



Napa County Wildlife Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, February 23, 2026

Time: 2:00 PM

Location: Board of Supervisors Chambers
1195 Third Street, Third Floor

1. Call to Order

The meeting commenced at 2:02 PM.

2. Roll Call

Commission Members Present:

- Charles Burton (Chair)
- Kimberly Richard
- Molly Moran Williams
- Leslie Lew
- Alex Pader (Vice Chair)
- Ina Pisani
- Xuexin (Allen) Xie

Commission Members Absent:

- Greg Matsumoto

County Staff Present:

- Dana Morrison, Supervising Planner (Secretary to the Commission)
 - Pam Arifian, Planner III
 - Daniel Zador, Planner II
 - Laura Anderson, County Counsel
 - Aime Ramos, Meeting Clerk
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3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Public Comment

No public comments were received.

5. Approval of Minutes

Item: Approval of minutes from August 25, 2025, regular meeting.

Motion: Made by Commissioner Richard seconded by Commissioner Lew.

Vote Result: Motion carried (6–1–1)

- **Yes:** Burton, Richard, Lew, Pader, Pisani, Xie
- **Abstain:** Moran Williams
- **Absent:** Matsumoto

6. Agenda Review

Dana Morrison provided an overview of the meeting agenda

7. Consideration and Action on Agenda Items

7A. Election of Officers (Chair and Vice Chair)

Pam Arifian presented the item.

Vice Chair Election:

- Motion made by Commissioner Richard to appoint Alex Pader as Vice Chair for 2026
- Seconded by Commissioner Xie

Vote Result: Motion carried (7–0–1)

- **Yes:** Burton, Richard, Lew, Pader, Pisani, Xie, Moran Williams
- **Absent:** Matsumoto

Chair Election:

- Motion made by Commissioner Richard for Charles Burton to remain Chair for 2026
- Seconded by Commissioner Pader

Vote Result: Motion carried (7–0–1)

- **Yes:** Burton, Richard, Lew, Pader, Pisani, Xie, Moran Williams
 - **Absent:** Matsumoto
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7B. Review and Adoption of 2026 Meeting Calendar

Dana Morrison presented the item.

Motion: Made by Commissioner Pader to adopt the revised 2026 meeting calendar, seconded by Chair Burton.

Vote Result: Motion carried (7–0–1)

- **Yes:** Burton, Richard, Lew, Pader, Pisani, Xie, Moran Williams
 - **Absent:** Matsumoto
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7C. Grant Evaluation Process Improvements

Pam Arifian presented the item and facilitated discussion.

Commissioner Xie also provided a presentation and contributed to the discussion.

Motion:

Chair Burton moved to direct staff to provide additional information on historic grant funding and on how selection criteria in Solano, Alameda, and Contra Costa counties influence the distribution and allocation of funds.

Seconded by Commissioner Lew.

Vote Result: Motion carried (7–0–1)

- **Yes:** Burton, Richard, Lew, Pader, Pisani, Xie, Moran Williams
 - **Absent:** Matsumoto
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8. Director or Designee Report

Dana Morrison reported the following:

- On April 14, the Watershed Information Council will present to the Board of Supervisors regarding its reformation.

- A BDR Community Workshop (in-person) will be held on Thursday, March 19, from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM at Schmidt Hall in Yountville.
 - A BDR Community Workshop (virtual) will be held on Monday, March 23, from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM.
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9. Commissioner Comments and Reports

Chair Burton discussed the possibility of holding officer elections every other year instead of annually. This change would require an amendment to the Commission Bylaws.

10. Future Agenda Items

- A special meeting will be scheduled for May 2026.
 - Progress reports on the grants awarded will be presented at the April meeting.
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11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:34 PM.

12. Signature

Aime Ramos, Meeting Clerk