



# County of El Dorado

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Location

## Minutes - Final Fish and Wildlife Commission

*Patrick W. Weddle, Chair, District IV*  
*Steven Schwarzbach, Vice Chair, Member at Large*  
*Larry Robinson, Treasurer, District II*  
*Dennis F. Byrne, District I*  
*James Davies, District III*  
*Leona Allen, District V*  
*Vacant, Member at Large*

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Wednesday, April 30, 2025

3:00 PM

<https://edcgov-us.zoom.us/j/96964085640>

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**330 Fair Ln - Building A, Conference Room A**  
**Placerville, CA OR Live Streamed - [Click here to view](#)**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION INSTRUCTIONS: The Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting room will be open to the public. The meeting will continue to be live-streamed via Zoom. By participating in this meeting, you acknowledge that you are being recorded.

Members of the public may address the Commission in-person or via Zoom to make a public comment. The public should call into 530-621-7603 or 530-621-7610. The Meeting ID is 969 6408 5640. Please note you will not be able to join the live-stream until the posted meeting start time.

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<https://edcgov-us.zoom.us/j/96964085640>.

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Although the County strives to offer remote participation, be advised that remote Zoom participation is provided for convenience only. In the event of a technological malfunction, the only assurance of live comments being received by the Commission is to attend in person. Except for a noticed teleconference meeting, the Commission reserves the right to conduct the meeting without remote access if there is a malfunction.

If you choose not to observe the Commission meeting but wish to make a comment on a specific agenda item, please submit your comment in writing. You are encouraged to submit your comment in writing by 4:00 PM on the Tuesday before the meeting to ensure the Commission has adequate time to review. Please submit your comment to the Clerk of the Board at [edc.cob@edcgov.us](mailto:edc.cob@edcgov.us). Your comment will be placed into the record and forwarded to Commission members.

**PROTOCOLS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comment will be received at designated periods as called by the Commission Chair.

Individuals will have three minutes to address the Commission. Except with the consent of the Commission, individuals shall be allowed to speak to an item only once.

Individual Commission members may ask clarifying questions but will not engage in substantive dialogue with persons providing input to the Commission.

If a person providing input to the Commission creates a disruption by refusing to follow Commission guidelines, the Commission Chair may take the following actions:

Step 1. Request the person adhere to Commission guidelines. If the person refuses, the Commission Chair may turn off the speaker's microphone.

Step 2. If the disruption continues, the Commission Chair may order a recess of the Commission meeting.

Step 3. If the disruption continues, the Commission Chair may order the removal of the person from the Commission meeting.

**CALLED TO ORDER AT 3:30 P.M.****ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 5 - Weddle, Schwarzbach, Byrne, Davies and Robinson

**Absent:** 1 - Allen

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

*There was no public comment.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Davies, seconded by Commissioner Byrne to Adopt the Agenda and Approve the Consent Calendar.**

**Yes:** 5 - Weddle, Schwarzbach, Byrne, Davies and Robinson

**Absent:** 1 - Allen

The Commission may make any necessary additions, deletions or corrections to the agenda including moving items to or from the Consent Calendar and adopt the agenda and the Consent Calendar with one single vote. A Commission member may request an item be removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion and separate Commission action. At the appropriate time as called by the Commission Chair, members of the public may make a comment on matters on the Consent Calendar prior to Commission action.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. [25-0706](#) Approval of the Minutes from the regular meeting on March 26, 2025.

**Attachments:** [3-26-25 Draft Minutes](#)

**This matter was Approved on the Consent Calendar.**

**Yes:** 5 - Weddle, Schwarzbach, Byrne, Davies and Robinson

**Absent:** 1 - Allen

**END OF CONSENT CALENDAR****PRESENTATION**

2. [25-0807](#) Supervisor Turnboo and Supervisor Veerkamp presenting Mike Denega with a Certificate of Appreciation for his service to the Commission.

*Public Comment: K. Weiland*

**Supervisor Turnboo and Supervisor Veerkamp presented Mike Denega with a Certificate of Appreciation for his service to the Commission.**

## OPEN FORUM

*Open Forum: H. Gardner, K. Jermstad, K. Weiland*

Open Forum is an opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on subject matter that is not on their meeting agenda and within their jurisdiction. Public comments during Open Forum are limited to three minutes per person. The Commission Chair may limit public comment during Open Forum.

## EL DORADO COUNTY AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER REPORT

Ag Commissioner LeeAnne Mila reported on the following:  
Testifying for SB818 at State Capitol.  
Bear Senate Bill update.  
Coyote update.  
Wolves update.  
Ag Department staff update.

## CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE BIOLOGIST AND WARDEN REPORTS

Shelly Blair reported on the following:  
Black Bear Management Plan update.  
Deer zones change update.  
Mountain Quail project.  
El Dorado Ranch update.  
Grizzly Bear feasibility study.

Bob Pera reported on the following:  
Turkey season update.  
Trout season update.  
Golden Mussel update.  
Fine money from court cases.

## FINANCE REPORT

3. [25-0710](#) Staff recommending the Commission receive and file the April 2025 Monthly Finance Report dated 4/30/2025.

Attachments: [A - 4-30-2025 Finance Report](#)

*There was no public comment.*

The Commission received and filed the April 2025 Monthly Finance Report dated 4/30/2025.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

4. [25-0707](#) Commission to receive an update on the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 budget.

*Public Comment: K. Jermstad, H. Gardner*

**The Commission received and filed an update on the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 budget.**

5. [25-0608](#) Commissioner Byrne recommending the Commission make the following changes to the funding request previously approved on August 28, 2024 (Legistar item 24-1475):
- 1) Rescind approval for funding in the amount of \$1,000 to fund a grant for weed abatement at Parker Development pond located at Serrano Parkway and Silva Valley Parkway;
  - 2) Approve additional funding in the amount of \$500 for fish stocking at Serrano Village Green Pond; and
  - 3) Return the remaining \$500 to the Commission budget.

*There was no public comment.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Schwarzbach, seconded by Commissioner Robinson to make the following changes to the funding request previously approved on August 28, 2024 (Legistar item 24-1475):**

- 1) Rescind approval for funding in the amount of \$1,000 to fund a grant for weed abatement at Parker Development pond located at Serrano Parkway and Silva Valley Parkway;**
- 2) Approve additional funding in the amount of \$500 for fish stocking at Serrano Village Green Pond; and**
- 3) Return the remaining \$500 to the Commission budget.**

**Yes:** 5 - Weddle, Schwarzbach, Byrne, Davies and Robinson

**Absent:** 1 - Allen

6. [25-0381](#) Commission to discuss and approve communications with other county fish and wildlife commissions. (Cont. 3/26/25, Item 6)

*Public Comment: K. Jermstad*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Schwarzbach, seconded by Commissioner Robinson to appoint Commissioner Byrne as liaison for communication with and attendance at other county fish and wildlife commission meetings.**

**Yes:** 5 - Weddle, Schwarzbach, Byrne, Davies and Robinson

**Absent:** 1 - Allen

7. [25-0503](#) Commissioner Allen recommending the Commission discuss bear boxes in campgrounds. (Cont. 3/26/25, Item 7)

**Attachments:** [Tahoe Valley Campground Bear Box Letter](#)

This matter was Continued to the May 28, 2025 regular meeting.

8. [25-0709](#) Commission to form a Membership Ad Hoc Committee.

*There was no public comment.*

**Commissioner Byrne and Commissioner Davies were appointed to the Membership Ad Hoc Committee. The Committee will review applications received for the current Member at Large vacancy and return to the next regular meeting with a recommendation for the Commission to fill the vacancy.**

9. [25-0708](#) Commission to discuss and possibly take action to change the order of items on the agenda template.

*Public Comment: K. Jermstad*

**The Commission decided to change the order of the agenda template by moving the Commissioner Reports and Ad Hoc Committee Reports after the Ag Commissioner Report.**

10. [25-0755](#) Commission to discuss and consider changing the start time for meetings held in South Lake Tahoe in May and September.

*There was no public comment.*

**The Commission decided to move the meeting start time to 2:00 P.M. for the May and September meetings held in South Lake Tahoe.**

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Commissioner Schwarzbach reported on the following:  
Lion management program.  
Alta Magazine bear article by Jordan Fisher Smith.

Commissioner Byrne reported on the following:  
Village Green Pond Derby on May 17th.  
Deer sign flashing light project update.  
Fishing derby vendor.

Commissioner Davies reported on the following:  
Path of the Puma book.  
Attended Lumsden Pond fishing derby in April.  
Attended SB818 legislative session.

Commissioner Robinson reported on the following:  
Attended Lumsden Pond fishing derby in April.

Commissioner Weddle reported on the following:  
Attended Lumsden Pond fishing derby in April.  
Phone calls to at large member applicants.  
Worked with Commissioner Allen on recognition for Mike Denega.  
Attended quarterly El Dorado County Trout Unlimited meeting.  
Bass fishery at Wakamatsu Lake.  
Wild New World book.  
National Volunteer Week - thank you to all of the Commissioners.

**LEGISLATIVE REPORTS**

There were no legislative reports.

**NEXT MEETING: May 28th in South Lake Tahoe**

**ADJOURNED AT 4:57 P.M.**