



# County of El Dorado

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Location

## Minutes - Final Fish and Wildlife Commission

*Dennis F. Byrne, Member, District I*  
*Mike Denaga, Member at Large*  
*Eric Harnage, Member, District II*  
*Stephen E. Horan, Member at Large*  
*Kathie Jermstad, Member, District III*  
*Patrick W. Weddle, Member, District IV*  
*Joby Cefalu, Member, District V*

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Wednesday, November 29, 2023

3:00 PM

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

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**330 Fair Ln - Building A, Conference Room A**  
**Placerville, CA OR Live Streamed - [Click here to view](#)**

**Teleconferencing Location: 3368 Lake Tahoe Blvd # 102, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150**

**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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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](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 five 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:** 6 - Byrne, Denaga, Harnage, Horan, Jermstad and Weddle

**Absent:** 1 - Cefalu

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

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

**Yes:** 6 - Byrne, Denaga, Harnage, Horan, Jermstad and Weddle

**Absent:** 1 - Cefalu

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. [23-2040](#) Approval of the Minutes from the regular meeting on October 25, 2023.

**Attachments:** [10-25-2023 Draft Minutes](#)  
[10-25-2023 Final Minutes](#)

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

**Yes:** 6 - Byrne, Denaga, Harnage, Horan, Jermstad and Weddle

**Absent:** 1 - Cefalu

**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 five 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:  
Ervin Ranch regulation and designation package update.  
Motus station at Ervin Ranch.  
El Dorado Ranch update.  
Tahoe bear box and organic waste ordinance update.

Bob Pera reported on the following:  
Enforcement has been slowing down.  
Training took a lot of time through November.  
Patrols along Taylor Creek with Kokanee run.  
Bear activity.  
Fish activity.  
Deer poaching incidents.  
Hunting and felons in possession of firearms contacts.  
South Lake Tahoe bear attack.

**FINANCE REPORT**

Agricultural Department Staff Myrna Tow presented the finance report.

- 2. [23-2154](#) Finance Report 10/31/2023.

Attachments: [Finance Report 10-31-2023](#)

**3:10 P.M. - Commissioner Cefalu joined the meeting.**

Present: 7 - Byrne, Denaga, Harnage, Horan, Jermstad, Weddle and Cefalu

**AGENDA ITEMS**

- 3. [23-2097](#) Commission to receive an update from staff on recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to consider changing County Ordinance 4437 related to feeding of deer.

Attachments: [A - Ordinance 4437](#)

Ag Commissioner LeeAnne Mila will work with County Counsel staff to present a proposal to the Board of Supervisors for conceptual review and authorization to prepare an ordinance amendment for Ordinance 4437.

- 4. [23-2099](#) Commission to discuss submission of 2023-2024 budget request items such as purchasing fish for derbies, fish stocking purchases, sponsorships, etc.

**Chair Weddle requested Commissioners submit the name of their funding request and dollar amount being requested to Secretary Harnage. All requests will come to the commission on a future agenda for consideration of approval.**

**Chair Weddle will work with staff, Myrna Tow to revise the funding request form. The updated form will be distributed to Commissioners. A completed form will be required to be submitted to Myrna prior to funding requests being processed.**

- 5. [23-1801](#) Commission to discuss fencing as it relates to wildlife movement and safety. ~~The Commission may take action to form an ad hoc committee on this topic.~~  
(Continued from October 25, 2023).

**Commissioner Jermstad provided an update from the fencing ad hoc committee.**

**The fencing ad hoc committee will work with Ag Commissioner LeeAnne Milla and Planning Department staff to setup a meeting to discuss fencing in the county.**

- 6. [23-2098](#) Commission to discuss the requirement for commissioners to participate in ethics training based on Board of Supervisors Policy E-7.

**Attachments: [A - Policy E-7 Ethics Training](#)**

**Kaylee Runkle with the Board of Supervisors Office explained the Ethics Training requirement for commissioners.**

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Commissioner Horan reported on the following:  
Court meeting and commissioner attendance.

Commissioner Jermstad reported on the following:  
She is planning to resign from the commission in the next couple of months due to personal reasons.

Commissioner Denaga reported on the following:  
Wildlife related book recommendations.  
Bass Lake vegetation management.

Commissioner Harnage reported on the following:  
He is resigning from the committee for personal reasons effective 12/31/23.

Commissioner Byrne reported on the following:  
Blue bird and wood duck boxes.

Commissioner Weddle reported on the following:  
Discussion with County Counsel about Ordinance 4437.  
Trout Unlimited meeting.  
Caples Creek.  
Budget figures.  
Funding request form.

**LEGISLATIVE REPORTS**

There were no legislative reports.

**NEXT MEETING - January 31, 2024**

**ADJOURNED AT 5:11 P.M.**