



County of El Dorado

See Below for Meeting
Location

Minutes - Draft Fish and Wildlife Commission

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

Wednesday, June 26, 2024

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](#)

ADDENDUM

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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.

Members of the public may address the Commission in-person or via Zoom to make a public comment. The public should call into 530-621-7603 or 530-621-7610. The Meeting ID is 969 6408 5640. Please note you will not be able to join the live-stream until the posted meeting start time.

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If you are joining the meeting via Zoom and wish to make a comment on an item, press the "raise hand" button. If you are joining the meeting by phone, press *9 to indicate a desire to make a comment. Speakers will be limited to 3 minutes.

Although the County strives to offer remote participation, be advised that remote Zoom participation is provided for convenience only. In the event of a technological malfunction, the only assurance of live comments being received by the Commission is to attend in person. Except for a noticed teleconference meeting, the Commission reserves the right to conduct the meeting without remote access if there is a malfunction.

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 - Byrne, Denaga, Weddle, Robinson, Davies, Schwarzbach and Allen

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

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

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

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. 24-1056** Approval of the minutes from the regular meeting on May 29, 2024.

Attachments: [5-29-2024 Draft Minutes](#)
[5-29-2024 Final Minutes](#)

This matter was Approved on the Consent Calendar.

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

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**OPEN FORUM**

Public Comment: K. Jermstad, T. Reinhardt

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.

- 24-1221** Open Forum Attachment.

Attachments: [6-26-2024 Public Comment Rcvd Open Forum](#)

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

Public Comment: K. Jermstad

Shelly Blair Reported on the following:
Introduced colleague Bailey.
BearWise outreach materials.
Tahoe Interagency Bear Team update.
Bear training with Tahoe area resorts.
Education and outreach in Crystal Basin.
Cal State Parks in Tahoe bear update.
Recent Tahoe City bear incident.
El Dorado Ranch update.
Deer collaring this summer.
Fecal DNA for deer population.
Chronic Wasting Disease update.
Electric mat loaner program.

FINANCE REPORT

2. 24-1121 Staff recommending the Commission receive and file the June 2024 Monthly Finance Report dated 6/26/2024.

Attachments: [Finance Report 6-26-2024](#)

The Commission received and filed the 6/26/2024 Monthly Finance Report.

AGENDA ITEMS

3. 24-1151 Commission to receive and file an update from staff on the status of the following:
- 1) Recommended update to County Ordinance 4437 related to feeding of deer.
 - 2) ~~Wildlife Friendly fencing pamphlets.~~

LeeAnne Mila provided an update that County Counsel has added the word "deer" to County Ordinance 4437 and the first reading of the change will go to the Board of Supervisors on July 16, 2024.

4. 24-1122 Commissioners to submit and discuss funding requests for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. Requests will be brought back to the Commission as future agenda items for consideration of approval and action.

The following is a list of requests discussed by Commissioners. Requests will be brought back to the Commission as future agenda items for consideration of approval and action.

- 1) Request not to exceed \$3,200 for Lake Walton fishing derby - Commissioner Weddle
- 2) Request for \$3,000 for Lake Baron fishing day - Commissioner Allen
- 3) Request for \$3,000 for Sawmill Pond fishing day - Commissioner Allen
- 4) Request not to exceed \$3,200 for Lumsden Pond fishing derby - Commissioner Davies
- 5) Request for \$3,000 for two fish stockings at Village Green Pond (derby and general public fishing) - Commissioner Byrne
- 6) Request for \$1,000 for Governors Pond fish stocking - Commissioner Byrne
- 7) Request for \$1,500 for removal of aquatic plants at Silva Valley Parkway Pond - Commissioner Byrne
- 8) Request to consider funding electric bear doormats - Commissioner Schwarzbach
- 9) Request for up to \$500 to print educational posters about coexisting with Black Bears - Commissioner Allen

July 17, 2024, is the deadline to submit funding requests to be considered on the July 31, 2024, Commission Agenda.

5. 24-1123 Commission to discuss Tahoe bear issues.

Attachments: [A - Coexisting with Black Bears Flyer](#)

Public Comment: K. Jermstad

Commissioner Allen provided an update and the Commission discussed Tahoe bear issues.

6. 24-1124 Commission to review the draft annual report to the Board of Supervisors and take action to finalize the report.

Attachments: [A - Draft Annual Report Language](#)

[B - Draft Annual Report 2023-2024](#)

The Commission reviewed the draft report to the Board of Supervisors. Commissioner Schwarzbach and Commissioner Weddle will bring the updated draft report back to the Commission for final approval.

The Commission is scheduled to present to the Board of Supervisors at 10:00am on September 10, 2024.

7. **24-1139** Commission to have a discussion regarding Pathways for Wildlife making an informal presentation at a future commission meeting.

Public Comment: K. Jermstad

Commissioner Allen provided an overview about Pathways for Wildlife. Commissioner Allen will work on arranging a presentation for the September 25, 2024, Commission meeting in South Lake Tahoe.

8. **24-1180** Commission to review and consider approving the final drafts of the Agricultural and Residential Wildlife Friendly Fencing brochures.

Attachments: [A - Agricultural Wildlife Friendly Fencing - Final 6.25.2024](#)

[B - Wildlife Friendly Fencing - Final 6.25.2024](#)

Public Comment: K. Jermstad

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COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Weddle reported on the following:

**Worked with Myrna on annual report to the Board of Supervisors.
Administrative duties for the Commission.
Discussion with Kathie Jermstad about fencing issues.**

Commissioner Robinson reported on the following:

Mountain lion encounters in the county.

Commissioner Davies reported on the following:

Mountain Lion Foundation meeting.

Commissioner Allen reported on the following:

**Sawmill Pond fishing day on June 2nd.
Commission website update request to add coexisting with Black Bears information.**

Commissioner Denaga had nothing to report on.

Commissioner Byrne reported on the following:

Setting up a meeting with the District Attorney's office.

Commissioner Schwarzbach had nothing to report on.

LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

There were no Legislative Reports.

NEXT MEETING: July 31, 2024

ADJOURNED at 5:15 P.M.

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