



County of El Dorado

See Below for Meeting
Location

Minutes - Draft Fish and Wildlife Commission

Leona Allen, Chair, District V
Heather Gardner, Vice Chair, Member at Large
Larry Robinson, Treasurer, District II
Dennis Byrne, District I
James Davies, District III
Patrick W. Weddle, District IV
Steven Schwarzbach, Member at Large

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

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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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.

CALL TO ORDER AT 3:00 P.M.**ROLL CALL**

- Present:** 6 - Commissioner Weddle, Commissioner Schwarzbach, Commissioner Allen, Commissioner Byrne, Commissioner Davies and Commissioner Robinson
- Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Gardner

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

There was no public comment.

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

- Yes:** 6 - Commissioner Weddle, Commissioner Schwarzbach, Commissioner Allen, Commissioner Byrne, Commissioner Davies and Commissioner Robinson
- Absent:** 1 - Commissioner 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

1. [26-0429](#) Approval of the Minutes from the regular meeting on February 25, 2026.

Attachments: [2-25-26 Draft Minutes](#)

This matter was Approved on the Consent Calendar.

- Yes:** 6 - Commissioner Weddle, Commissioner Schwarzbach, Commissioner Allen, Commissioner Byrne, Commissioner Davies and Commissioner Robinson
- Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Gardner

2. [26-0430](#) Staff recommending the Commission receive and file the March 2026 Monthly Finance Report dated 3/25/2026.

Attachments: [3-25-2026 Finance Report](#)

This matter was Approved on the Consent Calendar.

- Yes:** 6 - Commissioner Weddle, Commissioner Schwarzbach, Commissioner Allen, Commissioner Byrne, Commissioner Davies and Commissioner Robinson
- Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Gardner

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

PRESENTATION

- 3. [25-1615](#) Commission to receive and file a presentation from Lisa Morgan with the Highway 50 Wildlife Connection Grant Project.

Attachments: [A - Highway 50 Wildlife Connection Grant Project Presentation](#)

Public Comment: K. Jermstad

The Commission received and filed a presentation from Lisa Morgan with the Highway 50 Wildlife Connection Grant Project.

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

**Mountain lion activity update.
Sheriff mountain lion public outreach meeting in Cameron Park.
Senate Bill 1397 introduced by Senator Alvarado-Gil.
Mountain lion killed in Cameron Park.
Mountain lion carnivore project update.**

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Byrne reported on the following:
Governors Pond stocking funds.
Visits to surrounding county fish and wildlife commission meetings.
Deer sign flashing light update.
Fish stocking vendor list.

Commissioner Davies reported on the following:
Lumsden Pond fishing derby April 11th.

Commissioner Robinson reported on the following:
Upcoming Lumsden Pond derby.
Wildlife in Shingle Springs area.
Upcoming turkey season.

Commissioner Schwarzbach reported on the following:
Sheriff's mountain lion project interpretive sign.
Discussed mountain lion research project with Julie Young.

Commissioner Weddle reported on the following:
Participated in hunter safety course.
Follow up with American River Conservancy about farm project.
Met with former Commissioner Kurt Mikkola.

Commissioner Allen had no report.

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE BIOLOGIST AND WARDEN REPORTS

Mitch Lockhart, fisheries biologist with California Department of Fish and Wildlife provided an update on Sierra fisheries program operations.

Shelly Blair, wildlife biologist with California Department of Fish and Wildlife, reported on the following:
Bear harvest update.
Bear regulation voting in April.
Pathways for Wildlife quarterly meetings.
Turkey special hunt update.
Hunter education class.

Lieutenant Bob Pera with California Department of Fish and Wildlife reported on the following:
Hunter education class.
Fishing update.
Training for staff.
Boat patrols on Folsom Lake.
General turkey season is upcoming.
General trout season is upcoming.
Enforcement update.

AGENDA ITEMS

4. [26-0088](#) Clerk of the Board staff recommending the Commission:
1) ~~Elect the Chair of the Commission for 2026;~~
2) ~~Elect the Vice Chair of the Commission for 2026; and~~
3) Elect the Treasurer of the Commission for 2026.
(Continued item 3, February 25, 2026)

There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Commissioner Davies, seconded by Commissioner Schwarzbach to appoint Commissioner Robinson as Treasurer of the Commission for 2026.

Yes: 6 - Commissioner Weddle, Commissioner Schwarzbach, Commissioner Allen, Commissioner Byrne, Commissioner Davies and Commissioner Robinson

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Gardner

5. [26-0481](#) Commission to discuss South Lake Tahoe meeting date.

There was no public comment.

The Commission discussed plans for site visits during the May meeting in South Lake Tahoe to include the aquatic invasive species inspection station and Upper Truckee marsh restoration project.

LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

Commissioner Davies reported on Assembly Bill 2494.

NEXT MEETING: April 29, 2026, in Conference Room C

ADJOURNED AT 4:32 P.M.