



County of El Dorado

See Below for Meeting
Location

Minutes - Draft 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, June 25, 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](#)

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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

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF NEW COMMISSIONER

1. [25-1127](#) Commission to welcome and introduce new Member at Large Commissioner, Heather Gardner.

There was no public comment.

The Commission welcomed new Member at Large Commissioner, Heather Gardner.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

There was no public comment.

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

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

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

2. [25-1033](#) Approval of the Minutes from the regular meeting on May 28, 2025.

Attachments: [5-28-25 Draft Minutes](#)

[5-28-25 Final Minutes](#)

This matter was Approved on the Consent Calendar.

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

3. [25-1128](#) Staff recommending the Commission receive and file the June 2025 Monthly Finance Report dated 6/25/2025.

Attachments: [A - 6-25-2025 Finance Report](#)

This matter was Approved on the Consent Calendar.

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

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

OPEN FORUM

There was no public comment.

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

No report.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Schwarzbach reported on the following:
Adaptive lion management program.
U.S. Geological Survey update.
Meeting with lion book author.

Commissioner Byrne reported on the following:
Kids rods and reels program.
Governors Pond fish stocking.

Commissioner Davies reported on the following:
CA Department of Fish and Wildlife big game clinic.

Commissioner Weddle reported on the following:
Georgetown fishing derby.
Cougar Conundrum book.
Path of the Puma book.
Administrative duties.

Commissioner Gardner reported on the following:
Milkweed plants.
Monarch Butterfly Foundation.

Commissioner Robinson reported on the following:
Fishing at local lakes.

Commissioner Allen reported on the following:
Bear boxes in campgrounds letter update.
Long tail weasel in backyard.
Sawmill Pond derby.

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

Bob Pera reported on the following:

Wolf detail in Sierra County.

Calls for service.

Bear incident in South Lake Tahoe.

Depredation incidents.

Deputy DA retirement.

Shelly Blair reported on the following:

Euthanized bear incident in South Lake Tahoe.

SMUD safety day.

Bear hit on highway 50.

AGENDA ITEMS

4. [25-1125](#) Commission to discuss beavers in El Dorado Hills ponds.

There was no public comment.

The Commission discussed beavers in El Dorado Hills ponds.

5. [25-1126](#) Commission to have a discussion regarding need for enforcement signage at Sawmill Pond to prevent adult fishing.

Attachments: [A - Sawmill Pond Sign](#)

There was no public comment.

The commission agreed for Commissioner Allen to represent the Commission and approach the Forest Service and Rotary about available funding to replace the sign.

6. [25-1132](#) Commissioners to submit 2025-26 budget proposal requests for discussion and approval in July.

Attachments: [A - 2025-2026 Funding Request List](#)

There was no public comment.

The Commission discussed budget proposal requests for review and approval at the July 30, 2025 meeting.

Chair Weddle appointed Commissioner Schwarzbach and Commissioner Byrne to an Ad Hoc Committee to research solutions for removal of non-native aquatic plants in Serrano Pond.

LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

Commissioner Schwarzbach reported on adaptive lion management plan discussion with Senator Marie Alvarado-Gil and potential presentation to Senators.

NEXT MEETING July 30, 2025

ADJOURNED AT 4:22 P.M.