

TEHAMA COUNTY FISH AND GAME COMMISSION

Draft Minutes

The Department of Agriculture, Walnut Room

1834 Walnut Street

Red Bluff, CA 96080

March 10, 2026

Next meeting will be held on April 14, 2026.

Commissioners Present: Chairman Jim Connors, Julie Sisneros, Lee Morgan, Ben Myhre, Steve Joiner, and Lorin Fleming. The meeting was clerked by Commissioner Morgan.

Guests: Robert Dunn, NorCal Guides and Sportsmen's Association, NCGASA.org.

Call To Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Connors at 8:08 a.m.

Public Comments: none

Approval Of Minutes: Commissioner Sisneros made a motion to approve the draft minutes of the meeting held on February 10, 2026. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Morgan and approved by the unanimous vote of the Commission members present.

NorCal Guides Association presentation regarding the program to distribute salmon carcasses back into the Sacramento River: Project Leader Robert Dunn shared information about their Salmon Derived Nutrients Program in the Sacramento River. Our salmon runs are greatly diminished in the Sacramento River Basin and this has resulted in a reduction of nutrients returned inland with these fish from the ocean. This reduction of nutrient recovery reduces the productivity of plants and animals in and along the river and tributaries. Their nonprofit is obtaining salmon carcasses from salmon spawned at the Coleman Fish Hatchery and transporting them to assorted locations on the Sacramento River in Shasta and Tehama Counties between October and March each year. This year is the third year of their work and approximately 15,000 carcasses have been distributed this year.

Their work is returning nutrients captured in the biomass of these salmon to the food chain in the river. Without their work these nutrients would be hauled out of the basin and disposed of elsewhere. There was a consensus within the commission that this work is beneficial and we hope that it will continue.

This nonprofit has been conducting this work on a limited budget and is seeking funding from assorted sources including this commission. It is expected that they will submit a grant proposal at an upcoming meeting, perhaps the next one. Robert Dunn is also hoping to get letters of support for this work in the future from both the commission and the Board of Supervisors.

Update regarding the 2026 Trout in the Classroom Program: The program is operating again with six county classes this year. The release of the juvenile fish is scheduled for April 1 at 10 AM at the Red Bluff Diversion Dam boat launch.

CDFW Staff Reports:

None.

Commissioner Reports:

Steve Joiner: None.

Ben Myhre: None

Lee Morgan: None

Jim Connors: Shared a news release that there is a grant of more than \$1.8 million to restore flood plain connectivity and riparian habitat along the Tehama County side of lower Battle Creek on state wildlife area lands.

Lorin Fleming: Saw in the news that some folks are advocating reintroducing grizzly bears to California. Many possible conflicts between this idea and folks living in rural areas.

Julie Sisneros: None

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:48 a.m.