County of El Dorado

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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
Heather Gardner, Member at Large

Wednesday, August 27, 2025 **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

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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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: 5 - Schwarzbach, Allen, Byrne, Davies and Gardner

Absent: 2 - Weddle and Robinson

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Commissioner Allen, seconded by Commissioner Davies to Adopt the Agenda and Approve the Consent Calendar with the following change:
Approve clerical corrections to the July 30, 2025 Minutes, item 4.

Yes: 5 - Schwarzbach, Allen, Byrne, Davies and Gardner

Absent: 2 - Weddle 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. 25-1421 Approval of the Minutes from the regular meeting on July 30, 2025.

Attachments: 7-30-25 Draft Minutes
7-30-25 Final Minutes

This matter was Approved on the Consent Calendar.

Yes: 5 - Schwarzbach, Allen, Byrne, Davies and Gardner

Absent: 2 - Weddle and Robinson

2. 25-1423 Staff recommending the Commission receive and file the August 2025 Monthly Finance Report dated 8/27/2025.

Attachments: A - Finance Report 8-27-2025

This matter was Approved on the Consent Calendar.

Yes: 5 - Schwarzbach, Allen, Byrne, Davies and Gardner

Absent: 2 - Weddle and Robinson

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

PRESENTATION

3. 25-1470 Commission to receive and file a presentation from the El Dorado and Georgetown Divide Resource Conservation Districts about the Urban Beaver Coexistence Project in El Dorado Hills.

Attachments: A - Urban Beaver Coexistence Project Presentation

There was no public comment.

The Commission received and filed a presentation from the El Dorado and Georgetown Divide Resource Conservation Districts about the Urban Beaver Coexistence Project in El Dorado Hills.

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

Agricultural Commissioner LeeAnne Mila reported on the following:
Interview with San Francisco Chronicle reporter about mountain lions in the county.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Byrne reported on the following:
Highway 50 corridor flashing deer sign lights update.

Commissioner Davies reported on the following:
Hunting and trip to Switzerland.

Commissioner Gardner reported on the following:
Milkweed plant update.
Camping and fishing trip near Markleeville.

Commissioner Allen reported on the following:
Lake Baron fishing derby September 6th.
Highway 89 speed limit increase impacting wildlife.

Commissioner Schwarzbach reported on the following:
Taylor Creek trail family visit.
South Fork American River family fishing.

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE BIOLOGIST AND WARDEN REPORTS

Bob Pera with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife reported on the following:
Review of court cases.
Staffing changes in Sierra County.
Archery season opened.
Squirrel and general deer seasons will be next to open.
South Lake Tahoe bear attack update.

AGENDA ITEMS

4. 25-1422 Commissioner Robinson recommending the Commission discuss how the commission can help Sheriff Leikauf with mountain lion safety education in the County.

Attachments: Public Comment Fish Wildlife 8-27-25 Rcvd 8-19-25

This matter was Continued off calendar.

5. 25-1444 Commission to review updates to the bylaws and resolution, consider approving the changes and submitting to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

Attachments: A - Fish and Wildlife Commission Bylaws Redline
B - Fish and Wildlife Commission Bylaws Clean
C - Executed Resolution 103-2019

This matter was Continued off calendar.

6. 25-1445 Commissioner Allen recommending the Commission discuss plans for the September 24, 2025 meeting in South Lake Tahoe.

Attachments: A - September 24th Fish and Wildlife SLT Field Trip Options

The Commission discussed plans for the September 24, 2025 meeting in South Lake Tahoe and decided they would like a tour of Taylor Creek Visitors Center. Commissioner Allen will work with staff to coordinate this tour.

7. 25-1453 Commission to discuss and consider taking action for development of a policy statement regarding the Commission's support of fish purchases.

This matter was Continued off calendar.

8. 25-1454 Commission to review and approve the final draft of the annual report to be presented to the Board of Supervisors on September 23, 2025 at 10:00 A.M.

Attachments: A - Annual Report

There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gardner, seconded by Commissioner Davies to approve the final draft of the annual report to be presented to the Board of Supervisors by Commissioner Allen and Commissioner Weddle on September 23, 2025 at 10:00 A.M.

Yes: 5 - Schwarzbach, Allen, Byrne, Davies and Gardner

Absent: 2 - Weddle and Robinson

9. 25-1455 Commission to discuss El Dorado Irrigation Districts water diversion plan impacts on South Fork American River flows .

This matter was Continued off calendar.

LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

There were no legislative reports.

NEXT MEETING: September 24, 2025 in South Lake Tahoe 2pm Start Time

ADJOURNED AT 4:09 P.M.