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FRESNO CHAFFEE ZOO ANNOUNCES CLOSURE OF TROPICAL RAINFOREST AVIARY

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FRESNO, CA — Fresno Chaffee Zoo announces that they will be closing their Tropical Rainforest Aviary July 5th. The exhibit will reopen at a later date as a non-animal experience.

Tropical Rainforest Aviary has been a historic addition to the Zoo since its opening on May 14th, 1988. The open-air, walk-through exhibit has served as a celebration of flight that immerses visitors in an authentic rainforest experience. Guests have enjoyed the peaceful sounds of waterfalls and watched as birds swam in the pools of this naturalistic exhibit.

At 38 years old, the exhibit no longer meets the Zoo's standards for welfare and safety of the birds and a proper working environment for the staff. Over time, the exhibit has become outdated and does not support the needs of the animals. The birds that currently reside in the aviary will be relocated to other aviaries within the Zoo or will find new homes at other institutions.

"As animal care and building standards continue to evolve, it is important that our institution evolve with them," said Fresno Chaffee Zoo CEO and Zoo Director, Jon Forrest Dohlin. "The Rainforest has been a large part of the Zoo's history, and we recognize that guests have made many memories here. We want to give the people of Fresno a chance to say goodbye to this historic exhibit."

The aviary will close to the public on Sunday, July 5th, 2026. Guests are encouraged to come see the aviary and say their goodbyes to the exhibit throughout the next month.

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"Fresno Chaffee Zoo inspires people to care for animals, create connections, build community, and save wildlife."