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## REDWOOD SKY WALK LOCAL SOFT OPENING DELAYED

(May 13, 2021, Eureka, Calif.) – The Sequoia Park Zoo will delay the soft opening of the Redwood Sky Walk, originally planned for tomorrow Friday, May 14, 2021.

“While the Redwood Sky Walk has been specially engineered to withstand many adverse weather events, the structure is attached to living trees. Because of the many natural and manmade variables at play, the zoo has put aggressive protocols in place to thoroughly check the structure when extreme weather conditions present opportunities for unusual strain,” Zoo Director Gretchen Ziegler said. “It’s truly unfortunate that local wind conditions over the past few days have forced us to implement our closing procedures and delay our long-awaited soft opening plans. But, the safety of our guests will always be our top priority. These precautionary measures are in place for moments such as this.”

City officials have advised that the planned zoo admission price increases will not go into effect tomorrow as previously announced, and instead will await the Redwood Sky Walk opening. An announcement regarding the new soft opening timeline is anticipated for next week. There are no plans to delay the grand opening weekend activities scheduled for June 4-6, 2021 at this time.

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### **About the Sequoia Park Zoo**

Established in 1907, and accredited by the Association of Zoos & Aquariums, Sequoia Park Zoo is an intimate, 5-acre facility situated in the heart of Northern California's Coastal Redwood region. The Zoo welcomes approximately one hundred thousand visitors each year, features over 50 species of animals, and is home to the Redwood Sky Walk a unique and highly acclaimed interpretive experience that takes guests across a series of suspended bridges and platforms and offers a unique perspective on an old and second growth Coastal Redwood grove. The Sequoia Park Zoo inspires conservation of the natural world by instilling wonder, respect, and passion for wildlife. The Sequoia Park Zoo is owned and operated by the City of Eureka, California. Learn more at [sequoiaparkzoo.net](http://sequoiaparkzoo.net).

### **About the City of Eureka**

As the county seat of world-famous Humboldt County California, the City of Eureka (Pop. 27,000) is the heart of the U.S. Redwood Coast. Eureka is the market and cultural center of a beautiful region filled with iconic redwoods, the world’s tallest trees, and stunningly beautiful, rugged, and remote ocean landscapes. Eureka is the largest coastal city between San Francisco

and Portland and a frequent stop over point for road trippers exploring the Pacific Northwest. Culturally protected by the 'redwood curtain,' the city is most famous for its unique Victorian architecture, one-of-a-kind shops and artisanal businesses, and its rich, authentic history. Learn more at [visiteureka.com](http://visiteureka.com).