



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, January 28, 2026

3:00 PM

<https://edcgov-us.zoom.us/j/84985797382>

330 Fair Ln - Building A, Conference Room C

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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.

At 3:00 P.M. Commissioner Gardner joined the meeting and invoked AB2449. Commissioner Gardner stated she was unable to attend today's meeting due to a contagious illness, which is considered "just cause" to allow remote participation under AB2449 (Government Code 54953(f)). In order to comply with AB2449, the Commission Clerk asked that the record reflect there is a quorum of members physically present at the meeting. Member Gardner disclosed that there are no individuals 18 years of age or older present in the room with her. Finally, in compliance with AB2449 Member Gardner kept her camera on during the meeting.

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

Present: 6 - Weddle, Allen, Byrne, Davies, Robinson and Gardner

Absent: 1 - Schwarzbach

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

There was no public comment.

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

Yes: 5 - Weddle, Allen, Byrne, Robinson and Gardner

Absent: 1 - Schwarzbach

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. [25-1998](#) Approval of the Minutes from the regular meeting on November 19, 2025.

Attachments: [11-19-25 Draft Minutes](#)

[11-19-25 Final Minutes](#)

This matter was Approved on the Consent Calendar.

Yes: 5 - Weddle, Allen, Byrne, Robinson and Gardner

Absent: 1 - Schwarzbach

Abstained: 1 - Davies

2. [26-0089](#) Staff recommending the Commission receive and file the January 2026 Monthly Finance Report dated 1/28/2026.

Attachments: [A - 01-28-26 Finance Report](#)

This matter was Approved on the Consent Calendar.

Yes: 5 - Weddle, Allen, Byrne, Robinson and Gardner

Absent: 1 - Schwarzbach

Abstained: 1 - Davies

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

OPEN FORUM

Public Comment: T. Day

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:

Monthly meetings with California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

LeeAnne is retiring June 26, 2026.

Mountain lion hazing bill.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Byrne reported on the following:

Deer crossing sign update.

Deer and wildlife carcass update.

Fencing and deer feeding brochures given to District Attorney.

Attended meeting at District Attorney with Commissioners Gardner and Weddle.

Commissioner Allen reported on the following:

Bike crossing accident lawsuit.

CDFW bear presentation at South Lake Tahoe City Council.

South Lake Tahoe bear management plan.

Commissioner Gardner reported on the following:

Attended meeting at District Attorney with Commissioners Byrne and Weddle.

Draft guideline for fishing derbies and fish stocking updated.

Commissioner Robinson reported on the following:

Spending time at mining claim.

Deer herd and Valley Quail sightings in Shingle Springs.

Commissioner Weddle reported on the following:

Attended meeting at District Attorney with Commissioners Gardner and Byrne.

2026 CDFW warden stamps.

Commissioner Weddle reported on the following on behalf of Commissioner Schwarzbach:

El Dorado RCD lion management program update.

Commissioner Davies reported on the following:

Deer herds and lion tracks from Shingle Springs up to 5,000 ft elevation.

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE BIOLOGIST AND WARDEN REPORTS

Shelly Blair with California Department of Fish and Wildlife reported on the following:

Beaver help desk program.

Bear harvest update.

Bear den scouting and collaring program.

Fall bear cub release.

Non-lethal mountain lion program extended through March.

Lion collaring trapping effort.

Youth hunter education class March 13th and 14th.

Mute swans became legal to hunt.

Dove banding program.

Tahoe Interagency Bear Team law enforcement training.

Exploring public safety announcements about bears.

Bob Pera with California Department of Fish and Wildlife reported on the following:

Small game season is closed.

General trespassing enforcement.

Charges and dispositions for 2025 court cases.

AGENDA ITEMS

3. [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.

Public Comment: K. Jermstad

After three motions were made, all three were withdrawn, and the Commission decided to Continue this matter to the next regular meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Allen, seconded by Commissioner Byrne to appoint Commissioner Weddle as the Chair for 2026.

Commissioner Allen withdrew the motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Byrne, seconded by Commissioner Allen to appoint Commissioner Schwarzbach as the Vice Chair for 2026.

Commissioner Byrne withdrew the motion.

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

Commissioner Davies withdrew the motion.

4. [26-0175](#) Commissioner Weddle recommending the Commission review, discuss and amend the 2025-26 Draft Annual Work Plan.

Attachments: [A - El Dorado County Fish and Wildlife Workplan Draft](#)

There was no public comment.

The Commission reviewed, discussed and amended the 2025-26 Draft Annual Work Plan.

5. [26-0087](#) Clerk of the Board staff recommending the Commission:
1) Discuss the process and requirements for the commission's annual report to the Board of Supervisors;
2) Assign commissioners to create a draft presentation to bring back to the next meeting for review and approval; and
3) Select a date to present the report to the Board of Supervisors.

Attachments: [A - Annual Committee Commission Presentation Template 2026](#)

Public Comment: K. Jermstad

The Commission:

1) Discussed the process and requirements for the commission's annual report to the Board of Supervisors;
2) Commissioners Allen and Weddle were assigned to create a draft presentation to bring back to a future meeting for review and approval; and
3) The Commission selected September 15, 2026, at 9:30am to present the report to the Board of Supervisors.

6. [25-2055](#) Commissioner Allen recommending the Commission have a discussion regarding possible follow-up action concerning the October 29, 2025 presentation by Friends Aiding Wildlife in Nature.

Attachments: [FAWN Follow-up Email](#)

There was no public comment.

The Commission decided to Continue this matter and bring it back to the next regular meeting to include a recommendation of creating an ad hoc committee for follow up action.

7. [26-0173](#) Commissioner Allen recommending the Commission have a discussion regarding Black Bear coexistence education dissemination to all El Dorado County property owners.

Public Comment: K. Jermstad

The Commission held a discussion regarding Black Bear coexistence education dissemination to all El Dorado County property owners

8. [26-0225](#) Commissioner Davies recommending the Commission consider approving a request for additional funding in the amount of \$92.99 for the Lumsden Pond fishing derby in April 2026.

There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinson, seconded by Commissioner Davies to approve additional funding in the amount of \$92.99 for the Lumsden Pond fishing derby in April 2026.

Commissioner Allen would like the record to reflect she is in support of approving additional funding for this request and would ask for the Commission to use discretion on a case-by-case basis for future funding requests.

Yes: 5 - Weddle, Allen, Davies, Robinson and Gardner

Noes: 1 - Byrne

Absent: 1 - Schwarzbach

LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

There were no legislative reports.

NEXT MEETING: February 25, 2026 (330 Fair Ln, Conference Room C)

ADJOURNED AT 4:49 P.M.