



County of El Dorado

See Below for Meeting
Location

Minutes - Draft Fish and Wildlife Commission

Leona Allen, Chair, District V
Heather Gardner, Vice Chair, Member at Large
Larry Robinson, Treasurer, District II
Dennis Byrne, District I
James Davies, District III
Patrick W. Weddle, District IV
Steven Schwarzbach, Member at Large

Wednesday, April 29, 2026

3:00 PM

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

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

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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: 6 - Commissioner Weddle, Commissioner Allen, Commissioner Byrne, Commissioner Davies, Commissioner Robinson and Commissioner Gardner
Absent: 1 - Commissioner Schwarzbach

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

There was no public comment.

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

Yes: 6 - Commissioner Weddle, Commissioner Allen, Commissioner Byrne, Commissioner Davies, Commissioner Robinson and Commissioner Gardner
Absent: 1 - Commissioner Schwarzbach

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. [26-0635](#) Approval of the Minutes from the regular meeting on March 25, 2026.

Attachments: [3-25-2026 Draft Minutes](#)
[3-25-2026 Final Minutes](#)

This matter was Approved on the Consent Calendar.

Yes: 6 - Commissioner Weddle, Commissioner Allen, Commissioner Byrne, Commissioner Davies, Commissioner Robinson and Commissioner Gardner
Absent: 1 - Commissioner Schwarzbach

2. [26-0654](#) Staff recommending the Commission receive and file the April 2026 Monthly Finance Report dated 4/29/2026.

Attachments: [4-29-26 Finance Report](#)

This matter was Approved on the Consent Calendar.

Yes: 6 - Commissioner Weddle, Commissioner Allen, Commissioner Byrne, Commissioner Davies, Commissioner Robinson and Commissioner Gardner
Absent: 1 - Commissioner Schwarzbach

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.

EL DORADO COUNTY AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER REPORT

Agricultural Commissioner LeeAnne Mila reported on the following:

Ag round table dinner.

Senate Bill 1305 California Grizzly Bear reintroduction.

Mountain lion issue in Alpine County.

Sacramento Bee mountain lion article.

Commercial livestock producer wolf training in June.

Aaron Collins, new California Director for USDA Wildlife Services.

Trapper update.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS: Commissioners may make a brief report or brief announcement on matters of commission concern.

Commissioner Davies reported on the following:

Lumsden Pond fishing derby.

Commissioner Byrne reported on the following:

Commission contact list update request.

Wakamatsu Pond kids summer fishing classes.

Rods and reels program update.

Blue bird boxes at Serrano golf course.

Commissioner Weddle reported on the following:

Lumsden Pond fishing derby.

Alligator observing in Georgia.

Reviewed meeting materials.

Discussion with Commissioner Schwarzbach about mountain lion educational event.

Commissioner Robinson reported on the following:

Lumsden Pond fishing derby.

Commissioner Gardner reported on the following:

Lumsden Pond fishing derby.

Milkweed seed update.

Commission website updates.

Commissioner Allen reported on the following:

Wildlife coexistence efforts with City of South Lake Tahoe.

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE BIOLOGIST AND WARDEN REPORTS

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

Warden staffing update.

Fishing season update.

Turkey season update.

Court case update.

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

Amador County fish and wildlife commission.

Connectivity biologist field trip.

Natural Connections Day at El Dorado High School.

Kanaka Valley turkey hunts.

Mortality deer collars.

Tahoe bear trapping and collaring.

AGENDA ITEMS

3. [26-0656](#) Commission to conduct a preliminary review of the proposed 2026-2027 budget requests, prior to formal consideration at the July meeting.

Attachments: [A - Funding Request Form](#)

[B - 2025-2026 Funding Requests](#)

There was no public comment.

The Commission conducted a preliminary review of the proposed 2026-2027 budget requests, prior to formal consideration at the July meeting.

4. [26-0652](#) Commissioner Byrne recommending the Commission approve the reallocation of previously approved funds for fish stocking at Serrano Parkway Governors Pond (approved July 30, 2025, Legistar Item 25-1195) to instead support fish stocking at Serrano Village Green Pond, due to the presence of river otters at Governors Pond.

There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Commissioner Byrne, seconded by Commissioner Gardner to transfer funds from the Governors Pond stocking program to the Village Green stocking program, and to research stocking multiple different types of fish if the permit allows.

Motion withdrawn.

After the main motion was made and withdrawn, a subsequent motion was made by Commissioner Gardner, seconded by Commissioner Byrne to transfer funds from Governors Pond to Serrano Village Green Pond with researching multiple fish type options for stocking if the permit allows.

Yes: 6 - Commissioner Weddle, Commissioner Allen, Commissioner Byrne, Commissioner Davies, Commissioner Robinson and Commissioner Gardner

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Schwarzbach

5. [26-0655](#) Commission to discuss the May 27th South Lake Tahoe meeting agenda.

There was no public comment.

The Commission discussed the May 27th South Lake Tahoe meeting agenda.

6. [26-0658](#) Clerk of the Board staff recommending the Commission:
1) Discuss the process for requesting an agenda item; and
2) Review and discuss the legal requirements under the Brown Act concerning agenda item descriptions.

There was no public comment.

The Commission:

- 1) **Discussed the process for requesting an agenda item; and**
2) **Reviewed and discussed the legal requirements under the Brown Act concerning agenda item descriptions.**

7. [26-0660](#) Commission to discuss supporting a mountain lion educational event.

There was no public comment.

The Commission discussed supporting a mountain lion educational event.

LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

Shelly Blair reported on Senate Bill 1135 California Wildlife Coexistence Act.

NEXT MEETING: May 27th at 2:00 P.M. in South Lake Tahoe

ADJOURNED AT 4:25 P.M.