



County of El Dorado

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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

Heather Gardner, Member at Large

Wednesday, September 24, 2025

2:00 PM

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

Health and Human Services Building - 3368 Sandy Way, South Lake Tahoe, 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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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 2:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Weddle, Schwarzbach, Allen, Byrne, Davies, Robinson and Gardner

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

There was no public comment.

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

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

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. 25-1559 Approval of the Minutes from the regular meeting on August 27, 2025.

This matter was Approved on the Consent Calendar.

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

2. 25-1636 Staff recommending the Commission receive and file the September 2025 Monthly Finance Report dated 9/24/2025.

This matter was Approved on the Consent Calendar.

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

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:
Annual report to the Board.
Wolves update.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Gardner reported on the following:
South Lake Tahoe fishing derby.

Commissioner Schwarzbach reported on the following:
Grand Canyon trip.

Commissioner Weddle reported on the following:
Meeting with Supervisor Parlin.
EID Board meeting.
Working with Commissioner Allen and Myrna on annual report to Board.

Commissioner Davies had no report.

Commissioner Robinson reported on the following:
Meeting with Supervisor Turnboo and Sheriff Leikauf.

Commissioner Allen had no report.

Commissioner Byrne reported on the following:
Annual report to Board.
Deer crossing signs flashing lights update.
Fishing rod and reel program update.

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE BIOLOGIST AND WARDEN REPORTS

California Department of Fish and Wildlife Biologist Shelly Blair reported on the following:
Deer and bear collaring.
Deer season opener this weekend.
Chronic Wasting Disease sampling.
CDFW staffing update.
Grouse, quail and squirrel season open.
Bear management plan update.

LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

There were no Legislative Reports.

AGENDA ITEMS

3. 25-1453 Commission to discuss and consider taking action for development of a policy statement regarding the Commission's support of fish purchases. (Continued item #7, 8/27/2025)

This matter was Continued to the next regular meeting.

4. 25-1642 Clerk of the Board staff recommending the Commission decide if they would like to keep the November 26, 2025 meeting date or reschedule as it falls on the day before Thanksgiving.

The Commission decided to keep the meeting scheduled for November 26, 2025.

2:30 P.M. - TIME ALLOCATION (Items will not be heard prior to the time stated)

5. 25-1574 Commission to conduct a site visit to Taylor Creek for a tour and discussion about wildlife-human coexistence issues.

The Commission will depart from 3368 Sandy Way at 2:30 P.M. to conduct the site visit described in Item 3 (25-1574) above. The meeting will be recessed while in transit and reconvened at the identified location no earlier than the arrival time specified. The public is invited to attend the site visit at the identified location at the time specified.

2:30 P.M. – Depart meeting room at 3368 Sandy Way

2:50 P.M. – Arrive at Taylor Creek Visitors Center Visitor at Center Rd, Camp Richardson, CA

- Commissioner Allen will give a tour of the Rainbow Trail and discuss the successes and challenges of managing the area that hosts extremely high visitation rates during the fall Kokanee Salmon run. A Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit (USFS) representative will be on site as well.**

4:00 P.M. – Site visit will conclude, meeting will adjourn.

NEXT MEETING: October 29, 2025 at 3:00 P.M. in Placerville

ADJOURNED AT 3:53 P.M.