



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
Mike Denega, Member at Large

Wednesday, February 26, 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 link to view](#)

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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: 6 - Denega, Weddle, Allen, Byrne, Davies and Robinson

Absent: 1 - Schwarzbach

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

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

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

Absent: 1 - Schwarzbach

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. [25-0304](#) Approval of the Minutes from the regular meeting on January 29, 2025.

Attachments: [1-29-25 Draft Minutes](#)
[1-29-25 Final Minutes](#)

This matter was Approved on the Consent Calendar.

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

Absent: 1 - Schwarzbach

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

PRESENTATION

- 2. [25-0380](#) Commission to receive and file a presentation from Shelly Blair and Josh Bush with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife about proposed boundary changes to the deer hunt zone D3-5.

Public Comment: B. Gaines

The Commission received and filed a presentation from Shelly Blair and Josh Bush with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife about proposed boundary changes to the deer hunt zone D3-5.

OPEN FORUM

Public Comment: K. Jermstad

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

There was no report.

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE BIOLOGIST AND WARDEN REPORTS

Mitch Lockhart reported on the following:
Fish stocking update for El Dorado County.
Sierra fisheries update.
Golden Mussel update.
California Inland Recreation Angler Survey application.

Bob Pera reported on the following:
Winter no seasons open.
Ongoing open investigation.
March turkey season.
Upcoming seasons opening.

Shelly Blair reported on the following:
Chronic Waste Disease update.
Bear Valley Resort wolf sighting.
Youth hunter education class March 7th and 8th.
Bear den checks.
Turkey season.
Bear Plan update.
Coyote update.
Howl for Wildlife webinar.
El Dorado Ranch update.

FINANCE REPORT

3. [25-0384](#) Staff recommending the Commission receive and file the February 2025 Monthly Finance Report dated 2/26/2025.

Attachments: [A - Finance Report 2-26-2025](#)

The Commission received and filed the February 2025 Monthly Finance Report dated 2/26/25.

AGENDA ITEMS

- 4. [25-0389](#) Commissioner Davies recommending the Commission discuss collared wolves, and the variety of wolves that inhabited Greater California before elimination from the ecosystem.

The Commission discussed collared wolves, and the variety of wolves that inhabited Greater California before elimination from the ecosystem.

- 5. [25-0381](#) Commission to discuss and approve communications with other county fish and wildlife commissions.

This matter was Continued to the next regular meeting.

- 6. [25-0382](#) Commission to review and approve final draft of Coexisting with Black Bears poster.

Attachments: [Coexisting With BLACK BEARS FINAL 1.27 EDIT F&W Logo](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Allen, seconded by Commissioner Robinson to approve the final draft of Coexisting with Black Bears poster contingent upon County Counsel's approval of the poster.

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

Absent: 1 - Schwarzbach

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Allen had no report.

**Commissioner Robinson reported on the following:
Fishing, sighting of mountain lions and bucks.**

**Commissioner Weddle reported on the following:
Read through legislation from Bill Gaines.
Reviewed 2024 wolf report.**

**Commissioner Denega reported on the following:
Announced this is his last meeting as he is resigning from the commission.**

**Commissioner Byrne reported on the following:
May 17th El Dorado Hills Serrano Parkway fishing derby.
Southern California Mountain Lion update.**

**Commissioner Davies reported on the following:
Lumsden Pond fishing derby update.**

LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

**Bill Gaines provided an update on the following proposed legislation:
Senate Bill 818 introduced by Senator Alvarado-Gil.
Assembly Bill 1038.**

NEXT MEETING: March 26, 2025

ADJOURNED AT 5:01 P.M.