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WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD
Minutes, Meeting of July 9, 1955

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Pursuant to the call of the Chairman, the Wildlife Conservation Board met in the Library Room of the P.G.&E. Building, Fresno, California, on July 9, 1955. The meeting was called to order by Chairman William J. Silva at 3:50 p.m.

1. Roll Call

PRESENT: William J. Silva Chairman
Seth Gordon Member of the Board
Assemblyman Belotti Joint Interim Committee

E. E. Horn Coordinator

ABSENT: John M. Peirce Member of the Board
Senator Ed. Johnson Joint Interim Committee
Senator Brown " " "
Senator Hulse " " "
Assemblyman Erwin " " "
Assemblyman Lowrey " " "

OTHERS PRESENT:

Wm. J. Harp Assist. to Fish and Game Commission
Harry Anderson Dept. of Fish and Game
Bill Dillinger " " "
Phil Roedel " " "
R. C. Lewis " " "
E. H. Vestal " " "
Nick Ermacoff " " "
David M. Selleck " " "
Gilbert F. Davis " " "
Dick M. Ayers " " "
Bert Dahlgren Fresno Bee
G. W. Philpott KFRE
Paul Beermann San Diego City Water Dept.
Wm. M. Chingan Fresno Sportsmen, Sierra Wildlife
O. F. Selleck King City
W. S. Olson Fresno
Lowell E. Austin Fresno Co. Sportsmen's Club, Fresno
Duck Unlimited
Judge Paul A. Eymann Reedley
C. E. Metcalf California Div. of Forestry
Mrs. Frank Belotti Eureka
Senator Hugh M. Burns Fresno, 30th Dist.
Lloyd Gross Old Fisherman's Club

Mr. Horn read a letter from Assemblyman Erwin stating that he would not be able to attend the Board meeting in Fresno because of previous commitments. Mr. Horn reported that he had not received word from any of the other joint

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interim committee members regarding their attendance at this meeting.

The Chairman, Mr. Silva, informed the audience that the Board acts on the advice and recommendation of the joint interim committee. He expressed the Board's reluctance, therefore, to act on any allocation of funds without their prior approval, since it usually involves large sums of money. He commented that it might not be possible for the Board to take action on some items on the agenda today because of the absence of five legislative members.

Mr. Gordon advised that he had gone over the entire agenda with Mr. Peirce and knows his feelings on most of the items on the agenda and will therefore vote accordingly.

2. Approval of the Minutes

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. GORDON, SECONDED BY MR. SILVA, THAT READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING OF JUNE 9, 1955, BE DISPENSED WITH AND SAID MINUTES BE APPROVED AS WRITTEN.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Status of Funds

The amount allocated to specific projects up to the close of the meeting on June 9, 1955, aggregated \$11,075,994.27 made up as follows:

a. Fish Hatchery and Stocking Projects (18)	\$4,316,475.61
b. Warmwater and Other Fish Projects (12)	512,295.28
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d. Screen and Ladder Projects (11)	259,617.09
e. State Game Garms (4)	105,644.49
f. Other Upland Game Projects (4)	416,530.84
g. Waterfowl Management Projects (7)	4,770,125.93
h. General Projects (5)	74,601.31
Total Allocated	<u>\$11,075,994.27</u>

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

1. Colorado River Recreational Development	\$50,000.00
2. Salton Sea Fisheries Project	14,000.00
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Total Reserves	<u>\$403,674.37</u>

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Recapitulation

Allocations for Projects	\$11,075,994.27
Reserves Established	403,674.37
Expenses of Operation	<u>364,019.00</u>
Total	\$11,843,687.64
Total Fund Appropriated	\$12,000,000.00
Total Expended or Obligated	<u>11,843,687.64</u>
Unallocated Balance as of 6-9-55	\$156,312.36

Mr. Gordon recommended the continuance of the above means for keeping the public informed on the status of the Wildlife Restoration Fund. Mr. Silva suggested that the number of years of operation be shown in parenthesis behind the item "Expenses of Operation" as this figure is the total operational expense since 1947.

4. San Diego City Reservoirs Warmwater Fishing Lakes, Project No. 113

The rules of the Wildlife Conservation Board were suspended to permit the consideration of an item not on the agenda.

The Coordinator reported on the status of his negotiations with the City of San Diego. Following the instructions of the Board at the June 9, 1955, meeting, he conferred with Mr. Harley Knox with regard to the type of agreement required by the State and the proposed agreement to get public fishing rights in the reservoirs. Mr. Knox considered this approach to be satisfactory and that the State was fully protected.

A draft of a proposed agreement was forwarded to the City of San Diego. The City voiced objection to some portions of the proposed State draft, and Mr. Horn stated he is now endeavoring to see if the points of differences could be ironed out.

It was brought out that the City thought the State would make an outright grant to the City to provide additional fishing areas for the citizens. However, according to the interpretation given the Board by the Attorney General, the State must "own or have some interest therein" before the State could expend Wildlife Restoration Fund on any project. The proposed agreement as worked up by the Department of Finance and the Attorney General's office would permit the State to acquire fishing rights in the reservoirs, and if the City can accept that requirement, the remaining differences can no doubt be worked out.

The Board felt that since waters of Southern California are so limited and are owned and utilized by various agencies, means must be found to utilize

these waters for multiple use areas to provide the citizens with the type of fishing they want.

Mr. Paul Beermann of the Water Department of the City of San Diego expressed appreciation for the Board's action in allowing him to speak at this meeting. He stated that the draft of the agreement has given them considerable concern, most of all to their attorneys. They felt that their hands may be tied, and are apprehensive because the agreement is written for a twenty-year period.

In answer to Assemblyman Belotti's question as to whether the City was concerned because of possible pollution, Mr. Beermann replied that it was merely the lack of water that was causing them concern.

Mr. Gordon commented that the requirements on the part of the State in this situation are purely legal and not binding to the point of making life unbearable for the City. Hume Lake was cited as an example in which interest was acquired in the form of a lease of the dam before the State was able to expend funds legally to repair the dam which was owned by the U. S. Forest Service.

The Chairman instructed the Coordinator to work with Mr. Beermann, the Department of Finance, and the Attorney General's office in working up an agreement that would be satisfactory to all concerned.

Mr. Beermann stated the City would continue to work with Mr. Horn in an effort to develop a mutually acceptable agreement.

Senator Hugh M. Burns of the 30th Senatorial District was introduced and warmly received by all present.

5. Change Name of Madera Waterfowl Management Area to Mendota Waterfowl Management Area, Project No. 532

In the transfer of location and funds for a waterfowl management area in the Lower and Middle San Joaquin Valley, the name of "Madera Waterfowl Management Area" was carried to the newly acquired unit near the town of Mendota.

To avoid confusion, simplify accounting records, both in the Department of Fish and Game and the Department of Finance, Mr. Horn recommended the Wildlife Board officially change the name from Madera to Mendota Waterfowl Management Area.

Mr. Philpott suggested the word "wildlife" be used in the title rather than "waterfowl" as the latter is limiting whereas "wildlife" includes the warm-water fishing and quail and pheasant hunting to be found on such an area. The name, "waterfowl management and game area", was also suggested but it was felt that the name was too long.

Mr. Gordon commented that in 1948 the Department and the Fish and Wildlife Service agreed on the establishment of complementary waterfowl management

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areas. He felt that we might be injuring ourselves by changing the name of this area should the Fish and Wildlife Service go before Congress to request an appropriation to fulfill their part of the agreement. At the time the Board initiated the waterfowl program, it was decided that any land acquired should be a multiple use area to be utilized not only for hunting waterfowl but also for upland game as well as warmwater fishing.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. GORDON, SECONDED BY MR. SILVA, AS A JOINT MOTION, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD OFFICIALLY CHANGE THE NAME OF THE MADERA WATERFOWL MANAGEMENT AREA, PROJECT NO. 532, TO MENDOTA WATERFOWL MANAGEMENT AREA, PROJECT NO. 532, AND HEREBY REQUEST THAT ALL ACCOUNTING RECORDS BE CORRECTED TO REFLECT THIS CHANGE.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. Confirm an Earlier Written Action Authorizing the Department of Fish and Game to Acquire the Mendota Waterfowl Management Area, Project No. 532.

On November 29, 1954, the Wildlife Conservation Board in public meeting at Sacramento, authorized the Mendota Waterfowl Management Area, and allocated funds for the acquisition of land. The motion passed by the Board did not specifically authorize the Department of Fish and Game to proceed with this acquisition.

On January 21, 1955, a memorandum was circulated among members of the Board and Advisory Interim Committee requesting that the phrase "and that the Department of Fish and Game is authorized to proceed with the acquisition" be added to the motion passed at the November 29, 1954, meeting.

Members voted by their signature as follows:

AYE: Senators Hulse, Brown, Johnson
Assemblymen Belotti, Erwin

NAY: Assemblyman Lowrey

AYE: Messrs. Silva, Peirce, Gordon

In order that this action become a part of the official record, the Coordinator requested the Board, now assembled in public meeting, confirm the above action and that the phrase "and that the Department of Fish and Game is authorized to proceed with the acquisition" be added officially to the motion passed November 29, 1954.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. GORDON, SECONDED BY MR. SILVA, AS A JOINT MOTION, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD HEREBY CONFIRM THE EARLIER MEMORANDUM ACTION TAKEN ON JANUARY 21, 1955, TO ADD THE PHRASE "AND THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME IS AUTHORIZED TO PROCEED WITH THE ACQUISITION" IN ITS MOTION APPROVING THE ACQUISITION OF THE MENDOTA WATERFOWL MANAGEMENT AREA, PROJECT NO. 532.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Mr. Silva suggested that should the Board fail to authorize the Department of Fish and Game to acquire property where acquisition is contemplated by the Department, such clause should be provided in preparing the minutes and the omission could be corrected in the approval of the minutes at the next Board meeting.

7. Coastal Angling Access Program, Mendocino County, Project No. 1011

The County of Mendocino Planning Commission has worked with the Board staff, endeavoring to create access to coastal areas at various points along the coast in Mendocino County. All access point suggestions have been coordinated with the proposed Beaches and Parks expanded program for the county, in order that there be no duplication of effort and expenditure. There would be no point in acquiring an access for fishing if Beaches and Parks plan a much larger development that will include the fishing access.

The Branch of Engineering, Department of Fish and Game, has completed surveys and cost estimates for one unit near Abalobadiah Creek as follows:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Unit & Quantity</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Grading	43,500 sq. ft.	\$ 0.05	\$2,180.00
Gravel surfacing (pking)	43,500 sq. ft.	0.05	2,180.00
Redwood logs	1,000 l.f.	.75	750.00
3 x 12 redwood (rough)	0.73 MBM	100.00	75.00
2 x 4 redwood (rough)	0.23 MBM	100.00	25.00
Backfill	L.S.		50.00
Gravel surfacing (steps)	300 sq. ft.	0.16	50.00
2 4" C.M.P.	16 l.f.	6.00	100.00
			<u>\$5,310.00</u>
			<u>1,600.00</u>
			\$6,900.00

This area would provide parking and a suitable trail down the bluff to an excellent abalone and fishing beach.

The land was supposedly owned by the State of California and administered by the Division of Highways. An easement or use agreement had been presented to the Division of Highways and negotiations with that agency indicated such use would be granted. Mr. Horn reported that he had recently received a communication from the Division of Highways office in Eureka stating the land was in private ownership and not under their jurisdiction. According to previous "on the ground" surveys with the Division of Highways and from county records, the ownership was believed to be vested in the State. There is an apparent discrepancy which must be cleared up before the Board can proceed.

Mr. Silva suggested, and Assemblyman Belotti agreed, that since an access road is needed at that point, the Board proceed with the authorization of

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the project and allocate funds for the project; if it should prove infeasible, then the allocated sum could be returned to the fund.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. GORDON, SECONDED BY MR. SILVA, THAT CONDITIONAL UPON THE COORDINATOR'S BEING ABLE TO ASCERTAIN THE TRUE OWNERSHIP STATUS, THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD HEREBY ALLOCATE THE SUM OF \$7,000 FOR THE COASTAL ANGLING ACCESS PROGRAM, PROJECT NO. 1011, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING A PARKING AREA AND TRAIL TO THE OCEAN AT THIS LOCATION IN MENDOCINO COUNTY.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Ten Mile River access was brought up for discussion. Mr. Horn advised that this area had once been included in the Beaches and Parks expanded program. On this assumption Assemblyman Belotti and the Coordinator negotiated with the Highway Department to make a portion of a highway to be abandoned available to Beaches and Parks as an access road. He added that he has not been given a firm answer as to whether or not Beaches and Parks intend to acquire the Ten Mile area. The Board has under consideration three other access points in Mendocino County.

8. Coastal Angling Access Program, San Luis Obispo County, Project No. 1011

On October 13, 1953, the Board allocated \$8,000 for an access north of Cayucos in San Luis Obispo County.

Appraisals were obtained by the County per their request to proceed with acquisition. The high appraisal for the 2.33 acres was \$250 per acre, or a total of \$583.00

Also \$721 damages 721.00
Total \$1,304.00

The other appraisal for 2.33 acres was \$225 per acre or a total of \$524.25, stated as \$550.00. No damages were foreseen.

The owner's asking price was \$1,500 per acre which he reduced to \$1,000 or a total of \$2,330.00 total.

This sum is greatly in excess of even the highest appraisal and Mr. Washburn of the Department of Finance cannot authorize the purchase.

The option to purchase expires July 13, 1955. Inquiry of the appraisers by Mr. Mel Bakeman of the County Planning Commission shows that reappraisal is not recommended, since there have not been property value increases of such magnitude since the first appraisals were made.

Mr. G. W. Philpott stated that the clubs in the area were very enthusiastic about establishing that access, but have now lost interest in it.

The possibility of a change in ownership was pointed out by Mr. Gordon, and

it might be possible in that event to get an option at a price in line with the appraised values. Purchase of the property could then be approved by the Department of Finance.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. GORDON, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, AS A JOINT MOTION, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD AUTHORIZE THE COORDINATOR TO ENDEAVOR TO GET ANOTHER OPTION IN LINE WITH THE APPRAISED VALUES, AND IN THE EVENT THE OWNER WILL NOT ACCEPT SUCH AN OFFER, THE CAYUCOS ACCESS PROJECT IN SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY BE DROPPED WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE PROJECT.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. Suggested Revision - Wildlife Conservation Board Staff Positions

When Mr. Seth Gordon became consultant to the Wildlife Conservation Board, a list of budgetary positions and salaries was established. Generally, these positions were filled by loan of workers from the Department of Fish and Game, or by employment of "special consultants" from other agencies.

This type of organization worked very well during the early, formative stages of the Board's program. It has proven less than adequate during the past two years.

The duration of employment has been short term and uncertain. The periods of loan of Department personnel has had to be limited because such workers had their own fields of work and programs, or in some cases had to return to their former duties or be passed over for better positions that became available. We made no effort to hold people under such conditions, for advancement is necessary with career workers.

The change suggested would set up a permanent civil service position of Assistant Coordinator and Field Assistant (or some similar designation) for the duration of the Wildlife Board, and these positions would expire with the Board or its appropriations.

This would assure continuance of the staff and avoid the frequent changes that have occurred in the past. It is very difficult to attract the type of men needed under the present short term, temporary arrangement.

The proposed program can, from present calculations, be carried out within the approved 1955-56 budget.

The Coordinator requested that authority be granted to work with the Department of Finance and the Personnel Board to establish these two positions.

It was the consensus of opinion that the Coordinator should work with the Department of Finance and the Personnel Board and bring in a definite schedule of the pay scale and class designations and that the full Board act on the approval of these schedules.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. GORDON, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, AS A JOINT MOTION, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD AUTHORIZE THE COORDINATOR TO WORK WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND THE PERSONNEL BOARD IN MAKING UP A DEFINITE SCHEDULE OF THE POSITIONS AND PAY SCALES FOR THE TWO PERMANENT POSITIONS FOR THE BOARD AS REQUESTED BY THE COORDINATOR.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. Recovery of Funds

Mr. Horn announced that the following projects have been completed, accounts closed, and the following balances available for recovery:

	<u>Balance</u>
1. Hume Lake Dam Repair and Level Maintenance, Proj. No. 100 . . .	\$5,063.48
2. Crystal Lake Hatchery, Project No. 22	5,427.57
3. Darrah Springs Hatchery, Project No. 23	10,760.45
4. Fillmore Hatchery, Project No. 38	277.10
5. Mt. Shasta Hatchery, Project No. 21	5,348.84
6. Glenn-Colusa Canal Screen, Project No. 43	2,929.87
Total for Recovery	\$29,807.31

The Coordinator requested special attention be given to the recovery of money from the Darrah Springs Hatchery account. The pipeline at the hatchery has developed bad leaks and the Division of Architecture is now negotiating with the bonding company for a settlement. The bonding company has offered \$3,000, but the estimated cost of replacement is \$6,000.

Mr. Silva thought there were two things to consider in this case--first, the pipeline must be repaired before it can be used, and second, the Department, if it went ahead and repaired the pipeline, would have a definite amount with which to negotiate with the bonding company. He suggested that the Department go ahead and repair the pipeline, keeping a contingency fund for that purpose, and then sue the bonding company for the cost of the repair.

Assemblyman Belotti recommended that the above stated balances be recovered and then set up a contingency fund to cover the replacement of the pipeline at Darrah Springs Hatchery.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. GORDON, SECONDED BY MR. SILVA, AS A JOINT MOTION, THAT THE UNUSED BALANCES FROM THE VARIOUS PROJECTS TOTTALLING \$29,807.31 BE RECOVERED AND RESTORED TO THE UNALLOCATED BALANCE OF THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. GORDON, SECONDED BY MR. SILVA, UPON THE ADVICE OF ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD ALLOCATE THE SUM OF \$8,000 FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE PIPELINE AT THE DARRAH SPRINGS HATCHERY, PROJECT NO. 23.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. Equipment, Mendota Waterfowl Management Area, Project No. 532

The Mendota Waterfowl Management Area recently acquired by the Department of Fish and Game through action of the Wildlife Conservation Board shows promise of becoming one of the best multiple use areas in California. The Department has completed plans for development and operation of the area. These plans are now being held for review by a consultant budgeted for at the last Wildlife Conservation Board meeting. These plans, after review and adjustment, will be presented to the Board for action.

In order to make use of the area this year a Federal Aid project has been set up. When this project was planned it was expected that Wildlife Board equipment would become available by this date. Approximately 2,000 acres of cereal grain was planted on a share-crop basis. The State's share of the harvested grain amounts to about 70 tons. In addition, 800 acres of partially harvested crops are available in the fields. The State as well has planted 500 acres of millet. Water has been arranged for to flood 2,000 acres this fall which will make these crops available to ducks, protect agricultural crops for surrounding areas, and furnish some area for public hunting this fall.

When it was realized that Wildlife Board monies would not come available as expected, the Federal Aid project was revised and portions of the equipment picked up on a rental basis. This is a stop-gap measure at best and the cost of rental of this equipment for three months will amount to \$8,175.00.

In order to save rental costs and improve efficiency of the project, items of equipment have been selected and are proposed for purchase at this time.

The items selected will be required under any plan of development and will materially handicap the operation of this area if not immediately available.

The cost of this equipment is itemized below:

Tractors and Attachments	\$29,900.00
Farming Implements	13,048.00
Engineering Equipment	400.00
Trap Wagon Equipment	1,600.00
Water Controls and Culverts	10,000.00
Operating Equipment	600.00
Vehicles	12,200.00
Shops - Buildings (Storage shed-oil & grease) (1 - 8 man bunkhouse)	16,500.00
Tools	500.00
Miscellaneous Materials	750.00
TOTAL	<u>\$85,498.00</u>

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Mr. Horn advised that the list presented does not represent all of the equipment that will eventually be required. It does include items that will be necessary for operation of the area regardless of how it is finally developed. None of the items are required purely for development work and not required thereafter.

The items listed have been approved as essential and of the type best suited to the operations by successful farmers in the area and by the Agricultural Extension Service.

The Department of Fish and Game has found it necessary to contract for rental equipment. This contract expires October, 1955. In order to continue operation of the area, equipment must be available either by contract or purchase. An allocation for purchase now would save rental money.

Mr. Silva inquired if any of the equipment listed should be considered as a budgetary item. Mr. Horn pointed out that the equipment requested by the region is the same type that the Board has provided for each of the waterfowl areas that have been acquired using Wildlife Conservation Board funds. The region has pooled their equipment and drawn all possible equipment from the Los Banos Refuge, so there is no duplication. All of the items requested represent equipment that will be needed on a continuous basis and without which the Department cannot operate the area.

At the time the Board authorized the acquisition of the area, it was decided that the allocation for equipment and housing for the waterfowl area should be made only after a complete development plan was made. The plan has been worked up and is awaiting review by a consultant. With regard to the employment of a consultant, Mr. Horn stated the University of California at Davis cannot do the job and that he is to meet with the engineer of the Turlock Irrigation District shortly.

Assemblyman Belotti recommended that an allocation be made at this time to cover the purchase of listed equipment required by the region to operate the waterfowl area, and to avoid expenditures for rental of equipment.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. GORDON, SECONDED BY MR. SILVA, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD ALLOCATE THE SUM OF \$90,000.00 FOR THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE MENDOTA WATERFOWL MANAGEMENT AREA, PROJECT NO. 532.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Note: In all cases where Mr. Silva, Chairman of the Board, made or seconded a motion, he first relinquished the chair either to Mr. Gordon or to Assemblyman Belotti before offering his motion or second.

12. Los Serranos Warmwater Fisheries Management Station, Project No. 112

Mr. Horn reported that at the March 24, 1955, meeting the Board allocated \$38,400 for the construction of a warmwater fisheries management station and fish holding ponds at Los Serranos. The Division of Architecture's

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original estimate for the complete project was \$63,000. The Department of Fish and Game in discussing the estimates with the Division of Architecture was able to limit the scope of work and the following revised figures were obtained:

Arch. Estimate	\$30,000
" Fee	3,800
Contingency	<u>3,600</u>

\$37,400

This figure does not include the well which was included in the Department's estimate, and we are now faced with the possibility of being short of funds for this project.

The Chairman instructed Mr. Anderson and Mr. Horn to work with the Division of Architecture in the preparation of the plans and estimates, paring it down to the minimum and then proceed with the construction with the exception of the well if that is not possible within the amended estimates. The well can then be considered as a separate issue.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

At the time the Board authorized the acquisition of the area, it was decided that the allocation for equipment and housing for the waterfowl area should be made only after a complete development plan was made. The plan has been worked up and is awaiting review by a consultant. With regard to the equipment of a consultant, Mr. Horn stated the University of California at Davis cannot do the job and that he is to meet with the engineer of the Truck Investigation District shortly.

Assemblyman Beloff recommended that an allocation be made at this time to cover the purchase of listed equipment required by the region to operate the waterfowl area, and to avoid expenditures for rental of equipment.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. GORDON, SECONDED BY MR. SLIVA, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD ALLOCATE THE SUM OF \$50,000.00 FOR THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE MENDOTA WATERFOWL MANAGEMENT AREA, PROJECT NO. 232.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Note: In all cases where Mr. Sliva, Chairman of the Board, made or seconded a motion, he first relinquished the chair either to Mr. Gordon or to Assemblyman Beloff before offering his motion or second.

12. Los Geronces Waterfowl Fisheries Management Station, Project No. 112

Mr. Horn reported that at the March 24, 1955, meeting the Board allocated \$28,100 for the construction of a waterfowl fisheries management station and fish holding ponds at Los Geronces. The Division of Architecture's

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g. Waterfowl Management Projects (7)	4,860,125.93
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4. Whittier-Narrows Warmwater Fishing Lake	<u>139,674.37</u>
Total Reserves	<u>\$403,674.37</u>

Operating Costs: FY 47/48 thru 53/54 Actual	\$242,734.90
54/55 Estimated	59,009.00
55/56 "	<u>62,600.00</u>
Total - Actual & Estimated - Operating Costs	<u>\$364,343.90</u>

Recapitulation:

Allocations for Projects	\$11,151,186.96
Reserves Established	403,674.37
Expenses of Operation	<u>364,343.90</u>
	\$11,919,205.23
Total Fund Appropriated	\$12,000,000.00
Total Expended or Obligated	<u>11,919,205.23</u>
Unallocated Balance as of 7-9-55	\$80,794.77

NOTE: The \$750,000 appropriated by the 1955 Legislature will be made available during the current fiscal year which will increase the unallocated balance.