



# County of El Dorado

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## 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*

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Wednesday, May 29, 2024

2:00 PM

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

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**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](mailto: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 2:08 P.M.**

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 6 - Denaga, Weddle, Robinson, Davies, Schwarzbach and Allen

**Absent:** 1 - Byrne

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

**Commissioner Schwarzbach and Commissioner Allen recused themselves from approval of the April 24, 2024, minutes as they were not in attendance for that meeting.**

**Yes:** 6 - Denaga, Weddle, Robinson, Davies, Schwarzbach and Allen

**Absent:** 1 - Byrne

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. [24-0861](#) Approval of the minutes from the regular meeting on April 24, 2024.

**Attachments:** [4-24-2024 Draft Minutes](#)  
[4-24-2024 Final Minutes](#)

**This matter was Approved on the Consent Calendar.**

**Commissioner Schwarzbach and Commissioner Allen recused themselves from approval of the April 24, 2024, minutes as they were not in attendance for that meeting.**

**Yes:** 4 - Denaga, Weddle, Robinson and Davies

**Recused:** 2 - Schwarzbach and Allen

**Absent:** 1 - Byrne

**END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

**OPEN FORUM**

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

**Bear activity.  
Staff changes at the end of June.  
Chronic Waste Disease in California.**

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

**Fishing citations.  
Boating patrols.  
Recent case of young bear shot by homeowner.**

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Commissioner Schwarzbach had nothing to report on.**

**Commissioner Denaga reported on the following:  
Village Green Fishing derby.**

**Commissioner Robinson reported on the following:  
Lumsden Pond fishing derby.  
Watched video interview with Sheriff Leikauf and a local biologist about mountain lions in the county.**

**Commissioner Davies reported on the following:  
Lumsden Pond fishing derby.**

**Commissioner Weddle reported on the following:  
Bought Warden Stamp.  
Took thank you gift to Helen at Ag Department for her help with the fencing brochure.  
Met and introduced himself to Commissioner Robinson.  
Revised workbook calendar.  
Contact with John Smith, Chair of the Alpine County Fish and Wildlife Commission  
Met with Supervisor Parlin.**

**Commissioner Allen reported on the following:  
Informational handout for residents and property owners about coexisting with black bears.**

**LEGISLATIVE REPORTS**

Shelly Blair with California Department of Fish and Wildlife reported on the following:  
State of California Department of Fish and Wildlife draft Bear Management Plan comment period ends June 14, 2024.

**FINANCE REPORT**

2. [24-0974](#) Staff recommending the Commission receive and file the May 2024 Monthly Finance Report dated 5/29/2024.

**Attachments:** [A - 5-29-2024 Finance Report](#)

The Commission received and filed the monthly finance report dated 5/29/2024.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

3. [24-0042](#) Election of the Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer of the Fish and Wildlife Commission for 2024. (Continued from April 24, 2024, item 7)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Davies, seconded by Commissioner Robinson to appoint Commissioner Schwarzbach as Vice Chair of the commission for 2024.**

**Yes:** 6 - Denaga, Weddle, Robinson, Davies, Schwarzbach and Allen

**Absent:** 1 - Byrne

4. [24-0970](#) Commission to review and consider approving a request from Lt. Bob Pera to purchase the following equipment for the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Law Enforcement Division in the amount of \$1,051.16 which includes tax and free shipping:
- 1) Two (2) Reconyx HyperFire 2 license plate cameras at \$459.99 each for a total of \$920.00 plus tax; and
  - 2) Two (2) 128 gigabit secure digital memory cards at \$20.00 each for a total of \$40.00 plus tax.

**Attachments:** [A - Email Request Attachment](#)

**This matter was withdrawn from the agenda at the request of Lt. Pera with the State of California Department of Fish and Wildlife.**

5. [24-0971](#) Clerk of the Board staff recommending the Fish and Wildlife Commission:
- 1) Discuss the process and requirements for the committees annual report to the Board of Supervisors;
  - 2) Determine which member(s) will create a draft presentation to bring back to a future committee meeting for review and approval; and
  - 3) Determine a date to present the report to the Board of Supervisors.

**Attachments:** [A - Annual Report Guidelines and Template 2024](#)

[B - 2022-2023 Fish and Wildlife Commission Annual Report](#)

**Commissioner Weddle and Commissioner Schwarzbach will make updates to the draft presentation template. At the June meeting the commission will review the draft presentation and select a date to present to the Board.**

6. [24-0972](#) Commission to receive and file a presentation from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife Tahoe Bear Team and conduct a site visit of local neighborhoods experiencing bear issues.

**Attachments:** [A - Tahoe Bear Team Presentation](#)

*Public Comment: K. Jermstad*

**The Commission received and filed a presentation from Alexia Ronning and Kyle Garrett of the State of California Department of Fish and Wildlife Tahoe Bear Team.**

**The Commission will depart from 3368 Sandy Way immediately following agenda item 6 to conduct a site visit of local neighborhoods experiencing bear issues as described in item 6 (24-0972) above. The meeting will be recessed while in transit and reconvened at the site location. The public is invited to attend the site visit.**

**The Commission recessed at 4:00 P.M. to conduct the site visits.**

**The Commission arrived at the Tahoe Keys neighborhood at 4:22 P.M and departed at 5:00 P.M.**

**NEXT MEETING: June 26, 2024, in Placerville**

**ADJOURNED AT 5:00 P.M.**