

Staff Summary for February 11-12, 2026

2. Election of Commission President and Vice President**Today's Item**Information ☐Action ☒

The commissioners annually elect one of their number as a president and one as a vice president, by a concurrent vote of at least three commissioners.

Summary of Previous/Future Actions

- Elected Samantha Murray as president and Erika Zavaleta as vice president February 14-15, 2024
- Elected Erika Zavaleta as president and Samantha Murray as vice president February 12-13, 2025
- **Today elect Commission president and vice president February 11-12, 2026**

Background

Pursuant to Section 102 of the California Fish and Game Code, the commissioners shall annually elect one of their members as president and one as vice president.

Responsibilities of the president include:

- presiding over Commission meetings,
- establishing the content of agendas for emergency meetings of the Commission,
- approving the addition of items to meeting agendas,
- representing the Commission as a voting member of the Wildlife Conservation Board (four meetings per year), and
- serving as an ex officio member of the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission created by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act when there are any projects in California under consideration.

In the absence of the president, the vice president fulfills the duties of the president where permitted.

Significant Public Comments (N/A)**Recommendation (N/A)****Exhibits (N/A)****Motion**

Moved by _____ and seconded by _____ that the Commission elects _____ as president and _____ as vice president.