



County of El Dorado

See Below for Meeting
Location

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, November 19, 2025

2:00 PM

<https://edcgov-us.zoom.us/j/84009641999>

330 Fair Lane, Board Meeting Room, Building A Placerville, CA

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

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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: 4 - Weddle, Allen, Byrne and Gardner

Absent: 3 - Schwarzbach, Davies and Robinson

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Yes: 4 - Weddle, Allen, Byrne and Gardner

Absent: 3 - Schwarzbach, 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. [25-1873](#) Staff recommending the Commission receive and file the November 2025 Monthly Finance Reported dated 11/19/2025.

Attachments: [A - 11-19-2025 Finance Report](#)

This matter was Approved on the Consent Calendar.

Yes: 4 - Weddle, Allen, Byrne and Gardner

Absent: 3 - Schwarzbach, Davies and Robinson

2. [25-1872](#) Approval of the Minutes from the regular meeting on October 29, 2025.

Attachments: [10-29-25 Draft Minutes](#)

This matter was Approved on the Consent Calendar.

Yes: 4 - Weddle, Allen, Byrne and Gardner

Absent: 3 - Schwarzbach, Davies and Robinson

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Commissioner Davie's joined the meeting at 2:03 P.M.

Present: 5 - Weddle, Allen, Byrne, Davies and Gardner

Absent: 2 - Schwarzbach and Robinson

OPEN FORUM

Public Comment: K. Jermstad

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

Ag Commissioner LeeAnne Mila reported on the following:
California Department of Fish and Wildlife staffing.
California Farm Bureau annual meeting.
California Invasive Plant Council annual symposium.

Commissioner Robinson joined the meeting at 2:14 P.M.

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

Absent: 1 - Schwarzbach

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Byrne reported on the following:
Flashing deer crossing sign update.
Rods and reels program update.
Avian bird flu.
Meeting with District Attorney.

Commissioner Davie's had no report.

Commissioner Allen reported on the following:
Bear box presentation to South Lake Tahoe City Council.
Salmon run.

Commissioner Gardner reported on the following:
Ad hoc committee.
Finnon Lake visit.

Commissioner Robinson reported on the following:
Turkey and deer herds in Shingle Springs.
Turkey hunting.

Commissioner Weddle reported on the following:
Thank you letter for fishing equipment donations.
Administrative Chair duties.

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE BIOLOGIST AND WARDEN
REPORTS**

Shelly Blair reported on the following on behalf of Bob Pera:

Wolf strike force.

Multiple citations issued for wildlife violations.

Deer decoy operation.

Night flight operation.

Shelly Blair reported on the following:

Bear season harvest.

Wolf information on CDFW website.

Utah grad student mountain lion deterrent program update.

Bear trapping.

Fall cub rehab releases.

AGENDA ITEMS

3. [25-1919](#) Commissioner Robinson recommending that the Commission discuss and consider taking action to sponsor or co-sponsor a taxidermy project, in collaboration with Sheriff Leikauf, to support mountain lion safety education efforts.

Public Comment: K. Jermstad

The Commission decided not to move forward with this item.

4. [25-1453](#) The Commission will receive a report from the Fish Stocking Ad Hoc Committee and discuss and make edits to a policy statement regarding the Commission's support of fish purchases involving current and future stocking for fishing derbies, ponds, and lakes.

Attachments: [A - Internal Policy Fishing Derby and Fish Stocking Support Procedures - DRAFT](#)
[B - Ad Hoc Fish Stocking Fish Purchase Policies Process and Background](#)

The Commission received a report from the Fish Stocking Ad Hoc Committee and discussed and made edits to a policy statement regarding the Commission's support of fish purchases involving current and future stocking for fish derbies, ponds, and lakes.

The Fish Stocking Ad Hoc Committee will make updates as discussed, including changing the document from an internal policy statement to a guidelines document and return with an updated draft for the Commission to review at a future Commission meeting.

5. [25-1907](#) Chair Weddle requesting the Commission hold a discussion regarding the December 31, 2025, meeting date given its proximity to the New Year's Day holiday. The Commission is asked to determine their availability to meet and determine if an alternative meeting date is necessary.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gardner, seconded by Commissioner Allen to cancel the December meeting.

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

Noes: 1 - Davies

Absent: 1 - Schwarzbach

LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

Ag Commissioner LeeAnne Mila will provide a legislative update along with her Ag Commissioner report at each meeting.

NEXT MEETING: January 28, 2026

ADJOURNED AT 3:40 P.M.