

California Wolf-Livestock Compensation Program
WORKING GROUP EVALUATION WORKSHOP

February 23, 2026, 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm

CDFW Office: 1010 Riverside Parkway, West Sacramento, CA
 Rm 154- Poppy Conference Room



PURPOSE

CDFW would like to begin conversations and an evaluation of the existing Wolf-Livestock Compensation Program (WLCP). Our intent is to work with a focused group of individuals over a series of workshops to evaluate the existing WLCP to better inform, and potentially make adjustments to, future implementation. Participants have been chosen based on past participation in the development of the WLCP, authority, expertise, and/or their position as a representative of multiple interested and effected stakeholders. To ensure transparency and allow public review and input, any suggested changes to the WLCP will be shared with the public prior to finalization.

AGENDA

INTRODUCTIONS	TIME	PRESENTER(S)
Welcome Introductions and Opening Remarks	1:30 - 1:45 PM (15 min)	CDFW
Purpose, Process, Timeline		
CDFW will walk through the purpose of the workshops and a proposed process and timeline (see below).	1:45 – 2:15 PM (30 min)	CDFW / All
WLCP Overview		
Overview of existing WLCP program and implementation	2:15 – 2:30 PM (15 min)	CDFW
Discussion	2:30 – 2:45 PM (15 min)	All
WLCP Prong 1 – Direct Loss		
Prong 1 overview - Eligibility - Depredation investigations - Confirmation process - Compensation value - Payment process - Deterrent requirements	2:45 – 3:15 PM (30 min)	CDFW
Evaluation of CDFW’s pilot compensation program – Prong 1	3:15 - 3:30 PM (15 min)	UC Berkely

WLCP Prong 1 – Direct Loss		
Discussion and recommendations for Prong 1	3:30 - 4:30 PM (60 min)	All

SUGGESTED PROCESS AND TIMELINE

Workshop #1 – Prong 1 – Direct Loss – February 23, 2026

Workshop # 2 – Prong 2 – Non-Lethal - TBD

Workshop #3 – Prong 3 – Pay for Presence - TBD

Workshop #4 – Finalize Draft Changes - TBD

Solicit Public Input – TBD

Workshop #5 – Review Public Input and Finalize Changes - TBD

GROUND RULES

- Electronic courtesy – please turn all devices to silent or off
- Be comfortable – take personal breaks if needed.
- Honor time – we have a full agenda and need to spend some time with each topic
- Humor is welcome – it just should not be at someone else’s expense
- Common conversational courtesy – do not interrupt others, use appropriate language, and do not make it hard to hear by having third-party conversations at the table
- Treat each other with respect – people have different backgrounds, expertise, and interests; seek to understand their concerns and contributions to our work
- All ideas and points of view have value – you do not have to agree with your neighbor; if you do not agree with something, propose an alternative
- Avoid editorials – avoid judging other people’s motives or the value of their actions; instead explain what you need for our work to be a success and your interests to be met