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Sacramento Zoo Statement Regarding Elk Grove City Council Support for New Zoo Plan

(Sacramento, CA) -- At their meeting on March 23, the Elk Grove City Council received the feasibility study for a new, regional zoo. They also extended the term of the Exclusive Negotiation Agreement for 60 days and directed their staff to work with the Zoo on a Memorandum of Understanding that would guide the next level of work – development of a master design plan and comprehensive feasibility study. The direction advances the proposed creation of a modern zoological park in Elk Grove to the next phase of development.

“The Society’s partnership with the leadership of Elk Grove creates the possibility that we will be able to give our region - and this state - a new zoo and all of the incredible experiences that come with it,” said Elizabeth Stallard, President of the Sacramento Zoological Society Board of Trustees. “We are thrilled to continue this planning and study process.”

The Council’s direction to continue the process is a strong show of support for the progression of the partnership between the Sacramento Zoological Society and the City of Elk Grove.

In the coming weeks and months, the Society and the City will continue working together to move the project forward. The next step is issuing a request for proposals to several top zoological park design firms; drafting and formalizing an official memorandum of understanding between the parties; and moving toward the creation of a phase one master plan for the new zoo.

“Building a new, regional zoo is a rare and time-intensive process that we welcome. The new zoo will be a series of experiences that benefits our animals and zoo visitors. Our goal is to create a zoo that educates and inspires over a million guests a year to make a difference for wildlife,” said Sacramento Zoo Executive Director, Jason Jacobs.

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