

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD
STATE OF CALIFORNIA
MINUTES, MEETING OF NOVEMBER 29, 1954

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Pursuant to the call of the Chairman, the Wildlife Conservation Board met in Room 4040, State Capitol, Sacramento, California, on November 29, 1954. The meeting was called to order by Chairman William J. Silva at 1:40 p.m.

1. Roll Call

PRESENT: William J. Silva

Chairman

John M. Peirce

Member of the Board

Seth Gordon

Member of the Board

Senator Ed. C. Johnson

Joint Interim Committee

Senator Charles Brown

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Assemblyman Thomas M. Erwin

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Assemblyman Lloyd W. Lowrey

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Assemblyman Frank P. Belotti

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Everett E. Horn

Wildlife Projects Coordinator

ABSENT: Senator Ben Hulse

Joint Interim Committee

OTHERS PRESENT:

Charles Sachs

Firebaugh

Jean Bambauer

Los Banos

Edward H. McNear

Woodside

Bert A. Wilson

Los Banos

John W. Griswold

Dept. of Fish and Game

Robert D. Calkins

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Wm. LaMarr

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Lawrence Cloyd

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Robert D. Montgomery

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Wallace C. Dry

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J. C. Fraser

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C. M. Ferrel

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Wm. Carah

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R. E. Dasmann

U. S. Forest Service

G. W. Philpott

Sportsmen's Council of Central California

George Difani

Associated Sportsmen

Tom Maloney

Willows Sportsmen's Association

Pauline L. Davis

Assemblywoman, 2nd District

Edwin S. Bulen

Assemblyman, 77th District

Harry Wilbur

Calif. Sportsman & Conservationist

Henry MacArthur

Capitol News Service

2. Approval of the Minutes

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. PEIRCE, SECONDED BY MR. GORDON, THAT READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD OF JUNE 29, 1954, BE DISPENSED WITH AND THE MINUTES BE APPROVED AS PUBLISHED AND DISTRIBUTED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Status of Funds

Mr. Horn reported to the Board the total amount allocated to specific projects up to the close of the meeting of June 29, 1954, aggregate \$10,474,418.00 made up as follows:

a. Fish Hatchery and Stocking Projects (17)	\$4,414,681
b. Warmwater and Other Fish Projects (12)	287,335
c. Flow Maintenance and Stream Improvement Projects (17)	446,544
d. Screen and Ladder Projects (13)	375,186
e. State Game Farms (4)	105,644
f. Other Upland Game Projects (4)	440,909
g. Waterfowl Management Projects (7)	4,335,642
h. General Projects (4)	68,477

\$10,474,418

In addition to the specific allocations listed above, the following reserves have been established:

1. Mendocino National Forest Stream Improvement and Flow Maintenance Program, \$15,000;
2. Colorado River Recreational Development, \$50,000;
3. Salton Sea Fisheries Project, \$46,000.

The present unallocated balance in the Wildlife Restoration Fund is about \$1,182,455.

Assemblyman Lowrey suggested that the listing of warmwater fish projects be set up separately from "other fish projects" so that the total allocation for warmwater fish projects alone could be discerned. It was so ordered by Chairman Silva.

4. Mendota (Madera) Waterfowl Management Area, WCB Project No. 532 \$411,000

In conformance with Mr. Peirce's request, the Board proceeded with Item 14 on the agenda, the Mendota Waterfowl Management Area.

The Coordinator gave a brief history of the search for a waterfowl area in the Mendota Pool section. He stated that the Board on March 24, 1954, voted to cancel the Butte Sink, Lower San Joaquin (San Luis Island), Upper San Joaquin (Tupman), and Madera Waterfowl Management Areas, transferring

the balance of allotments to a new area to be selected in the vicinity of Mendota Pool on the Whites Bridge Road, southeast of the town of Mendota. At the same time an additional \$15,000 was allocated to defray the cost of appraisals, water surveys, and preliminary title search to acquire the proposed area by negotiation by the Department of Fish and Game. Also, sufficient of this transferred fund should be reserved to pay any judgment the court might award the attorneys for Mr. Noble as a result of the condemnation suit for the San Luis Island area.

Since then, the court awarded attorneys C. Ray Robinson and Oliver Germino \$152,500 as their fee. We are advised that the Attorney General's office is appealing this case, and should the appeal be lost an additional \$10,000 will be required to defray such expenses.

Funds recovered from other waterfowl areas and transferred to the Mendota area are as follows:

Butte Sink	\$ 5,000.00 ✓
Madera	112,759.56 ✓
Upper San Joaquin	60,328.35 ✓
Lower San Joaquin	682,053.90
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	\$860,141.81
Allocated for Mendota Surveys	15,000.00
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Total Allocation	\$875,141.81
Expended for surveys	13,870.00
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Balance	\$861,271.81
Reserve for attorneys' fees and appeal costs	162,500.00
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Balance available for Mendota Acquisition	\$698,771.81

Mr. Horn, referring to a map of the proposed area, pointed out the salient features. The lands on the west side of the Fresno and Kings River Slough are dyked off from the slough and used as farm lands. This segment contains about 6100 acres. The portion of this segment having the better soils is now well leveled and produces rice, barley and cotton. The balance of the 6100 acres is rough leveled to permit flooding for production of wheat and barley.

The slough and part of the lands east thereof forms the upper or southern portion of Mendota Pool, a regulating reservoir for irrigation water. This pool thus provides a ponded area for fish and waterfowl with no water cost to the Department. The balance of the lands east of the slough is either in natural marsh or could be developed into suitable marsh land. The entire area is well located in relation to waterfowl flights, crop protection and public shooting.

Some of the lands have a riparian water right on the slough. One 846 acre tract now has an adjudicated right of about 1200 acre feet per annum. The amount of riparian water for other parcels has not been determined and probably this cannot be done until the Rank vs. Krug case is settled.

Under the Grassland Act passed by the last Congress, the Bureau of Reclamation can firm up the water requirements of state management areas. That

Bureau is now working with the Department of Fish and Game to determine the quantity of water that would be required for this area, if it is approved by the Wildlife Conservation Board.

The Division of Water Resources has made a survey of water conditions and rendered a favorable report.

Under the present trial of negotiating for purchase of these properties, the Department of Fish and Game has options to purchase that are within the appraisals. These parcels aggregate 8584 acres at an option price of \$1,067,691.40. Three small parcels within the proposed purchase area are used as gun clubs and are not under options. The owners of these parcels are willing to relocate, and in the event this can be done, would either sell to the state or exchange properties. Negotiations are still open on two other properties.

Mr. Horn recommended that no estimate be presented for an allocation for equipment or housing for this area at this meeting. Instead, it was suggested that should the Board approve this purchase, a detailed plan for development and operation of the area be first made. This will indicate the amount and kind of work to be done, and also the equipment required. Also, it can be determined what work can be done most economically by contract and what by department forces. This could avoid the purchase of some heavy equipment that would only be needed for initial development and not be required thereafter.

Mr. Horn suggested to the department that an effort be made to secure farm tractor operators and other laborers who live in the community. This would lessen the number of residence buildings required. It may be necessary to secure a different classification of positions from the Personnel Board to accomplish this, but that should not be insurmountable.

Such preliminary surveys could be made and a much firmer figure presented at the next Board meeting, and this would not cause any delay in the sound operation of the area.

Should the Board desire to make an allocation for equipment and housing at this time, a figure used for other waterfowl areas could be adopted as follows:

Equipment	\$100,000
Housing	100,000

Discussion developed that should negotiations fail for the three gun club parcels now within the proposed purchase area, the department could, as a last resort, condemn these lands. These are not farm lands; however, every effort should be made to negotiate a sale or exchange before resorting to condemnation.

Mr. Silva inquired as to the reservation of mineral rights, especially of the lands owned by the Petroleum Supply Company and was informed that the Petroleum Supply Company would sell only on condition they retain the mineral rights, and on other lands having mineral rights, the state would get from 10% to one-half of the mineral rights of the present owners.

The Board was informed that the Sachs-Bambauer property was rated the best in the block for farming and that the lands of the three gun clubs were all marsh lands not suitable for farming. The question of water rights was further discussed.

Assemblyman Lowrey inquired as to the additional funds required for the acquisition of the other areas and Mr. Horn replied that about \$42,000 would be needed, based on the average appraisals which were made at the same time as the other parcels.

In the matter of relocating the gun clubs, Mr. Peirce assumed that the State would require an exchange on value basis, if an exchange of state-owned property was made.

Mr. Horn was requested to give his opinion on the value of this waterfowl area. He stated that with the marsh lands, farming lands, and water area of the slough, it could be the best waterfowl area in the State. It is located in a spot where there is a need to combat crop depredation of the vast and expanding rice acreages and where there is a demand for public shooting because of the loss of other waterfowl areas to the south.

Mr. George Difani of the Associated Sportsmen of California was recognized by the Chair and gave his views in behalf of the sportsmen. He stated that while the sportsmen concede it is necessary to maintain the flyway, in view of the deficit spending of the Department, the sportsmen are wondering how the area would be maintained. At the present time the license fee cannot pay for the operation of this additional area. A thought should be given to the present legislation which prohibits the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service from buying lands in California for it is actually a federal responsibility to purchase lands with the \$2.00 duck stamp money. If it is impossible to spend duck stamp money for such purchases, then he requested the legislators to give considerable thought to changing the present law. He cited that no discussion was made on the cost of the operation and felt the sportsmen would have to pay for it by increased license fees.

Assemblyman Erwin remarked that the sportsmen requested and recommended a waterfowl project in this area, but that in the course of the acquisition we were forced into a suit on which we now have to pay attorney's fees. This project is a substitute area for the areas originally requested by the sportsmen.

Assemblyman Lowrey indicated that in a purchase of approximately \$1,100,000 we should have specifications on each plot of land as to mineral rights, water rights, how deep wells would have to be dug, how much is necessary for roads, buildings and for operation of the farm.

Mr. Silva commented in answer to Mr. Difani's remarks that the Lower San Joaquin, Upper San Joaquin, Madera, and also the Imperial Valley waterfowl management areas were supported by the sportsmen's organizations. The Mendota area is merely a substitute for those areas on which the Board had previously allocated funds.

Mr. Tom Maloney of the Willows Sportsmen's Association also supported Mr. Difani's views that the sportsmen are concerned about the money that

is to be spent for the operation of the area. He inquired if everything had been done to secure federal funds for this purchase. He was advised that no federal funds existed or could be used for this area.

Mr. G. W. Philpott expressed his views, adding that \$200,000 for equipment and housing must be added to the total purchase price of the area, but that it does not include roads, dykes, canals, etc.

Mr. Horn, in answer to Mr. Philpott's question as to the ultimate overall cost to the Department, stated that the request for development was not made and recommended this estimate await until a firm management plan is developed. Some portions of the area would never be put into farm crops for it would be better to have it remain as natural marsh land. He stated the area should be developed in proportion to the need for protection of agricultural lands in the adjacent areas. It was pointed out that it would not be necessary to build expensive housing for temporary employees if they could be hired from the community nearby. It would be necessary to have the land before a survey could be started to make an overall plan for the cost of development and operation. However, if the project is approved and it is deemed necessary to allocate for housing as well as equipment, he would estimate that another \$200,000 would be required for both. He also estimated the annual maintenance would not be more than \$150,000.

Mr. Gordon informed the Board that an interpretation of the use of Pittman-Robertson monies was requested and that it had been decided such money could be used for development as well as farming the areas. This may mean the curtailment of other activities such as the deer survey, game projects, range studies, etc., now carried on P-R funds. He further stated that the Wildlife Conservation Board has refused expansion of waterfowl areas except those to which the Board was previously committed. Mr. Gordon gave the following figures as being available to the Department through Pittman-Robertson appropriation for the '55-'56 fiscal year: The total operating cost for the Mendota area as presented to the Department of Finance was \$86,254, of which sum \$71,500 is allotted from P-R funds which includes 25% coming out of the Fish and Game fund. \$31,670 of the latter sum is allotted for operation, materials and supplies. There would be eight positions and 36 man-months of seasonal aid on P-R. An Associate Game Manager position and three other full-time positions on support fund provide an additional \$14,754 for a grand total of \$86,254.

Assemblyman Lowrey cited that in practically all acquisitions to date, there has been a return to the Board for additional allocation for bridges, wells, dwellings, etc. He insisted that the Board must have complete figures for the project instead of getting the figures piecemeal.

Mr. Silva commented that although the Board had been committed to allocate monies only for capital investment there has been a relaxing of that policy and capital investment now includes buildings and equipment. That is the reason the Department has come back to the Board with requests for additional funds after the initial allocation had been made.

Mr. Horn stated in answer to Mr. Peirce's question that there are three parcels upon which immediate action is required as the option time expires early in December. Mr. McNear and Mr. Sachs who were in the audience refused extension of time on their properties, for they must consider farming operations for the next year.

Assemblyman Erwin remarked that the prices for the land seemed reasonable to him and that unless the Board took advantage of it now, the area might be lost. He further stated he is taking the recommendation of the Coordinator and since no one can now determine water, water rights, and how much the Federal government is going to allocate for water for the area, we must go ahead and vote on it. We must have some confidence in the Bureau of Reclamation allocating water to the area.

Mr. Horn stated that with the \$698,771.81 presently allocated for the area, and allowing \$42,000 for additional negotiation, a further sum of \$411,000.00 would be required.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN ERWIN, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE APPROVE THE MENDOTA WATERFOWL MANAGEMENT AREA, PROJECT NO. 532, AND RECOMMEND THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD ALLOCATE THE SUM OF \$411,000.00 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF THE AREA.

AYES: SENATORS JOHNSON, BROWN
ASSEMBLYMEN ERWIN, BELOTTI

NOES: ASSEMBLYMAN LOWREY

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. GORDON, SECONDED BY MR. PEIRCE, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE MENDOTA WATERFOWL MANAGEMENT AREA, PROJECT NO. 532, AND ALLOCATE THE SUM OF \$411,000.00 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF THE AREA.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. Coastal Angling Access, WCB Project No. 1011 \$5,500

The status of the Marin County coastal angling access project was brought up to date by the Coordinator. He recounted that the Marin Rod and Gun Club some years ago had proposed an access to fishing areas along the east shore of Tomales Bay, 13 miles north of Pt. Reyes Station.

The County, through the Board of Supervisors, has acquired a property just north of Nick's Cove and has offered that property to the State for the purpose of creating an access, boat launching ramp, and parking area. The Board of Supervisors has also enacted a resolution agreeing to assume the operation and maintenance of the project when completed. The proposal has been surveyed by the department engineers in cooperation with the county engineer and the details of doing the work and granting an interest in the property to the State have been worked out so that it can be accepted. The total cost is estimated at \$5,500.

Mr. Horn recommended that the Board accept this project and allocate \$5,500 from the unallocated reserve to do the necessary construction work.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN LOWREY, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN ERWIN, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND TO THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD THE SUM OF \$5,500 BE ALLOCATED FROM THE UNALLOCATED BALANCE OF THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND FOR THE CREATION OF A COASTAL ANGLING ACCESS IN MARIN COUNTY.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. GORDON, SECONDED BY MR. PEIRCE, THAT THE SUM OF \$5,500 BE ALLOCATED FROM THE UNALLOCATED BALANCE OF THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND FOR THE CREATION OF A COASTAL ANGLING ACCESS IN MARIN COUNTY.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. Pine Creek Flow Maintenance Dam, WCB Project No. 4

Mr. Horn stated that on June 3, 1949, the Wildlife Conservation Board allocated \$43,500 for a flow maintenance dam on Pine Creek tributary to Eagle Lake. This was for the purpose of maintaining a flow in the creek to permit spawning of the distinctive Eagle Lake trout. A further study indicated that a dam was not feasible but that an intercepting ditch to allow a return of flood waters through the creek would contribute materially. This work has been completed at a cost of \$9,885.32, leaving a balance of \$33,614.68. The Department of Fish and Game now requests that they be authorized to use \$3,000 of this unexpended sum for the establishment of an egg collecting station.

It is the feeling of the Department that the very distinctive Eagle Lake trout can best be perpetuated by taking eggs, rearing them in one of the hatcheries, and returning the hatchery reared fish to Eagle Lake. Since stream flow maintenance is not engineeringly feasible, this probably presents the best means of perpetuating this fishery. Estimated costs

are as follows:

Culvert and Pipe	\$1,000
Lumber, Doors and Materials	1,500
Sheet Metal and Reinforcement Steel	150
Necessary Equipment	200
Misc. Construction Expenses	150
Total	\$3,000

Inasmuch as this project has received intensive study and the proposal of collecting eggs and rearing fish to supplement the natural spawn has the recommendation of all the fisheries men who have studied it, Mr. Horn recommended that authorization be given to use \$3,000 out of the unexpended balance of \$33,614.68 and then recover the balance of \$30,614.68, restoring it to the unobligated balance of the Wildlife Restoration Fund.

Senator Johnson inquired if this was the stream the Department had poisoned, killing a number of fish. Mr. Gordon replied that Mr. Shannon of the Department is trying to run this story down, inasmuch as this report seems to have been based merely on rumors, and that the interested people would be notified as soon as the true facts of the case were uncovered.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN LOWREY, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD THE SUM OF \$3,000 OUT OF THE UNEXPENDED BALANCE REMAINING IN THE PINE CREEK FLOW MAINTENANCE DAM PROJECT NO. 4 BE USED FOR THE EGG COLLECTING STATION AND THAT THE BALANCE OF \$30,614.68 BE RESTORED TO THE UNOBLIGATED BALANCE OF THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. PEIRCE, SECONDED BY MR. GORDON, THAT THE BOARD AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT TO USE \$3,000 OUT OF THE UNEXPENDED BALANCE REMAINING IN THE PINE CREEK FLOW MAINTENANCE DAM PROJECT NO. 4 TO CONSTRUCT AN EGG COLLECTING STATION, AND THAT THE BALANCE OF \$30,614.68 BE RESTORED TO THE UNOBLIGATED BALANCE OF THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. San Bernardino National Forest Stream Improvement, WCB Project No. 81

\$50,000

On January 26, 1950, the Board allocated \$35,000 for this project for stream flow and habitat improvement along streams in the San Bernardino National Forest. The work has been done with mobile crews of the Department of Fish and Game. Over 400 small dams and stream deflectors have been built and an examination of these installations shows that they are of very material help in maintaining adequate water conditions along streams in this Forest. These projects are a type that require a minimum of operating and maintenance expense, and have created additional waters that are very useful in the southern California catchable trout program.

It is now proposed that this project be expanded to cover all of Region V where such work is feasible. Present preliminary surveys strongly indicate the desirability of an additional allocation to continue this work and expand it to other sections in southern California. Presently a complete survey has not been made to show all of the suitable areas where such dams could be created with the desired benefits. The Department of Fish and Game, using Dingell-Johnson funds, now has a survey underway to determine the total feasible construction that may be made Region-wide. When the Dingell-Johnson survey is completed, there will be available additional information upon which a later request for funds may be made to take care of all such desired construction in southern California.

Mr. Horn advised that he inspected some of the dams constructed and felt the work justifies his recommending to the Board that an additional \$50,000 be allocated to Project 81 and that its scope be expanded to cover all of Region V. Assemblyman Erwin also agreed that the project was a worthwhile one and that where these dams were constructed, fishermen were able to get their limit of trout, whereas this was not the case before.

Mr. Horn stated in answer to Mr. Peirce's question that the dams in this particular area are of three types -- concrete masonry, log, and loose rock. The latter two (log and loose rock) are not considered permanent structures and the regions have been requested not to construct loose rock dams inasmuch as flood waters tend to wash them out. Mr. Silva inquired if there had been any trouble encountered in the construction of these dams, either by power or irrigation companies. Mr. Horn replied that no trouble had been encountered.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN ERWIN, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN LOWREY, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD AN ADDITIONAL \$50,000 BE ALLOCATED TO THE SAN BERNARDINO NATIONAL FOREST STREAM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 81 OUT OF THE UNOBLIGATED BALANCE OF THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND, AND THAT THIS PROJECT BE EXPANDED TO INCLUDE ALL OF REGION V.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. PEIRCE, SECONDED BY MR. GORDON, THAT AN ADDITIONAL \$50,000 BE ALLOCATED TO THE SAN BERNARDINO NATIONAL FOREST STREAM IMPROVEMENT, PROJECT NO. 81, OUT OF THE UNOBLIGATED BALANCE OF THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND, AND THAT THIS PROJECT BE EXPANDED TO INCLUDE ALL OF REGION V.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

NOTE: For administrative purposes, this project will be renamed "Region V Stream Flow Maintenance, WCB Project No. 81".

8. Emigrant Basin Flow Maintenance Dams and Stream Improvement, \$46,000
WCB Project No. 16

On August 25, 1949, the Board allocated \$50,000 for the purpose of creating dams on 18 lakes and on Summit and Airola Creeks and the south fork of

the Mokelumne River to maintain stream flows and fish life during annual dry periods. The Department of Fish and Game using its own crews has done a very good job of carrying on this project. In addition, they have made surveys and located other feasible and equally beneficial locations for additional dams. They estimate that seven additional dams plus measuring weirs can be constructed for a total cost of \$47,100.00 as shown below.

1. Upper Spring Meadow, Cherry Creek, W.F. \$9,000.00
2. Leighton Lake (reconstruction) Yellowhammer Cr. 5,000.00
3. Shallow Lake, Cherry Creek, N.F. 6,000.00
4. Long Lake (reconstruction) Cherry Creek, W.F. 6,000.00
5. Rectangular flow measurement weirs for each check dam (17 at \$300) all existing dams 5,100.00
6. Wheeler Lake (Region II) 4,000.00
7. Burnside Lake (Region II) 8,000.00
8. Upper Highland Lake (Region II) 4,000.00

Total Estimated Cost \$47,100.00

The unexpended balance from the original allocation is \$1,821.91. To continue the program as projected by the Department would require an additional \$45,278.09. The Coordinator recommended that \$46,000 be allocated from the unallocated reserve of the Wildlife Restoration Fund for the continuation of Project No. 16.

Mr. Horn further reported that surveys are being continued by the Department to locate any other suitable flow maintenance dam sites throughout Region IV, and these surveys are in the nature of overall regional planning to determine the total number and location of desirable dam sites throughout the region. The results will be presented to the Board at a later date.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN LOWREY, SECONDED BY SENATOR JOHNSON, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND TO THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD THAT THE SUM OF \$46,000 BE ALLOCATED FROM THE UNOBLIGATED BALANCE OF THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND TO CONTINUE THE EMIGRANT BASIN FLOW MAINTENANCE DAMS AND STREAM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 16.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. GORDON, SECONDED BY MR. PEIRCE, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD ALLOCATE THE SUM OF \$46,000 FROM THE UNOBLIGATED BALANCE OF THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND TO CONTINUE THE EMIGRANT BASIN FLOW MAINTENANCE DAMS AND STREAM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 16.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. Granite Creek Flow Maintenance Dams, WCB Project No. 41-1 \$30,000

The Board members were apprised of the situation of the flow maintenance dams in the Granite Creek Basin. They were informed by the Coordinator that on August 25, 1949, the Wildlife Board allocated \$30,000 and on

August 15, 1951, allocated an additional \$5,000, making a total of \$35,000 for the construction of five flow maintenance dams in the Granite Creek Basin in the Sierra National Forest in Madera County. The U. S. Forest Service undertook construction and succeeded in building McClure and Lillian Lake dams during the summer of 1953. These two dams cost \$28,300. During the summer of 1954, McClure Lake dam developed serious leaks and after a period of negotiations the Forest Service repaired the dam at their expense. Reports indicate that the dam at Lillian Lake may require some repair during the spring or summer of 1955 and again it is assumed that since the Forest Service executed the bids, made the final inspection, and accepted the dam at Lillian Lake, they will see fit to put it into proper condition.

During these surveys the Department of Fish and Game Engineering Branch made further studies of the desirability of completing the other proposed dams on Granite Creek. Further surveys indicate that the construction of dams at Rutherford and Lower Jackass Lakes together with the Lillian and McClure Lake dams would provide an adequate flow to maintain a suitable fishery along approximately 40 miles of stream. The Engineering Branch estimates that \$35,400 would be required to construct dams at Rutherford and Lower Jackass Lakes. With \$6,700 remaining unexpended from the original allocation, this would require an additional \$28,700 to complete the flow maintenance program planned for Granite Creek. Because of the benefits that would be derived and the desirability of completing the project, Mr. Horn recommended that \$30,000 be allocated from the unallocated balance of the Wildlife Restoration Fund for this project.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN ERWIN, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND TO THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD THE SUM OF \$30,000 BE ALLOCATED FROM THE UNOBLIGATED BALANCE OF THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO ADDITIONAL DAMS FOR THE GRANITE CREEK FLOW MAINTENANCE DAMS. WCB PROJECT NO. 41-1.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. PEIRCE, SECONDED BY MR. GORDON, THAT \$30,000 BE ALLOCATED FROM THE UNOBLIGATED BALANCE OF THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO ADDITIONAL DAMS FOR THE GRANITE CREEK FLOW MAINTENANCE DAMS. WCB PROJECT NO. 41-1.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. El Dorado Flow Maintenance Dams, WCB Project No. 1

\$35,000

Mr. Horn reported that the Wildlife Conservation Board allocated a total of \$100,000 for stream flow maintenance dams in El Dorado and Alpine counties in the El Dorado National Forest. These allocations were made as follows: \$35,000 on June 3, 1949; \$65,000 on August 25, 1949. The Department of Fish and Game has carried on construction of these dams and now has an unexpended balance of \$11,891.40. Additional surveys show that there are seven additional dams that should be built, together with measuring weirs for twelve existing lakes and debris clearance on various dams. The following is a breakdown of the proposed construction program and the estimated costs:

1. Buck Island Lake	\$ 4,000.00
2. Ralston Lake	6,000.00
3. Rockbound Lake	5,000.00
4. Highland Lake	7,000.00
5. Dicks Lake	4,000.00
6. Debris clearance (various dams)	6,000.00
7. Weir construction (12 lakes)	4,000.00
8. Showers Lake	4,000.00
9. Genevieve Lake	<u>5,000.00</u>

Total Estimated Cost \$45,000.00

Deducting the \$11,891.40 remaining in the El Dorado Flow Maintenance account from the estimated \$45,000 indicates an additional allotment of \$33,108.60 would be required.

It was recalled that the Board at previous meetings rated this type of project as most desirable for future consideration. The lakes that have been created are serving a very worthwhile purpose with very low operation and maintenance cost. The Coordinator therefore recommended that the Board allocate \$35,000 from the unallocated balance of the Wildlife Restoration Fund to continue Project No. 1.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN ERWIN, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND TO THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD, THE SUM OF \$35,000 BE ALLOCATED FROM THE UNOBLIGATED BALANCE OF THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE EL DORADO FLOW MAINTENANCE DAMS PROJECT NO. 1.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. GORDON, SECONDED BY MR. PEIRCE, THAT \$35,000 BE ALLOCATED FROM THE UNOBLIGATED BALANCE OF THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND FOR CONTINUATION OF THE EL DORADO FLOW MAINTENANCE DAMS PROJECT NO. 1.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. Ramer Lake Public Fishing Area, WCB Project No. 72 \$11,000

Mr. Horn informed the Wildlife Conservation Board members that the Department of Fish and Game has presented a request for an additional \$11,000 for the Ramer Lake Public Fishing Area. This \$11,000 is requested as a loan to be used in completing the cross levee which the Department of Fish and Game, Branch of Engineering, claims was not satisfactorily constructed and completed by the previous contractor. The bonding company has taken the position that the work was completed, and it is understood that suit is being brought against the bonding company. This loan would be for the purpose of completing the levee and when the suit against the bonding company is won, the money would be returned to the Wildlife Restoration Fund.

Mr. Horn explained that members of the Department were present to give further details. Assemblyman Erwin stated he was familiar with the facts and would definitely approve the loan.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN ERWIN, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD LOAN THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME \$11,000 FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE RAMER LAKE CROSS LEVEE PENDING SETTLEMENT OF THE SUIT BROUGHT AGAINST THE BONDING COMPANY FOR THE JOB LEFT UNCOMPLETED BY THE PREVIOUS CONTRACTOR.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. GORDON, SECONDED BY MR. PEIRCE, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD LOAN THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME \$11,000 FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE RAMER LAKE CROSS LEVEE PENDING SETTLEMENT OF THE SUIT BROUGHT AGAINST THE BONDING COMPANY FOR THE JOB LEFT UNCOMPLETED BY THE PREVIOUS CONTRACTOR.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. Acquisition of State Lands, Sheepy Ridge Waterfowl Public Shooting Area,
WCB Project No. 561 \$2,000

The Branch of Game Management of the Department of Fish and Game has negotiated with the Bureau of Land Management for the transfer of certain public lands along Sheepy Ridge between Tule Lake and the Lower Klamath Refuges for use as a public shooting area. Three hundred twenty (320) acres of State-owned lands described as the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of Sec. 36, T. 48N. R. 3E. M.D.B.&M. occurs in the proposed area. The State Lands Commission has signified their willingness to sell this parcel to the Department of Fish and Game. A request was filed for this State land at the minimum price of \$2.00 per acre. We are advised that the maximum that could be asked is \$6.00 per acre. The Department requests that \$2,000 be allocated from the unexpended balance of the Wildlife Restoration Fund for this acquisition.

Mr. Horn commented that he was very familiar with this area, having hunted on it many years ago. Acquisition of this parcel would complete a unique area for public shooting. The balance of the land in the block has been secured from the Federal Government without cost to the Department. He recommended that \$2,000 be allocated for purchase of this area.

Mr. Silva indicated that this would provide a very good public shooting area at very low initial cost and could be maintained with a minimum or no operating cost to the Department.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN ERWIN, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND TO THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD THE SUM OF \$2,000 BE ALLOCATED FROM THE UNOBLIGATED BALANCE OF THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND FOR THE PURCHASE OF PUBLIC LANDS ALONG SHEEPY RIDGE FOR USE AS A PUBLIC SHOOTING AREA.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. PEIRCE, SECONDED BY MR. GORDON, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD ALLOCATE THE SUM OF \$2,000 FROM THE UNOBLIGATED BALANCE OF THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND FOR THE PURCHASE OF PUBLIC LANDS ALONG SHEEPY RIDGE FOR USE AS A PUBLIC SHOOTING AREA.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

13. Tahoe National Forest Stream Flow Maintenance and Improvement Program,
WCB Project No. 49 \$50,000

The Wildlife Board on August 25, 1949, allocated \$40,000 to initiate the stream flow maintenance program in Nevada, Placer, and El Dorado counties in the Tahoe National Forest. This authorized work has been carried on by the Department of Fish and Game and eight additional lakes are proposed for future construction. The estimated cost for these eight dams is \$54,000, apportioned to the various lakes as follows:

1. Milk Lake	\$4,000.00
2. Round Lake	3,000.00
3. Long Lake	5,000.00
4. Deer Lake	4,000.00
5. Snag Lake	3,000.00
6. Packer Lake	5,000.00
7. Lower Salmon Lake	20,000.00
8. Upper Salmon Lake	10,000.00

Total Estimated Cost \$54,000.00

\$5,478.36 remains from the original allocation. An additional allotment of \$48,521.64 would be required according to present Department estimates to continue this project.

The Coordinator recommended that \$50,000 be allocated from the unallocated reserve of the Wildlife Restoration Fund for this project.

Senator Brown inquired if there was any danger of losing dams constructed in the streams. Mr. Horn pointed out that the dams are permanent in nature and would not be in danger of being lost except in the case of rock slides.

Mr. Gordon called attention to the work done to date -- the developing of 350 miles of permanent streams as a result of the installations already constructed. Another 300 miles of stream that would otherwise be dry in the summer would be guaranteed permanency.

IT WAS MOVED BY SENATOR JOHNSON, SECONDED BY SENATOR BROWN, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND TO THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD AN ADDITIONAL ALLOTMENT OF \$50,000 BE MADE FROM THE UNOBLIGATED BALANCE OF THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND TO THE TAHOE NATIONAL FOREST STREAM FLOW MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, PROJECT NO. 49, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF EIGHT DAMS.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. GORDON, SECONDED BY MR. PEIRCE, THAT THE SUM OF \$50,000 BE ALLOCATED FROM THE UNOBLIGATED BALANCE OF THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND TO THE TAHOE NATIONAL FOREST STREAM FLOW MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, PROJECT NO. 49, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF EIGHT DAMS.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

14. Flaskett Meadows Public Fishing Area, WCB Project No. 111 \$25,000

Mr. Horn informed the Board members that the Willows Sportsmen's Association of Glenn County had submitted a proposal to create a public fishing area at the Forest Service campground at Flaskett Meadows in the Mendocino Forest, some 46 miles west of Willows. For several years this sportsmen's club has been planting fingerlings in a small existing lake. These fingerlings developed and provided some fishing. He stated it was now proposed to increase the size of the existing dam and construct another immediately downstream. This would create two lakes or ponds having areas of about $1\frac{1}{2}$ and 3 surface acres respectively. These impounded waters would be stocked with fingerlings.

The original cost estimate by sportsmen was reported at about \$3,000. Later, the Forest Service engineers gave us revised estimates of \$9,690 for Dam No. 1 and \$8,200 for Dam No. 2 - a total of \$17,890.

On June 8, 1954, a party of sportsmen, Fish and Game and County representatives and Assemblyman Lowrey inspected the area. Mr. Wallace Dry, engineer for the Department of Fish and Game, in cooperation with the Forest Service engineers again computed the design and costs. Mr. Dry now presents a figure of \$28,600 for Dam No. 1 and \$23,738 for Dam No. 2 - a total of \$52,338. Total surface area of the two ponds is about $4\frac{1}{2}$ acres, giving a cost per surface acre of about \$11,630.

Assemblyman Lowrey expressed surprise as to the figure the Department engineers have computed for the completion of these two dams as it was

so out of line with his own experience in completing a dam larger than either of the two in question. He stated he would certainly not consider a project requiring such a large expenditure of money, but that from his figures, \$20,000 would be all that is required for the construction. He further stated that the opposition presented by the Department of Fish and Game was to the effect that catchable size trout would have to be planted. This is not what they require -- they want fingerling trout and the lake formed by the dams would serve as a rearing pond for them. He further stated in behalf of the project that there are several accessible roads leading into the area and that with the promise of county equipment, county assistance, and local fine monies, and the support of the Chamber of Commerce, the job could be accomplished for far less than the \$52,400 figure.

In answer to Mr. Peirce's question, Assemblyman Lowrey stated \$20,000 would be all that should be required inasmuch as financial aid, equipment and assistance would be received locally.

Mr. Tom Maloney of the Willows Sportsmen's Association was then recognized by the Chair and gave details of the sportsmen's plans for the dams. He indicated that the sportsmen's group has the complete backing of the County Supervisors, that material for the dams was available there at the site, and that it is a joint project between the County Board of Supervisors and the Fish and Game Department. The Board was informed that the Forest Service owns the land at the site of the proposed dams, that the Forest Service keeps up the grounds, and that the site is a fine place for fishing.

Senator Johnson moved that \$20,000 be allocated for the Plaskett Meadows Project. Mr. Silva stated that he disliked having to allocate additional funds when the first allocation would not complete the job; thereupon Senator Johnson moved to amend his previous motion.

IT WAS MOVED BY SENATOR JOHNSON, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN LOWREY, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND TO THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD THAT \$25,000 BE ALLOCATED TO THE PLASKETT MEADOWS PUBLIC FISHING AREA, WCB PROJECT NO. 111, OUT OF THE UNOBLIGATED BALANCE OF THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT IT IS TO BE A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AND THAT THE TROUT PLANTS IN THE LAKE WOULD BE FINGERLINGS ONLY.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. GORDON, SECONDED BY MR. SILVA, THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE PLASKETT MEADOWS PUBLIC FISHING AREA, WCB PROJECT NO. 111, WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT IT IS TO BE A COOPERATIVE VENTURE AND THE TROUT PLANTS IN THE LAKE WOULD BE FINGERLINGS ONLY, AND THAT \$25,000 BE ALLOCATED TO THE PROJECT FROM THE UNOBLIGATED BALANCE OF THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

15. Other Business

a. Cedar Creek Hatchery, WCB Project No. 29

\$50,042

Mr. Horn advised that the Division of Architecture notified Mr. Harry Anderson, Administrative Officer, Department of Fish and Game, on June 30, 1954, that bids for construction of Cedar Creek Hatchery had been opened. The low was \$121,900 and the high \$162,750.

\$108,000 had previously been allocated to the Division of Architecture for this hatchery, based upon some preliminary estimates. Architecture now advises that \$37,500 additional will be required by that agency.

The breakdown is as follows:

Lowest Bid	\$121,900
Available to Architecture	<u>108,000</u>
Additional to meet bid	\$ 13,900
" for pole line	2,000
" for contingency	6,000
" for supervision and overhead	<u>15,600</u>
Additional required by Architecture	\$ 37,500
Final estimate for equipment C.F.&G.	21,542
Available for equipment C.F.&G.	<u>12,000</u>
Additional for equipment C.F.&G.	\$ 9,542
Additional for fish handling facilities, Cedar Creek Hatchery and Benbow Dam	<u>3,000</u>
Total additional for C.F.&G.	\$ 12,542
Total additional for project	<u>\$ 50,042</u>

Status of present funds:

Original allocation - WCB	\$125,000
Expended for land purchase	5,000
Reserved for equipment C.F.&G.	12,000
Transferred to Architecture	<u>108,000</u>

Division of Architecture further advised that unless additional funds could be assured in sufficient time to place this item before the Public Works Board at its July 26, 1954, meeting, the bids would have to be thrown out and the project rebid at a later date.

Since this project has been pending since 1949, it was felt definite action should be taken. It was deemed advisable to place the matter before each member of the Wildlife Conservation Board and the Legislative Advisory Committee by telephone. This was done between July 17 and 23 and their vote to allocate an additional \$50,042 for Cedar Creek Hatchery from the unallocated monies in the Wildlife Restoration

Fund was as follows:

Legislative Advisory Committee

Aye: Senators Hulse, Brown, Johnson

Nay: None

Aye: Assemblymen Erwin, Lowrey, Belotti

Nay: None

Unanimous.

Board Members

Aye: Messrs. Silva, Peirce, Gordon

Nay: None

Unanimous.

By this unanimous action, the Wildlife Conservation Board provided an additional \$50,042 for the construction and completion of the Cedar Creek Experimental Hatchery.

The Public Works Board on July 26, 1954, authorized the Division of Architecture to use \$37,500 of this \$50,042 for construction and requested that the Wildlife Conservation Board confirm their unanimous telephonic vote at their next public meeting.

The Coordinator requested that the Board members reaffirm their telephonic vote at this time for the allocation of \$50,042 for the Cedar Creek Hatchery.

IT WAS MOVED BY SENATOR BROWN, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE REAFFIRM THEIR TELEPHONIC VOTE FOR THE ADDITIONAL ALLOCATION OF \$50,042 FOR THE CEDAR CREEK HATCHERY, WCB PROJECT NO. 29.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. GORDON, SECONDED BY MR. SILVA, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD REAFFIRM THEIR TELEPHONIC VOTE FOR THE ADDITIONAL ALLOCATION OF \$50,042 FOR THE CEDAR CREEK HATCHERY, WCB PROJECT NO. 29.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

b. Buena Vista Lagoon Waterfowl Management Area

Assemblyman Edwin S. Bulen asked to speak in behalf of the proponents of the Buena Vista Lagoon Waterfowl Management Area. He stated that the Board was familiar with the refuge which is located in San Diego County just below Oceanside. This is in the 77th Assembly District which he represents. He does not have land or holdings within 15 miles from this property so has nothing to gain himself in speaking

for this project. However, he continued, there was an allocation of \$75,000 for the development of this area which was withdrawn a short time ago.

He asked that the Board give thought to the reinstatement of this project because it is a worthwhile one. Many birds nest there and the area is considered a resting place for all kinds of wild fowl. He further stated that he did not know why the project was dropped, but that if it were due to lack of water, the sewage effluent would take care of the matter. He asked that the Board keep an eye open on the program, and further requested the reason the project was dropped.

Mr. Silva in reply commented that the project did not qualify in the overall waterfowl program. The Board had done everything requested by the proponents of the project, and it was found that the well was unsatisfactory and therefore could see no reason for leaving the allocation to such a project. However, he stated, perhaps the Department would be willing to survey the project to see if it were practical and feasible.

Mr. Gordon in behalf of the Department of Fish and Game stated the Board had \$75,000 tied up in the project -- that the Board had spent time and money to try to determine if it were feasible by having the well tested, and it became apparent that the Board had a lot of money tied up in something that was not feasible.

Senator Brown recalled having spent \$5,000 to test the well. Mr. Horn stated that the well was originally offered as a source of water but the offer was withdrawn by the owner. A plug was encountered at 80 feet when the test was made. It was proposed later that water from sewage effluent be used as a water source. The project proponents subsequently advised that additional water was not needed to maintain the water level. Mr. Horn further stated that he cannot conceive that going ahead with the project could contribute anything to the betterment of waterfowl or waterfowl management. Present plans of the proponents would not require \$75,000.

Assemblyman Bulen inquired as to the cost of testing the wells and was informed that the last contract made by the Department for testing the well was \$600. Assemblyman Bulen in conclusion stated he may come back to the Board when there is something more concrete on which to base a request.

c. Appointment of Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Joint Legislative Interim Committee of the Wildlife Conservation Board.

Senator Johnson requested that a chairman be named for the legislative members of the Board. Assemblyman Lowrey inquired if it was not the policy to have a chairman for both the Assemblymen and Senators. He was informed that Senator Hulse had inquired into that and was informed by Finance that this body was a joint committee between the two houses.

IT WAS MOVED BY SENATOR JOHNSON, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, THAT SENATOR BROWN BE NAMED CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE INTERIM COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY SENATOR JOHNSON, SECONDED BY SENATOR BROWN, THAT ASSEMBLYMAN LOWREY BE NAMED VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE INTERIM COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Silva expressed his appreciation in being able to serve as Chairman of the Wildlife Conservation Board stating it was a pleasure to serve and work with the Board members. Undoubtedly, he stated, this would be the last time he would serve in the capacity as President of the Fish and Game Commission and Chairman of the Wildlife Conservation Board.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN LOWREY THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD VOICE THEIR GREAT APPRECIATION FOR MR. SILVA'S WORK IN BEHALF OF THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD.

ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI AMENDED THE ABOVE MOTION, ADDING THE BOARD FAVOR HIS RE-APPOINTMENT.

THEREUPON, IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN LOWREY, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD VOICE THEIR GREAT APPRECIATION FOR MR. SILVA'S WORK IN ITS BEHALF, AND GO ON RECORD AS FAVORING HIS RE-APPOINTMENT.

MR. GORDON IN BEHALF OF THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD ACCEPTED THE AMENDED MOTION.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Status of allocations and unobligated balance as of November 29, 1954,
Board action.

The amount allocated to specific projects up to the close of the meeting on November 29, 1954, aggregated \$11,159,345, made up as follows:

a. Fish Hatchery and Stocking Projects (17)	\$4,464,723 - 24226
b. Warmwater and Other Fish Projects (13)	323,335
1. Warmwater Projects (10)	\$241,815
2. Other Fish Projects (3)	81,520
c. Flow Maintenance and Stream Improvement Projects (17).	626,929
d. Screen and Ladder Projects (13).	375,186
e. State Game Farms (4)	105,644
f. Other Upland Game Projects (4)	440,909
g. Waterfowl Management Projects (8)	4,748,642
h. General Projects (4)	<u>73,977</u>
	\$11,159,345

In addition to the specific allocations listed above, the following reserves have been established:

1. Mendocino National Forest Stream Improvement and Flow Maintenance Program, \$15,000;
2. Colorado River Recreational Development, \$50,000;
3. Salton Sea Fisheries Project, \$46,000.

The present unallocated balance in the Wildlife Restoration Fund is about \$497,528.