EL DORADO COUNTY FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION 2023-2024

PRESENTED TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, September 10, 2024

MISSION STATEMENT

El Dorado County Fish and Wildlife Commission is committed to having abundant, healthy and diverse fish and wildlife in El Dorado County.

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP

Mike Denega - At Large

Steven Schwarzbach - At Large

Dennis Byrne - District I
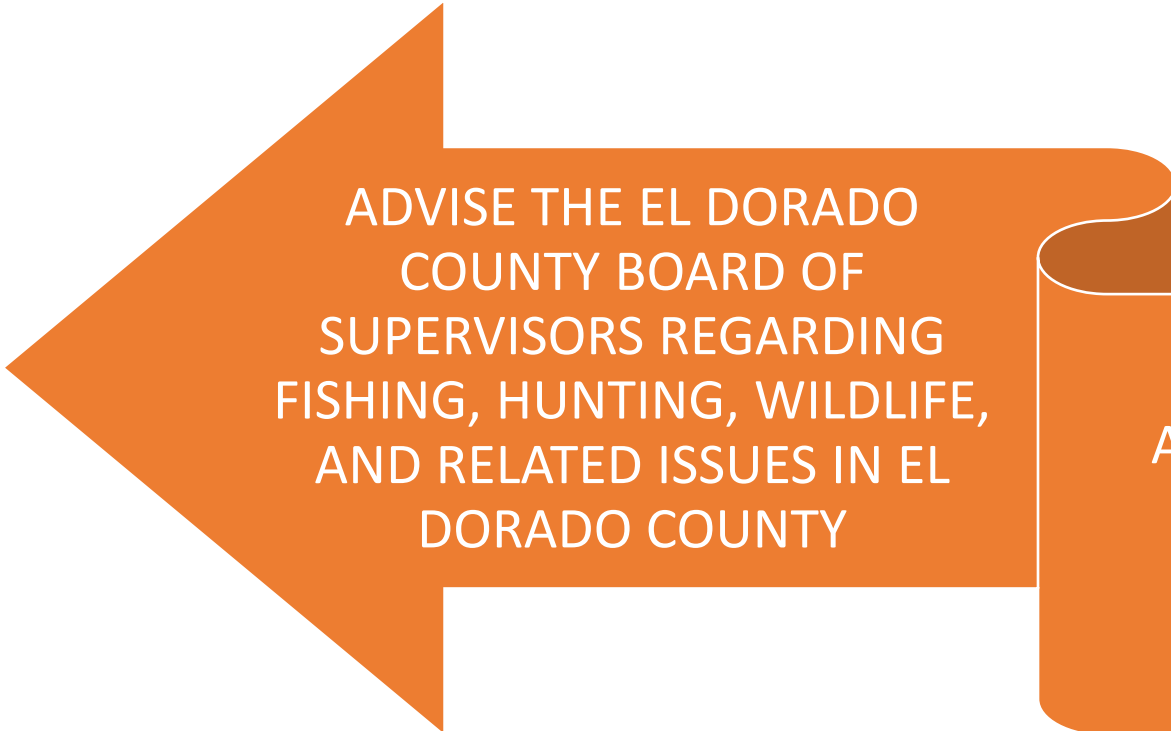
Larry Robinson - District II

Jim Davies - District III

Pat Weddle -District IV

Leona Allen - District V

WHAT WE DO?

ADVISE THE EL DORADO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGARDING FISHING, HUNTING, WILDLIFE, AND RELATED ISSUES IN EL DORADO COUNTY

ADMINISTER FUNDING FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE PROJECTS IN EL DORADO COUNTY

SERVICE AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

- **Fishing Derbies and Fishing Events Co-Sponsored with California Department of Fish and Wildlife -City of Placerville Parks and Recreation, Tahoe Paradise Recreation District, United States Forest Service, Local Rotary Clubs, Optimist Clubs, Finnon Lake/Swansboro Fire District, Placerville Kiwanis Club, Placerville Lions Club, Serrano Homeowners Association, El Dorado Hills Community Service District, Other Non-Government Organizations, Private Donors, and other Fish and Wildlife Organizations.**

- **Assist in Public Education relating to scientific principles of Fish and Wildlife conservation**

- **New Fencing Brochures with El Dorado County Planning, Agriculture, University Cooperative Extension.**

- **Participated in Youth Hunter's Safety Class with California Fish and Wildlife**

- **Work with various agencies and organizations for the betterment of Fish and Wildlife conservation.**

- **Stay current with specific to El Dorado County's Fish and Wildlife issues, including new laws and Regulations.**

- **Ordinance wording change to support the State Wardens to align with state law adding the word "deer" to existing ordinance.**

ROLE IN THE COUNTY'S STRATEGIC GOALS

<u>Thriving Economy-</u>

- Youth Fishing Derbies bring in many visitors for tourism benefits
- Encouraging local spending on lodging, restaurants, bait and tackle
- Economic Contributions of Recreational Fishing statistics in our local Congressional Districts III and IV, for anglers show millions of dollars spent on fishing related purchases. (data collected from American Sportfishing Association)

<u>Safe and Healthy Communities-</u>

- Youth Fishing Derbies = family fun, children mental health
- support wildlife viewing opportunities for visitors
- staying informed about human wildlife conflicts
- supporting Youth Hunting classes
- The commission works in areas of human's vs wildlife collisions, bear break-ins, deer fencing guidelines, poaching, and beaver management.

<u>Public Infrastructure-</u>

- Keeping current regarding Human/Wildlife conflict mitigation
- EDC Land Use policies and impacts on wildlife.
- Involvement with road ecology (Caltrans EDC DOT CDFW and UC Davis.
- Communicate with multiple agencies, (i.e. District Attorneys Office) to make the best possible decisions for the Fish and Wildlife conservation in El Dorado County (e.g., SB 1383)

COMMISSION ROLES

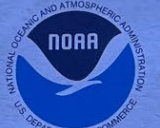| Court Fines Collected	Fiscal Year
$7,529.98	20/21
$5,059.26	21/22
$6,315.11	22/23
$2,489.46	23/24

- **Our commission cooperates with Game Wardens and the District Attorneys Office to ensure successful prosecutions of Fish and Game code violations and collection of resultant fines.**

- **Revenues accrued to the county from Fines, Forfeitures, and Penalties.**

- **The Department of Fish and Wildlife has some large cases going to court and may bring in additional funds for FY 24/25.**

COMMISSION ROLES - CONTINUED

- Based on 2023/2024 actuals the Commission is requesting an additional $15,000 to support funding for the 2024/2025 Youth Fishing Derbies to continue based on a $20,000 annual budget. (Note this amount is in the approved Budget for FY24/25)

- Commission members provided 160 refurbished fishing poles at no cost to children who do not have equipment. This project is continuing with the assistance of commission members.

- Following the Brown Act, gathering information for advising county government, following Rosenbergs Rules of Order, promptly responding to Board of Supervisors and Public.

SPONSORS

QUESTIONS