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Pursuant to the call of the Chairman, the Wildlife Conservation Board met in Room 5100, State Capitol, Sacramento, California, on March 16, 1956. The special meeting was called to order by Acting Chairman, John M. Peirce, at 9:10 a.m.

1. Roll Call

<u>PRESENT:</u>	John M. Peirce	Member of the Board
	Seth Gordon	" " " "
	Senator Hulse	Joint Interim Committee
	Senator Johnson	" " "
	Assemblyman Erwin	" " "
	E. E. Horn	Wildlife Projects Coordinator
<u>ABSENT:</u>	Harley E. Knox	Chairman
	Senator Brown	Joint Interim Committee
	Assemblyman Lowrey	" " "
	Assemblyman Belotti	" " "

OTHERS PRESENT:

Harry Grafe	Senate Interim Comm. on F&G
R. J. Nesbit	Consultant

2. Avocado Lake Public Fishing Area, Project No. 107

The Coordinator explained the reason for the special meeting and stated that it was called to take an action requested by the Attorney General that had not been known as necessary at the meeting of June 9, 1955.

At the June 9, 1955, meeting, the Board approved the leasing of the properties of the Alta and Fresno Irrigation Districts in order to complete the Avocado Lake project, but the motion did not specifically set forth the areas to be leased nor the terms of the lease. The Coordinator requested that such action now be taken, setting forth the terms of the lease and the metes and bounds description of the area in order that the leases with the Alta and Fresno Irrigation Districts may be approved by the Attorney General's office and the Department of Finance.

BY MOTION REGULARLY MADE, SECONDED, AND UNANIMOUSLY PASSED, THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD TAKE ACTION TO INCORPORATE NECESSARY DESCRIPTIONS IN THE MINUTES, AND COMPLETE THE AVOCADO LAKE PUBLIC FISHING AREA, PROJECT NO. 107.

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IT WAS MOVED BY MR. GORDON, SECONDED BY MR. PEIRCE, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE A LEASE WITH THE FRESNO IRRIGATION DISTRICT TO COMPLETE THE AVOCADO LAKE PUBLIC FISHING AREA, PROJECT NO. 107, FOR A TERM OF 25 YEARS, NO OPTION TO RENEW, AND INCLUDING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$75.00 BE AUTHORIZED FOR THE ELIMINATION OF CERTAIN RIGHTS IN THE PROPERTY BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ON THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PARCEL OF PROPERTY IN FRESNO COUNTY, I.E.,

All that portion of Section 24, Township 13 South, Range 23 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian, according to the United States Government Township Plats and lying within the boundaries of the Perimeter Description of the Avocado Concrete Aggregate Borrow Area, described as follows:

Beginning at a point which lies North 41° East 13.50 chains from that certain meander corner 36 chains West of the Southeast corner of said Section 24; and running thence along the meander line North 41° East 20.50 chains; thence North $47-1/4^{\circ}$ East 8 chains; thence North 11° East 8 chains; thence North 4° East 19.50 chains; thence North 65° East 5.60 chains to the East line of said Section 24; thence North 1 chain; thence West 7 chains; thence South $38\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ West 21.90 chains; thence South 13° West 17.00 chains; thence South $23-3/4^{\circ}$ West 17.60 chains; thence South $66\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ East 4.50 chains to the point of beginning.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. GORDON, SECONDED BY MR. PEIRCE, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE A LEASE WITH THE ALTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT TO COMPLETE THE AVOCADO LAKE PUBLIC FISHING AREA, PROJECT NO. 107, FOR A TERM OF 25 YEARS, NO OPTION TO RENEW, AND INCLUDING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,200.00 BE AUTHORIZED FOR THE ELIMINATION OF CERTAIN RIGHTS IN THE PROPERTY BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ON THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PARCEL OF PROPERTY IN FRESNO COUNTY, I.E.,

A parcel of land situate in Township 13 South, Range 24 East MDB&M and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the $1/4$ section corner common to sections 19 and 24, T. 13 S., R. 23 and 24 E.; thence due East a distance of 676.58 feet; thence N $2^{\circ} 54'$ W, a distance of 626.12 feet; thence N $8^{\circ} 36'$ E, a distance of 357.0 feet; thence N $28^{\circ} 30\frac{1}{2}'$ W, a distance of 116.1 feet; thence N $15^{\circ} 20'$ E, a distance of 623.6 feet; thence N $9^{\circ} 27'$ W, a distance of 352.8 feet; thence N $26^{\circ} 35'$ E, a distance of 220.0 feet; thence N $38^{\circ} 16'$ E, a distance of 168.2 feet; thence N $44^{\circ} 19\frac{1}{2}'$ W, a distance of 170.9 feet; thence S $50^{\circ} 54'$ W, a distance of 1117.37 feet; thence S $1^{\circ} 06'$ E, a distance of 1776.45 feet to the point of beginning containing 36 acres, more or less.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Request for Board Policy

The Coordinator presented to the Board members the request made by San Luis Obispo County for financial aid in building a fishing pier to promote ocean fishing at San Simeon County Park. He requested the Board's opinion of such participation by the Wildlife Board. Citizens of the County of San Luis Obispo have raised \$8,000 for this pier at San Simeon and the County is planning to appropriate an additional \$13,000 and has asked if the Board would be willing to participate in such a construction project and allocate an additional sum of \$25,000 or \$30,000. The County would maintain and manage this pier in conjunction with the County park at San Simeon.

It was decided by all present that the Board should continue with the type of projects heretofore approved, since approval of one such project would set a precedent and there may be no end to such requests.

Assemblyman Erwin suggested that since the approval of such projects would set a bad precedent, it should be brought before the whole Board.

4. Senator Johnson requested that the Board instruct the Coordinator to investigate a 30-acre lake in Marysville, which project, he felt, comes within the bounds of Board policy.

IT WAS MOVED BY SENATOR JOHNSON, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN ERWIN, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND TO THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD THAT THE COORDINATOR BE INSTRUCTED TO INVESTIGATE THE POSSIBILITIES OF THE 30-ACRE LAKE IN MARYSVILLE AS A POSSIBLE WCB PROJECT AND REPORT BACK AT A LATER MEETING THE FINDINGS OF THIS INVESTIGATION.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. GORDON, SECONDED BY MR. PEIRCE, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD INSTRUCT THE COORDINATOR TO INVESTIGATE THE POSSIBILITIES OF THE 30-ACRE LAKE IN MARYSVILLE AS A POSSIBLE WCB PROJECT AND REPORT BACK AT A LATER MEETING THE FINDINGS OF THIS INVESTIGATION.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Peirce so instructed the Coordinator to proceed with the investigation and report to the Board at a subsequent meeting.

5. Status Report, Imperial Valley Waterfowl Management Area Acquisition

The Coordinator reported on the outcome of the condemnation suit for the Chaffin and Walsh properties of the Imperial Valley Waterfowl Management Area. The Chaffin property was adjudged by the court to be worth \$275,500. While this was above the highest of the State appraisals, it is below the

amount allocated by the Board, and \$125,000 under the low value established by the defense appraisers. The Walsh property (160 acres) was adjudged to be worth \$43,200. The Coordinator asserted that from the Board's standpoint of money allocated, it is a good decision, and felt that the prices established were fair.

The Board members discussed some phases of the Colorado River Public Land problem. No action was necessary at this time and none taken.

6. Budget, Wildlife Conservation Board

The Coordinator announced that the budget as approved by the Department of Finance would not allow the staff to continue its program as planned, and that he felt the Board should be apprised of this situation. He introduced a letter written by him to Mr. F. James Murphy of the Department of Finance requesting changes in the budget as printed. As yet Mr. Murphy has not been able to re-examine the Board budget because of legislative duties, but felt there would be no difficulty since the letter covered the reasons for the changes very thoroughly.

Mr. Gordon felt that if it became necessary, the Wildlife Board could set up funds for staff purposes between now and June 30.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.