



## **FRESNO COUNTY ZOO AUTHORITY**

### **MEETING**

**9:00 am, Wednesday, January 29, 2014**

Fresno County Employees' Retirement Association

1111 H Street, Fresno, CA 93721

(559) 457-0681

### **AGENDA**

Nominations and election of 2014 Chair and Vice Chair

1. Call to Order
2. Public Comments

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#### **3. Consent Agenda**

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 Consent Calendar.

- A. Review and approve minutes of December 6, 2013
- B. Review and approve payment of County of Fresno invoice for Professional and Specialized Services in the amount of \$26,284.66 for November and December 2013
- C. Receive Treasurer's Report for November and December 2013, and the quarter ended December 31, 2013.

4. Receive Fresno Chaffee Zoo Director's Report
5. Receive Fresno Chaffee Zoo Finance Director's report
6. Receive request from Fresno Chaffee Zoo Corporation to renew Measure Z, and direct Zoo Authority staff to work with Zoo Corporation staff to bring an amended Measure Z ordinance to the Authority Board for a first hearing at the next meeting
7. Approve Fresno Chaffee Zoo request for 2014 Measure Z Operating funds totaling \$3,928,683 for reimbursement of the Animal, Education, Maintenance, and Visitor Services Departments Salary and Benefits, and Bank Fees to wire reimbursement funds to the Zoo
8. Approve Fresno Chaffee Zoo request for 2014 Measure Z Capital funds totaling \$20,250 for animal acquisitions and transportation, and bank fees for reimbursement of capital claims
9. Receive staff report on budgeted administrative hours to date and provide direction to staff
10. Reaffirm next meeting dates or set new date(s).

Adopted meeting dates	February 26, 2014
	March 26, 2014
Reserved meeting dates	April 30, 2014
	May 28, 2014
11. Chair's comments
12. Board Member comments
13. Closed Session  
Conference With Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2)) (1 case).
14. Adjourn

All supporting documentation is available for public review in the office of the Fresno County Zoo Authority, 2220 Tulare Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Fresno, 93721, during regular business hours.

For further information, please contact Catherine Crosby, Zoo Authority Coordinator, at 600-4305, email [zooauthority@co.fresno.ca.us](mailto:zooauthority@co.fresno.ca.us), or visit [www.zooauthority.org](http://www.zooauthority.org).

Requests for disability-related modification or accommodation needed in order to participate in the meeting must be made to the Zoo Authority Coordinator no later than 9:00 a.m. on the day prior to the meeting.



**FRESNO COUNTY ZOO AUTHORITY**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**9:00 A.M. Friday, December 6, 2013**

Fresno County Employees' Retirement Association

1111 H Street, Fresno, CA 93721

(559) 457-0681

**ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES**

1. Call to Order

**CHAIRMAN PAUL TOSTE CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 9:00 A.M. A QUORUM OF MEMBERS OLIVER BAINES, JOHN GRAY, PETER HERZOG, KENT STRATFORD AND RALPH WATERHOUSE WAS PRESENT.**

2. Public Comments

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**HELD - NO PUBLIC COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED.**

3. Consent Agenda 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 Consent Calendar.

- A. Review and approve minutes of October 30, 2013
- B. Review and approve payment of County of Fresno invoice for Professional and Specialized Services in the amount of \$16,722.94 for October 2013
- C. Receive Treasurer's Report for October 2013.

**APPROVED -- RW/JG -- 6 AYES, 0 OPPOSED; MEMBER LYLES ABSENT**

**MEMBER LYLES ARRIVED AT 9:06 A.M.**

**4. Receive Fresno Chaffee Zoo Director's Report**

**RECEIVED – DIRECTOR SCOTT BARTON REPORTED 2013 ATTENDANCE IS PROJECTED TO BE ABOUT 660,000 IF WEATHER IS FAVORABLE-ANOTHER RECORD YEAR. MEMBERSHIP HAS SHOWN A 64% INCREASE SINCE 2009. NEW ADDITIONS INCLUDE A FIVE-WEEK OLD GIRAFFE. THE MAYALSIAN TIGER IS PREGNANT AND DUE AROUND THE BEGINNING OF JANUARY. A RECENT POLL SHOWS SUPPORT FOR MEASURE Z AT 84%. IN 2004, 73% VOTED FOR MEASURE Z.**

**A POWERPOINT PRESENTATION COMPARED THE COST OF THE AFRICA EXHIBIT FUNDING REQUEST TO SIMILAR EXHIBITS AT OTHER ZOOS. MR. BARTON MENTIONED THAT CHANGES HAVE BEEN INCORPORATED INTO THE AFRICA EXHIBIT THAT THE DALLAS ZOO SAID THEY WISHED THEY HAD DONE WITH THEIR EXHIBIT, PARTICULARLY LARGER AREAS TO ACCOMMODATE THE VOLUME OF VISITORS. CALIFORNIA'S ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENERGY REQUIREMENTS, AND THE PRESERVATION OF 90% OF HEALTHY TREES HAVE ADDED TO THE COST OF THE PROJECT.**

**MR. BARTON DISCUSSED THE ZOO'S PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITY OF FRESNO AS LEAD AGENCY FOR THE MASTER PLAN, SHARED COSTS, THE REQUIRED RELOCATION OF THE PALM GROVE AS A MITIGATION MEASURE-A COST INCLUDED IN THE AFRICA FUNDING REQUEST-AND THE CITY'S COMMITMENT TO THE REMOVAL OF THE CORPORATION YARD IN 2014.**

**MR. BARTON'S PRESENTATION ALSO ILLUSTRATED THAT THE REQUEST WAS CONSISTANT WITH THE PROJECT'S PLAN IN PLACE SINCE 2009. WITHOUT EXHAUSTING MEASURE Z FUNDS, ADDITIONAL PROJECTS ARE STILL PLANNED OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS, INCLUDING CHILDREN'S WATER PLAY AREA, KOMODO DRAGON EXHIBIT, MORE UTILITIES WORK, THE FRONT OF REPTILE BUILDING, PARKING, A NEW CENTER FOR EDUCATION ANIMALS, AND AN ANIMAL NUTRITION CENTER. A COMPUTER-GENERATED ANIMATION OF THE PROJECT WAS SHOWN AND IS AVAILABLE ON YOUTUBE.**

**5. Receive Fresno Chaffee Zoo Finance Director's Report**

**RECEIVED – DIRECTOR OF FINANCE BRIAN GOLDMAN REPORTED ATTENDANCE IS WELL AHEAD OF PROJECTIONS, THERE IS AN OPERATING SURPLUS OF \$1.3 MILLION, SELF-GENERATED REVENUE IS UP 19%, AND EXPENSES ARE ALL UNDER BUDGETED YEAR-TO-DATE PROJECTIONS.**

**CHAIRMAN TOSTE REQUESTED THAT MR. GOLDMAN INCLUDE AN ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE BALANCE SHEET IN FUTURE REPORTS.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT WAS RECEIVED FROM CITIZEN LISA FLORES.**

**6. Approval of Measure Z Funds for African Adventure**

- A. Consider the Environmental Impact Report for Roeding Regional Park and Fresno Chaffee Zoo Facility Master Plan (EIR) previously certified by the Fresno City Council,**

June 30, 2011 and the EIR Addendum approved by the Fresno City Council on November 7, 2013, and adopt Resolution Adopting CEQA Findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations.

**APPROVED – OB/GL – 7 AYES, 0 OPPOSED**

B. Approve Fresno Chaffee Zoo Corporation's request of Measure Z Capital Funds of \$51,699,682 for the African Adventure project.

**DIRECTORS BARTON AND GOLDMAN PRESENTED THE REQUEST.**

**APPROVED WITH THE REQUIREMENT THAT REIMBURSEMENTS WILL NOT EXCEED FUNDS AVAILABLE, THAT EXPENDITURES ARE NOTED THOROUGHLY IN QUARTERLY REPORTS FROM THE AUTHORITY'S TREASURER, AND THAT THE BOARD WILL BE NOTIFIED PRIOR TO ANY REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT FROM CONTINGENCY FUNDS. – OB/PH – 7 AYES, 0 OPPOSED**

PRIOR TO VOTING, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD REQUESTED CLARIFICATION FOR SOME OF THE BUDGET ITEMS. RESPONSES WERE PROVIDED BY DIRECTOR BARTON, FINANCE DIRECTOR GOLDMAN, PROJECT MANAGER JON WHELESS AND ZOO AUTHORITY TREASURER JEFF BLANKS. THE TREASURER RECEIVED THE BOARD'S DIRECTION TO TRACK CASH FLOWS, NOTIFY THE BOARD IF THE CONTINGENCY FUND IS BEING USED, OR HARRIS CONSTRUCTION'S GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE IS EXCEEDED. FRESNO CITY MANAGER BRUCE RUDD STATED HE COULD CONFIRM THAT THE CITY WOULD BE MOVING THE MAJORITY OF ITS MAINTENANCE ACTIVITY TO THE CITY'S CORPORATION YARD WITHIN THE YEAR.

COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED FROM CITIZENS LISA FLORES, JOAN LEROUX, RETIRED HIGH SCHOOL GOVERNMENT TEACHER ARTHUR GONOS, TAMMIE MOORE, MS. JAN BOURRET, RETIRED EDISON COMPUTECH HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER AND ZOO DOCENT MR. SANDY SCHMELING, MRS. JEAN CHAFFEE, AND ZOO DOCENT ROBERT TOLLIDAY.

FRESNO CHAFFEE ZOO COUNSEL JOHN KINSEY ALSO ADDRESSED THE BOARD REGARDING THE EIR'S TRAFFIC STUDY.

7. Approve Fresno Chaffee Zoo Corporation request of Measure Z Capital funds of \$290,000 for additional utility infrastructure work.

**DIRECTOR OF FINANCE BRIAN GOLDMAN THANKED THE BOARD FOR APPROVAL OF THE AFRICAN ADVENTURE PROJECT FUNDING AND PRESENTED THE REQUEST.**

**APPROVED – OB/RW – 7 AYES, 0 OPPOSED**

8. Receive staff oral report on cost estimate for Measure Z renewal and 2014 election timeline.

**RECEIVED - COORDINATOR CATHY CROSBY PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH A COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICE COST ESTIMATE OF \$38-\$45,000 TO PLACE THE RENEWAL OF MEASURE Z ON THE NOVEMBER 2014 BALLOT. THE FRESNO CHAFFEE ZOO**

**CORPORATION WILL DRAFT THE ORDINANCE FOR THE RENEWAL WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE AUTHORITY'S COUNSEL, FOLLOWED BY A REVIEW BY THE**

**STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION. TWO HEARINGS OF THE ORDINANCE BY THE AUTHORITY ARE REQUIRED FOR APPROVAL, AS WELL AS THE ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PLACE THE RENEWAL ON THE BALLOT. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL NEED TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION ORDERING ITS PLACEMENT BEFORE AUGUST 8, 2014. MS. CROSBY SUGGESTED THAT PROCESS BEGIN IN JANUARY 2014, IN ORDER TO ALLOW AMPLE TIME TO PREPARE.**

9. Meeting Calendar

A. Adopt 2014 meeting calendar

B. Set next meeting date.

**ADOPTED THE 2014 MEETING CALENDAR, AND SET MEETING DATES OF JANUARY 29, FEBRUARY 26, AND MARCH 26, 2014. PH/OB – 7 AYES, 0 OPPOSED**

10. Chair's comments

**CHAIRMAN TOSTE STATED HOW PLEASED HE WAS WITH THE MEETING AND ALL OF THE COMMENTS, INPUT, WORK AND SUPPORT THAT BROUGHT THE AFRICA PROJECT TO THIS POINT, AND HE LOOKS FORWARD TO WHAT'S TO COME.**

11. Board Member comments

**MEMBER WATERHOUSE THANKED THE MANY MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE, AND WAS PLEASED WITH THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO HAD TAKEN AN INTEREST AND PARTICIPATED IN MOVING PROJECTS FORWARD. MEMBER LYLES COMMENTED ON THE DEMOCRACY OF THE OVERALL PROCESS, AND THAT IT WAS TIME TO MOVE ON. MEMBER HERZOG APPLAUDED THE DECADE OF HARD WORK AND DEDICATION THAT EVERYONE PUT INTO THE PROJECTS.**

12. Adjourn

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIRMAN TOSTE ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 10:57 AM.**

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Invoice for Professional Services in Support of the Zoo Authority  
Billing Hours and Expenses for November and December 2013

Invoice Number 1112-ZOO-012914

January 29, 2014

TO: Zoo Authority Board  
c/o County of Fresno  
2220 Tulare St, 6th Floor MS 214  
Fresno, CA 93721

Department / Title	Hours	Rate	Cost	Fiscal Year 13-14
<i>Financial Reporting &amp; Audits</i>				
Division Chief	1.50	\$79.11	\$118.67	
Supervising Accountant	24.00	\$80.06	\$1,921.44	
Accountant I	44.75	\$60.14	\$2,691.27	
<i>Public Works &amp; Planning</i>				
Analyst III	223.50	\$63.10	\$14,102.85	
Office Assistant II	9.00	\$35.51	\$319.59	
Principal Planner	1.50	\$87.95	\$131.92	
Planner III	6.00	\$66.28	\$397.68	
<i>County Counsel</i>				
Assistant County Counsel	29.00	\$113.00	\$3,277.00	
<b>Professional Services Total</b>	<b>339.25</b>		<b>\$22,960.41</b>	<b>\$45,571.81</b>
<i>Postage</i>				
			120.96	
<i>Annual Report</i>				
			3,203.29	
<b>Office Expense Total</b>			<b>\$3,324.25</b>	<b>\$3,373.92</b>
			<b>\$26,284.66</b>	<b>\$48,945.73</b>
			<b>Invoice Total</b>	<b>FY 12-13 Total</b>



**Fresno County Zoo Authority  
Treasurer's Report  
Unaudited Cash Basis  
For the Month Ended November 30, 2013**

Tax Proceeds Received:			
	- Measure Z - Sales Tax Proceeds		\$ 1,143,200.00
	Total Proceeds Received:		\$ 1,143,200.00
Tax Proceeds Allocated:			
	- Allocation to Zoo Authority Fund (2%)		22,864.00
	- Allocation to Trust Fund for Operations and Capital Projects (98%)		1,120,336.00
	Total Proceed Allocations		\$ 1,143,200.00
<b>Cash Balance by Fund</b>			
<b>Zoo Authority Fund</b>			
	>> Administrative Fund	2%	
	Beginning Cash Balance		\$ 1,029,635.40
Receipts:	- Measure Z Sales Tax Proceeds		22,864.00
Disbursements:	- PeopleSoft Charges		(29.10)
	- Professional Services		(38,463.33)
	- Office Expense		(320.17)
	- Postage		(29.35)
	Net Increase/(Decrease) to Cash		(15,977.95)
	<b>Ending Cash Balance - Zoo Authority Administrative Fund</b>		<b>\$ 1,013,657.45</b>
<b>Trust Fund for FCZC Operations and Capital Projects</b>			
		98%	
	Beginning Cash Balance		\$ 52,932,997.49
	>> Operations Fund		
	Beginning Cash Balance		5,060,789.89
Receipts:	- Measure Z Sales Tax Proceeds		373,445.33
Disbursements:	- FCZC Operations Claim # 2013-10		(270,428.01)
	- Wire Fees		(10.00)
	Net Increase/(Decrease) to Cash		103,007.32
	<b>Ending Cash Balance - Available for Operations</b>		<b>\$ 5,163,797.21</b>
	>> Capital Facilities Project Fund		
	Beginning Cash Balance		\$ 47,872,207.60
Receipts:	- Measure Z Sales Tax Proceeds		746,890.67
Disbursements:	- FCZC Capital Projects Claim #2013-6C		(84,852.46)
	Net Increase/(Decrease) to Cash		662,038.21
	<b>Ending Cash Balance - Available for Capital Projects</b>		<b>48,534,245.81</b>
	<b>Ending Balance Available for Operations and Capital Projects</b>		<b>\$ 53,698,043.02</b>
	<b>Total Interest Received During the Month</b>		<b>-</b>

By Staff \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Accepted \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Unaudited Cash Basis  
For the Month Ended November 30, 2013**

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- Allocation to Trust Fund for Operations and Capital Projects (98%)			1,120,336.00
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>> <b>Administrative Fund</b>		2%	
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<b>Trust Fund for FCZC Operations and Capital Projects</b>			
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>> <b>Operations Fund</b>			
Beginning Cash Balance			5,060,789.89
Receipts:	- Measure Z Sales Tax Proceeds		373,445.33
Disbursements:	- FCZC Operations Claim # 2013-10		(270,428.01)
	- Wire Fees		(10.00)
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>> <b>Capital Facilities Project Fund</b>			
Beginning Cash Balance		\$	47,872,207.60
Receipts:	- Measure Z Sales Tax Proceeds		746,890.67
Disbursements:	- FCZC Capital Projects Claim #2013-6C		(84,852.46)
Net Increase/(Decrease) to Cash			662,038.21
<b>Ending Cash Balance - Available for Capital Projects</b>			48,534,245.81
<b>Ending Balance Available for Operations and Capital Projects</b>		\$	53,698,043.02
<b>Total Interest Received During the Month</b>			-

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

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# Fresno County Zoo Authority

STANDARD MEASURE Z PROCEEDS FROM INCEPTION

	PRIOR FISCAL YEARS								CURRENT FISCAL YEAR			
	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014			
	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	ACTUAL	BUDGET TO ACTUAL	
	TAX RECEIPTS	TAX RECEIPTS	TAX RECEIPTS	TAX RECEIPTS	TAX RECEIPTS	TAX RECEIPTS	TAX RECEIPTS	TAX RECEIPTS	TAX RECEIPTS	TAX RECEIPTS	VARIANCE	
July	\$ 700,400	\$ 671,500	\$ 819,900	\$ 813,500	\$ 671,700	\$ 659,300	\$ 719,800	\$ 826,000	\$ 867,300	\$ 903,500	\$ 36,200	4.17%
August	933,800	895,400	1,093,200	1,084,700	885,300	857,600	921,200	1,033,100	1,084,755	1,106,000	\$ 21,245	1.96%
September	764,524	1,453,498	1,060,279	930,087	810,940	895,691	1,057,603	1,028,369	1,079,787	1,097,605	\$ 17,818	1.65%
October	705,400	679,300	853,500	792,200	678,000	677,000	694,100	850,500	893,025	857,400	\$ (35,625)	-3.99%
November	940,500	1,471,000	1,138,000	1,056,300	743,300	879,500	878,500	1,056,800	1,109,640	1,143,200	\$ 33,560	3.02%
December	1,324,459	1,047,118	827,112	872,815	971,061	932,350	1,240,028	1,083,021	1,137,172			
January	676,000	813,700	831,200	766,900	719,900	710,700	770,100	799,900	839,895	-	-	
February	901,300	1,081,800	1,108,200	841,000	944,000	919,900	978,600	1,086,700	1,141,035	-	-	
March	1,319,000	905,577	762,907	959,801	628,563	821,858	1,006,649	1,021,734	1,072,821	-	-	
April	678,900	748,000	699,000	652,000	594,300	618,400	716,100	846,500	888,825	-	-	
May	905,200	997,300	932,000	860,800	847,200	876,500	897,100	1,493,700	916,595	-	-	
June	1,113,269	900,178	1,026,580	730,781	821,511	963,040	1,191,688.64	1,015,391.00	916,595	-	-	
Total	\$ 10,962,752	\$ 11,664,371	\$ 11,151,878	\$ 10,360,884	\$ 9,315,775	\$ 9,811,839	\$ 11,071,469	\$ 12,141,715	\$ 11,947,445	\$ 5,107,705	\$ 73,198	1.19%

TOTAL MEASURE Z PROCEEDS FROM INCEPTION \$ 92,290,241



## Agenda Item 3c.2

### Fresno County Zoo Authority Treasurer's Report Unaudited Cash Basis For the Quarter Ended December 31, 2013

Tax Proceeds Received:		
- Measure Z - Sales Tax Proceeds		\$ 3,077,573.61
Total Proceeds Received:		\$ 3,077,573.61
Tax Proceeds Allocated:		
- Allocation to Zoo Authority Fund (2%)		61,551.47
- Allocation to Trust Fund for Operations and Capital Projects (98%)		3,016,022.14
Total Proceed Allocations		\$ 3,077,573.61
<b>Cash Balance by Fund</b>		
<b>Zoo Authority Fund</b>	<b>&gt;&gt; Administrative Fund</b>	<b>2%</b>
	Beginning Balance	\$ 1,011,863.86
Receipts:	- Measure Z Sales Tax Proceeds	61,551.47
	- Interest Received	2,966.12
	- Other Distributions for Current Services	26.60
Disbursements:	- Professional Services	(50,224.99)
	- Postage	(50.05)
	- Office Expenses	(370.17)
	- PeopleSoft Charges	(110.58)
	Net Increase/(Decrease) to Cash	13,788.40
	Ending Cash Balance - Zoo Authority Administrative Fund	\$ 1,025,652.26
	<b>&gt;&gt; Trust Fund for Operations and Capital Projects</b>	<b>98%</b>
	Beginning Balance for Operations and Capital Projects	\$ 52,325,836.23
	<b>&gt;&gt; Operations Fund</b>	
	Beginning Cash Balance	5,045,172.09
Receipts:	- Measure Z Sales Tax Proceeds	1,005,340.71
	- Interest Received	15,067.22
Disbursements:	- FCZC Operations Claim # 2013-9	(267,801.18)
	- FCZC Operations Claim # 2013-10	(270,428.01)
	- FCZC Operations Claim # 2013-11	(395,256.45)
	- Wire Fees	(20.00)
	Net Increase/(Decrease) to Cash	86,902.29
	Ending Cash Balance - Available for Operations	\$ 5,132,074.38
	<b>&gt;&gt; Capital Facilities Project Fund</b>	
	Beginning Balance	\$ 47,280,664.14
Receipts:	- Measure Z Sales Tax Proceeds	2,010,681.43
	- Interest Received	141,752.33
Disbursements:	- FCZC Capital Projects Claim #2013-6C	(84,852.46)
	- FCZC Capital Projects Claim #2013-7C	(277,971.68)
	Net Increase/(Decrease) to Cash	1,789,609.62
	Ending Cash Balance - Available for Capital Projects	49,070,273.76
	Ending Balance Available for Operations and Capital Projects	\$ 54,202,348.14
	Total Interest Received During the Quarter	159,785.67

By Staff \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Accepted \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Fresno County Zoo Authority  
Treasurer's Report  
Unaudited Cash Basis  
For the Month Ended December 31, 2013**

<b>Tax Proceeds Received:</b>			
	- Measure Z - Sales Tax Proceeds		\$ 1,076,973.61
	<b>Total Proceeds Received:</b>		<b>\$ 1,076,973.61</b>
<b>Tax Proceeds Allocated:</b>			
	- Allocation to Zoo Authority Fund (2%)		21,539.47
	- Allocation to Trust Fund for Operations and Capital Projects (98%)		1,055,434.14
	<b>Total Proceed Allocations</b>		<b>\$ 1,076,973.61</b>
<b>Cash Balance by Fund</b>			
<b>Zoo Authority Fund</b>			
	>> <b>Administrative Fund</b>	2%	
	Beginning Cash Balance		\$ 1,013,657.45
Receipts:	- Measure Z Sales Tax Proceeds		21,539.47
	- Interest Received		2,309.60
	- Other Distributions for Current Services		26.60
Disbursements:	- PeopleSoft Charges		(48.50)
	- Professional Services		(11,761.66)
	- Postage		(20.70)
	- Office Expense		(50.00)
	Net Increase/(Decrease) to Cash		11,994.81
	<b>Ending Cash Balance - Zoo Authority Administrative Fund</b>		<b>\$ 1,025,652.26</b>
<b>Trust Fund for FCZC Operations and Capital Projects</b>			
	98%		
	Beginning Cash Balance		\$ 53,698,043.02
>> <b>Operations Fund</b>			
	Beginning Cash Balance		5,163,797.21
Receipts:	- Measure Z Sales Tax Proceeds		351,811.38
	- Interest Received		11,732.24
Disbursements:	- FCZC Operations Claim # 2013-11		(395,256.45)
	- Wire Fees		(10.00)
	Net Increase/(Decrease) to Cash		(31,722.83)
	<b>Ending Cash Balance - Available for Operations</b>		<b>\$ 5,132,074.38</b>
>> <b>Capital Facilities Project Fund</b>			
	Beginning Cash Balance		\$ 48,534,245.81
Receipts:	- Measure Z Sales Tax Proceeds		703,622.76
	- Interest Received		110,376.87
Disbursements:	- FCZC Capital Projects Claim #2013-7C		(277,971.68)
	Net Increase/(Decrease) to Cash		536,027.95
	<b>Ending Cash Balance - Available for Capital Projects</b>		<b>49,070,273.76</b>
	<b>Ending Balance Available for Operations and Capital Projects</b>		<b>\$ 54,202,348.14</b>
	<b>Total Interest Received During the Month</b>		<b>124,418.71</b>

By Staff \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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 1.207 as of September 30, 2013.



## Fresno County Zoo Authority

FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014 MEASURE Z PROCEEDS FROM INCEPTION

	PRIOR FISCAL YEARS								CURRENT FISCAL YEAR			
	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014			
	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	ACTUAL	BUDGET TO ACTUAL	
	TAX RECEIPTS	TAX RECEIPTS	TAX RECEIPTS	TAX RECEIPTS	TAX RECEIPTS	TAX RECEIPTS	TAX RECEIPTS	TAX RECEIPTS	TAX RECEIPTS	TAX RECEIPTS	VARIANCE	
July	\$ 700,400	\$ 671,500	\$ 819,900	\$ 813,500	\$ 671,700	\$ 659,300	\$ 719,800	\$ 826,000	\$ 867,300	\$ 903,500	\$ 36,200	4.17%
August	933,800	895,400	1,093,200	1,084,700	885,300	857,600	921,200	1,033,100	1,084,755	1,106,000	\$ 21,245	1.96%
September	764,524	1,453,498	1,060,279	930,087	810,940	895,691	1,057,603	1,028,369	1,079,787	1,097,605	\$ 17,818	1.65%
October	705,400	679,300	853,500	792,200	678,000	677,000	694,100	850,500	893,025	857,400	\$ (35,625)	-3.99%
November	940,500	1,471,000	1,138,000	1,056,300	743,300	879,500	878,500	1,056,800	1,109,640	1,143,200	\$ 33,560	3.02%
December	1,324,459	1,047,118	827,112	872,815	971,061	932,350	1,240,028	1,083,021	1,137,172	1,076,977	\$ (60,195)	-5.29%
January	676,000	813,700	831,200	766,900	719,900	710,700	770,100	799,900	839,895	-	-	
February	901,300	1,081,800	1,108,200	841,000	944,000	919,900	978,600	1,086,700	1,141,035	-	-	
March	1,319,000	905,577	762,907	959,801	628,563	821,858	1,006,649	1,021,734	1,072,821	-	-	
April	678,900	748,000	699,000	652,000	594,300	618,400	716,100	846,500	888,825	-	-	
May	905,200	997,300	932,000	860,800	847,200	876,500	897,100	1,493,700	916,595	-	-	
June	1,113,269	900,178	1,026,580	730,781	821,511	963,040	1,191,688.64	1,015,391.00	916,595	-	-	
Total	\$ 10,962,752	\$ 11,664,371	\$ 11,151,878	\$ 10,360,884	\$ 9,315,775	\$ 9,811,839	\$ 11,071,469	\$ 12,141,715	\$ 11,947,445	\$ 6,184,682	\$ 13,003	0.21%

TOTAL MEASURE Z PROCEEDS FROM INCEPTION \$ 93,367,218



**Fresno County Zoo Authority**  
**Receipt of Interest**  
**Unaudited Cash Basis**  
**For the Quarter Ended**  
**December 31, 2013**

Summary of Quarter Two Interest Receipts					
Fund	Subclass	Description	1st Alloc. Oct	2nd Alloc Dec	Interest Received
4845	10000	*Zoo Authority	656.52	2,309.60	\$ 2,966.12
4850	10000	*FCZC - Operations	3,334.98	11,732.24	15,067.22
4850	42700	*FCZC - CP	31,375.46	110,376.87	141,752.33
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 35,366.96</b>	<b>\$ 124,418.71</b>	<b>\$ 159,785.67</b>



# **FY13 December Financial Report**

**Fresno County Zoo Authority**

**January 29, 2014**

# Fresno's Chaffee Zoo Corporation

## Balance Sheet

December 28, 2013

	FY13 @ 12/28/13	FY13 @ 11/30/13	FY12 Unaudited
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash	\$587,161	\$321,472	\$425,865
Short Term Investments	\$461,765	\$661,703	\$11,391
Long Term Investments	\$9,039,153	\$8,934,310	\$7,915,754
Accounts Receivable	\$580,134	\$925,469	\$2,170,007
Prepaid Expenses	\$139,805	\$95,967	\$266,723
Inventory	\$0	\$0	\$0
Building, Equipment, Vehicle and Furniture (net)	\$2,482,834	\$2,276,569	\$1,217,643
Construction in Progress	\$4,538,696	\$4,092,684	\$2,891,505
Exhibits	\$10,591,746	\$10,591,746	\$10,460,875
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$28,421,293</b>	<b>\$27,899,920</b>	<b>\$25,359,763</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>			
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Accounts Payable/Accrued Liabilities	\$756,442	\$134,294	\$1,366,723
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$756,442</b>	<b>\$134,294</b>	<b>\$1,366,723</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>			
1-3000-00 Fund Balance-Unrestricted	\$27,098,384	\$27,213,022	\$23,572,814
2-3000-00 Fund Balance-Temporarily Restricted	\$518,520	\$505,288	\$379,376
3-3000-00 Fund Balance-Permanently Restricted	\$47,948	\$47,315	\$40,850
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$27,664,852</b>	<b>\$27,765,626</b>	<b>\$23,993,040</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$28,421,293</b>	<b>\$27,899,920</b>	<b>\$25,359,763</b>

Unrealized gain/(loss) on investments of \$876,051 at 12/31/2013 and \$890,043 at 11/30/13 . Impacts both Long Term Investments and Net Assets.



## REVENUE

TOTAL REVENUE

**EXPENSES**

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	Current Month		Year-to-Date	
	FY13 Budget	Actual @ 12/28/13	Budget	Actual @ 12/28/13
Signage	\$27,000	\$3,297	\$27,000	\$40,913
Specialized Services	\$34,500	\$6,441	\$34,500	\$49,474
Staff Development	\$62,550	\$387	\$62,550	\$69,533
Supplies	\$295,105	\$27,522	\$295,105	\$300,355
Telephone	\$34,850	\$6,886	\$34,850	\$38,949
Uniforms	\$33,050	\$14,130	\$33,050	\$31,209
Utilities	\$450,000	\$34,511	\$450,000	\$434,758
Other	\$31,550	\$1,818	\$31,550	\$47,346
Total Other Expenses	\$3,498,764	\$465,100	\$3,498,764	\$3,632,570
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$8,234,531	\$859,965	\$8,234,531	\$8,149,295
Expansion/Nonoperating Exp.				
Expansion/Nonoperating	\$275,000	(\$15,118)	\$275,000	\$256,879
Total Expansion/Nonoperating	\$275,000	(\$15,118)	\$275,000	\$256,879
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$8,509,531	\$844,848	\$8,509,531	\$8,406,173
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	\$23,993,040	\$27,765,626	\$23,993,040	\$23,993,040
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$48,061	\$51,898	\$48,061	\$3,671,812
ENDING FUND BALANCE	\$24,041,101	\$27,817,524	\$24,041,101	\$27,664,852

**Accounts Receivable  
as of December 28, 2013**

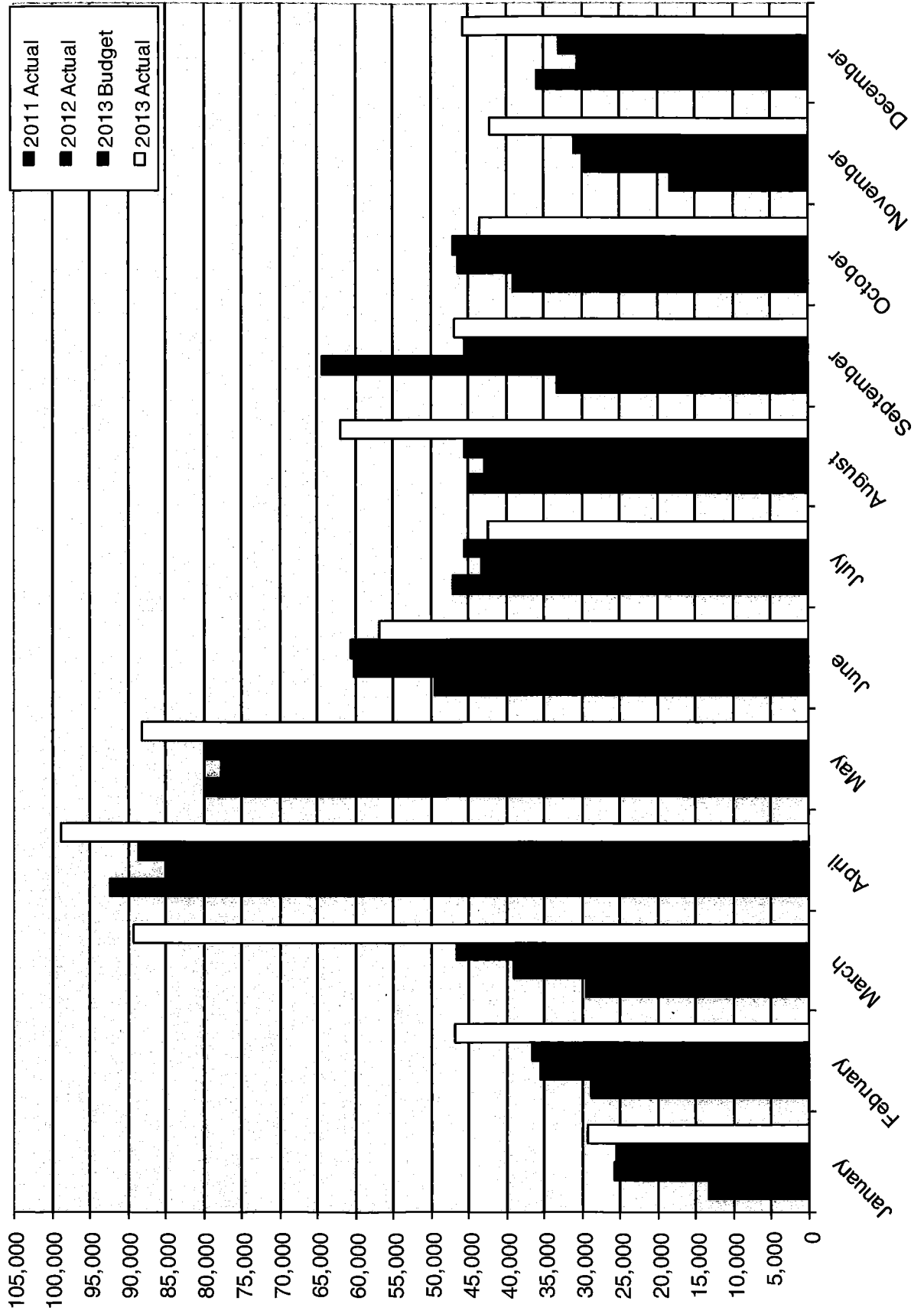
• Fresno County Zoo Authority	\$291,576
• City of Fresno	\$204,905
• Sponsorships/Donations	\$ 32,500
• 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party Concessionaire Commission	\$ 28,995

## Measure Z Revenue Summary of Tax Proceeds

	2004-2005 ACTUAL	2005-2006 ACTUAL	2006-2007 ACTUAL	2007-2008 ACTUAL	2008-2009 ACTUAL	2009-2010 ACTUAL	2010-2011 ACTUAL	2011-2012 ACTUAL	2012-2013 ACTUAL	2013-2014 ACTUAL
July		\$700,400	\$671,500	\$819,900	\$813,500	\$671,700	\$659,300	\$719,800	\$826,000	\$903,500
August		933,800	895,400	1,093,200	1,084,700	885,300	857,600	921,200	1,033,100	\$1,106,000
September		764,524	1,453,498	1,060,279	930,087	810,940	895,691	1,057,603	1,028,369	\$1,097,605
October		705,400	679,300	853,500	792,200	678,000	677,000	694,100	850,500	\$857,400
November		940,500	1,471,000	1,138,000	1,056,300	743,300	879,500	878,500	1,056,800	
December		1,324,459	1,047,118	827,112	872,815	971,061	932,350	1,240,028	1,083,021	
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April		678,900	748,000	699,000	652,000	594,300	618,400	716,100	846,500	
May		905,200	997,300	932,000	860,800	847,200	876,500	897,100	1,493,700	
June	701,853	1,113,269	900,178	1,026,580	730,781	821,511	963,040	1,191,689	1,015,391	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$701,853</b>	<b>\$10,962,752</b>	<b>\$11,664,370</b>	<b>\$11,151,879</b>	<b>\$10,360,883</b>	<b>\$9,315,775</b>	<b>\$9,811,839</b>	<b>\$11,071,469</b>	<b>\$12,141,715</b>	<b>\$3,964,505</b>

Total received from inception \$91,147,041

# Fresno Chaffee Zoo Attendance Comparison 2011 - 2013





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DATE: January 29, 2014  
TO: Fresno County Zoo Authority Board  
FROM: Brian Goldman, Chief Financial Officer  
Fresno's Chaffee Zoo Corporation  
SUBJECT: 2014 Measure Z Operating Request

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Approve Fresno Chaffee Zoo request for 2014 Measure Z Operating funds totaling \$3,928,683 for reimbursement of the Animal, Education, Maintenance, and Visitor Services Departments Salary and Benefits, and Bank Fees to wire reimbursement funds to the Zoo.

**DISCUSSION:**

The 2014 budget was developed by the management team of the Fresno Chaffee Zoo. The 2014 Measure Z Operating request is \$3,928,683, and all line items are in the Zoo's operating budget.

The 2014 Measure Z projected operating revenue of \$3,927,244 (based on Zoo Authority projections for January – June 2014 and a 1% increase to actual receipts for July – December 2013 as projections for July – December 2014). Earned interest not included in this projection.

There is approximately \$5,100,000 in cash available for operating expenses at 12/31/13.

The Fresno's Chaffee Zoo Corporation Board of Directors approved the 2014 budget on December 12, 2013.

**REFERENCE MATERIAL:**

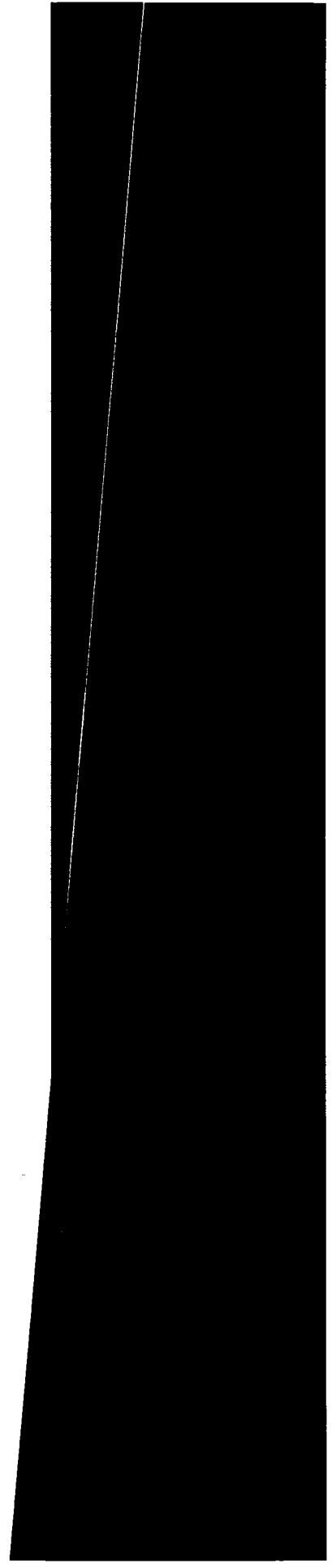
See 2014 Budget presentation



FY14 Budget

Fresno County Zoo Authority

January 29, 2014





## Attendance

- ▶ 2014 budgeted attendance of 665,000 (14% increase over 2013 budget).
- ▶ 2013 budget of 585,000 visitors
- ▶ 2013 actual attendance of 691,320 +18% over 2012
  - Historical attendance figures:
    - 2012 – 585,226 + 14%
    - 2011 – 511,788 + 15%
    - 2010 – 443,251 + 6%



# Fresno's Chaffee Zoo Corporation

## Income Statement

2014 Budget

REVENUE	FY14 Budget	FY13 Budget	FY13 @ 12/28/13 YTD	FY12 Audited
<b>Self Generated Revenue</b>				
Admissions	\$2,140,785	\$1,860,300	\$2,180,309	\$1,816,543
Adopt an Animal	\$35,000	\$25,000	\$36,342	\$25,290
Board Designated for Endowment	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$83,010	\$31,298
Education	\$238,600	\$220,525	\$255,487	\$204,901
Food Services	\$266,000	\$234,000	\$274,610	\$230,324
Gift Shop	\$332,500	\$280,800	\$350,319	\$280,566
Giraffe Feeding	\$159,600	\$125,775	\$167,450	\$125,276
Grants/Fundraising	\$1,239,000	\$153,500	\$196,644	\$191,436
Group Event/Facility Rental	\$240,000	\$150,000	\$240,592	\$191,324
Interest Income	\$275,000	\$275,000	\$266,594	\$257,872
Investment Income	\$0	\$0	\$876,051	\$633,395
Memberships	\$725,000	\$684,000	\$778,022	\$691,189
Special Events	\$493,100	\$444,000	\$468,623	\$419,160
Stingray Exhibit	\$272,650	\$239,850	\$272,757	\$219,535
Other	\$55,500	\$28,350	\$51,216	\$31,722
<b>Total Self Generated Revenue</b>	<b>\$6,522,735</b>	<b>\$4,771,100</b>	<b>\$6,498,027</b>	<b>\$5,349,831</b>
Measure Z-Capital Funds	\$20,250	\$20,240	\$1,994,497	\$8,941,678
Measure Z Operating Funds	\$3,928,683	\$3,766,252	\$3,551,161	\$3,129,944
Transfer to/from Related Organization	\$0	\$0	\$34,300	\$0
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$10,471,668</b>	<b>\$8,557,592</b>	<b>\$12,077,985</b>	<b>\$17,421,453</b>

# Fresno's Chaffee Zoo Corporation

## Income Statement

2014 Budget

EXPENSES		FY14 Budget	FY13 Budget	FY13 @ 12/28/13 YTD	FY12 Audited
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>					
<b>Personnel Expenses</b>					
Administration		\$723,477	\$564,803	\$603,963	\$534,086
Animal		\$1,878,286	\$1,675,445	\$1,520,680	\$1,472,267
Education		\$758,654	\$721,211	\$777,218	\$687,294
Maintenance/Horticulture		\$656,458	\$575,809	\$446,823	\$480,231
Mem/Dev/Marketing		\$552,625	\$404,833	\$418,561	\$384,969
Veterinary		\$259,529	\$216,689	\$208,445	\$189,532
Visitor Services		\$635,165	\$576,977	\$541,035	\$519,240
<b>Total Personnel Expenses</b>		<b>\$5,464,194</b>	<b>\$4,735,767</b>	<b>\$4,516,724</b>	<b>\$4,267,619</b>
<b>Other Expenses</b>					
Advertising		\$212,500	\$302,000	\$293,278	\$288,933
Animal Services		\$305,400	\$299,550	\$329,733	\$279,857
Computer/Software		\$53,000	\$48,445	\$46,348	\$43,934
Conservation		\$65,000	\$50,000	\$66,650	\$25,891
Contracted Services		\$454,500	\$380,475	\$470,117	\$353,867
Depreciation Expense		\$285,720	\$246,456	\$198,696	\$415,059
Dues		\$40,630	\$35,600	\$33,627	\$35,619
Equipment		\$155,100	\$165,243	\$125,721	\$112,583
Fleet		\$31,900	\$37,600	\$29,771	\$36,410
Food/Catering		\$127,050	\$71,900	\$115,397	\$85,577
Insurance		\$142,000	\$140,000	\$131,597	\$123,804
Miscellaneous Business		\$51,345	\$41,200	\$29,514	\$24,059
Office Rental		\$20,000	\$0	\$6,471	\$0
Office Supplies		\$25,650	\$30,395	\$27,085	\$33,597
Postage		\$52,845	\$50,360	\$31,742	\$34,850
Printing		\$139,595	\$129,595	\$128,096	\$104,988
Professional Services		\$144,000	\$197,500	\$175,622	\$185,333
Repairs and Replacements		\$198,000	\$191,350	\$263,378	\$188,397
Service/Bank/Credit Card Fees		\$119,360	\$112,490	\$117,189	\$103,342

# Fresno's Chaffee Zoo Corporation

## Income Statement

### 2014 Budget

	<b>FY14 Budget</b>	<b>FY13 Budget</b>	<b>FY13 @ 12/28/13 YTD</b>	<b>FY12 Audited</b>
Signage	\$25,000	\$27,000	\$40,913	\$26,134
Specialized Services	\$35,350	\$34,500	\$49,474	\$35,042
Staff Development	\$71,250	\$62,550	\$69,533	\$39,224
Supplies	\$312,400	\$295,105	\$300,355	\$263,927
Telephone	\$36,800	\$34,850	\$38,949	\$38,245
Uniforms	\$25,650	\$33,050	\$31,209	\$33,978
Utilities	\$458,000	\$450,000	\$434,758	\$383,797
Other	\$29,550	\$31,550	\$47,346	\$30,224
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b>\$3,617,595</b>	<b>\$3,498,764</b>	<b>\$3,632,570</b>	<b>\$3,326,672</b>
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$9,081,789</b>	<b>\$8,234,531</b>	<b>\$8,149,295</b>	<b>\$7,594,292</b>
<b>Expansion/Nonoperating Exp.</b>				
Expansion/Nonoperating Exp.	\$665,000	\$275,000	\$256,879	\$90,906
<b>Total Expansion/Nonoperating Exp.</b>	<b>\$665,000</b>	<b>\$275,000</b>	<b>\$256,879</b>	<b>\$90,906</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$9,746,789</b>	<b>\$8,509,531</b>	<b>\$8,406,173</b>	<b>\$7,685,198</b>
<b>BEGINNING FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$27,664,852</b>	<b>\$23,993,040</b>	<b>\$23,993,040</b>	<b>\$14,256,785</b>
<b>NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>\$724,879</b>	<b>\$48,061</b>	<b>\$3,671,812</b>	<b>\$9,736,255</b>
<b>ENDING FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$28,389,731</b>	<b>\$24,041,101</b>	<b>\$27,664,852</b>	<b>\$23,993,040</b>

\* Beginning fund balance made up of cash, investments, accounts receivable, and other assets less accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

## Expenses

### Personnel

- ▶ 2014 Salaries and Benefits: 60% of total operating expenses (industry benchmark of 58% – 63%). 2013 budget was 58% and projected year-end is 56%.
- ▶ 2014 benefits (insurance, retirement, payroll taxes and workers' compensation) is 34% of total salaries. 2013 budget was 34% and projected year-end is 33%.
- ▶ 2014 health insurance premiums increase of approximately 11% (negotiated down from 14%). The Zoo went to market in the fall of 2013 in an attempt to reduce health care costs. The current plan is still the best option for 2014. Affordable Care Act taxes are approximately half of the 11% increase over 2013.
- ▶ Other benefits, excluding health insurance and workers' comp, are expected to increase slightly over 2013 rates and have very little impact on the budget.

## Changes to 2014 Budget Salary and Benefits

New Positions*	\$405,000
Annual staff pay increases	\$103,000
Increases to benefits	\$ 86,000
Changes to existing positions*	\$ 60,000
Impact of July 1, 2014 increase to minimum wage	<u>\$ 40,000</u>
	\$694,000

### New Positions to 2014 Budget

Animal staff\* (4)  
 Assistant Curator of Education\*  
 Director of Development  
 Facilities Manager  
 Human Resources Manager (contracted out in 2013)

### Changes to Existing Positions (all positions converted to full time)

Accounts Payable Specialist (converted in 2013)

Cashier Lead  
 Events Set-up\*  
 Interpretive Guide Lead  
 Membership Assistant\*  
 Program Animal Specialist

\* Hiring of certain positions will depend on meeting revenue and expense goals.

## Operating Revenue Changes

▶ Admissions:	\$ 280,000	Increase in visitation
▶ Education:	\$ 18,000	Behind the scenes
▶ Food Services:	\$ 32,000	Increase in visitation
▶ Gift Shop	\$ 52,000	Increase in visitation
▶ Giraffe Feeding:	\$ 34,000	Increase in visitation
▶ Grants/Fundraising: Africa	\$ 920,000	
Measure Z renewal campaign	\$ 100,000	
▶ Group Events/Facility Rentals	\$ 90,000	Additional group events/facility rentals
▶ Membership	\$ 41,000	Additional members
▶ Special Events	\$ 49,000	Additional revenue brought in by special events
▶ Stingray Bay	\$ 33,000	Increase in visitation
▶ Other		
Vending	\$ 17,000	
Photo Booth	\$ 8,000	

## Operating Expenses Changes

▶ Advertising:	(\$ 90,000)	Absorbed by Measure Z renewal budget
▶ Conservation:	\$ 15,000	Increase funding for conservation projects
▶ Contracted Services:		
Winged Wonders shows	\$ 40,000	Extended season and added Tuesdays due to increased attendance
Zoo consultants	\$ 28,000	Consultants for various departments
Security Services	\$ 6,000	
▶ Depreciation	\$ 39,000	
▶ Food/Catering:		
Development	\$ 3,000	
Education	\$ 3,000	
Events	\$ 7,000	Additional event revenue to offset expense
Facility rentals/Group events	\$34,000	Increase in facility rentals resulting in additional revenue and expenses
Staff	\$ 3,000	
▶ Miscellaneous Business:		
Director discretionary	\$ 5,000	
Recruiting	\$ 2,000	



## Operating Expenses Changes continued

▶ Office Rental:	\$ 20,000	Rent for temporary administration office
▶ Printing:	\$ 10,000	Member newsletter
▶ Professional Services Legal and Audit Human Resources	\$ 18,000 (\$ 74,000)	Increase in legal expenses HR Manager hired in 2013
▶ Staff Development	\$ 9,000	
▶ Supplies Display and Exhibit supplies Education supplies Event supplies Janitorial supplies	(\$8,000) \$ 8,000 \$ 6,000 \$ 10,000	
▶ Expansion /Nonoperating Expenses Measure Z consultant	\$350,000	Measure Z renewal campaign

## 2014 Measure Z Request

2014 Measure Z Operating Support Request: 2013 request was \$3,766,252

• Personnel Expenses:	
Animal	\$ 1,878,286
Education	\$ 758,654
Maintenance/Horticulture	\$ 656,458
Visitor Services	\$ 635,165
• Operating Expenses:	
Bank Fees	\$ 120
Total 2014 Operating Request	<u>\$3,928,683</u>
• Measure Z Capital Support:	
Animal Acquisition/Transportation	\$ 20,000
Bank Fees	\$ 250
Total 2014 Capital Request	<u>\$ 20,250</u>

Expected 2014 Measure Z Funding (excluding interest):

	2014 FCZ*
Capital	Projected Revenue
Operating	\$ 7,854,605
Administration	\$ 3,927,244
2014 Projected Revenue	<u>\$ 240,446</u>
	\$12,022,295

\* 2014 Measure Z projected operating revenue of \$3,927,244 (based on Zoo Authority projections for January - June 2014 and a 1% increase to actual receipts for July -December 2013 as projections for July - December 2014). Earned interest not included in this projection.

## Measure Z continued

- 2014 Measure Z Operating Support Request:
 

2014 request:	\$ 3,928,683	Percent of operating budget: 43%
2013 request:	<u>\$ 3,766,252</u>	Percent of operating budget: 46%
Increase/(Decrease):	\$ 162,431	
  
- 2013 Projected Measure Z Operating Revenue:
  - Projected receipts to be collected in 2013 of \$4,066,138
  - The Zoo's projected total claims of \$3,580,563
  - 2013 projected funds available: \$485,575
  
- 2012 Measure Z Operating Revenue:
  - Actual receipts collected in 2012 of \$3,736,385
  - The Zoo submitted claims of \$3,129,944
  - 2012 funds available: \$606,441

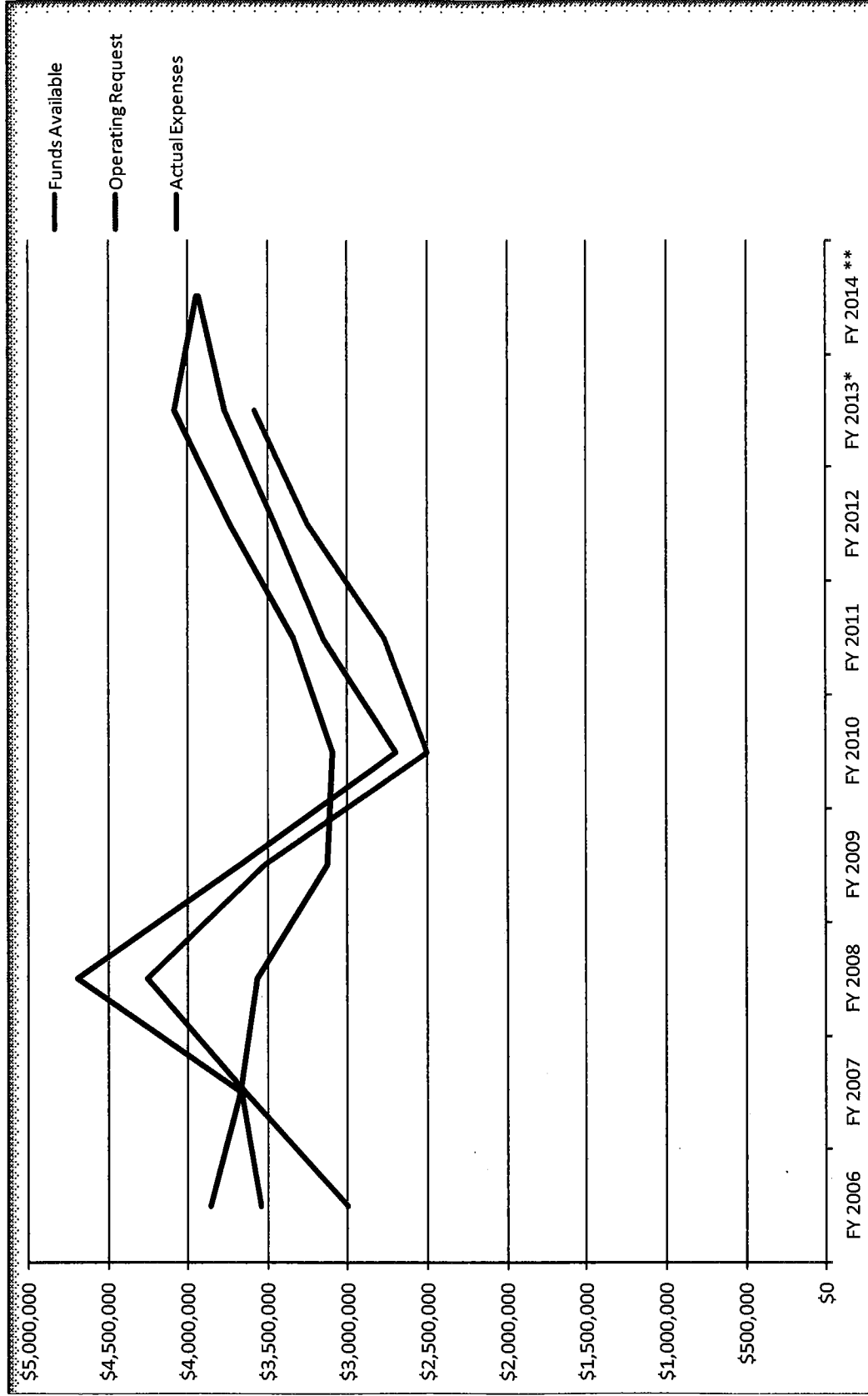
Measure Z operating fund surplus of approximately \$5.1 million as of 12/31/2013.

All figures based on Zoo's fiscal year (January - December)

# Measure Z Revenue Summary of Tax Proceeds

	2004-2005 ACTUAL	2005-2006 ACTUAL	2006-2007 ACTUAL	2007-2008 ACTUAL	2008-2009 ACTUAL	2009-2010 ACTUAL	2010-2011 ACTUAL	2011-2012 ACTUAL	2012-2013 ACTUAL	2013-2014 ACTUAL
July		\$700,400	\$671,500	\$819,900	\$813,500	\$671,700	\$659,300	\$719,800	\$826,000	\$903,500
August		933,800	895,400	1,093,200	1,084,700	885,300	857,600	921,200	1,033,100	\$1,106,000
September		764,524	1,453,498	1,060,279	930,087	810,940	895,691	1,057,603	1,028,369	\$1,097,605
October		705,400	679,300	853,500	792,200	678,000	677,000	694,100	850,500	\$857,400
November		940,500	1,471,000	1,138,000	1,056,300	743,300	879,500	878,500	1,056,800	\$1,143,200
December		1,324,459	1,047,118	827,112	872,815	971,061	932,350	1,240,028	1,083,021	\$1,076,977
January		676,000	813,700	831,200	766,900	719,900	710,700	770,100	799,900	
February		901,300	1,081,800	1,108,200	841,000	944,000	919,900	978,600	1,086,700	
March		1,319,000	905,577	762,907	959,801	628,563	821,858	1,006,649	1,021,734	
April		678,900	748,000	699,000	652,000	594,300	618,400	716,100	846,500	
May		905,200	997,300	932,000	860,800	847,200	876,500	897,100	1,493,700	
June	701,853	1,113,269	900,178	1,026,580	730,781	821,511	963,040	1,191,689	1,015,391	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$701,853</b>	<b>\$10,962,752</b>	<b>\$11,664,370</b>	<b>\$11,151,879</b>	<b>\$10,360,883</b>	<b>\$9,315,775</b>	<b>\$9,811,839</b>	<b>\$11,071,469</b>	<b>\$12,141,715</b>	<b>\$6,184,682</b>
Total received from inception										\$93,367,218

## Measure Z Operating Funds



\* 2013 projected expenses

\*\* 2014 budgeted expenses

Funds available is conservative. It is likely there will be additional revenue available.



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DATE: January 29, 2014  
TO: Fresno County Zoo Authority Board  
FROM: Brian Goldman, Chief Financial Officer  
Fresno's Chaffee Zoo Corporation  
SUBJECT: 2014 Measure Z Capital Request

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Approve Fresno Chaffee Zoo request FY 2014 Measure Z Capital funds totaling \$ 20,250 for animal acquisitions and transportation, and bank fees for reimbursement of capital claims.

**DISCUSSION:**

At this time, the Zoo is requesting capital funds only for the purchase and transportation of animals, and service fees to wire funds to the Zoo for capital claims. Additional capital requests will be brought to the Zoo Authority Board throughout the year. This request has been made for the past 2 years and will only be used for 2014 expenses.

The Fresno's Chaffee Zoo Corporation Board of Directors approved the 2014 budget on December 12, 2013.



General Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Fresno Chaffee Zoo Education Building  
December 12, 2013 5:31 pm

Board Members Present	Board Members Absent	Public Present	Staff Present
Bruce Campbell	Sleg Fisher		Scott Barton
Colin Dougherty	Sharon Levy		Lisa Condolan
Sheri Manning-Cartwright	Tom Richards		Laura Martina
George Nokes			Alisha Anderson
Shari Rainwater			Brian Goldman
Craig Saladino			
John Valentino			

Meeting called to order at 5:31 p.m.

**Discuss and consider minutes:** Director Valentino called for a motion to approve the minutes as written. Director Dougherty so moved. Director Rainwater seconded. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

**Chair Report:** Director Valentino stated he will request the Nominating Chair Director Richards together with Director Valentino, Director Nokes, Director Manning-Cartwright and Fresno Chaffee Zoo Human Resources Manager Laura Martina come together as a committee to perform the CEO Appraisal Evaluation. Furthermore, to complete the evaluation process in 10 calendar days.

Director Valentino presented former Director Brenda Nelson with a plaque thanking her for her service to the Fresno's Chaffee Zoo Board.

**CEO Report:** CEO Barton gave a presentation on the African Adventure to date. CEO Barton stated there would be a video monitor at the zoo entrance ticket booth.

CEO Barton introduced Fresno Chaffee Zoo's new Chief Development Officer Alisha Anderson. CDO Anderson gave a short presentation on development and giving programs for the African Adventure and other zoo projects.

**Discuss and consider Financial Report:** CFO Brian Goldman reviewed the November financial report with the board. Director Rainwater made a motion to accept the financial report as received. Director Dougherty seconded. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

**Discuss and consider FY2014 Budget:** CFO Goldman presented the FY2014 Budget to the board. Director Saladino stated the Finance Committee had met on December 4, 2013 and approved the budget for presentation to the full board. Director Valentino called for a motion to approve the FY2014 Budget. Director Dougherty so moved. Director Nokes seconded. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

**Discuss and consider Committee Reports:** Assistant Board Secretary Lisa Condoian stated the bylaws review process is ongoing.

**Discuss and consider 2014 meeting calendar:** Tabled.

**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.

**Board questions and comments:** Director Rainwater stated we should have a drawing at the African Adventure construction site depicting what the finished exhibit would look like. Director Dougherty added there should also be a video file depicting the entire process from start to finish.

**Adjournment:** 7:05 pm.

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



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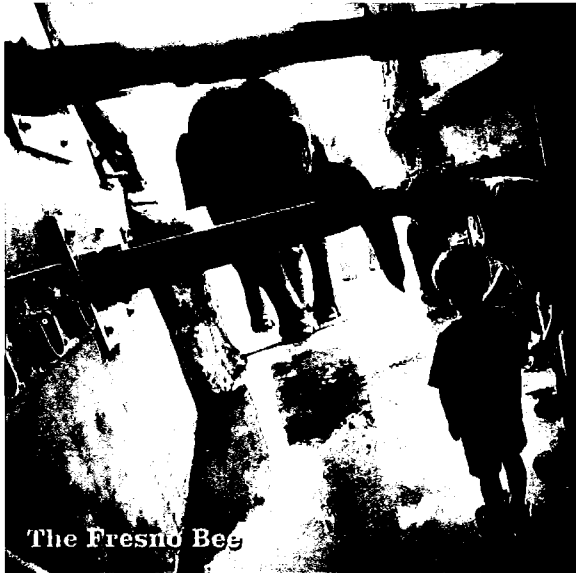
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FRESNO'S CHAFFEE ZOO CORPORATION  
Agenda for Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Thursday, January 09, 2014 at 5:30 pm  
Fresno Chaffee Zoo Education Building

1. Call to order – 5:30 p.m.
2. Roll Call.
3. Discuss and consider minutes.
4. Chair Report.
5. CEO Report.
6. Discuss and consider Financial Report.
7. Discuss and consider Committee Reports.
8. Discuss and consider policy for Procurement of Goods and Services.
9. Review, discuss and consider 2014 Meeting Calendar.
10. Closed Session
  - *Conference with Legal Counsel --Existing Litigation Friends of Roeding Park, Lisa Y. Flores v. City of Fresno, Case No. 13 CE CG 03869 (Fresno Superior Court), Case filed on or about December 13, 2013  
Closed Session Authorized by Government Code Section 54957 (b) (1)*
  - *Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation Joan LeRoux v. The Fresno Chaffee Zoo Corp. Case No. 13 CE CG 02853 (Fresno Superior Court), Case filed on or about September 11, 2013  
Closed Session Authorized by Government Code Section 54956.9 (d) (1)  
Litigation has been initiated formally*
  - *Employee Performance Evaluation  
Chief Executive Officer  
Closed Session Authorized by Government Code Section 54957 (b) (1)*
11. Public Comment.

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12. Board questions and comments.
13. Adjournment.





In a September file photo, lead keeper Amber Talley, right, leads Ethan Sowden, 5, of Fresno, to "Kara", a 37-year-old Asian Elephant, during a "behind the scenes" tour at Fresno Chaffee Zoo. SILVIA FLORES — THE FRESNO BEE

## **\$51 million in Measure Z funds OK'd for Fresno zoo African savanna**

By Marc Benjamin The Fresno Bee December 6, 2013

The Fresno Chaffee Zoo Authority voted unanimously Friday to approve \$51.7 million in Measure Z funds to build a 13-acre African savanna project. Rhinos, breeding elephants, lions and cheetahs are among new animals to the Fresno zoo that will be part of the exhibit. The total cost of the exhibit is expected to exceed \$54 million. One year of revenue should more than make up the difference, County officials told the Zoo Authority. Zoo officials expect the project to be completed in summer 2015.

Measure Z, a tenth-of-a-cent sales tax approved by voters in 2004, is for Fresno zoo funding.

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## **Fresno Chaffee Zoo's rare Malayan tiger is pregnant**

By Marc Benjamin - The Fresno Bee December 6, 2013

The pitter-patter of tiny tiger cub paws may soon be heard at Fresno Chaffee Zoo, because Mek is expecting. Zoo officials are keeping their fingers crossed that the rare Malayan tiger's cubs will be born without complications. There are only about 500 Malayan tigers remaining in the wild. The United States is the only country with a breeding program, which involves about 60 of the big cats in 26 zoos.

Lyn Myers, assistant curator at Fresno Chaffee Zoo, said the zoo's two tigers, Mek and Paka, bred in September. Mek's pregnancy was detected when zookeepers noticed her shape had changed, she added weight and had mammary development, Myers said. After an ultrasound,

two cubs were detected and it's possible there is a third, she said. Mek's pregnancy was announced Friday. Her due date is at the end of this month or in early January, Myers said.

Mek had a litter about three years ago at the San Diego Zoo. She was moved to Fresno specifically to breed since she had bred previously with Paka. Mek is now kept inside and only Paka is on display in the Fresno zoo's exhibit, Myers said. Mek and Paka were among six tigers in the wild that were brought to the United States as part of a project to save tigers that were endangering humans or losing their territory to development, Myers said.

"They probably would not have survived if the United States didn't have this breeding program," she said.

Their genetic makeup allowed them to be placed in the breeding program, said Mike Dulaney, curator at the Cincinnati Zoo and vice coordinator of the Malayan tiger species survival plan. This year, two litters totaling seven Malayan tiger cubs were born in Little Rock, Ark., and Tampa, Fla., he said. Dulaney is encouraged because Mek is an experienced mother.

"That gives us better odds since she had a couple litters in San Diego," Dulaney said. "The fact that she has had litters and raised them certainly gives us much greater hope."

## **\$51 million in Measure Z funds OK'd for Fresno zoo African savanna**

By Marc Benjamin The Fresno Bee December 7, 2013

A vote Friday by the Fresno County Zoo Authority cleared the way for construction to begin next month on the 13-acre African Adventure exhibit at Fresno Chaffee Zoo. The 7-0 vote came over the objections of longtime opponents who have sought to scuttle the project. The authority, which releases funds for zoo improvements, agreed to spend \$51.7 million for the project, which will be home to lions, breeding elephants, cheetahs, rhinos, meerkats and other African animals. The project will be funded with money from Measure Z, the tenth-of-a-cent sales tax dedicated to zoo improvements. Measure Z has already paid for Sea Lion Cove, Stingray Bay, Dino Dig and a river otter project in the old sea lion enclosure. When finished, the project will take up about one-third of the future zoo, which is proposed to expand from 18 to 39 acres. The project's total cost will be \$55.9 million, including about \$4.2 million already spent on design costs.

Friday's approval was made possible after the National Park Service said last month the Africa project could proceed. It took more than a year to gain state and federal approval on expanding the zoo into Roeding Park, which was necessary because the city had received federal grants for Roeding that were administered through the state.

Lawyer Richard Harriman, who filed a lawsuit opposing the project's environmental documents and first raised issues about needing federal oversight because of the grants, sent a letter Thursday to lawyers for the city and the zoo objecting to approval of the Africa project. Harriman said the city's environmental impact report for the zoo still is inadequate, and he objected to the National Park Service's findings allowing the project to move forward.

Decisions by the Fresno Planning Commission and Fresno City Council to reject a new entrance on Golden State Boulevard and keep the existing entrances on Olive and Belmont

avenues should be appealed, Harriman wrote in his letter. The plan approved by the commission and council also moves the city's Belmont Avenue ticket booth for entry to the park.

Lisa Flores, one of the plaintiffs in Harriman's lawsuit, told the zoo authority that Chaffee should pay the entire cost of moving the park entry booth. The \$200,000 cost is being split by the zoo and the city. She also complained that the city and the zoo won't provide enough parking for the larger number of people who will visit the zoo.

Zoo director Scott Barton said the city will move its maintenance yard out of Roeding Park, which will provide space for three or four more acres of parking.

Fresno City Council Member Oliver Baines, who sits on the zoo authority, said it's up to a City Council member or Mayor Ashley Swearengin to appeal a planning commission or City Council decision. He said he will not appeal the decisions, and a spokesman for Swearengin said she won't either. "This is a relatively historic day," Baines said. "A couple years from now, we'll have a world-class zoo. It wasn't an easy process, and people contemplated the issues pretty heavily."

Fresno resident Jan Bourret said she supports the zoo expansion, because it gives children opportunities to see things they may never get to see otherwise. On a recent visit to the zoo, she said, her grandson gave the zoo high praise. "He said it was better than Monterey Bay Aquarium," Bourret said. "That's something we should be extremely proud of."

## **Letters to the Editor - Zoo expansion is here**

The Fresno Bee December 18, 2013

Elephants (African), lions, cheetahs, rhinos, and many more are coming to the Fresno Chaffee Zoo. Hippos will return by popular demand during phase two. After eight years of dealing with five obstructionists and wasting tens of thousands in attorney's fees and increased construction costs due to delays, the voters finally win. Attendance records continue to be broken. This year alone saw new otters, a cobra and a Komodo dragon plus giraffe and colobus monkey babies.

The zoo is a place where people of all ages, ethnic, and economic backgrounds come together for a happy family experience. Smiles abound at the Chaffee Zoo.

Jean Chaffee

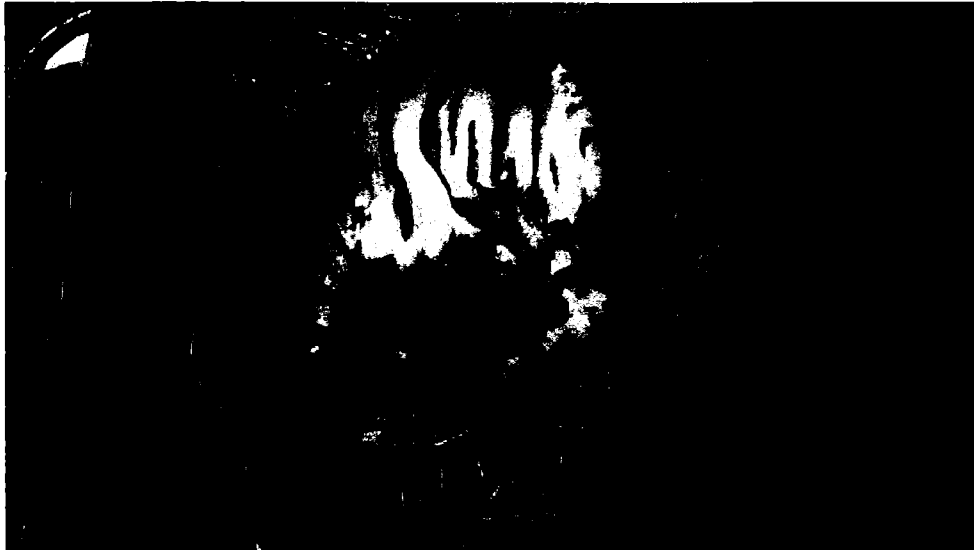


Photo- John Walker 1/5/14 Malayan Tiger mother Mek and 4 newborn cubs.

## **4 Malayan tiger cubs born at Fresno Chaffee Zoo**

By Marc Benjamin The Fresno Bee January 6, 2014

Four rare Malayan tiger cubs were born early Sunday in Fresno Chaffee Zoo, officials said Monday, adding an exclamation point to a day that included the zoo's African Adventure groundbreaking ceremony. Three tigers were born between 4 and 5 a.m. Sunday. Mek, the mother tiger, gave birth to a fourth cub about two hours later.

"All four look strong and are doing well," said Scott Barton, zoo director. Barton announced the births in front of about 200 people in Roeding Park for the zoo's groundbreaking ceremony for the 13-acre, \$55.9 million Africa project paid for with Measure Z, the one-tenth-of-a-cent sales tax earmarked for zoo improvements.

Zookeepers have not been in the birthing area and don't intend to interfere with Mek, Barton said. "We usually give them a while before we go in," he said. "We will check them in five to seven days."

Until then, the cubs cannot be weighed or get a health exam. The cubs' genders are not known, but their bellies are round and they appear well-fed, Barton said. "All we are seeing is great behavior from the mom and cubs," he said. "We want her to bond with them and be very relaxed."

Mek is 16 years old -- fairly old for a tiger to give birth -- and "an experienced mother," Barton said. Mek had a litter about three years ago at the San Diego Zoo. She was moved to Fresno specifically to breed since she had bred previously with Paka, the zoo's male. The cubs will not go into the outdoor enclosure for about two months, weather permitting, Barton said.

There are only about 500 Malayan tigers remaining in the wild. The United States is the only country with a breeding program, which involves about 60 of the big cats in 26 zoos. Last year,

two litters totaling seven Malayan tiger cubs were born in Little Rock, Ark., and Tampa, Fla., he said.

"Eventually, it's expected these youngsters will go off and start breeding programs at other zoos, but we will have them here for a while," Barton said.

Visitors can observe Mek and her cubs on a live feed video screen at the zoo.



Photo- John Walker

1/6/14 African Adventure Groundbreaking crew included East African Crowded Cranes.



Photo- John Walker 1/6/14 African Adventure Groundbreaking-  
Cathy Crosby, Zoo Authority Board Member Peter Herzog, Fresno County District 3  
Supervisor Henry Perea, Fresno City District 4 Councilmember Paul Caprioglio,  
Fresno Mayor Ashley Swearengin, Senator Jim Costa

## Fresno Chaffee Zoo to seek Measure Z renewal

By Marc Benjamin

The Fresno Bee January 7, 2014



JOHN WALKER — THE FRESNO BEE Scott Barton, director of the Fresno Chaffee Zoo, speaks during groundbreaking ceremonies for the new African Adventure exhibit in Roeding Park.

Measure Z, which could pay for more projects at Fresno Chaffee Zoo, will be up for renewal on the November ballot, Fresno County Supervisors learned Tuesday. During discussion of the Fresno County Zoo Authority annual report, zoo Director Scott Barton said a new Measure Z will look much the same as the existing one.

Measure Z, a sales tax measure that raises 10 cents for every \$100 spent, was approved in 2004 with a 10-year sunset. Two-thirds of the money pays for new projects such as Sea Lion Cove, King Cobra, Stingray Bay and "African Adventure," which is now under way.

One-third of the money is used for zoo operations and staffing. The measure is expected to raise \$100 million by the time it expires.

Fresno County Supervisor Judy Case McNairy said she was concerned about the zoo's survival if Measure Z is not renewed. (The supervisor said Tuesday she wants to start using her full married name in official county business.)

Barton said if the Measure Z renewal failed, the zoo would not face imminent closure. The zoo has more than \$3 million budgeted for zoo operations that has not been used and investments it can draw from. In addition, if the renewal failed, the zoo would likely raise entry fees and zoo membership prices to continue operations.

"Every year, we underspend for operations," he said. "If Measure Z doesn't pass we will have to start spending it down."

He said the zoo has not raised entry fees for more than a decade; without Measure Z's renewal, entry fees likely will rise. Also, without a new Measure Z, he said, the zoo would not expand as

quickly into to its ultimate build-out of 39 acres. The new area would be home to hippos, gorillas and possibly penguins, Barton told supervisors.

"If Measure Z does not pass the biggest impact will be in (new) capital projects," Barton said. He said he expects the new ballot measure language to be ready by March for county supervisors.

In other action, supervisors also supported a plan to build a new jail annex with \$79.2 million in state money and \$8.8 million in county matching funds. A decision is expected at a Board of State and Community Corrections meeting next week. County Administrative Officer John Navarrette said supervisors' action Tuesday "puts us in a stronger position ... removing any doubt of our county's commitment."

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## **New lawsuit wants more review of Chaffee Zoo expansion**

The Fresno Bee January 8, 2014 By Marc Benjamin

Fresno Chaffee Zoo's African Adventure project could face more delays because Fresno city officials did not give proper time for public comments about proposed changes to entrances in the Roeding Park master plan, a lawsuit claims. The lawsuit, filed last month by Friends of Roeding Park lawyer Richard Harriman, said the decision not to use Golden State Boulevard and Olive Avenue as future entrances to the park and to continue using entries at Olive and Belmont avenues will reduce parking and significantly change traffic patterns. The lawsuit contends the city violated state environmental law by failing to allow sufficient public comment on the changed plan.

The city provided "six day's notice to petitioners and the public of the intent to amend the master plans for the park and the zoo ... to review a 302-page document and to prepare for the hearing by the City Council on Nov. 7, 2013," said the lawsuit.

Friends of Roeding Park wants the city to overturn approval of the park entryways decision and prepare a supplemental environmental impact report for additional public comment. Harriman, whose clients lost a court battle to block zoo expansion, said he would decline comment until after settlement talks conclude. If no settlement is reached, Friends of Roeding Park will seek a temporary restraining order that could stop construction work at the zoo until a proper environmental review is done.

Work on African Adventure will soon get under way. It will add 13 acres now outside Chaffee Zoo's current boundaries in Roeding Park. The project will take 19 months to complete and will add African elephants, lions, cheetahs and meerkats. Zoo officials maintain that there was no need for additional environmental study, however.

The entrance change was approved in an addendum to the environmental document that evaluated traffic and parking needs, said John Kinsey, lawyer for the Fresno Chaffee Zoo Corp.,

the nonprofit that operates the zoo. The city had proposed adding a Golden State Boulevard entrance, but high-speed railroad plans eliminated that idea, he said.

"Golden State Boulevard, as it exists today, is not going to be there if the high-speed rail project is built," Kinsey said. "We had to come up with another option for some minor elements of the master plan and move the Golden State entrance to Belmont." By moving the Golden State entrance, some parking was lost, but "we will still be well within the number of parking spaces we need," Kinsey said. The legal question is whether the entrance change creates "new or significant impacts or worsening of significant impacts," he said.

The environmental document in the addendum contains a traffic and parking analysis that concludes a supplemental environmental report was not needed.

"It confirms that there were not going to be any major changes and no new significant impacts," Kinsey said.

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## **Fresno Chaffee Zoo's new tiger cubs weigh in**

The Fresno Bee January 15, 2014



The four Malayan tiger cubs who were born Jan. 5 at Fresno Chaffee Zoo were weighed Wednesday for the first time. The litter-mates, two girls and two boys, were 2 and 1/2 to 3 and 1/2 pounds each, have healthy round bellies and are noisy, said Lyn Myers, the zoo's assistant curator. "They are extremely loud and insistent," she said. "They are hollering and swatting with extended claws much like they will when they are adults." The cubs, who are not yet named, are identified by different striping patterns that are similar to fingerprints, Myers said.