

Minutes of Board  
of Supervisors  
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## Truckee Fish Fund May Go Down Drain

PLACERVILLE — A \$6500 allocation for stream improvement work on the Upper Truckee River in Lake Valley may be lost for lack of agreements with property owners involved. Ray Nesbitt, representative of the California Wildlife Conservation Board, told the county board of supervisors last week.

Nesbitt said the Upper Truckee is the only good spawning stream left at Lake Tahoe better than all the other streams put together — and he described it as more beneficial to the Tahoe fishery "than three hatcheries would be if the stream is functioning properly."

He told board members that the \$6500 for erosion control on approximately one mile of the stream, on an experimental basis, has been allocated by the WCB, but no moneys may be expended until the state agency has lease agreements with landowners along the stream. These were lined up once, Nesbitt said, but landowners later backed down.

The Wildlife Conservation Board representative said that erosion, all within the valley, was caused by over-grazing by cattle and the sloughing off of stream banks. This, he pointed out, has prevented spawning runs for several years. Spawners enter the stream and find the spawning beds, but what fingerlings that hatch are killed by the excessive erosion. He said effective control could be obtained by sloping the banks and fencing them off, with opening to the stream at regular intervals for crossing and watering by cattle.

He asked the supervisors' help in negotiating lease agreements with the property owners, warning that with some \$1,500,000 committed to projects over the state and only \$750,000 to accomplish them, "this \$6500 allocation for the Upper Truckee won't be in <sup>around</sup> idle very long."

Board convened a regular meeting. Present: all Members, Chairman Chappie presiding. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Liability of responsible relatives determined in separate cases.

County Court authorized to have addressograph plates prepared for Great Truckee. Treasurer authorized to purchase chair. Vets Ser. Officer authorized to employ extra help to end of fiscal year. Travel expense allowed: Supervisor, Dist. 5 hearing of Senate Finance Committee; Agricultural Commissioner. Sheriff authorized to purchase siren for patrol car. Welfare Director presented annual report of operation of department; also statement of policy on general relief, for consideration by the Board. Lien was ordered released upon reimbursement for public assistance rendered. Fire insurance coverage was ordered removed on three exhibit buildings on Fairgrounds. Supt. of Schools was ordered to have new lease prepared for quarters in Government Center; also on additional space required. Letter of appreciation authorized to Pacific Tel. & Tel. Co. for good usage program. Resolution adopted allocating number and classification of employees to several departments.

Proclamation adopted calling election of directors of Southside County Water District for March 25, 1958.

Resolution will be drafted supporting Placer County's request to State to provide financial or physical assistance in connection with 1960 Winter Olympic Games.

Raymond Nesbitt gave progress report on work being performed by Wildlife Conservation Board at Finnon Reservoir, also informed the Board of efforts being made to improve spawning conditions in upper Truckee River by control of erosion.

Resolution was adopted calling on citizens for participation in National Library Week.

Verified claim of Charles M. Monroe, \$151.58, for damage to automobile, was denied.

Preliminary draft of county dog ordinance was read.

Jay Fogal requested Board to