



County of El Dorado

See Below for Meeting
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
Heather Gardner, Member at Large

Wednesday, July 30, 2025

3:00 PM

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

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.

To observe the live stream of the Commission meeting go to
<https://edcgov-us.zoom.us/j/96964085640>.

If you are joining the meeting via Zoom and wish to make a comment on an item, press the "raise hand" button. If you are joining the meeting by phone, press *9 to indicate a desire to make a comment. Speakers will be limited to 3 minutes.

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. 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 3:00 P.M.**ROLL CALL**

Present: 7 - Weddle, Schwarzbach, Allen, Byrne, Davies, Robinson and Gardner

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made by Commissioner Schwarzbach, seconded by Commissioner Allen to Adopt the Agenda and Approve the Consent Calendar.

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. [25-1192](#) Approval of the Minutes from the regular meeting on June 25, 2025.

Attachments: [6-25-25 Draft Minutes](#)

[6-25-25 Final Minutes](#)

This matter was Approved on the Consent Calendar.

Yes: 7 - Weddle, Schwarzbach, Allen, Byrne, Davies, Robinson and Gardner

2. [25-1310](#) Staff recommending the Commission receive and file the July 2025 Monthly Finance Report dated 7/30/2025.

Attachments: [7-30-2025 Finance Report](#)

This matter was Approved on the Consent Calendar.

Yes: 7 - Weddle, Schwarzbach, Allen, Byrne, Davies, Robinson and Gardner

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**PRESENTATION**

3. [25-1324](#) Commission to receive and file a presentation about monarch butterflies by Ari Silberman from the Monarch Fellowship.

Attachments: [Monarch Fellowship Presentation](#)

The Commission received and filed a presentation about monarch butterflies by Ari Silberman from the Monarch Fellowship.

OPEN FORUM

Public Comment: R. Trout, L. Robinson

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

Agricultural Commissioner LeeAnne Mila reported on meetings with State of California Fish and Wildlife.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Allen reported on the following:
September 6th Tahoe Paradise Park Lake Baron fishing derby.

Commissioner Robinson reported on the following:
Meeting with Sheriff Leikauf about mountain lion education.

Commissioner Gardner reported on the following:
Monarch butterfly presentation.
Mountain lion education.

Commissioner Schwarzbach reported on the following:
Georgetown and El Dorado RCD joint meeting.

Commissioner Byrne reported on the following:
Deer crossing sign flashing light update.
Highway 50 corridor collision with wildlife map.

Commissioner Davies reported on the following:
Lumsden Pond visit.

Commissioner Weddle reported on the following:
Meeting with Supervisor Parlin.
Meeting with EID director about diversion.
Annual report to the Board of Supervisors.
Warden stamp.

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE BIOLOGIST AND WARDEN REPORTS

Bob Pera reported on the following:
Sierra County operation.
Staff schedule changes.
Bear incidents.

AGENDA ITEMS

4. [25-1195](#) Commission to review the following Fiscal Year 2025-2026 funding requests totaling \$15,400, and consider taking action to approve each of the requests:
- A) Request from Commissioner Weddle in the amount of \$3,200 to fund the Lake Walton fishing derby the first weekend in June 2026.
 - B) Request from Commissioner Davies in the amount of \$3,200 to fund the Lumsden Pond fishing derby in April 2026.
 - C) Request from Commissioner Allen in the amount of \$3,000 to fund the Sawmill Pond fishing derby the first weekend in June 2026.
 - D) Request from Commissioner Allen in the amount of \$3,000 to fund the Lake Baron Moose Lodge fishing derby the third Saturday in September 2026 2025.
 - E) Request from Commissioner Byrne in the amount of \$1,500 to fund fish stocking at Serrano Parkway Governor's Pond ~~fishing derby~~.
 - F) Request from Commissioner Byrne in the amount of \$1,500 to fund fish stocking at Serrano Village Green Pond fishing derby in May 2026.

A motion was made by Commissioner Schwarzbach, seconded by Commissioner Allen to approve the following Fiscal Year 2025-2026 funding requests totaling \$15,400:

- A) Request from Commissioner Weddle in the amount of \$3,200 to fund the Lake Walton fishing derby the first weekend in June 2026.
- B) Request from Commissioner Davies in the amount of \$3,200 to fund the Lumsden Pond fishing derby in April 2026.
- C) Request from Commissioner Allen in the amount of \$3,000 to fund the Sawmill Pond fishing derby the first weekend in June 2026.
- D) Request from Commissioner Allen in the amount of \$3,000 to fund the Lake Baron Moose Lodge fishing derby the third Saturday in September 2025.
- E) Request from Commissioner Byrne in the amount of \$1,500 to fund fish stocking at Serrano Parkway Governor's Pond.
- F) Request from Commissioner Byrne in the amount of \$1,500 to fund fish stocking at Serrano Village Green Pond fishing derby in May 2026.

5. [25-1228](#) Chair Weddle recommending the Commission:
- 1) Discuss the process and requirements for the commissions annual report to the Board of Supervisors;
 - 2) Assign commissioners to create a draft presentation to bring back to the August meeting for review and approval; and
 - 3) Select a date in September to present the report to the Board of Supervisors.

Attachments: [A - Annual BOS Report Template](#)

The Commission discussed the process and requirements for the annual report to the Board of Supervisors and assigned Chair Weddle and Vice Chair Schwarzbach to create a draft presentation to bring back to the August meeting for review and approval. The final presentation will be presented at the Board of Supervisors meeting on September 23, 2025 at 10:00 A.M.

6. [25-1336](#) Commission to review the commission bylaws and resolution and recommend changes as necessary.

Attachments: [A - Fish and Wildlife Bylaws Adopted 2-27-2024](#)

[B - Executed Resolution 103-2019](#)

The Commission reviewed their bylaws and resolution and recommended changes. Staff will prepare a draft of each document with recommended changes for the Commission to review at a future meeting.

7. [25-1309](#) Commission to discuss and audit compliance with County requirements for ethics, implicit bias and Brown Act training.

The Commission discussed and audited compliance with County requirements for ethics, implicit bias and Brown Act training.

8. [25-1323](#) Commission to discuss the El Dorado Irrigation District's recent proposal to divert 17,000 acre feet of water from the South Fork of the American River above Kyburz for consumptive use.

The Commission discussed the El Dorado Irrigation District's recent proposal to divert 17,000 acre feet of water from the South Fork of the American River above Kyburz for consumptive use.

LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

There were no Legislative Reports.

NEXT MEETING: August 27, 2025

ADJOURNED AT 4:32 P.M.