project Agreement for Repayment of Funds									
Quarter	Beginning Balance	Total Payment	Principal	Interest	Ending Balance				
1/1/2025	838,722.70	46,478.08	38,090.85	8,387.23	800,631.85				
4/1/2025	800,631.85	46,478.08	38,471.76	8,006.32	762,160.09				
7/1/2025	762,160.09	46,478.08	38,856.48	7,621.60	723,303.61				
10/1/2025	723,303.60	46,478.08	39,245.04	7,233.04	684,058.57				
1/1/2026	684,058.56	46,478.08	39,637.49	6,840.59	644,421.08				
4/1/2026	644,421.06	46,478.08	40,033.87	6,444.21	604,387.21				
7/1/2026	604,387.19	46,478.08	40,434.21	6,043.87	563,953.00				
10/1/2026	563,952.98	46,478.08	40,838.55	5,639.53	523,114.45				
1/1/2027	523,114.43	46,478.08	41,246.94	5,231.14	481,867.51				
4/1/2027	481,867.49	46,478.08	41,659.40	4,818.68	440,208.11				
7/1/2027	440,208.08	46,478.08	42,076.00	4,402.08	398,132.11				
10/1/2027	398,132.08	46,478.08	42,496.76	3,981.32	355,635.35				
1/1/2028	355,635.32	46,478.08	42,921.73	3,556.35	312,713.62				
4/1/2028	312,713.59	46,478.08	43,350.94	3,127.14	269,362.68				
7/1/2028	269,362.64	46,478.08	43,784.45	2,693.63	225,578.23				
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4/1/2029	136,691.36	46,478.08	45,111.17	1,366.91	91,580.24				
7/1/2029	91,580.19	46,478.08	45,562.28	915.80	46,017.96				
10/1/2029	46,017.91	46,478.14	46,017.96	460.18	_				
	Paid a	as of August 31, 2025	115,419.09	24,015.15					



Accepted

Fresno County Zoo Authority Treasurer's Report Unaudited Cash Basis For the Quarter Ended September 30, 2025

\$ 5,537,827.51 \$ 5,537,827.51	Tax Proceeds Received: - Measure Z - Sales Tax Proceeds
,,.	 Measure 7 - Sales Tax Proceeds
\$ 5,537,827.51	
	Total Proceeds Received:
	Tax Proceeds Allocated:
110,756.55	 Allocation to Zoo Authority Fund (2%)
, <u> </u>	 Allocation to Trust Fund for Operations and Capital Projects (98%)
\$ 5,537,827.51	Total Proceed Allocations
	lance by Fund hority Fund >> Administrative Fund 2%
\$ 3,679,862.57	Beginning Cash Balance
110.756.55	Receipts: - Measure Z Sales Tax Proceeds
26,906.48	- Interest Received
(264.81)	Disbursements: - PeopleSoft Financial Charges
(5,832.51)	- ITSD Data Processing Charges
(11,722.61)	ZA Staff Invoice Reimbursement for Professional Services
(4,017.88)	- Printing/Office Charges
115,825.22	Net Increase/(Decrease) to Cash
\$ 3,795,687.79	Ending Cash Balance - Zoo Authority Administrative Fund
+	
	nd for FCZC Operations and Capital Projects 98%
\$ 52,223,506.73	Beginning Cash Balance
	>>> Operations Fund
6,160,595.38	Beginning Cash Balance
1,809,023.65	Receipts: - Measure Z Sales Tax Proceeds
48,548.41	- Interest Received
(1,299,534.10)	Disbursements: - FCZC Operations Claim #2025-05
(822,910.24)	- FCZC Operations Claim #2025-06
(791,470.23)	- FCZC Operations Claim #2025-07
(60.00)	- Wire Fees
(1,056,402.51	Net Increase/(Decrease) to Cash
\$ 5,104,192.87	Ending Cash Balance - Available for Operations
¢ 40,000,044,05	>>> Capital Facilities Project Fund
\$ 46,062,911.35	Beginning Cash Balance
3,618,047.3	Receipts: - Measure Z Sales Tax Proceeds
326,121.56	- Interest Received
7,233.04	- African River Project Repayment Interest
39,245.0 ⁴ (233,190.01)	- African River Project Agreement Repayment Disbursements: - FCZC Capital Claim 2025-05C
(233, 190.01)	FCZC Capital Claim 2025-06C
(161,460.93)	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
3,504,756.13	
49,567,667.48	
45,007,007.40	Ending Such Bullings - Available for Suprial 1 10/0003
\$ 54,671,860.35	Ending Balance Available for Operations and Capital Projects
408,809.49	Total Interest Received During the Quarter
(161, 3,504 49,567 \$ 54,671	FCZC Capital Claim 2025-07C Net Increase/(Decrease) to Cash Ending Cash Balance - Available for Capital Projects Ending Balance Available for Operations and Capital Projects

Date

^{*} Interest receipts are recorded in the month received rather than in the month earned and were calculated on an annual rate of 2.975% as of June 30, 2025.



March

April

May

June

Total

Fresno County Zoo Authority SUMMARY OF MEASURE Z SALES TAX PROCEEDS

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR 2025-26

1.65%

89,862

ACTUAL ACTUAL ACTUAL BUDGETED ACTUAL BUDGET TO ACTUAL TAX RECEIPTS TAX RECEIPTS TAX RECEIPTS **TAX RECEIPTS TAX RECEIPTS** VARIANCE July 2,050,253 \$ 1,995,098 \$ 1,905,679 1,905,137 \$ 1,946,253 \$ 41,116 2.16% August 349 0.02% 1,848,761 1,894,187 1,817,945 1,817,428 1,817,777 September 1,702,532 1,704,489 1,725,891 1,725,400 1,773,797 48,397 2.73% October 1,857,650 1,828,102 1,603,753 November 1,871,323 1,896,677 2,038,199 December 1,739,869 1,653,448 1,777,368 January 1,599,634 1,608,374 1,560,536 February 2,189,378 2,082,571 2,326,642

1,572,217

1,422,494

2,055,676

1,756,814

21,563,214 \$

2024-25

Prior Fiscal Years

2023-24

1,661,989

1,519,602

1,858,151

1,699,914

21,402,602 \$

2022-23

1,622,972

1,518,282

1,807,486

1,679,730

21,487,870 \$

TOTAL MEASURE Z PROCEEDS FROM INCEPTION \$ 292,636,483

5,447,965

5,537,827



Fresno County Zoo Authority Treasurer's Report Unaudited Cash Basis For the Month Ended September 30, 2025

	Summary of Quarterly Interest Receipts							
			4845-10000	4850-10000	485	0-427000		
			Zoo Authority	FCZC - Operations	FCZC - CP	African River Repmt	Total Interest	
Quarter	Allocation	Date Received						
	African River	9/29/2025	_		_	7,233.04	\$ 7,233.04	
1st	1st	7/22/2025	767.82	1,385.41	9,306.43	_	\$ 11,459.66	
	2nd	9/30/2025	26,138.66	47,163.00	316,815.13	_	\$ 390,116.79	
	African River		_	_	_	_	\$ —	
2nd	1st		_	_	_	_	\$	
	2nd			_		_	\$	
	African River		_	_	_	_	\$	
3rd	1st		_	_	_	_	\$ —	
	2nd		<u> </u>	_	_	_	\$ —	
	African River		_	_	_	_	\$	
4th	1st		_	_	_	_	\$ —	
	2nd		<u> </u>	_	<u> </u>	_	\$	
Total			\$ 26,906.48	\$ 48,548.41	\$ 326,121.56	\$ 7,233.04	\$ 408,809.49	

For Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026



Fresno County Zoo Authority Capital Projects Fund Cash Flow For the Month Ended September 30, 2025

Cash Balance as of 9/30/2025	\$	49,567,667
	Ψ	10,001,001

ENCUMBRANCES

(earmarked projects, FY25-26 expenditures paid through September 2025 claims):

Reclaimed Water Project - Aug 2024	206,550
Maintenance Facility-Design - Nov 2024	631,087
Animal Acquisition - Jan 2025	83,225
Exhibit Renovations - Jan 2025	295,628
New Entrance - Aug 2025	302,662
Solar/Maintenance Warehouse - Sep 2025	1,499,975

Total Encumbrances: \$ (3,019,126)

TOTAL: \$ 46,548,541



Fresno County Zoo Authority Operations Fund Cash Flow For the Month Ended September 30, 2025

Cash Balance as of 9/30/2025 ENCUMBRANCES

5,104,193

(earmarked projects, FY25-26 expenditures paid through September 2025 claims):

Animal	671,117
Commissary	81,162
Maintenance-General Equipment	13,971
Maintenance-Equipment	19,581
Maint-Water/Water Standby	7,675
Maintenance-Buildings & Ground	231,910
Medical, Dental & Lab Supplies	14,186
Animal Feed	109,164
Interest/Bank Charges	130

Total Encumbrances:

\$ (1,148,898)

TOTAL:

\$ 3,955,295



Fresno County Zoo Authority Administration Fund Cash Flow For the Month Ended September 30, 2025

Cash Balance as of 9/30/2025	\$ 3,795,688

ENCUMBRANCES

(FY 25-26 Remaining budgets, ZA Claims paid through September 2025):

Telephone Charges	250
Office Expense	982
Postage	1,000
PeopleSoft Financials Charges	557
Professional & Specialized Services	150,084
Data Processing Services	4,116
Publications & Legal Notices	500
Trans, Travel & Education	2,500

Total Encumbrances: \$ (159,989)

TOTAL: \$ 3,635,699



Fresno County Zoo Authority Treasurer's Report Unaudited Cash Basis For the Month Ended September 30, 2025

	African River Project Agreement for Repayment of Funds										
Quarter	Beginning Balance	Total Payment	Principal	Interest	Ending Balance						
1/1/2025	838,722.70	46,478.08	38,090.85	8,387.23	800,631.85						
4/1/2025	800,631.85	46,478.08	38,471.76	8,006.32	762,160.09						
7/1/2025	762,160.09	46,478.08	38,856.48	7,621.60	723,303.61						
10/1/2025	723,303.60	46,478.08	39,245.04	7,233.04	684,058.57						
1/1/2026	684,058.56	46,478.08	39,637.49	6,840.59	644,421.08						
4/1/2026	644,421.06	46,478.08	40,033.87	6,444.21	604,387.21						
7/1/2026	604,387.19	46,478.08	40,434.21	6,043.87	563,953.00						
10/1/2026	563,952.98	46,478.08	40,838.55	5,639.53	523,114.45						
1/1/2027	523,114.43	46,478.08	41,246.94	5,231.14	481,867.51						
4/1/2027	481,867.49	46,478.08	41,659.40	4,818.68	440,208.11						
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7/1/2029	91,580.19	46,478.08	45,562.28	915.80	46,017.96						
10/1/2029	46,017.91	46,478.14	46,017.96	460.18	_						
	Paid as of	September 30, 2025	154,664.13	31,248.19							

AGENDA ITEM 6



DATE: October 29, 2025

TO: Fresno County Zoo Authority Board

FROM: Jon Forrest Dohlin, Chief Executive Officer

Fresno Chaffee Zoo Corporation

SUBJECT: Zoo Director's Report

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Receive Fresno Chaffee Zoo Director's report

AGENDA ITEM 7



DATE:

October 29, 2025

TO:

Fresno County Zoo Authority Board

FROM:

Nora Crow, Chief Financial Officer Fresno Chaffee Zoo Corporation

SUBJECT: August 2025 Year-to-Date Financial Report

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Receive Fresno Chaffee Zoo Corporation's August 2025 Year-to-Date Financial Report.

ATTACHMENTS:

August 2025 Financial Report



Financial Report
August 2025
YTD Financial Report

August 2025 – Analysis Summary

	Actual	Budget	BvA	Actual	YOY
(Amounts in millions)	2025	2025	Change	2024	Change
Self-Generated Revenue	\$ 12.30	\$ 12.75	-4%	\$ 10.70	15%
Expenses	19.60	20.74	-6%	18.94	3%
Operating Surplus (Deficit)	- 7.30	- 7.99	-9%	- 8.25	-12%
Operating Surplus (Deficit) w/ Measure Z					
Operating Support	0.09	- 0.49	-119%	- 1.33	-107%
Net Surplus (Deficit)	- 1.10	n/a	n/a	- 1.51	-27%

Takeaways:

- August monthly attendance lowest on record, aside from 2020
 - Lots of exhibit closures during the month to complete MZ "mini projects"
- Strong early table sales for Safari Night, tracking ahead of prior year
- Welcome Wednesday continues to be a strong performer; in process of evaluating impact on add-on experiences

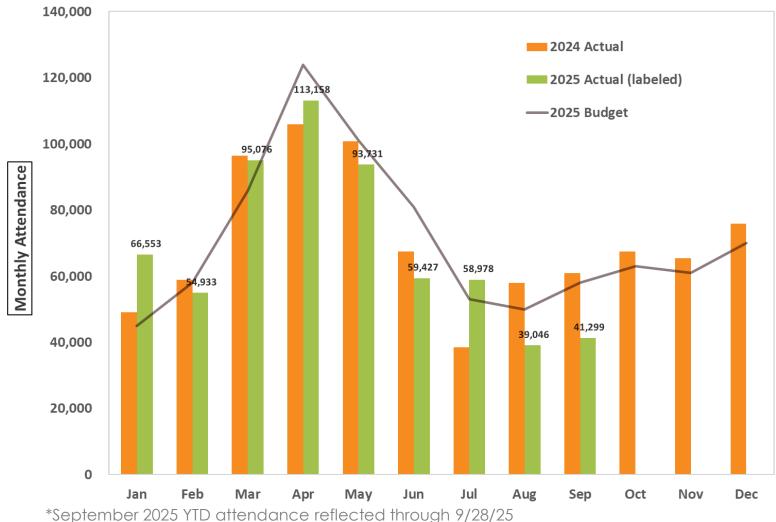


August 2025 – Attendance

August 2025 = 39,046 (67% of 2024, 78% of budget)

August YTD attendance = 580,902 (101% of 2024, 97% of budget)

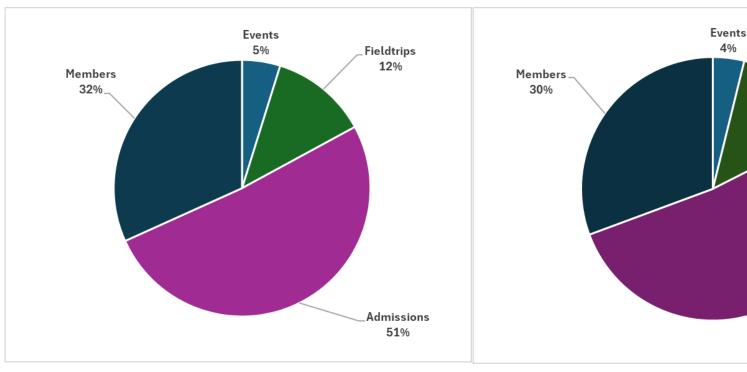
Sept 2025 YTD attendance* = 622,173 (98% of 2024, 95% of budget)





August YTD Admissions Breakdown

2025 2024





Fieldtrips

14%

Admissions

52%

August 2025 YTD – Per Capita

	Actual 2025	Budget 2025	BvA Change	Actual 2024	YOY Change
Attendance	580,902	598	,000 -3%	575,279	1%
Admissions	\$ 8.75	\$	9.10 -4%	\$ 7.22	2 21%
Food	1.43		1.25 14%	1.47	-3%
Gift Shop	0.74		0.75 -1%	0.69	7%
Giraffe	1.49		1.36 10%	1.33	12%
Stingray	0.85		0.91 -7%	0.88	3 -3%
Butterflies & Big Bugs	0.52		0.61 -15%	0.56	-7%
	\$ 13.78	\$ 1	3.98 -1%	\$ 12.15	13%



August 2025 YTD – Highlights and Lowlights

	Actual 2025		Budget 2025		BvA Change	Actual 2024		YOY Change
Highlights								
Behind the Scenes	\$	168,557	\$	133,484	26%	\$	99,262	70%
Special Events	\$	490,022	\$	221,950	121%	\$	382,606	28%
Food Services	\$	831,888	\$	747,500	11%	\$	845,202	-2%

	Actual	Budget	BvA	Actual		YOY
	 2025	2025	Change		2024	Change
Lowlights						
Butterflies & Big Bugs	\$ 304,141	365,585	-17%	\$	321,835	-5%
Grants and Fundraising	\$ 522,437	594,847	-12%	\$	327,706	59%
Membership	\$ 1,844,515	2,116,640	-13%	\$	1,747,804	6%
Attendance	580,902	598,000	-3%		575,279	1%



August 2025 – Financial Summary

	Actual 2025	Budget 2025	BvA Change	Actual 2024	YOY Change
Attendance	580,902	598,000	-3%	575,279	1%
Self-Generated Revenues	\$ 12,299,385	\$ 12,751,852	-4%	\$ 10,696,212	15%
Personnel Expenses	12,500,545	12,694,308	-2%	12,368,162	1%
Other Expenses	7,096,462	8,048,916	-12%	6,575,636	8%
Operations Surplus (Deficit)	(7,297,622)	(7,991,372)	-9%	(8,247,586)	-12%
Measure Z Operating	7,389,533	7,497,656	-1%	6,921,108	7%
Operations & MZ Op Surplus (Deficit)	91,911	(493,716)	-119%	(1,326,478)	-107%
Other Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)	(1,188,479)	1,413,023	-184%	(178,072)	567%
Net Surplus (Deficit)	(1,096,568)	919,307	-219%	(1,504,550)	-27%



FCZC Balance Sheet

	August	August		
	2025	2024		
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Cash	\$2,810,975	\$767,690		
Short Term Investments-Retention	\$70,012	\$2,881		
Accounts Receivable	\$2,154,820	\$2,652,217		
Prepaid Expenses	\$378,994	\$414,100		
Total Current Assets	\$5,414,801	\$3,836,888		
Other Assets				
Long Term Investments	\$19,583,646	\$19,261,626		
Buildings, Equipment, Vehicles, and Furniture (net		\$4,118,992		
Exhibits	\$106,650,236	\$102,614,825		
Construction in Progress	\$4,951,155	\$13,380,646		
Goodwill	\$39,416	\$49,992		
Beneficial Use of Land	\$5,037,176	\$5,124,751		
Total Other Assets	\$141,671,017	\$144,550,831		
TOTAL ASSETS	\$147,085,818	\$148,387,719		
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS				
Liabilities				
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	\$2,419,768	\$2,147,997		
Deferred Revenue	\$2,066,505	\$1,915,455		
Line of Credit/Loan Account	\$5,000,000	\$0		
Retention Payable	\$87,287	\$37,615		
Long-Term Liabilities	\$579,754	\$161,800		
Total Liabilities	\$10,153,314	\$4,262,867		
Net Assets (Equity)				
Fund Balance-Without donor restriction	\$119,795,841	\$127,148,397		
Fund Balance-With donor restriction	\$5,786,220	\$6,193,278		
Fund Balance-Permanently Restricted	\$101,739	\$93,790		
Fund Balance-Board Designated	\$11,248,704	\$10,689,387		
Total Net Assets (Equity)	\$136,932,504	\$144,124,852		
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$147,085,818	\$148,387,719		



AGENDA ITEM 8



DATE: October 29, 2025

TO: Fresno County Zoo Authority Board

FROM: Kris Grey, Director Capital Construction

Fresno Chaffee Zoo Corporation

SUBJECT: Measure Z Capital Funds Request: California Exhibit Concept Design

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve Fresno's Chaffee Zoo Corporation's request for Measure Z Capital Funds totaling \$118,934 for the completion of the concept design phase of work for the California Exhibit project.

DISCUSSION:

ZooCorp is requesting the approval of \$118,934 to move forward with the concept design phase of work for the California Exhibit project. ZooCorp intends to sign an agreement with SHR Studios (SHR) for the performance of this phase of work.

ZooCorp drew on qualifications from previously submitted proposals and the strong working relationship with SHR to arrive at the decision to make the award for this phase of work. Capital Construction staff then conducted the negotiation process with SHR to reach their final price. The intent of this concept design phase is to complete concept design, site analysis, and program development for the California Exhibit project. These elements will deliver a definable scope that can then be bid on by design firms that will complete schematic, design, and construction drawings for the project. By providing these potential bidders with information from concept design, it is expected that their pricing can be better targeted through the removal of many existing unknown project elements. For reference, this project will cover about the same amount of physical space as the Kingdoms of Asia project. ZooCorp is therefore targeting a project construction budget of \$50-60 million and a final design and engineering cost of \$5-9 million.

The California Exhibit project includes many complex variables including but not limited to: staff spaces, guest spaces and flow, substantial animal habitat revitalization, life support systems, logistics considerations both for construction and ongoing operations, and integration with existing facilities and exhibits. To handle this array of variables, SHR brings to bear a team of specialists and a wealth of experience solving these exact challenges in Fresno and for other zoos. ZooCorp is also assigning the in-house Project Management team (PM) to this project. PM will provide on-site oversight and supervision, controlling the contracts, scope, schedule, and stakeholder coordination to ensure the final project is delivered on-time and on-budget.

When it is completed, the California Exhibit project will contribute in innovative ways to the roster of award-winning exhibits present at the Zoo. This project will serve as a gateway to the memorable

experiences our guests have by attending the Zoo via a direct connection to the new entrance project. This project will also be the first major exhibit revitalization since Kingdoms of Asia and serve to breathe new life into one of the oldest remaining areas of the Zoo. ZooCorp has chosen to break down design into these smaller components to ensure that proper care and consideration is put into the project such that this vision becomes reality. It is also intended that this investment in the design process will yield more concise and accurate pricing for future phases of work and serve to minimize change requests in future phases. Qualifications and pricing will be sought from multiple firms for the subsequent design work, and an award for this contract does not constitute a guarantee that SHR will be awarded any portion of future work related to the California Exhibit project.

The Fresno's Chaffee Zoo Corporation Board of Directors approved this request on October 9, 2025.

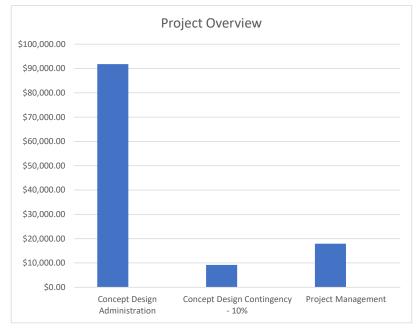
ATTACHMENTS:

SHR Studios Concept Development Proposal California Concept Design Project Overview

California - CONCEPT DESIGN - Project Overview

Concept Design Administration
Concept Design Contingency - 10%
Project Management

Budget:	Expenses:	Balance:
\$91,800.00	\$0.00	\$91,800.00
\$9,180.00	\$0.00	\$9,180.00
\$17,954.00	\$0.00	\$17,954.00
\$118,934.00	\$0.00	\$118,934.00





Fresno Chaffee Zoo

Design Services Proposal

California: From the Sierras to the Sea - Concept Development



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July 31, 2025





As we move deeper into the 21st century, it is becoming ever clearer that the role of a zoo must be more than for the exhibition of animals. The end of the 20th century showed us the importance of making connections between people and animals. We learned how to demonstrate respect for wildlife by building wonderful, immersive exhibits, but a modern zoo must now be more than a destination to see animals in fabulous habitats.

The zoo of the future must be a force for conservation. It needs to demonstrate its own commitment to sustainability, it needs to pay utmost attention to animal well-being, and it needs to inspire action in its own community to sustain wildlife and wild places both locally and around the world.

This is the promise of *California: From the Sierras to the Sea*. Beginning at the new entry plaza, this journey will guide guests through the state's most iconic landscapes and ecosystems—majestic mountains, rolling foothills, fertile valleys, coastal wetlands—culminating at the dramatic shoreline of Sea Lion Cove. Along the way, the exhibit will tell the story of California's biodiversity and the Fresno Chaffee Zoo's efforts to protect it, connecting guests to species they may know in name but not in nuance. More than a path through habitats, it will be a story-driven call to stewardship rooted in place, purpose, and pride.

At SHIR Studios we are not only committed to providing all the services necessary on a timely basis, but incredibly excited to help you create a fresh, world-class plan for *California: From the Sierras to the Sea*. In the following pages you will see the highest quality team assembled, guaranteeing that technical expertise, quality assurance and creative vision will drive the master planning process. We will serve as the prime consultant, habitat designer, interpretive outline developer, and concept planner. Our management practices are structured and agile:

- We orchestrate and integrate client, stakeholder, and consultant expertise throughout the design process.
- We provide completed materials and interim components for review in a timely manner according to schedules set well in advance.
- We maintain strong relationships, fostering a responsive and accessible team.
- We maintain the artistic vision and project's core principles, keeping all disciplines in tune with a project's "Big Idea".

With our global footprint you can be sure we will bring the best ideas from around the world, the leadership to direct a high-functioning team, and the attention to detail to deliver premier quality designs.

Jason Hill Partner

SH|R Studios





While each zoo has its own unique opportunities and constraints, SH|R Studios recognizes there are important common themes among the members of our community. In each concept development process, we do not consider the effort complete until we address what we refer to as the seven key planning questions:

How do we create profound and inclusive guest experiences?

Today one can have unbelievable encounters with the digital illusion of nature and wild animals through the lens of the meta-verse. Nevertheless, people find themselves craving a genuine experience with a living animal where the eyes that stare back at you are full of interest and possibility. A genuine experience is one that no digital screen can replicate. A profound experience is one you can't wait to share with someone. A unique experience is one you can't have anywhere else.



We need to provide full-body exploration and play that is universally accessible and brings our guests into unmediated contact with the natural world. Woven in with unexpected animal encounters, this holistic approach to experience fosters curiosity, builds respect for the natural world, and builds an empathetic appreciation that pulls guests out of their day-to-day concerns.

What makes an animal collection exciting and iconic?

All animals can be exciting when encountered in an impactful way, but the modern guest expects to see certain animals long associated with a trip to the zoo. Animals like bears, big cats, wolves, and snakes occupy a deeprooted place in our heads after being some of the first concepts we learned as children. These are the iconic animals that bring guests to the zoo.

Once a person becomes the zoo's guest, there is an opportunity to expand that passion to include the animals and natural systems that are deeply inter-connected with those iconic species. We have no right to simply "show" an animal; rather, we deeply engage in meaningful emotional experiences as part of multi-sensory encounters with the natural world where we are but one small part of an animal's life. Creating opportunities for guests to crawl, touch, jump, play, observe, and delight means creating an engaged and excited guest whose natural imagination has been captured and whose passion has been expanded. This approach to people/animal interactions makes all the animals who live at the Fresno Chaffee Zoo truly exciting, iconic and representative of a world far greater than our own experience.

How do we look beyond best practices in animal welfare?

Best practices are a "today" approach. We believe in learning from today and challenging ourselves to think for "tomorrow". Solid scientific approaches to addressing animal welfare from a behavioral and cognitive point of view can help to future-proof the investment in habitat construction. Asking questions about what makes for a fulfilling life – a life "worth living" – and assigning the resources necessary to maintaining a viable population of actively engaged animals is critical, not only from a conservation point of view, but also in maintaining the zoo's social license and their community's trust. Space is not always the best measure, and it is at this point that long-term operational training and planning become paramount to the success of allowing animals to reinvent their lives every day.

Our exposure to world-class thinking from around the globe enables us to break free of common assumptions to develop innovative solutions that can stand the test of time.

Is state of the art enough?

In short, no. At SH R Studios, we do not believe that "state-of-the-art" animal facilities are sufficient. Understanding the current science and standards of care is critical, but we aim to surpass this very high bar by building facilities that provide for an animal the same opportunities it would have in the wild. Collaboration with designers, engineers, welfare scientists, and animal caretakers ensures that the care of the animal is grounded in what that animal needs, not the fashion of the day.

When it comes to the spaces humans live in, we understand the importance of high-quality living areas and contact with nature for our physical and mental health. We expect others to treat us with dignity, empathy, and understanding in all our life encounters. At SH|R Studios, we approach the design of our spaces for animals in the same way.

How do we integrate engaging educational programs?

Understanding the program needs of the educational staff and the community is a critical thread within the tapestry of the master plan. We need to go beyond simply providing the space for outdoor learning. We need opportunity, flexibility, discovery, and engagement in the campus to facilitate experiential, outdoor, unique learning. Memory is stored in the body, so we need to challenge ourselves to think beyond sitting in a circle on the grass. Let's incorporate learning and science into every aspect of the Zoo. Let's take kids into the trees, into the water, and behind the scenes to provide true experiential learning opportunities that cannot easily happen elsewhere. Let's provide the memorable lessons that the children of Fresno -- and beyond -- need to grasp and appreciate the natural world. And then, let's move it from the zoo out into the community.

How do we communicate compelling conservation initiatives?

The power of storytelling is recognized as an incredible method to engage the imagination and harness the mind. Storytelling, combined with personal experiences of real-world conservation programs in action, provides the most compelling opportunities to communicate complex conservation issues and initiate the curiosity needed to move beyond simple learning and into understanding.

Integrating story, environmental graphic design, and conservation messaging into the fabric of the Fresno Chaffee Zoo from the ground up opens countless opportunities to communicate with guests beyond interpretive panels on the walls. We see this as tying directly to the idea of weaving places for education and community interaction into the design of the exhibit, searching for places where learning and play, wonder and discovery meld seamlessly into an exceptional experience.

What are innovative dining, entertainment, and retail amenities?



Historically, zoos have spent much time and treasure creating innovative animal habitats but have continued to serve carnival-style food with bare bones amenities. The dining, entertainment, retail, and other amenities have been long due for the same attention to detail animal habitats have been receiving for decades.

A deep exploration of the Yosemite Valley contains all the same functions as a trip to the zoo – dining, restrooms, entertainment, opportunities for souvenirs – and yet those experiences out in nature can be unique

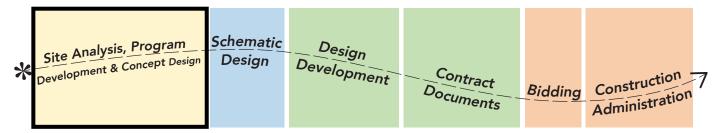
even to the most seasoned traveler. How do we recreate these incredible moments at the Fresno Chaffee Zoo? A guest could dine at sunset on a linen-covered table while a bear ambles through a nearby meadow. While washing their hands in the restroom a guest may spy a family of river otters cavorting in a stream in front of a "loo-with-a-view". Around a gathering space we can listen, enthralled as an animal expert guide regales our guests with tales of wildlife. Or discover a souvenir at the local curio shop where the money from the purchase goes directly to support conservation efforts of animals in the wild.

Let's look to the ways we engage with wild nature to inspire ways to make these zoo experiences unlike any a guest has experienced before.

Proposed Services

Project Phases & Design Process

Our approach follows a clear progression from discovery through documentation, with a particular emphasis on early-stage site and program clarity. That early work will be essential to shaping a design vision that is buildable, fundable, and representative of the Fresno Chaffee Zoo's mission. This effort would cover the first phase of our standard exhibit design process.



1. Site Analysis, Program Development & Concept Design – What are we doing?

Every exhibit process at SHR begins with establishing a "big idea"—a unifying narrative or emotional takeaway that ties the guest experience directly to the Zoo's mission. What is the one idea we want every visitor to carry with them when they leave California: From the Sierras to the Sea? This question will frame the design effort and guide every decision that follows.

To initiate the process, SHR will lead two *Concept Workshops* with FCZ leaders and stakeholders. These working sessions will allow us to explore the various exhibit directions under consideration and evaluate each through multiple lenses:

- Guest engagement and circulation
- Animal well-being and enrichment potential
- Care team workflows and holding strategies
- Climate suitability and operational sustainability
- Storytelling opportunities and conservation relevance
- Integration with long-term campus goals

Together, we'll define a working program that captures the Zoo's "Must Haves," "Nice to Haves," and "Absolutely Nots." This stage is intentionally exploratory: it's about dreaming without constraint so we can build a clear understanding of what matters most. Then, when budget, schedule, or infrastructure limitations inevitably arise, we'll know what needs to stay.



Woodland Park Zoo Penguin

Major Tasks & Deliverables:

- Comprehensive site analysis, including circulation, access points, viewsheds, grading, and infrastructure impacts
- Species planning workshops to evaluate spatial needs, compatibility, and behavioral opportunities
- **Sustainable design criteria** aligned with your Mission, Vision and Values to serve as a touchpoint throughout design and construction phases.
- **Concept plan alternatives**, developed as spatial diagrams with corresponding experiential, operational, and cost implications
- **Storyboard drawings (approximately 10)** of key experiences to support internal alignment and external fundraising



In Summary

At SHIR Studios, we exclusively design zoos and aquariums around the world. Not only is this our sole specialty, we are also the only major zoo design firm that places the primary focus on natural ecosystems—wild places. We are landscape architects, grounded in the landscape immersion school of zoo design. In our work, you'll find authentic representations of nature, respectful depictions of the people who share their lives with wildlife, and habitats that enrich animals' lives and improve their well-being. Our purpose is to design spaces that connect people, plants, and animals in ways that inspire conservation—and we believe that purpose aligns beautifully with your Mission and Vision, making SHIR the ideal partner for the Fresno Chaffee Zoo.

We take pride in our design management. We understand the importance of schedule goals and work backward to identify critical paths and required resources. With decades of experience delivering complex zoo projects on time and on budget, we're adept at balancing ambition with pragmatism. We know how to prioritize bold ideas while letting go of those that don't serve the mission. We don't see budget as a barrier to creativity—we see it as a framework within which the best ideas can shine.

We also bring deep familiarity with regulatory frameworks around the world, and a track record of designing innovative yet buildable concepts. Even at the earliest stages, we shape ideas that are aspirational, operational, and achievable.

And finally, we know that great design is rooted in great collaboration. We use a flexible mix of communication tools—from hand sketching and digital modeling to real-time virtual charrettes and in-person workshops—to meet the needs of each project and team. Whether we're gathered around a table or collaborating on-screen, we bring focus, curiosity, and respect to every interaction.

We would be honored to help shape the next chapter of Fresno Chaffee Zoo—one that deepens your commitment to California's wildlife, strengthens your community ties, and delivers a guest experience unlike any other.

Project Team





SH|R Studios is a high-expertise, hands-on design firm that specializes solely in zoos and aquariums. The principals - Jason Hill, Keith McClintock, Becca Hanson and David Roberts - are involved in every aspect of design in collaboration with one another, our staff and consultants, and the Zoo's staff. Our experience is both broad and deep, with projects that span North America and extend around the world. We are innovators by nature and our principals have over 150 years of combined

zoo design experience on which to rely. However, we take nothing for granted as we seek new ways to enable animals to lead rich and fulfilling lives; operational and construction strategies that stand the test of time; and engagement strategies that enable visitors to feel that their lives have been blessed and enriched by the experience.



- Nature as the inspiration for our designs
 We look to nature to envision spaces that artfully and sustainably represent real environments.
- Relationships that are diverse, collaborative, and lasting
 Collaboration leads to unique and clever solutions. The
 most creative groups are built upon trusting, longstanding
 relationships. As a result, we have worked with many
 organizations for decades and have developed strong teams
 and robust relationships.
- Respect for animals and people
 Our measure of success is the well-being of the animals for which we design. We aim to encourage natural behavior through habitat complexity and the provision of choice, while designing welcoming spaces for all people.



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Our Purpose:

We design spaces that connect people, plants, and animals around the world to inspire conservation.



Jason Hill, PLA

Partner

Jason has had a targeted career with a clear goal of designing zoos. As a lover of wildlife and wild places, Jason has found a deep satisfaction in working with zoos and aquariums to design opportunities for animals to live flourishing lives, and for people to experience the wonders of nature in our ever-urbanizing communities. His career has been rich with insights gained from many facets of the zoo world, spanning from hands-on experience in the daily care of elephants to master planning wildlife habitats around the world.

Throughout his career, Jason has been involved in the design of award-winning habitats. From initial vision, he is a guiding force within teams, communicating with both ease and clarity. He is adept at working with groups, eliciting feedback and coordinating team efforts, maximizing the expertise each member brings to the team.

With a reverence for history and a thirst for knowledge, he is poised to ask the important questions and to fuse the best of past, present and future into something new and wonderful. His sharp mind and design savvy are key to the creation of concepts that resound with the force of nature and the power of well-conceived places for people.



Education

2009 BLA Landscape Architecture, University of California, Berkeley

Registration

Landscape Architect, State of Washington, Oklahoma

Practice

Instructor for the Association of Zoos and Aquariums' Creating Successful Exhibits Course

2021 Partner, SHIR Studios

2017 Principal, Studio Hanson | Roberts

2014 Creative Director of Exhibits, Bronx Zoo, Wildlife Conservation Society

2009 Senior Associate, The Portico Group

Affiliations

Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) World Association of Zoos and Aquariums (WAZA)



The Bronx Zoo "Nature Trek" Design Rendering by Jason Hill while Creative Director of Exhibits at WCS



The Bronx Zoo "Nature Trek" Completed Project



Keith McClintock, PLA

Partner

As a landscape architect and art director, Keith seamlessly combines creative vision with results-oriented detail in a highly collaborative design process. With a compassion for animals, visitors and staff, he ably translates unique and complex ideas into fun and amazing nature-based visitor experiences that define a unique relationship with the environment. Keith emphasizes the importance of listening before doing, engendering a fully integrated process that coalesces the ideas, thoughts, goals and commitment of all those involved. This allows diverse and complex design and client teams to become a cohesive, creative force that can achieve astounding results.

Keith's critical eye, organizational skills and technical expertise are key to both the creation and execution of projects, from developing drawings early in the design process to working on site with contractors and artists. His ability to quickly illustrate any thought or idea helps create a clear vision of the topic at hand. His attention to detail, respect for nature, emphasis on quality, and continual quest to find new ways to achieve great design have led to critically acclaimed and award-winning projects in the US and around the world.



Minnesota Zoo "Russia's Grizzly Coast" Keith McClintock - Lead Designer while at Portico



Education

1978 BLA Landscape Architecture, Colorado State University

Registration

Landscape Architect, State of California, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Nebraska, Ohio, New York, Texas and Washington

Practice

2021 Partner, SH|R Studios

2015 Principal, Studio Hanson | Roberts

1994 Principal, The Portico Group

1988 Director of Project Development, di Giacomo, Inc.

1986 Senior Associate, EDAW, Inc.

1983 Project Manager, The Gilcrest

Group 1979 EDAW, Inc.

Affiliations

Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) World Association of Zoos and Aquariums (WAZA)



Andy Leach, PLA Art Director

Andy is both a talented artist and an experienced landscape architect. His career as a designer began on the East Coast, working with such notable firms as OLIN and Andropogon Associates. His love of the outdoors and wildlife has precipitated his move to the West Coast and a focus on zoo and aquarium design.

His ability to translate thought into form is anchored in a fine arts degree in painting, and has been honed by further education in scientific illustration. He has lent his considerable skills to the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, not only adding to his experience as an illustrator, but also giving him an advanced understanding of animal anatomy and movement. His designer's intellect and artistic mastery combine into a fluid ability to put thoughts on paper in a clear, engaging way.



Nashville Zoo "River Safari" Concept Sketch

Andy Leach - Art Director, Illustrator



Education

2012 Certificate Science Illustration, California State University Monterey Bay

2006 BS Landscape Architecture, Temple University

1993 BFA Painting Concentration, Kutztown University of Pennsylvania

Registration

Landscape Architect, State of Pennsylvania

Practice

2021 Art Director, SH|R Studios

2016 Senior Associate, Studio Hanson Roberts

2012 Science Illustrator, Cornell Lab of Ornithology

2007 Senior Landscape Architect, OLIN

2006 Landscape Designer, Andropogon Associates, Ltd.

Selected Relevant Projects

Fresno Chaffee Zoo Master Plan, Fresno, California, USA

New Sacramento Zoo Master Plan, Sacramento California, USA

Werribee Open Range Zoo Master Plan, Werribee, South Victoria, Australia

Nashville Zoo, African Savanna Master Plan, Nashville, Tennessee, USA

Houston Zoo Master Plan, "Galápagos Islands", "South America's Pantanal", "Texas Wetlands", & "Birds of the World", Houston, Texas, USA

Palo Alto Junior Museum & Zoo "Loose in the Zoo", Palo Alto, California, USA



Lee Ehmke

Of Counsel

Lee Ehmke is President and CEO emeritus of the Houston Zoo, guiding the institution's transformation into a globally recognized zoo-based conservation organization since 2015. With education in law (JD U.C. Law San Francisco '83) and environmental design (MLA U.C. Berkeley '88), he has provided 37 years of strategic, operational and design leadership at the Wildlife Conservation Society's Bronx Zoo, the Minnesota Zoo and Houston Zoo. Ehmke has served as President of the World Association of Zoos and Aquariums (WAZA) and is currently Vice-Chair of the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund International. His work has garnered recognition, including eight Top Honors in Exhibit Design and five Conservation awards from the Association of Zoos and Aquariums. In 2023 he received the Heini Hediger Award for lifetime achievement from WAZA, and was named one of Houston's Most Admired CEOs by the Houston Business Journal.

Upon his retirement from the Houston Zoo, Ehmke continues his work in the conservation and zoo communities while finding more opportunities to explore the earth's great wild places with an eye towards their protection and celebration.



Houston Zoo "Texas Wetlands" Lee Ehmke - President and CEO



Education

1988 MLA Landscape Architecture University of California, Berkeley

1983 Juris Doctor
University of California Law (formerly Hastings College of the Law)

1979 AB Political Science
University of California, Berkeley

Experience

2025 Of Counsel, SHIR Studios

2015 President and CEO, Houston Zoo

2000 Director and President, Minnesota Zoo/ Minnesota Zoo Foundation

1997 Associate Director for Planning and Design, Exhibition and Graphic Arts Department, Bronx Zoo/Wildlife Conservation Society

1994 Assistant Director, Exhibition and Graphic Arts Department, Bronx Zoo/Wildlife Conservation Society

1988 Exhibit Designer/Project Manager, Exhibition and Graphic Arts Department, Bronx Zoo/Wildlife Conservation Society

1985 Program Assistant, California State Coastal Conservancy

Affiliations & Professional Activites

Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) World Association of Zoos and Aquariums (WAZA), Council Member (2010-2021), (President 2013—2015)

Board of Directors, Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund Senior Advisor, International Crane Foundation

Experience





As a firm specializing in zoo and aquarium design, SHIR Studios brings deep experience in creating high-quality, nature-focused exhibits that inspire conservation and elevate institutional missions. We've partnered with leading zoological organizations around the world to uncover the unique opportunities and constraints of their campuses—collaboratively shaping a wide range of interpretive experiences, guest amenities, and habitat strategies into site-specific solutions that resonate.

Our designs thoughtfully balance immersive guest engagement, evidence-based enhancements to animal well-being, and the practical demands of modern animal care. Many of the projects for the clients listed here have been recognized with Exhibit Awards—affirming their innovation, impact, and design excellence.

Select Client list from the last ten years (in alphabetical order):

Auckland Zoo, Auckland, New Zealand

Wilder Institute/Calgary Zoo, Calgary, Alberta, Canada

Cheyenne Mountain Zoo, Colorado Springs, Colorado, USA

Fresno Chaffee Zoo, Fresno, California, USA

Houston Zoo, Houston, Texas, USA

Milwaukee County Zoo, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA

Monterey Bay Aguarium, Monterrey, California, USA

Nashville Zoo, Nashville, Tennessee, USA

Sacramento Zoo, Sacramento, California, USA

Oakland Zoo, Oakland, California, USA

Oklahoma City Zoo, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, USA

Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo, Omaha, Nebraska, USA

Smithsonian National Zoo, Washington D.C., USA

Taronga Zoo & Western Plains Zoo, Sydney, Australia

Toronto Zoo, Toronto, Canada

Zoos Victoria, Melbourne, Australia



Houston Zoo Houston, Texas, USA South America's Pantanal







South America's Pantanal transports guests to the legendary tropical wetlands of Brazil. Guests to the Houston Zoo experience the rivers, marshes, and grasslands inhabited by a stunning variety of wildlife.

The Pantanal is a landlocked area of seasonally-flooded forests, rivers, marshes and grassland that stretches across 42 million acres of central Brazil, Bolivia and Paraguay, and is home

to South America's largest concentration of animals. Houston Zoo's commitment to conservation work in this area dictated that the new exhibit needed to reflect the region's biodiversity and celebrate the work that is being done by scientists and the local people and partnership. The resulting display covers 4.2 acres and holds 51 species, with 150 animals

total, representing keystone species at each level of the ecosystem, from tiny dart frogs and fish to birds and socalled apex predators.

The project has transformed an open grazing yard on the Zoo's northwest side into an immersive environment

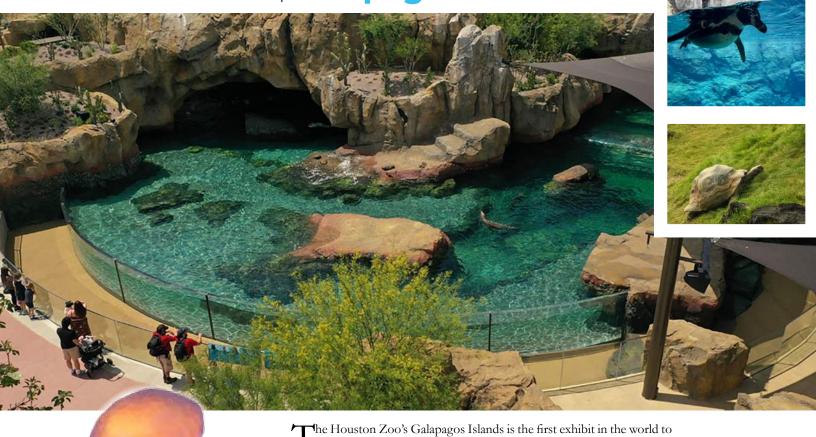
DATE OPEN: 2020 PROJECT BUDGET: \$23 m USD SIZE: 4.2 acres **AZA Exhibit Award Top Honors**

that's the first of its kind showcasing the animals of the world's largest wetlands. Capybaras, Baird's tapirs, giant anteaters, greater rheas, coscoroba swans and Southern crested screamer birds live together in the large grasslands habitat, while jaguars are able to take in the scene and





Houston Zoo Houston, Texas, USA Galápagos Islands



"No place on our planet better exemplifies...the pressing need for conservation action than the Galápagos. -Houston Zoo

\L showcase the wide variety of life that lives on the famous island chain. As guests move through the exhibit, they encounter iconic giant tortoises in a rolling meadow, swift sea lions in a flooded canyon, playful penguins on a lava flow, and the centerpiece of the experience, the majestic coral reef in the "One Ocean" tank.

Every aspect of the project's look and feel was designed with painstaking detail. For example, the "One Ocean" tank houses the most realistic artificial coral reef in the world. The nearly 600 individually fabricated corals represent eight different species from the ocean surrounding the Islands, including Pavona Clavus, Pocilloporia Meandrina, Porites Lobata, and Tubastraea; all the species you would find on a snorkeling trip in the

Galapagos. The rocky ledges drop off into a deep blue background giving the illusion of the infinite ocean beyond.

Not only does the Galapagos Islands recreate what you would see, hear, and feel on the archepalago, but it also ties directly to the conservation efforts supported by the Zoo. Guests leave knowing their actions can have a positive effect on ocean health around the globe.



DATE OPEN: 2023 **PROJECT BUDGET: \$70m** SIZE: 2.5 acres | 255,000 gal Sea Lion, 290,000 gal "One Ocean" Aquarium, 30,000 gal Penguin, plus (3) Small **Aquarium Tanks**



Palo Alto Junior Museum and Zoo

Loose in the Zoo

Palo Alto, CA, USA



Tortoise Interaction



Flamingo Interaction

Canopy Play

LOOSE IN THE ZOO DATE OPEN: 2021 PROJECT BUDGET: \$3.7m (Exhibits only) **SIZE:** 0.3 acres



Testled in the heart of an urban expanse is a little zoo with a big purpose: to bring science and nature to the hands, knees, eyes, ears and noses of children and their caregivers.

True to its mission and growth trajectory, the Palo Alto Junior Museum and Zoo underwent a \$25 million rebuild, with SH | R leading the redesign of the Zoo. The compact 0.3-acre footprint posed no limit to opportunities for play, connection and growth for the young (or young at heart) of all abilities. Guests are invited to discover habitats that range from the exotic (Meerkat Desert) to closer to home (Raccoon Creek), all within an airy, free-flight aviary.

Woven within and between these habitats are rich layers and features for guests and animal residents to explore. From underground to the treetops, fully ADA accessible burrows, tree cavities, tunnels, a tree house (reached by climbing or with an elevator) and life-sized

sculptures invite children to connect with animals where they live in nature. As many animals as possible are free-ranging, so both animals and children have free choice to be where they are most comfortable.

Different levels of physical challenge and a multitude of zooplay or quiet rest opportunities provide an abundance of sensory experiences and ecological richness

that set the stage for exceptional, accessible programming.

children of all abilities explore a landscape to connect with animals, STEM learning and -John Aikin, Executive Director

"Loose in the Zoo is a highly interactive zoo experience where ultimately wildlife conservation."



Auckland Zoo Auckland, New Zealand The Lowlands







Auckland Zoo's Sumatran tiger habitat offers an immersive Southeast Asian lowland experience. The space prioritizes animal well-being while providing visitors with close-up encounters creating an engaging and educational environment.

The Sumatran tiger habitat at Auckland Zoo offers an unparalleled, immersive experience that highlights animal wellbeing and guest engagement. Nestled in the lush, lowland forests of

Southeast Asia, three tiger habitats linked together by overhead pathways are designed to mimic the tigers' natural environment, fostering their physical and psychological health. Spacious enclosures provide ample room to roam, explore, and exhibit natural behaviors. Enrichment activities, such as climbing structures and water features, stimulate their instincts and ensure a dynamic and engaging environment.

For guests, the experience is both educational and awe-inspiring. Visitors are transported into the tigers' world through carefully crafted viewing areas that offer unobstructed, close-up encounters

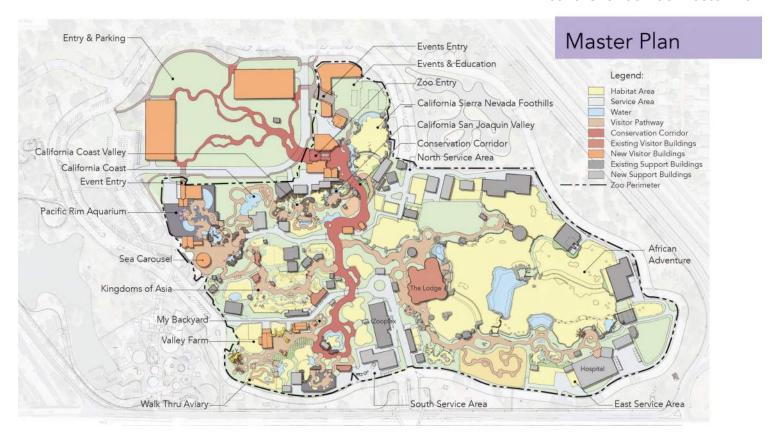
DATE OPEN: 2022 PROJECT BUDGET: \$6.7 m USD SIZE: 28,500 sf

while maintaining safety and respect for the animals' space. different locations, overhead pathways soar over the public path, offering the unique perspective of having a tiger watch you from above.

The high level of design is evident in every aspect of the habitat, from the authentic landscape elements to the innovative use of materials. This dedication to authenticity and detail ensures that both the tigers and the visitors enjoy a rich, fulfilling experience that promotes awareness, conservation, and appreciation for these magnificent animals.







A New Master Plan

In 2021, the Fresno Chaffee Zoo engaged SHR Studios to develop a campus-wide master plan. Over the previous decade, SHR's staff had helped shape two of the Zoo's most celebrated habitats—Sea Lion Cove and African Adventure. With a third immersive experience, Kingdoms of Asia, under construction at the time, the Zoo saw the need to plan around these core anchors, resolve long-standing circulation challenges, strengthen connections to the surrounding community, and elevate its role as a steward of California wildlife.

The resulting master plan reorients the guest experience around a new central entry plaza, improving access, flow, and flexibility for future growth. From there, it introduces two bold new habitat zones that celebrate California's biodiversity and deepen the Zoo's conservation mission: Valley Farm, a working landscape that connects families with food systems and agriculture, and California: From the Sierras to the Sea, a sweeping ecological journey through the state's signature biomes—from alpine ridgelines to rocky coastline.









New Entry Design Sketch

Timelines and Deliverables





Proposed Timeline

Below is a schedule demonstrating that the timeline outlined in our conversation can be met. The workshop dates below are rough placeholders included to indicate the general time frame in which the in-person meetings could be held. We look forward to working with your team to determine exact dates of meetings and project milestones.

Stage 1: Site Analysis, Program Development and Concept Design

September, 2025 - December, 2025

Week of 9/9/25 Digital Kick Off Meeting
 Bi-weekly digital project team meetings begin

Week of 9/29/25 Concept Design Workshop #1
 Week of 10/27/25 Concept Design Workshop #2

Week of 12/8/25 Concept Complete and Strategy to Proceed

Stage 2: Schematic Design

January, 2026 - Late April, 2026

• Bi-weekly digital project team meetings

Week of 1/19/26 Schematic Design Workshop #1
 Week of 3/16/26 Schematic Design Workshop #2
 Week of 4/27/26 Schematic Design Complete

Stage 3: Design Development and Construction Documents

May 2026 - September, 2027

Bi-weekly digital project team meetings

• Week of 5/4/26 Begin Design Development (7-month effort)

Week of 7/13/26 Design Development Workshop #1
 Week of 9/14/26 Design Development Workshop #2
 Week of 11/24/26 Design Development Complete

Week of 12/7/26 Begin Construction Documents (10-month effort)

Week of 6/21/27
 Week of 9/13/27
 Week of 9/13/27
 Week of 9/13/27
 Sometruction Documents Complete

Stage 4: Bidding and Construction Administration

September 2027 - May, 2029

Bi-weekly digital OAC Meetings

Week of 9/20/27 Bidding and Permitting (3-months)
 Week of 1/10/28 Construction Administration (14-months)

Week of 3/12/29 Commissioning (2-months)

Memorial Day 2029 Project Opening

Cost of Services





The figures below are based on our understanding of the desired scope per our conversation on July 18, 2025. We have proposed (2) in-person site workshops with your team. These could be appended to the Entrance Project Predesign workshops or could stand alone. The final deliverable will be a concept package including enlarged site plans, narrative descriptions of the habitats, and (10) storyboard-style renderings. We intend this cost of service proposal as a starting point. If our assumptions of the project scope are different than intended, the cost of service can be adjusted to align.

Task		C	Cost of Service
Stage 1 - Site Analysis, Program Development and Concept Design Stage 2 - 6: SD-CA		\$	84,800 Not Included
Stage 1 Services Not To Exceed	USD	\$	84,800
We plan to have (2) SHR partners & (1) staff for (2) 1-day in person workshops - Includes flights, hotel, food, rental car, parking fees, and shuttle or taxi. If we can commit to coinciding these workshops with the Entrance Project Predesign, this cost for expenses could be reduced. Stage 1 Expense Estimate - (2) Workshops		\$	7,000
Total Design Services Not to Exceed (incl. expenses)	USD	\$	91,800
Additional Services - Hourly Rate Partner Director Senior Associate Associate		\$ \$ \$ \$	215 175 150 120

References



Houston Zoo Master Plan & Centennial Projects

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Auckland Zoo: Various Projects

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Sacramento Zoo: Master Plan and Development Plans

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AGENDA ITEM 9



DATE: October 29, 2025

TO: Fresno County Zoo Authority Board

FROM: Jon Forrest Dohlin, Chief Executive Officer

Fresno Chaffee Zoo Corporation

SUBJECT: Request Retention Release for Reclaimed Water Project

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve and authorize release of retention withheld on construction services related to Reclaimed Water Project for Golden Valley Pipeline, Inc. totaling \$67,691.78

DISCUSSION:

In accordance with the Retention Policy Adopted September 30, 2015, and Revised January 30, 2019, retention of 5% was withheld on Golden Valley Pipeline, Inc., for the construction work as related to the Reclaimed Water Project.

Upon completion of a Fresno Chaffee Zoo project, the Zoo Corporation may request the release of any retention funds withheld for the project.

Prior to releasing any Retention Funds from the Escrow Account, ZooCorp shall request the release at an Authority Board meeting, at the same time presenting written certification that all conditions of the Escrow Agreement have been met, that the construction project is final and complete in accordance with the construction contract, and that the release of funds in the Escrow Account is appropriate. If applicable, such written certification shall include certification from the project architect or lead engineer that the project has been completed in accordance with the plans and specifications.

Written certification that all conditions of the escrow agreement have been met and that the project is final and complete in accordance with the construction contract is included in the following pages. Additionally, attached is a notice of completion on the Reclaimed Water Project.

Final invoices on this claim are anticipated to be submitted with Capital Claim 2025-09C. ZooCorp expects to request final close-out of this project at the FZA Board meeting subsequent to November 2025.

Fresno's Chaffee Zoo Corporation Board of Directors approved this request at their meeting on October 9, 2025.

ATTACHMENTS:

ZooCorp Letter of Completion for Golden Valley Pipeline, Inc. Notice of Completion Golden Valley Pipeline, Inc., invoice



Reclaimed Water

Contractor Retention Release

October 15, 2025

Fresno County Zoo Authority

RE: Golden Valley Pipeline Retention Release

In reference to the above mentioned project, we have verified that all work has been completed per contract documents and all applicable codes. The authorities having jurisdiction have signed off the completion of work, this along with the notice of completion have been provided.

We are requesting the full release of retention.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

Kristopher Grey

Director of Capital Construction

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kgrey@fcz.org

Recording Requested By:	2
Fresno Chaffee Zoo Corporation	
When Recorded Mail To:	2025-0100170
Namo	FRESNO County Recorder Paul Dictos, CPA
Jesse Santiago Street	Wednesday, Oct 15, 2025 01:12:55 PM Titles: 1 Pages: 2
Address 1250 W Olive Ave	Fees: \$97.00 CA SB2 Fee: \$75.00
City & Fresno, CA 93728	Taxes: \$0.00 Total: \$97.00 J.S.
	SPACE ABOVE THIS LINE FOR RECORDERS USE OTICE OF COMPLETION vil Code §§ 8180-8190, 8100-8118, 9200-9208)
OTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT:	
 The undersigned is an owner of an interest of estate in Fee 	the hereinafter described real property, the nature of which interest or estate is:
. The full name and address of the undersigned owner o	(e.g. fee, leasehold, joint tenancy, etc.) or reputed owner and of all co-owners or reputed co-owners are:
Name Street and No.	
Fresno Chaffee Zoo Corporation 1250 W Olive Ave	e Fresno CA
	ion of the work of improvement (per CA Civ. Code § 8186). or a particular portion of the work of improvement (as provided in CA Civ. Code
. The name and address of the construction lender, if ar N/A	ny, is:
On the 1st day of August , 20 25, the whole (or a particular portion of the work of improvement Reclaimed Water Service BU23-000074	nere was completed upon the herein described property a work of improvement as a cent as provided in CA Civ. Code § 8186) a general description of the work provided:
. The real property herein referred to is situated in the C State of California, and is described as follows: Fresno Chaffee Zoo Corporation	City of Fresno, County of Fresno
. The street address of said property is: 894 W Belmont Ave Fresno CA 93728	
If this Notice of Completion is signed by the owner's st N/A	uccessor in interest, the name and address of the successor's transferor is:
l certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the	laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.
Date: 10/15/25	By: 1921
	Signature of Owner of Owner's Authorized Agent
	Jesse Santiago, Fresno Chaffee Zoo Project Manager

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Print Name

VERIFICATION

"Authorized Agent", "Partner", etc.) of the Owner identified in the foregoing Notice of Completion. I have read said Notice of Completion and contents thereof; the same is true of my own knowledge. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on	
Executed on, 10/15/2@date), at Fresno(City), CA	
	(State).
Signature of Owner's Authorized Agent	
PROOF OF SERVICE DECLARATION	
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c. By leaving the notice and mailing a copy in the manner provided in § 415.20 of the California Code of Civil Procedure for summons and Complaint in a Civil Action.	service of
I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.	
Executed on,(date), at(City)	(State).
(Signature of Person Making Service)	
A Notary Public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.	this
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I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of Californ foregoing paragraph is true and correct.	ia that the
Witness my hand and official seal.	

Signature

INVOICE

Golden Valley Pipeline

P.O. Box 510 Tulare, CA 93274 Phone: (559) 361-6807

DATE:	September 17, 2025
INVOICE #	2440

Bill To: Fresno's Chaffee Zoo Corporation,	
a California nonprofit Corp.	
894 W. Belmont Ave Fresno, Ca 93728	
Project: Reclaimed Water	

JOB	894 W. Belmont Ave
ADDRESS:	Fresno, Ca 93728

DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	RATE	AMOUNT
Retention Invoice 2410	1.00	\$ 28,206.62	\$ 28,206.62
Retention Invoice 2416	1.00	\$ 14,779.80	\$ 14,779.80
Retention Invoice 2433	1.00	\$ 11,307.06	\$ 11,307.06
Retention Invoice 2434	1.00	\$ 3,842.00	\$ 3,842.00
Retention Invoice 2435	1.00	\$ 8,608.30	\$ 8,608.30
Retention Invoice 2437	1.00	\$ 896.68	\$ 896.68
Retention Invoice 2438	1.00	\$ 502.14	\$ 502.14
Retention Invoice 2439	1.00	\$ 549.18	\$ 549.18
		TOTAL =	\$ 67,691.78
	10% RETENTION =		\$ (0.00)
	INVOICE TOTAL =		\$ 67,691.78

Notes: Retention Billing.

Please make all checks payable to Golden Valley Pipeline, Inc.

If you have any questions concerning this invoice, please contact Miguel Orosco at 559-361-6807, or by email: goldenvalleypipeline@gmail.com

THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS!

AGENDA ITEM 10



DATE: October 29, 2025

TO: Fresno County Zoo Authority Board

FROM: Nora Crow, Chief Financial Officer

Fresno Chaffee Zoo Corporation

SUBJECT: 2026 Supplemental Measure Z Capital Request Discussion

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Discuss 2026 Supplemental Measure Z Capital Request.

DISCUSSION:

For the 2026 fiscal year, ZooCorp would like to utilize Measure Z Capital Funds for exhibit and facility renovations and repairs, along with equipment replacement. This anticipated ask is consistent with the 2025 fiscal year practice. Additionally, moving forward with these projects will allow ZooCorp to continue to provide the highest level of quality care and wellbeing to the animals entrusted to this institution as well as address maintenance items in advance of our AZA accreditation inspection, which is expected to begin in late 2026.

ZooCorp would seek approximately \$900,000 - \$1,000,000 of Capital Funds to complete these projects during the 2026 fiscal year. The following pages provide a non-exhaustive listing of prospective projects and preliminary cost estimations, for discussion purposes. A final listing will be presented during the formal budget request at a later date.

ATTACHMENTS:

Measure Z Capital Prospective Project Listing

	Total Project Expense
Animal Well-being Modifications Cat feed chutes - tiger CAC - additional conditioning system	76,335
Guest Amenity Shade Enhancements Butterfly Garden Education building patio	49,807
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		Total
		Project
		Expense
Signage Replacements		42,256
African Adventures		
Wilderness Falls		
Sea Lion Cove		
Reptile House		
Valley Farm		
Bird of Prey		
Roo Walkabout		
Wolf Woods		
Kingdoms of Asia		
Trashcan signage		
Stingray Bay		
	GRAND TOTAL	925,713



2026 Draft Budget Preview

2026 Budget Summary

Summary

- Attendance of 856,000
- Included in this Plan
 - 1. Standard Measure Z Operating Ask: \$7,442,000
 - 2. Supplemental Measure Z Ask
 - \$1.026m in Capital Funds request for:
 - \$100k in animal acquisition/shippig
 - \$926k in exhibit/facility renovations, repairs and equipment replacements
 - 3. Introduction of Off-Peak Pricing



2026 Measure Z Operating Budget

\$7,442,000 Measure Z support for operations

• \$7,442,000 as standard budget request; approx. 24% of operating budget; increase of 2.5% over 2025 ask to account for inflation factor

Measure Z Operations Budget for 2026	F	Proposed
Standard Budget Request		
Animal Care Salaries & Benefits	\$	4,216,850
Commissary Salaries & Benefits		438,700
Veterinary Salaries & Benefits		420,250
Maintenance & Horticulture Salaries & Benefits		1,192,075
Animal Feed		478,675
Animal Exhibit Supplies		38,950
Veterinary Supplies		103,525
Water Quality Supplies		120,950
Utilities		431,905
Wire Fees		120
TOTAL	\$	7,442,000



Projected Measure Z Receipts

	FCZ Projections		ı	FZA Projections		ons	
		2026	2025	2026	5		2025
January	\$	1,599,036	\$ 1,648,583			\$	1,628,907
February		2,384,043	2,134,635				2,109,158
March		1,611,006	1,703,539				1,683,206
April		1,457,589	1,557,592				1,539,002
May		2,106,392	1,904,605				2,040,550
June		1,800,157	1,742,412				1,711,395
July		1,994,270	1,953,321				1,934,264
August		1,908,754	1,863,394				1,845,214
September		1,693,675	1,653,426				1,739,287
October		1,847,986	1,804,070				1,865,222
November		1,861,588	1,817,349				1,935,190
December		1,730,819	 1,689,687				1,687,022
		21,995,315	21,472,613		-		21,718,417
Available for:							
Zoo Authority Admin (2%)		439,906	429,452		-		434,368
FCZ Capital Funding							
(2/3 of remaining 98%)		14,370,273	14,028,774		-		14,189,366
FCZ Operating Funding							
(1/3 of remaining 98%)	\$	7,185,136	\$ 7,014,387	\$	-	\$	7,094,683

NOTE: FZA Projections not available as of 10/21/25. Information to be provided during formal budget request at November FZA meeting.



MZ Operations Fund Cash Flow Analysis

	Beginning	Projected	Projected	Ending
	Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Balance
July 2025				5,498,203
August 2025	5,498,203	608,709	(822,920)	5,283,992
September 2025	5,283,992	540,119	(791,480)	5,032,631
October 2025	5,032,631	589,330	(579,000)	5,042,961
November 2025	5,042,961	593,668	(322,656)	5,313,973
December 2025	5,313,973	551,964	(247,262)	5,618,675
Total Aug - Dec 2025		2,883,790	(2,763,318)	
January 2026	5,618,675	522,352	_	6,141,027
February 2026	6,141,027	778,787	_	6,919,814
March 2026	6,919,814	526,262	(859,213)	6,586,863
April 2026	6,586,863	476,146	(986,818)	6,076,191
May 2026	6,076,191	688,088	(957,630)	5,806,649
June 2026	5,806,649	588,051	(972,108)	5,422,592
July 2026	5,422,592	651,461	(1,215,539)	4,858,514
August 2026	4,858,514	623,526	(814,023)	4,668,017
September 2026	4,668,017	553,267	(716,924)	4,504,360
October 2026	4,504,360	603,675	(589,048)	4,518,987
November 2026	4,518,987	608,119	(318,185)	4,808,921
December 2026	4,808,921	565,400	(12,512)	5,361,809
Total 2026	, ,	7,185,134	(7,442,000)	•
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Per the Measure Z Operations Fund Cash Balance Policy, the Fund Optimal Cash Balance based upon the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025 is:

Min. 6 mos.: \$3,522,000 Max. 9 mos.: \$5,283,000

NOTE: No cash outflow in January and February 2026 as the first claim associated with 2026 is not expected to be funded until March 2026 due to the MZ claim process.



2026 Measure Z Capital Budget

Measure Z Capital - Supplemental Ask					
Project	Department				
Animal Acquisition/Shipping			99,790		
Capital Expenditures (2026 MZ Facility/Exhibit Renovations and Repairs)					
Animal Well-Being Modifications	Animal/Maintenance	76,335			
Guest Amenity Shade Enhancements	Maintenance	49,807			
Animal/Guest Containment Modifications	Animal/Maintenance	88,379			
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Painting	Maintenance	76,785			
Equipment Replacement	Maintenance/LSS	130,937			
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African Adventures Repairs, Replacements & Modifications	Animal/Maintenance	190,713			
Hospital Modifications	Maintenance	45,675			
Signage Replacements	Marketing	42,256			
		Sub Total*	925,713		
*See Appendix to Budget for detail of projects		Grand Total	1,025,503		



General Admissions Pricing Analysis

Proposed pricing increases as follows:

- 1. Increase to general admissions prices by \$2/adult and \$1/child for all ticket types
- 2. Introduction of Weekday vs. Weekend Pricing

	2025	2026
General Admissions Ticket Prices		
Peak-Day Pricing Model		
Weekday Discount Pricing (T-Th)		
Adult Ticket - Fresno County	18.95	20.95
Child Ticket - Fresno County	11.95	12.95
Adult Ticket - Non-Fresno County	23.95	25.95
Child Ticket - Non-Fresno County	16.95	17.95
Weekend Pricing (F-M)		
Adult Ticket - Fresno County	n/a	23.95
Child Ticket - Fresno County	n/a	15.95
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Welcome Wednesdays	5.00	5.00



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