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## FRESNO CHAFFEE ZOO WELCOMES DEPUTY DIRECTOR/CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

*Fresno*, *CA* – Fresno Chaffee Zoo officials are excited to welcome Deputy Director/Chief Operating Officer Amos Morris to the Fresno Chaffee Zoo team!

Morris comes to Fresno from the Mesker Park Zoo & Botanic Garden in Evansville, IN where he served as the Zoo's Director and the Executive Director of the Evansville Zoological Society. His primary background is in zoo management, mammal husbandry and conservation education. Morris started his zoo career as a zookeeper at the St. Louis Zoo and has over 25 years of zoo experience.

Amos is active in the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) professional programs and is a former member of the AZA Board of Directors. Over the past several years, Amos has served as a member of the AZA Ethics Board, is a current member of the AZA Elephant Management Group and Tiger Management Group, and is an AZA Accreditation inspector.

"Amos brings with him a variety of zoo experience and a vast knowledge of the animal industry," said Scott Barton, CEO of Fresno Chaffee Zoo. "We are very excited to welcome him to Fresno and are eager to have him as a part of our team."