



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, June 24, 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](#)

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 849 8579 7382. Please note you will not be able to join the live-stream until the posted meeting start time.

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

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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: 5 - Commissioner Weddle, Commissioner Schwarzbach, Commissioner Byrne, Commissioner Davies and Commissioner Gardner
Absent: 2 - Commissioner Allen and Commissioner Robinson

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

There was no public comment.

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

Yes: 5 - Commissioner Weddle, Commissioner Schwarzbach, Commissioner Byrne, Commissioner Davies and Commissioner Gardner
Absent: 2 - Commissioner Allen and Commissioner 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. [26-0828](#) Approval of the Minutes from the regular meeting on April 29, 2026.

This matter was Approved on the Consent Calendar.

Yes: 5 - Commissioner Weddle, Commissioner Schwarzbach, Commissioner Byrne, Commissioner Davies and Commissioner Gardner
Absent: 2 - Commissioner Allen and Commissioner Robinson

2. [26-0848](#) Staff recommending the Commission receive and file the May 2026 Monthly Finance Report dated 5/27/2026 and the June 2026 Monthly Finance Report dated 6/24/2026.

This matter was Approved on the Consent Calendar.

Yes: 5 - Commissioner Weddle, Commissioner Schwarzbach, Commissioner Byrne, Commissioner Davies and Commissioner Gardner
Absent: 2 - Commissioner Allen and Commissioner Robinson

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

PRESENTATIONS

3. [26-0487](#) Commission to receive and file the following presentation from the American River Conservancy - Partners for Habitat and Humans: Prioritizing Conservation in El Dorado County.
- There was no public comment.*
- The Commission received a presentation from the American River Conservancy.**
4. [26-1057](#) Commission to receive and file a presentation from the Mountain Lion Foundation on the new focus of the foundation, and how it may benefit El Dorado County.
- The Commission received a presentation from the Mountain Lion Foundation.**

AGENDA ITEMS

5. [26-1054](#) Commissioner Schwarzbach recommending the Commission discuss the idea of co-sponsoring an El Dorado County Mountain Lion Conflict Management Science Symposium.
- Public Comment: Cathy Jermstad*
- A motion was made by Commissioner Schwarzbach, seconded by Commissioner Gardner to return to the Commission with more defined information.**
6. [26-1053](#) Acknowledgment of LeeAnne Mila's service to the Commission.
- Public Comment: Cathy Jermstad*
- The Commission acknowledged Leanne Mila on her service as the El Dorado County Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer of Weights and Measures.**
7. [26-0893](#) Commissioners Byrne and Weddle recommending the Commission discuss the need for more Commission banners.
- Commissioner Weddle made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Schwarzbach to reimburse Commissioner Byrne for Commission banners.**
- Yes:** 5 - Commissioner Weddle, Commissioner Schwarzbach, Commissioner Byrne, Commissioner Davies and Commissioner Gardner
- Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Allen and Commissioner Robinson
8. [26-0894](#) Commissioner Weddle recommending the Commission discuss and take action on a proposal to purchase and donate 10 fishing rods and reels to the American River Conservancy Summer Nature Camp Program.
- Public Comment: American River Conservancy Representative.*
- This item was withdrawn from the Agenda by Commissioner Weddle.**

9. [26-1056](#) Commissioner Byrne recommending the Commission discuss visiting neighboring county fish and wildlife commission meetings.

Public Comment: Kathy Jermstad

The Commission discussed visiting neighboring county fish and wildlife commission meetings.

OPEN FORUM

Public comment: Kathy 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

Agricultural Commissioner LeeAnne Mila reported on the following:
Hat Creek Ag Commissioners meeting.

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

Commissioner Schwarzbach reported on the following:
Sheriff's Department and CDFW sign below the lion in the Sheriff's facility.

Commissioner Davies reported on the following:
Predator Workshop Amador County.

Commissioner Byrne reported on the following:
Commissioner phone numbers.
Fishing Derbies.
Dove Banding.

Commissioner Weddle reported on the following:
Georgetown Derby lunch.

Commissioner Gardner reported on the following:
Couldn't attend fishing derbies.
Derby Website.
Fair.
Fish and Wildlife Booth at Fair possibility.

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE BIOLOGIST AND WARDEN REPORTS

Lieutenant Bob Pera with California Department of Fish and Wildlife, reported on the following:
Bears problematic in Tahoe, Sawmill Pond, Fallen Leaf Lake, and Meeks Bay.

LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

Mountain Lion SB1135 Blake Spear.
Grizzly Bear Heather Hardwick.

NEXT MEETING: July 29, 2026 in Placerville

ADJOURNED AT 4:59 P.M.