



County of El Dorado

See Below for Meeting
Location

Minutes - Final 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, September 25, 2024

3:00 PM

<https://edcgov-us.zoom.us/j/96964085640>

Health and Human Services Building - 3368 Sandy Way, South Lake Tahoe, 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.

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 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 Allen, seconded by Commissioner Robinson to Adopt the Agenda and Approve the Consent Calendar.

Yes: 6 - Byrne, Denaga, Weddle, Robinson, Schwarzbach and Allen

Abstained: 1 - Davies

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. [24-1584](#) Approval of the Minutes from the regular meeting on August 28, 2024.

Attachments: [8-28-2024 Draft Minutes](#)
[8-28-2024 Final Minutes](#)

This matter was Approved on the Consent Calendar.

Yes: 6 - Byrne, Denaga, Weddle, Robinson, Schwarzbach and Allen

Abstained: 1 - Davies

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

PRESENTATION

- 2. [24-1634](#) Commission to receive and file a presentation from Pathways for Wildlife.

Public Comment: K. Jermstad

The Commission received and filed a presentation from Pathways for Wildlife.

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.

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE BIOLOGIST AND WARDEN REPORTS

Shelly Blair reported on the following:
Bear fest on 9/28/24 at Spooner State Park in Nevada.
Upland game program audio recorders.
Deer season opens this weekend.
Collaring and capturing wild land bears.

Bob Pera reported on the following:
Deer season opening this weekend for D3-D5.
Mountain Lion in El Dorado Hills.
Squirrel season recently opened.
Banned tail pigeon citation.
No hunting license citation.
Recent checkpoint on Wentworth Springs Rd.
Recent fine monies received.
Case updates for fish and wildlife violations.

FINANCE REPORT

3. [24-1635](#) Staff recommending the Commission receive and file the September 2024 Monthly Finance Report dated 9/25/2024.

Attachments: [A - Finance Report September 25, 2024](#)

The Commission received and filed the 9/25/2024 Monthly Finance Report.

AGENDA ITEMS

4. [24-1626](#) Commission to review the results and discuss the next steps regarding the August 28, 2024, agenda item 5 discussion about roles, responsibilities and expectations as Commission members and staff.

Attachments: [A - 8-28-24 Item 5 Discussion Summary](#)

This matter was Continued to the next regular meeting.

5. [24-1633](#) Commission to consider adding an annual agenda item regarding roles, responsibilities and expectations.

This matter was Continued to the next regular meeting.

6. [24-1625](#) Commission to discuss and approve peer reviewed draft mountain lion ~~option~~ opinion letter for submission to the Board of Supervisors.

Attachments: [A - EDC Cougar conflict opinion for FW commission 5th draft](#)

[B - CDFW MtnLionDepPermitApproach 2020 Public](#)

[C - Matson et al cougar risk factors](#)

[D - Summary Report of Mountain Lion Deterrence and Depredation prevention.Final](#)

[E - Temporal Trends and Drivers of Mountain Lion Depredation in California USA](#)

[F - Lion Conflict Conclusions and Recommendations](#)

[Public Comment #6 Fish and Wildlife Commission Received 9-25-2024](#)

[Final EDC Cougar conflict opinion for FW commission](#)

Public Comment: K. Jermstad, J. Rosenau

A motion was made by Commissioner Schwarzbach, seconded by Commissioner Robinson to approve the opinion letter for submission to the Board of Supervisors with changes as discussed.

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

7. [24-1624](#) Commission to discuss and audit compliance with County requirements for ethics, implicit bias and Brown Act training. (Continued from September 25, 2024, item 7)

This matter was Continued to the next regular meeting.

8. [24-1632](#) Commission to discuss and approve adding Commissioner biographies to the Commission website.

This matter was Continued to the next regular meeting.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Byrne reported on the following:
Court system correspondence.
Update on flashing lights on deer signs along Highway 50.
Attendance encouraged for October 8th Board of Supervisors meeting.

Commissioner Allen had no report.

Commissioner Schwarzbach:
Thanked the ad hoc committee and everyone who helped with the draft opinion letter about mountain lions.

Commissioner Denaga reported on the following:
Path of the Puma book.
Angling on the west slope.

Commissioner Robinson reported on the following:
Meeting with Supervisor Turnboo.
Agenda item for next Commission meeting.

Commissioner Davies had no report.

Commissioner Weddle reported on the following:
Meeting with Supervisor Parlin.
Condolences to Commissioner Byrne.

LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

Legislative Reports are postponed to the next regular meeting.

NEXT MEETING: October 30th in Placerville

ADJOURNED AT 5:01 P.M.