



County of El Dorado

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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, October 29, 2025

3:00 PM

<https://edcgov-us.zoom.us/j/84985797382>

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: 4 - Weddle, Byrne, Robinson and Gardner

Absent: 3 - Schwarzbach, Allen and Davies

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

There was no public comment.

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

Yes: 4 - Weddle, Byrne, Robinson and Gardner

Absent: 3 - Schwarzbach, Allen and Davies

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. [25-1604](#) Staff recommending the Commission receive and file the October 2025 Monthly Finance Report dated 10/29/2025.

Attachments: [October 2025 Monthly Finance Report](#)

This matter was Approved on the Consent Calendar.

2. [25-1690](#) Approval of the Minutes from the regular meeting on September 24, 2025.

Attachments: [9-24-2025 Draft Minutes](#)

[9-24-25 Final Minutes](#)

This matter was Approved on the Consent Calendar.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**OPEN FORUM**

Cathy Jermstadt

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 the following:

Mountain lion flyers.

Regional Manager CDFW out.

Agricultural Commissioners State of California Conference.

Wolves update.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commission Allen joined the meeting 3:15 P.M.

Commissioner Allen reported on the following:

Taylor Creek Salmon.

Commissioner Robinson reported on the following:

Hunting.

Saw mountain lion.

Commissioner Gardner reported on the following:

Milkweed is not doing well for fall.

Commissioner Weddle reported on the following:

Special on mountain lions on PBS tonight.

New District IV Supervisor coming in 2027.

Commission consider who will be Chair next year.

Next meeting November 19, 2025 in Board Chambers start 2:00 P.M.

Commissioner Byrne reported on the following:

After three years, process of installing deer crossing near El Dorado Hills Blvd has been started.

Waiting on electronic banners.

Southern California sign "Beware of Wildlife."

Fishing pole contribution high.

Next 60 days set up meeting with D.A.

Visit other Fish and Wildlife Commissions regarding mountain lions.

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

Fish and Wildlife Biologist Shelly Blair reported on the following:

Bear collaring sows.

Cameron Park Lake Canada Geese carcasses confirmed Avian Influenza.

Mute Swans classified invasive non-game, open for hunting.

Wolves Sierra Valley euthanized.

Trap, tag, haze Bear in Sugar Pine Campground and Tahoe City area.

Tahoe Bobcat trapping collaring.

South Lake Tahoe wildlife crossing grant funding application.

International Human/Bear Conflict conference.

Work with CHP and Sheriff on making Media education better.

Deer collars Grizzly Flat herd and Crystal Basin Sierra area high mortality rate.

Deer hunting season ends Sunday, November 2, 2025.

Commissioner Davies joined the meeting 3:45 P.M.

AGENDA ITEMS

Present: 6 - Weddle, Allen, Byrne, Davies, Robinson and Gardner

Absent: 1 - Schwarzbach

3. [25-1729](#) Chair Weddle requesting that the Fish and Wildlife Commission hold a discussion regarding the November 2025 meeting schedule, given its proximity to the Thanksgiving holiday. The Commission is asked to consider alternative options for convening, including the possibility of canceling the meeting or rescheduling it to an earlier or later date. Staff will provide input on operational capacity during the holiday week, and Commissioners are encouraged to share their availability and preferences. The objective is to maintain continuity of Commission business while being mindful of staffing limitations and holiday-related impacts.

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4. [25-1422](#) Commissioner Robinson recommending the Commission discuss how the Commission can help Sheriff Leikauf with mountain lion safety education in the County. (Continued Item 4, 8/27/2025)

Attachments: [Public Comment Fish Wildlife 8-27-25 Rcvd 8-19-25](#)
[FGC 13103](#)

Public Comment: Cathy Jermstadt

Commissioner Allen made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Davies to bring an item back with specific language regarding sponsoring or co-sponsoring taxidermy work.

5. [25-1603](#) Commissioner Davies recommending the Commission discuss warm water fish planting in private ponds.

Item 5 was heard with item 7.

6. [25-1576](#) Commissioner Allen recommending the Commission receive and file a presentation from Friends Aiding Wildlife in Nature (FAWN).

Attachments: [FAWN Presentation 6](#)

Public Comment: Cathy Jermstadt

Item 6 was heard before item 3. The Commission received a presentation from Friends Aiding Wildlife In Nature (FAWN).

7. [25-1453](#) Commission to discuss and consider taking action for development of a policy statement regarding the Commission's support of fish purchases. (Continued Item 3, 9/24/2025)

Commissioner Davies made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Allen to form an ad-hoc committee with Commissioner Byrne, Commissioner Davies and Commissioner Gardner to discuss creating a policy for supporting fish stocking purchases in private ponds.

Yes: 6 - Weddle, Allen, Byrne, Davies, Robinson and Gardner

Absent: 1 - Schwarzbach

8. [25-1655](#) Chair Weddle recommending the Commission consider approving a request to provide funding in the amount of \$500.00 for co-sponsoring improvements to the existing boat launch at Finnon Lake.

Public Comment: Cathy Jermstadt, Myrna Towe

Commissioner Davies made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Robinson to pay for the rocks that are going to go to Finnon Lake for their boat ramp so they can launch fish from there and do their studies.

Yes: 4 - Weddle, Davies, Robinson and Gardner

Noes: 1 - Byrne

Absent: 1 - Schwarzbach

Abstained: 1 - Allen

LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

There were no Legislative Reports.

NEXT MEETING: November 19, 2025 at the Board Chambers.

ADJOURNED AT 5:02 P.M.