



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, March 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 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.

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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: 7 - Denega, Weddle, Schwarzbach, Allen, Byrne, Davies and Robinson

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinson, seconded by Commissioner Schwarzbach to Adopt the Agenda and Approve the Consent Calendar with the following change:

Continue item 7 to the April 23, 2025 regular meeting.

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

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. [25-0526](#) Approval of the Minutes from the regular meeting on February 26, 2025.

This matter was Approved on the Consent Calendar.

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

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**PRESENTATIONS**

2. [25-0527](#) Presentation to recognize Commissioner Denega for his service to the Commission.

The Commission recognized Commissioner Denega for his service to the Commission.

3. [25-0573](#) Commission to receive and file a presentation from Kathie Jermstad about existing documents the County has available regarding wildlife connectivity and development.

The Commission received and filed a presentation from Kathie Jermstad about existing documents the County has available regarding wildlife connectivity and development.

OPEN FORUM

Public Comment: A. Wood, 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

Agricultural Commissioner LeeAnne Mila reported on the following:
Meeting with California Department of Fish and Wildlife.
Recent Mountain Lion incident.
Wolves update.
Trapper staffing update.

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE BIOLOGIST AND WARDEN REPORTS

Shelly Blair reported on the following:
Ag in the classroom.
Pine Hill Preserve Committee meeting.
Bear Plan.
Bear den check update.
Turkey season.
Hunter education class.
Tahoe Interagency Bear Team.
Track, tag, haze program.

Bob Pera reported on the following:
Turkey season.
Fisheries enforcement.
Fishing update.
Baiting case update.

FINANCE REPORT

4. [25-0529](#) Staff recommending the Commission receive and file the March 2025 Monthly Finance Report dated 3/26/2025.

The Commission received and filed the March 2025 Monthly Finance Report dated 3/26/25.

AGENDA ITEMS

5. [25-0502](#) Commission to discuss the process for filling a membership vacancy.

Public Comment: K. Jermstad

The Commission discussed the process for filling a membership vacancy.

6. [25-0381](#) Commission to discuss and approve communications with other county fish and wildlife commissions. (Cont. 2/26/25, Item 5)
This matter was Continued to the next regular meeting.
7. [25-0503](#) Commissioner Allen recommending the Commission discuss bear boxes in campgrounds.
This matter was Continued to the next regular meeting.
8. [25-0537](#) Chair Weddle recommending the Commission:
1) Determine if the Commission would like to pursue further information about Gray Wolves; and
2) Determine the next steps forward should the commission decide to pursue further information.
The Commission decided they will further pursue wolves should activity become known in the county.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Schwarzbach reported on the following:
Mountain lion update.

Commissioner Byrne reported on the following:
Changes to agenda order.
Rods and reels program.
Flashing lights on deer signs.
District Attorney meeting.

Commissioner Davies reported on the following:
Lumsden Pond fishing derby on April 5th.
Wild Boars.
Morro Bay Black Brandt.
Big game seminar.

Commissioner Allen reported on the following:
Sawmill Pond kids fishing day is tentatively set for June 7th.
Lake Baron kids fishing day is September 6th.
Fishing guide forum on April 17th.
Travel budget.

Commissioner Robinson reported on the following:
Finnon Lake fish stocking.

Commissioner Denega reported on the following:
Chili Bar kiosk project.
Finnon Lake fish stocking.

Commissioner Weddle reported on the following:
Rasmussen Pond tour.
Hunter safety class.
Administrative tasks.

LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

Agricultural Commissioner LeeAnne Mila reported on Senate Bill 818.

NEXT MEETING: April 30, 2025

ADJOURNED AT 5:00 P.M.