



County of El Dorado

See Below for Meeting
Location

Minutes - Final 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
Mike Denega, Member at Large

Wednesday, January 29, 2025

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](#)

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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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 - Denega, Weddle, Schwarzbach, Allen, Byrne, Davies 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 Schwarzbach to Adopt the Agenda and Approve the Consent Calendar.

Yes: 7 - Denega, Weddle, Schwarzbach, Allen, Byrne, Davies 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. [24-2149](#) Approval of the Minutes from the regular meeting on November 27, 2024.

Attachments: [11-27-2024 Draft Minutes](#)

[11-27-2024 Final Minutes](#)

This matter was Approved on the Consent Calendar.

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

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**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.

PRESENTATION

2. [25-0059](#) Commission to receive and file a presentation from Mike Casazza, Research Wildlife Biologist with United States Geological Survey about tracking and analysis of wildlife movement.

Attachments: [El Dorado Hills Wildlife Tracking Advances Presentation](#)

There was no public comment.

The Commission received and filed a presentation from Mike Casazza, Research Biologist with United States Geological Survey about tracking and analysis of wildlife movement.

EL DORADO COUNTY AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER REPORT

Ag Commissioner, LeeAnne Mila reported on the following:
Mountain lion update.

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE BIOLOGIST AND WARDEN REPORTS

Bob Pera reported on the following:
Activity is slow.
Training.
2024 fish and wildlife cases filed with the courts and district attorney.

FINANCE REPORT

3. [25-0079](#) Staff recommending the Commission receive and file the January 2025 Monthly Finance Report dated 1/29/2025.

Attachments: [Finance Report 1-29-2025](#)

There was no public comment.

The Commission received and filed the January 2025 Monthly Finance Report dated 1/29/2025.

AGENDA ITEMS

4. [25-0075](#) Election of the Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer of the Fish and Wildlife Commission for 2025.
- There was no public comment.*
- A motion was made by Commissioner Schwarzbach, seconded by Commissioner Allen to appoint Commissioner Weddle as Chair for 2025.**
- A motion was made by Commissioner Byrne, seconded by Commissioner Allen to appoint Commissioner Schwarzbach as Vice Chair for 2025.**
- A motion was made by Commissioner Davies, seconded by Commissioner Allen to appoint Commissioner Robinson as Treasurer for 2025.**
5. [24-2088](#) Commissioner Byrne recommending the Commission discuss contacting and communicating with neighboring county fish and wildlife commissions. (Continued from 11/27/2024, item 7)
- Public Comment: B. Gaines*
- The Commission discussed the process for contacting and communicating with neighboring county fish and wildlife commissions.**
6. [25-0224](#) Commission to review the draft black bear coexistence poster.
- Attachments:** [A - Coexisting With BLACK BEARS FINAL DRAFT](#)
[A - REVISED Coexisting With BLACK BEARS FINAL 1.27 EDIT F&W Logo](#)
- Public Comment: B. Gaines*
- The Commission reviewed the draft black bear poster. Once the draft poster is approved by County Counsel, it will come back to the Commission for final approval.**
7. [25-0036](#) Commission to have a discussion of ongoing evaluation of outcomes from the Commissions mountain lion opinion letter to the Board of Supervisors.
- Attachments:** [A - 2024-12-09 CDFW letter to BOS](#)
- Public Comment: B. Gaines*
- The Commission discussed ongoing evaluation of outcomes from the Commissions mountain lion opinion letter to the Board of Supervisors.**
8. [25-0076](#) Commissioner Davies recommending the Commission discuss Golden Mussel invasive species.
- The Commission discussed Golden Mussel invasive species.**

9. [25-0176](#) Commission to discuss desired presentations for future meetings.
- The Commission discussed future meeting presentations. Commissioners are to submit requests for future presentations to Chair Weddle to be scheduled for future meeting agendas.
10. [25-0177](#) Chair Weddle recommending the Commission discuss elements of the Board, Committee and Commission Handbook.

Attachments: [A - Committee and Commission Handbook](#)

Public Comment: B. Gaines

The Commission reviewed and discussed the Board, Committee and Commission Handbook.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Allen reported on the following:
Participating in first annual Tahoe fishing guide forum on April 17th or backup date of May 1st.
Alta Journal March article on Tahoe Bears.

Commissioner Robinson had no report.

Commissioner Denaga reported on the following:
Finnon Lake update.

Commissioner Weddle reported on the following:
Meeting with Sheriff Leikauf about mountain lions.
Meeting with LeeAnne Mila, Bill Gaines and Steven Schwarzbach about mountain lions.
Meeting with Supervisor Parlin.
Meeting with CA Fish and Wildlife Director Bonham.
Camino Wildlife under crossing meeting with Kathie Jermstad.
Read book Path of the Puma.
American River Conservancy Monarch Butterfly habitat project.
Utah State cougar study program planning.

Commissioner Davies reported on the following:
Monarch Butterflies.
Fishing derby cost increases.

Commissioner Byrne reported on the following:
Deer sign flashing light project update.
Village Green Pond fishing derby May 17th.
Highway 50 corridor wildlife fatalities.
Rods and reels giveaway program.

Commissioner Schwarzbach reported on the following:
Update on meetings attended.
Facebook group mountain lion data update.

LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

There were no legislative reports.

NEXT MEETING: February 26, 2025

ADJOURNED AT 5:10 P.M.