



June 21, 2011

Scott Barton, Executive Director  
Fresno Chaffee Zoo  
894 West Belmont Avenue  
Fresno, CA 93728

Dear Mr. Barton,

This letter is in response to the inquiry the Office of Grants and Local Services (OGALS) received from Fresno Chaffee Zoo. OGALS is including representatives from the City of Fresno on this response as they are the grantee.

As described in your letter and indicated on the maps we received May 26, 2011, you are seeking our input on a new Sea Lion Cove Exhibit planned within the existing boundaries of the Fresno Chaffee Zoo. Additionally, you are seeking OGALS' direction if the Sea Lion Cove Exhibit would implicate or need National Park Service (NPS) approval for the Land and Water Conservation Fund funded projects within Roeding Park.

Based on the items forwarded to OGALS, the Sea Lion Cove Exhibit and support facilities would replace the existing camel, prairie dog and sarus cranes exhibit and will be located exclusively within the existing zoo footprint (6(f)(3) map boundary. The exhibit will not result in any new uses or construction on existing parkland, and will continue to be for public outdoor recreation use.

After reviewing the maps and information you have provided, the Sea Lion Cove project is consistent with the LWCF program guidelines set forth in the Land and Water State Assistance Program Manual, Chapter 3 (c)(4)(p) page 3-13, Zoo facilities.

The Life Support Systems (LSS) facility that provides filtration for the Sea Cove exhibit, and the keeper facility that is an animal off-exhibit holding space, animal food preparation and small administrative office for Zoo staff is consistent with the LWCF program guidelines set forth in LWCF Manual Chapter 3 (c)(5)(a,b) page 3-13, Guidelines for eligible support facilities and Operation and maintenance facilities.

As presented, this exhibit will not have any contractual or fiscal bearing on the six other contracts within Roeding Park. No further approvals are needed from NPS. However, this approval does not apply to approval of any other exhibits or expansions proposed at Chaffee Zoo.

As a reminder, the City of Fresno contractually agreed to abide by Section 6(f)(3) of Public Law 988-578 which states, "No property acquired or developed with assistance

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under this section shall, without approval of the National Secretary of the Interior, be converted to other than public outdoor recreation uses." If you anticipate any future changes to other than public outdoor recreation use, please contact us immediately.

If we can be of further assistance please contact Jeanne Ekstrom, Project Officer at (916) 651-7756 or [jmeks@parks.ca.gov](mailto:jmeks@parks.ca.gov), Cynthia Wong, Supervisor, at (916) 651-8574 or [cwong@parks.ca.gov](mailto:cwong@parks.ca.gov), or myself at (916) 651-7743 or [bbaker@parks.ca.gov](mailto:bbaker@parks.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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