

State of California
WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD
Minutes, Meeting of September 27, 1956

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Pursuant to the call of the Chairman, the Wildlife Conservation Board met in Room 4040, State Capitol, Sacramento, California, on September 27, 1956. The meeting was called to order by Acting Chairman T. H. Mugford at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. John M. Peirce, Director of Finance, was unable to be present and his Chief Deputy, T. H. Mugford, kindly consented to act as Chairman.

Fish and Game Commissioners Andy Kelly of Los Angeles, Weldon Oxley of Redding and William J. Silva of Modesto indicated that since Commissioner Harley E. Knox of San Diego passed away, they did not desire to represent the Fish and Game Commission on the Board until after the Commission elected a president. Commissioners Andy Kelly, Weldon Oxley and William J. Silva were introduced.

1. Roll Call

<u>Present:</u>	T. H. Mugford	Acting Chairman
	Seth Gordon	Member of the Board
	Senator Johnson	Joint Interim Committee
	Senator Brown	" "
	Assemblyman Erwin	" "
	Assemblyman Lowrey	" "

E. E. Horn	Coordinator
R. J. Nesbit	Assistant Coordinator
Russell G. Sturges	Special Consultant

<u>Absent:</u>	John M. Peirce	Member of the Board
	Senator Hulse	Joint Interim Committee
	Assemblyman Belotti	" "

Others Present:

Senator Cobey	Merced
Assemblyman Pattee	Salinas
Weldon Oxley	Fish and Game Commissioner
Andy Kelly	" " " " "
William J. Silva	" " " " "
Monica O'Brien	Secretary, Fish and Game Commission
Harry K. Grafe	Secretary, Senate Interim Committee
William J. Harp	Assistant to Fish and Game Commission
Harry Barnes	Irrigation Consultant

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W. T. Shannon	Department of Fish and Game
Harry Anderson	" " " " "
W. C. Dry	" " " " "
Alex Calhoun	" " " " "
W. M. Carah	" " " " "
George H. Warner	" " " " "
Frank Bragg	" " " " "
Ford B. Ford	Legislative Auditor
Lowell R. Gano	Department of Finance
W. J. Rosskopf	Division of Architecture
Clarence Elliger	Division of Architecture
Lester A. Gendron	Madera County District Attorney
H. A. Dimaline	Madera County Chamber of Commerce
Albert Barsotti	City of Madera Mayor
Clyde A. Cavin	Madera Irrigation District
Lyman Patterson	City of Madera, Rec. and Parks Director
Joseph A. Cappelluti	Madera Recreation Commission Chairman
Robert Venable	City of Alameda Planning Department
W. M. Mason	City of Richmond Planning Department
T. Wilson	" " " " Supt. of Parks
John F. Reginato	Shasta County, Shasta-Cascade Wonderland Association
William H. Clark	Shasta County Engineer's Office
Fritz Mangold	Ocean Fish Protective Association
Robert Hunt	Richmond Rod and Gun Club, President
Walter Tavernetti	" Member, Monterey County Planning Comm.
Others who were present did not sign the register.	

2. Approval of the Minutes

MOVED BY MR. GORDON, SECONDED BY MR. MUGFORD AS A JOINT MOTION, THAT READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD MEETINGS OF JANUARY 5, 1956; MARCH 16, 1956; APRIL 5, 1956; MAY 31, 1956 AND AUGUST 15, 1956, BE DISPENSED WITH AND SAID MINUTES AS SUBMITTED BE APPROVED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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3. Status of Funds

Mr. Horn called attention to a change in the Status of Funds as reported on the Agenda. Operating costs for the fiscal year 55/56 were changed by an accounting revision to read: \$51,403.02; Total Actual and Estimated Operating Costs, Expenses of Operation, Total Expended or Obligated, and Unallocated Balance as of 8/15/56 reflect this change. This correction is incorporated in the minutes and shown on the Status of Funds.

Status of Funds statement with above correction accepted by the Board.

The amount allocated to specific projects up to the close of the meeting on August 15, 1956, aggregated \$12,054,984.07.

a. Fish Hatchery and Stocking Projects	\$4,476,416.65
b. Warmwater and Other Fish Projects	805,578.15
1. Warmwater Projects	\$657,058.15
2. Other Fish Projects	\$148,520.00
c. Flow Maintenance and Stream Improvement Projects	675,465.28
d. Screen and Ladder Projects	280,087.22
e. State Game Farms	105,644.49
f. Other Upland Game Projects	416,530.84
g. Waterfowl Management Projects	5,186,160.13
h. General Projects	84,101.31
<u>Total Allocated to Specific Projects</u>	<u>\$12,029,984.07</u>

Special Project Allocation:

Project Evaluation, Property Acquisition and Engineering Studies	\$25,000.00
<u>Total Allocated</u>	<u>\$12,054,984.07</u>

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

1. Colorado River Recreational Development	\$50,000.00
2. Warmwater Fisheries Projects	75,000.00
<u>Total Reserves</u>	<u>\$125,000.00</u>

Operating Costs:

FY 47/48 through 54/55 Actual	\$279,747.00
FY 55/56 Actual	51,403.02
FY 56/57 Estimated	64,931.00
<u>Total - Actual and Estimated Operating Costs</u>	<u>\$396,081.02</u>

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Status of Funds (Contd)

Recapitulation:

Allocations for Projects	\$12,029,984.07	
Special Project Allocation	25,000.00	
Reserves Established	125,000.00	
Expenses of Operation	396,081.02	
Total Expended or Obligated		\$12,576,065.09
Total Fund Appropriated	\$12,750,000.00	
Approp. Available		
through 56/57 FY	750,000.00	
Interest on Surplus Money		
Invested through 55/56 FY	176,347.18	
Miscellaneous Revenue 55/56 FY	220.00	
Total Sum Available		\$13,676,567.18
Total Expended or Obligated		\$12,576,065.09
Unallocated Balance as of 8/15/56		\$ 1,100,502.09

4. Suggested Policies of Wildlife Conservation Board

Mr. Horn suggested that because the Commission had no representative on the Board and three of the Interim Committee Members were absent this item be held over. The Board instructed this item will be considered at a future Board meeting.

5. Naming Project when Land is Deeded to State as a Gift

The problem of the naming of a project as requested by a donor when the land is deeded to the state as a gift was discussed by Mr. Horn. A pioneer family on the Mendocino Coast has considered deeding a fine parcel of beach to the state for a fishing access and would like to have the area bear the name "HEESER DRIVE" in honor of the family. The Chairman asked if the family is well-known and respected in the area and was assured that this is indeed true.

The Board felt that so long as it is in the best interest of the sportsmen and a donor wishes to deed a parcel of land having high recreational value to the state, the Board should favorably consider the donor's suggested name for the project.

MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN ERWIN, SECONDED BY SENATOR BROWN, THAT THE LEGISLATIVE INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD MEMBERS THAT APPROVAL BE GIVEN TO ACCEPTING A DONATED PARCEL OF LAND AND PERMITTING THE DONOR TO USE HIS NAME OR TO SUGGEST A NAME FOR THE PROJECT.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Naming Project when Land is Deeded to State as a Gift (Contd)

MOVED BY MR. GORDON, SECONDED BY MR. MUGFORD
THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD PERMIT USING THE
NAME OF A DONOR OR ACCEPTING HIS REQUESTED NAME FOR A
WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD PROJECT WHEN THE DONOR
DEEDS A PARCEL OF LAND TO THE STATE WITHOUT COST. IN
CASES WHERE THE DONOR PROVIDES THE MAJOR PORTION OF
THE LAND WITHOUT COST, AND ADDITIONAL LAND IS DESIRED
FOR THE PROJECT AND MUST BE ACQUIRED BY PURCHASE, THE
DONOR WITH THE CONSENT OF THE BOARD MAY SELECT THE
NAME FOR THE PROJECT.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. ✓ Clear Creek Fish Ladder, Project No. 96 \$43,000.00

On November 28, 1951 the Board allocated \$50,000.00 for construction of a fish ladder at the McCormick-Saeltzer Dam on Clear Creek in Shasta County. A long series of negotiations between the owners of the dam, the Department of Fish and Game, and the Attorney General have now been resolved into an acceptable agreement.

Surveys and studies by the Division of Architecture and the Department of Fish and Game developed revised plans for a tunnel type ladder at an estimated cost of \$81,000.00 (as of January, 1956).

Such a ladder would make ten miles of the best spawning area of Clear Creek available. A "Report on Clear Creek, Shasta County, with Reference to Fishway Project on McCormick-Saeltzer Dam" by George Warner of the Department of Fish and Game, indicates that such a project and expenditure is justifiable. (A copy of this report was furnished to Board members and is filed for reference in the files of the Department of Fish and Game.)

Messrs. C. O. Elliger and W. J. Roskopf of the Division of Architecture appeared, explaining the proposed tunnel would be about 255 feet long, that additional concrete structures would occur at each end, outlined some of the details of construction at the dam, gave a breakdown of cost estimates and outlined the public safety features that would be required.

Mr. Lowery asked if cost of operation and maintenance would be borne by the land owner.

Mr. Gordon stated that such costs would be borne by the Department of Fish and Game.

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Clear Creek Fish Ladder, Project No. 96 (Contd)

Discussion developed information to show that adequate water would be released under Trinity River Project to support a fishery, and that salmon and steelhead trout successfully use tunnels and tunnel-type ladders.

Senator Brown raised questions regarding the cost of construction and Mr. Elliger gave a breakdown of costs.

Mr. Horn stated that of the initial \$50,000.00 allocated by the Board on November 28, 1951, \$7,500.00 has been expended in surveys and engineering studies leaving a balance of \$42,500.00.

Because construction costs have increased since the Division of Architecture's estimate it was recommended that an additional sum of \$43,000.00 be allocated from the unallocated balance of the Wildlife Restoration Fund for construction of this fishway. The project appears fully justifiable, and operating and maintenance costs to the Department of Fish and Game will be low.

The Department of Fish and Game recommended this project for consideration by the Board.

MOVED BY SENATOR BROWN, SECONDED BY SENATOR JOHNSON THAT THE LEGISLATIVE INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD THAT THE CLEAR CREEK FISH LADDER PROJECT BE ACCEPTED AS REVISED AND THE REQUESTED FUNDS BE ALLOCATED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED BY MR. GORDON, SECONDED BY MR. MUGFORD, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO ACQUIRE THE RIGHT TO CONSTRUCT AND TO CONSTRUCT A FISH LADDER AROUND THE MC CORMICK-SAELTZER DAM ON CLEAR CREEK, IN SEC. 36, T 31 N, R6W, MDB&M, ABOUT 6.8 MILES UPSTREAM FROM THE MOUTH OF CLEAR CREEK, SHASTA COUNTY, AS INDICATED ON A MAP FURNISHED BOARD MEMBERS, AND ALLOCATE \$43,000.00 ADDITIONAL FROM THE UNALLOCATED BALANCE OF THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND FOR THIS PURPOSE.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. Lindo Lake Public Fishing Area, Project No. 77

The Board allocated a total of \$19,000.00 on November 28, 1951 for this project. Following failure to secure sufficient water from wells, and after study by the County of San Diego and the Department of Fish and Game, the Board allocated an additional \$4,500.00 on March 24, 1955 to compact the lake bed, install a pipeline and meter, and to purchase water from available sources to fill the lake. San Diego County would then maintain the water-level in the lake. \$1,200.00 of the \$4,500.00 was for the purchase of water for the initial filling of the lake.

An agreement was entered into between the Department of Fish and Game and San Diego County whereby the county would do the necessary work, purchase the estimated quantity of water to fill the lake, and be reimbursed for costs.

San Diego County completed all requirements of the agreement excepting that the lake has not been filled. The county purchased the estimated amount of water and placed it in the lake.

Additional water cannot be purchased at this time. Due to a severe and critical water shortage, some communities in San Diego County now have water rationing. The City of San Diego normally operates with a seven-year reserve water supply but now has about a six-months supply in storage.

The county has requested payment of \$4,476.87 under the agreement, but the Legal Adviser of the Department of Finance has ruled that payment cannot be made under the existing agreement because the lake is not full.

Mr. Horn reported that Lindo Lake is similar to any other projects in Southern California that require water. Owing to a fourteen year progressive drought, water isn't available. Only a change in the cycle of precipitation can change conditions.

MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN LOWERY, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN ERWIN, THAT THE LEGISLATIVE INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD THAT THE AGREEMENT WITH SAN DIEGO COUNTY BE MODIFIED TO PERMIT PAYMENT FOR THE WORK DONE.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Gordon asked if the Coordinator felt that San Diego County had proceeded in good faith and that there was no negligence in the work.

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Lindo Lake Public Fishing Area, Project No. 77 (Contd).

Mr. Horn replied, the county had proceeded in good faith, had done all of the work specified in the existing agreement, had purchased the specified quantity of water as it became available (the quantity of water purchased is reported to be in excess of that required to meet the conditions of the agreement). In view of these conditions it was recommended that the Wildlife Conservation Board authorize the Department of Fish and Game to modify the agreement with San Diego County so as to meet the legal requirements and pay the county for expenditures made and work done.

MOVED BY MR. GORDON, SECONDED BY MR. MUGFORD THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE TO SO MODIFY THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT WITH SAN DIEGO COUNTY FOR DEVELOPMENT OF LINDO LAKE, IN SUCH MANNER THAT THE STATE MAY REIMBURSE THE COUNTY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,476.87 FOR WORK ACCOMPLISHED, IF THIS IS LEGALLY POSSIBLE. ALSO, THAT SAN DIEGO COUNTY BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR FILLING THE LAKE AND MAINTAINING THE LEVEL IF AND WHEN WATER BECOMES AVAILABLE. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. Coastal Angling Access Program, Mendocino County, Project No. 1011 \$6,000.00

The Board allocated \$7,000.00 on July 9, 1955 for an access to the Ocean near Abalobadiah Gulch, North of Fort Bragg on the Mendocino County Coast. Land thought by the Division of Highways to be in their ownership actually was privately owned. The Board made this allocation conditional upon negotiation of a lease or purchase of the land.

An option has been secured to purchase 4.7 acres, more or less, at the site indicated on a map displayed at the meeting.

Appraisals have been secured and the option price is within the appraisals.

The present plan of development includes a parcel of land on the

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Coastal Angling Access Program, Mendocino County (Contd)

north side of Kibasella Gulch, and the plan of development has been modified accordingly - Cost estimates are as follows:

Grading and land preparation	\$4,350.00
Materials	1,750.00
Sanitary facilities	600.00
	<u>\$6,700.00</u>
Contingency 10%	670.00
	<u>\$7,370.00</u>
Land - Option and appraisals	5,600.00

Total \$12,970.00

Previous allocation 7,000.00

Balance needed \$5,970.00

Mendocino County has tentatively agreed to do the construction work and the County Board of Supervisors has passed a Resolution to assume the operation and maintenance of this project.

It was recommended that \$6,000.00 be allocated to the Department of Fish and Game from the unallocated balance of the Wildlife Restoration Fund for this project and that the Department be authorized to proceed with the acquisition of the land and development of the project.

Mr. Lowery summarized the proposed expenditure of the revised project as \$5,600.00 for land acquisition and \$7,400.00 for all development, a total of \$13,000.00 for the project. He stated "you can get more fishing per dollar spent on this type of project than any other the Board could enter into."

MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN ERWIN, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN LOWERY THAT THE LEGISLATIVE INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD THAT THE PROJECT BE APPROVED AND THE ADDITIONAL \$6,000.00 BE ALLOCATED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Coastal Angling Access Program, Mendocino County (Contd)

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. GORDON, SECONDED BY MR. MUGFORD, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO ACQUIRE THE LANDS DESCRIBED BELOW AND DEVELOP THIS PROPERTY FOR PUBLIC ACCESS TO OCEAN FISHING AT THIS POINT IN MENDOCINO COUNTY, AND ALLOCATE \$6,000.00 ADDITIONAL TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FOR THIS PURPOSE, WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT A PROPER OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT BE NEGOTIATED WITH THE COUNTY OF MENDOCINO.

All that parcel of land situated in Lot 1 and Lot 2, Section 29, Township 20 North, Range 17 West, M.D.B. & M., in Mendocino County, lying west of the westerly right-of-way of State Sign Route Number One, and which is more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at Engineer's Station 588+54 on the centerline of State Sign Route Number One which point lies 409 feet northerly from State Highway culvert marked F 9-82, thence N 81°50' 30" E a distance of 20 feet, more or less, to a point on the easterly right-of-way of said State Sign Route Number One, thence S 08° 09' 30" E along said easterly right-of-way line a distance of 1014 feet, thence west 175 feet, more or less, to the point of intersection with the ordinary high water line of the Pacific Ocean, thence proceeding northerly along said ordinary high water line to a point on said ordinary high water line, N 68° 00' 30" E a distance of 300 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning, excepting therefrom the right-of-way of said State Sign Route Number One; together with the right to construct, drill, operate, maintain or abandon a water well on Lot 1 or Lot 2 on the Easterly side of the Easterly Right-of-Way line with access thereto, the area hereinabove described comprising 4.7 acres, more or less.

OFFICIAL NAME OF THIS PROJECT SHALL BE SOUTH KIBASELLA GULCH COASTAL ANGLING ACCESS AREA.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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9. ✓ Approval of Fund Transfer - Mojave Hatchery Well - Project No. 34-39 - 12-11-6

On January 5, 1956 the Board allocated \$19,500.00 for a new well at Mojave Fish Hatchery. Bids received exceeded this amount. The low bid was \$19,700.00 and there was an expenditure of \$106.78 for bid advertising - making a total cost of \$19,806.78 and leaving a deficit of \$306.78.

In order not to let the bid expire by waiting for a Board meeting, the Coordinator advised the Administration of the Department of Fish and Game to take this amount from an un-earmarked balance of funds previously allocated to the Mojave Hatchery.

It was requested the Board approve this transfer of funds within the project.

Assemblyman Erwin **stated** this transfer of funds be approved, and advised the Board that certain groups in Southern California were issuing publicity claiming the Board was not considering Southern California problems. He stated the claim has been made that the Board had withdrawn the \$100,000.00 allocation for Bixby Slough.

The Coordinator advised the Board that this allocation still remains. Assemblyman Erwin further referred to such criticism as misleading, that every effort has been made by the Board to get sound projects throughout the state, and projects in Southern California that were judged to have a chance of functioning have been approved, though some of them are of limited value.

Assemblyman Erwin referred to Mojave Hatchery as one providing fish for Lake Arrowhead and Big Bear Lake, and the Owens Valley Hatcheries that provide so much fishing recreation to Southern California residents.

Assemblyman Lowery stated that the Board had always taken favorable action on proposals for projects in Southern California that were even halfway feasible, and cited Lindo Lake as an example.

Senators Brown and Johnson stated they had always endeavored to be fair and to consider statewide needs.

MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN ERWIN, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN LOWERY, THAT THE LEGISLATIVE INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THAT MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS, WITHIN THE PROJECT TO MEET THE \$306.78 EXTRA COST OF THE NEW MOJAVE HATCHERY WELL.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Approval of Fund Transfer - Mojave Hatchery Well - Project No. 34 (Contd)

MOVED BY MR. GORDON, SECONDED BY MR. MUGFORD,
THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE
TRANSFER OF \$306.78 FROM THE UNOBLIGATED BALANCE OF
FUNDS PREVIOUSLY ALLOCATED TO THE EARMARKED FUND FOR
THE NEW WELL AT MOJAVE FISH HATCHERY APPROVED BY THE
BOARD, JANUARY 5, 1956.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. Mojave and Fillmore Fish Hatcheries

Mojave Hatchery - Project No. 39

\$45,000.00

Fillmore Hatchery - Project No. 38

Ground water levels at both of these hatcheries have been falling during the present period of sub-normal precipitation. One well motor at Mojave Hatchery burned out as a result of the overload and was rewound. The 75 HP motors at wells 3 and 4 at Mojave are now forced to operate at about 100 HP rating. They might fail at any time.

One well at Fillmore Hatchery is now out of production because of the falling water table.

The Department of Fish and Game proposed a modification at Mojave, by replacing the existing 75 HP electric motors with 125 HP ones, new 200 HP gasoline standby engines, new pumps, shafts, columns, etc., so as to produce 3,000 g.p.m. per well at 100 ft. pumping level with a 120 foot bowl setting in wells 3 and 4.

The Department of Water Resources again studied the problem and concur in the adequacy of modification suggested by the Department of Fish and Game.

The Department of Water Resources Report cites such lowering of water levels at both the Mojave and Fillmore areas in the past, and predicts that water levels will raise at Mojave with increased precipitation and at Fillmore with increased rainfall and operation of San Felicia Dam.

In general discussion Mr. Lowery pointed out that Mojave Hatchery had been constructed with Wildlife Restoration Fund, and Fillmore with department funds. He felt that operation and maintenance of Fillmore should be a department responsibility.

Mr. Erwin felt Mojave should have the new pumps, etc.

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Mojave and Fillmore Fish Hatcheries (Contd)

Senator Brown favored the allocation for Mojave, but expressed doubt about Fillmore and did not favor use of Board funds for operation and maintenance purposes.

Mr. Lowery stated he was not opposed to Fillmore as a hatchery and would be happy to support an item in the Fish and Game Budget to meet the needs of the hatchery but did not feel it should come out of Wildlife Board Funds.

Commissioner Andy Kelly stated, "I feel that it is very essential to get the Mojave project under way immediately. In the case of Fillmore, that is more uncertain and is being considered by the Commission."

The Department request was for \$45,000.00 for the new pumps at Mojave and \$15,000.00 for moving the existing 75 HP pumps from Mojave to Fillmore, provided the Fish and Game Commission decided to continue that hatchery in operation.

MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN ERWIN, SECONDED BY SENATOR BROWN, THAT THE LEGISLATIVE INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD ALLOCATE \$45,000.00 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FROM THE UNALLOCATED BALANCE OF THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND FOR PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF TWO LARGER MOTORS AND PUMPS AT MOJAVE HATCHERY.

AYES: SENATORS BROWN AND JOHNSON, ASSEMBLYMAN ERWIN
(ASSEMBLYMAN LOWERY REQUESTED THAT HE BE RECORDED AS NOT VOTING.)

CARRIED.

MOVED BY MR. GORDON, SECONDED BY MR. MUGFORD, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD ALLOCATE \$45,000.00 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME, FROM THE UNALLOCATED BALANCE OF THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND FOR PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF TWO NEW MOTORS, ETC., ON WELLS NOS. 3 AND 4 AT MOJAVE HATCHERY.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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11. ✓ Boucher's Gap Access Road - Project No. 1014 \$52,000.00

The County of Monterey through its Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission, various Sportsmen's organizations, and the Boy Scouts of America, all asked the Wildlife Conservation Board to consider taking over and improving a road that now leads from Highway No. 1 at Grimes Ranch up Palo Colorado Canyon to Boucher's Gap.

About four miles of this road was constructed by the Boy Scouts and is closed to public use by virtue of a use agreement with the land owners. A blockade is maintained at the west end of this segment of the road, and prevents hunters, fishermen and all other recreationists from reaching a 60,000 acre wild area in Los Padres National Forest.

This blocking of the road causes a very bad pile up of cars at the barricade during the hunting and fishing season when sportsmen endeavor to get into this vast wild area.

This proposed project is a cooperative, coordinated, community endeavor. The Boy Scouts of America relinquished their right-of-way easement, and secured an easement for the State of California from the three owners, for a 40-foot right-of-way plus such additional width as would be necessary for cuts and fills.

The County of Monterey made a survey of the road, developed plans and cost estimates, and the Board of Supervisors passed a resolution agreeing to do the work, and to operate and maintain the road when completed as part of the county road system.

Senator Fred Farr and Assemblyman Pattee secured an agreement from the United States Army stating that the Army would construct the road without cost, if the necessary material could be furnished by the state or county.

The United States Forest Service Regional Office at San Francisco has agreed to construct a suitable public campground at the Boucher's Gap end of this road.

The Chairman called upon Assemblyman Allan Pattee of Salinas, Monterey County, who stated that the road meant a great deal to all residents of Monterey County and that it would provide access to a magnificent region and some of the finest stream fishing and deer hunting in the country. It can be made into a recreational district for people of all the state. The existing Boy Scout Camp in the area is a model for all the United States. The people of Monterey County are back of the project 100 percent.

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Boutcher's Gap Access Road (Contd)

Mr. Tavernetti, a member of the Monterey County Planning Board, corroborated Mr. Pattee's statements and added that the county is very anxious to open the forest area to hunters, fishermen, and other recreationists. This access road would be a big help and the county would willingly take over all operation and maintenance of the road if it is built.

Mr. Lowery asked about the ownership status of the lands in question.

Assemblyman Pattee stated that the road from Highway 1 to the existing blockade was county road. The four miles considered in this proposal would be across private land and would end at the National Forest Boundary at Boutcher's Gap. The owners of these lands have already executed grants of right-of-way, and these documents are duly recorded.

The Forest Service Camp would be on Forest land.

It was recommended the Board allocate the full \$52,000.00 for this road from the unallocated balance of the Wildlife Restoration Fund and authorize the Department of Fish and Game to enter into an agreement with Monterey County for construction, operation and maintenance. Any work done by the Army will be without cost and any funds thus saved may be recovered by the Wildlife Conservation Board.

MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN ERWIN, SECONDED BY SENATOR BROWN, THAT THE LEGISLATIVE INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD APPROVE THE PROJECT AND ALLOCATE \$52,000.00 TO COVER THE COST OF CONSTRUCTION OF THE ROAD.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED BY MR. GORDON, SECONDED BY MR. MUGFORD, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVES THE BOUTCHER'S GAP ACCESS ROAD PROJECT AND AUTHORIZES THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO ACCEPT THE EASEMENTS FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY, NEGOTIATE WITH THE COUNTY OF MONTEREY AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THIS ROAD, SAID ROAD WHEN COMPLETED TO BE OPERATED AND MAINTAINED BY THE COUNTY OF MONTEREY.

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FURTHER, \$52,000.00 BE ALLOCATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FROM THE UNALLOCATED BALANCE OF THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND FOR SAID CONSTRUCTION AND ANY FUND NOT EXPENDED BY NOTICE OF WORK DONE BY THE UNITED STATES ARMY WITHOUT COST WILL BE RECOVERED AND RESTORED TO THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND.

THIS ACCESS ROAD WOULD BE LOCATED IN SECTIONS 10, 11, 13, 14, 15 and 24 of T 18 S, R 1 E, MDB&M - ALL IN MONTEREY COUNTY, CALIFORNIA - AS INDICATED ON A MAP PRESENTED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. Inland Angling Access Program

The Coordinator reported that, in accordance with authorization by the Board a survey has been made of potential fishing access sites along the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers and the Delta from Shasta Dam to a point west of Modesto. Over 80 sites have been selected for consideration. Priorities have been assigned based upon fishing potential as related by fishermen, department personnel and other sources.

Not all of these 80 sites are necessary, and some of them cannot be secured, because land owners do not desire to sell parcels of their property. Priority of sites is based upon location and proximity to centers of population, fishing riffles on the river, and ready access from nearby existing public roads.

Considerable public land, either in Federal, state, county or city ownership was located and wherever possible, arrangements were made to utilize this public land, thus eliminating the necessity of land purchase. Where no public land was available, purchase negotiations have been initiated.

For all sites presented for Board consideration at this meeting, either counties or cities have, through official action of their Boards of Supervisors or Councils, agreed to assume the operation and maintenance of these areas. In some instances the counties have agreed to do all or part of the construction on a cost reimbursement basis. There will be no cost of operation or maintenance to be met by the Department of Fish and Game.

Necessary engineering work has been done, and cost estimates prepared for eight sites presented to the Board at this meeting. Such engineering and estimating is continuing on other sites and these will be presented to the Board for consideration at the next meeting.

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Mr. Ray Nesbit presented the following three access sites:

1. Keswick Reservoir Inland Angling Access \$48,300.00

This site is located at Keswick Reservoir in Shasta County. This body of water is about one-half mile wide and ten miles long. It has been stocked with fish and an excellent fishery is reported, but no public access or boat launching facility is available. The United States Bureau of Reclamation has agreed to furnish to the state, without cost, a long-term lease on the land required for such development. The County of Shasta has agreed to maintain and operate the facility, and to take the access road necessary to the project into the county road system. The designs are complete. Facilities to be developed are as follows:

Facilities:

- (1) Concrete launching ramp
- (2) Float and Gangway
- (3) Road grading and paving
- (4) Parking area grading and surfacing
- (5) Drainage culverts
- (6) Guard rails
- (7) Sanitary facilities

Total estimated cost of project \$48,295.00.

Maps and diagrams of the area were studied by the Board.

The Chairman requested representatives from Shasta County to comment upon this and other access sites proposed for that county.

Mr. John Reginato - General Manager, Shasta-Cascade Wonderland Association stated that no public launching facilities existed from Shasta Dam to Redding. One ramp existed in Redding and then none until the river reached Red Bluff. During the period of low flow the river carries 4500 sec. feet of water and under these conditions boats cannot navigate from Redding to Red Bluff. A series of launching ramps as proposed would permit fishing all segments of the river. The Shasta County Board of Supervisors have endorsed this program and agreed to undertake the operation and maintenance of those sites developed in Shasta County.

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Mr. Reginato congratulated the Board for their foresight in starting this program and, while the land costs might be high, stated the expenditures were fully justified. He hoped the Board would not stop with the sites to be considered at this meeting, but would continue.

Mr. William H. Clark, Shasta County Engineer's Office, stated that his department had studied the plans and estimates, and endorsed the projects. Mr. Lowrey asked if Mr. Clark would care to comment on the accuracy of the cost estimates based upon his knowledge of prices in Shasta County.

Mr. Clark stated he had studied the cost estimates and felt they were in line with general costs in the county.

Commissioner Weldon Oxley stated that he had examined the sites and was in accord with the program.

MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN ERWIN, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN LOWERY THAT THE LEGISLATIVE INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE KESWICK SITE AND ALLOCATE FUNDS FOR CONSTRUCTION.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED BY MR. GORDON, SECONDED BY MR. MUGFORD, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO NEGOTIATE A LEASE OR USE AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF RECLAMATION FOR A PARCEL OF LAND ON KESWICK RESERVOIR, SHASTA COUNTY, HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED, FOR USE AS AN ACCESS TO THE WATERS OF KESWICK RESERVOIR FOR FISHING PURPOSES AND TO CONSTRUCT NECESSARY ROADS, PARKING AREAS, LAUNCHING RAMPS, BOAT DOCKS OR FLOATS, SANITARY FACILITIES, ETC., AND ALLOCATE \$48,300.00 FROM THE UNALLOCATED BALANCE OF THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND FOR THIS PURPOSE WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT A SUITABLE FUTURE OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WILL BE NEGOTIATED WITH SHASTA COUNTY.

SITE IS APPROXIMATELY 8 MILES NORTHWEST OF REDDING, CALIFORNIA, VIA OLD IRON MT. ROAD AND STATE HIGHWAY 299 AND DESCRIBED AS SE 1/4 OF NW 1/4 OF SEC. 17, T 32 N, R 5 W, MDB&M.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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✓ 2. Anderson Inland Angling Access \$19,000.00

This site is located on the Sacramento River one and one-half miles from the business center of Anderson. The parcel of land contains approximately two acres and has 500 feet of river frontage. It is ideally located for boat launching and bank fishing. Appraisals have been made by two private appraisers and an option has been taken at less than the average appraisals.

The County of Shasta has agreed to operate and maintain this area. Local interest is high for this project and it is the Wildlife Conservation Board staff's opinion that a great need exists here for access.

Facilities would include access approach, parking area, launching ramp, boat floats, sanitary facilities, fencing, etc.

Cost estimates:

Materials, supplies and labor	\$12,570.00
Contingencies - 10%	1,257.00
Overhead and profit	2,765.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$16,592.00</u>
Land purchase	\$2,050.00
Appraisals	350.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$2,400.00</u>
Total cost	\$18,992.00

It was recommended that \$19,000.00 be allocated to the Department of Fish and Game from the unallocated balance of the Wildlife Restoration Fund for the purpose of purchasing and developing this fishing access site, and that the Department of Fish and Game be authorized to acquire the land by negotiated purchase.

MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN ERWIN, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN LOWERY, THAT THE LEGISLATIVE INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD MEMBERS APPROVE THE ANDERSON INLAND ANGLING SITE AND ALLOCATE \$19,000.00 FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROJECT.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MOVED BY MR. GORDON, SECONDED BY MR. MUGFORD, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO ACQUIRE THE HEREIN-AFTER DESCRIBED PARCEL OF LAND IN SHASTA COUNTY BY NEGOTIATED PURCHASE, AND CONSTRUCT THE NECESSARY ROADS, PARKING AREAS, LAUNCHING RAMP, BOAT FLOAT, ETC., TO CREATE PROPER ACCESS TO THE SACRAMENTO RIVER FOR FISHING PURPOSES. THE SUM OF \$19,000.00 TO BE ALLOCATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FROM THE UNALLOCATED BALANCE OF THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT A SUITABLE FUTURE OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WILL BE NEGOTIATED WITH SHASTA COUNTY.

APPROXIMATELY TWO ACRES OWNED BY THOMAS B. DODSON IN THE NE 1/4 SEC. 46 OF THE P.B. READING GRANT, APPROXIMATELY 1 1/2 MILES EAST OF ANDERSON AT RUPPERT ROAD.

COMMENCING AT THE MOST NORTHERLY CORNER OF COUNTY ROAD 102-E AND RUNNING THENCE N. 41° 17' E. 23.49 FT. TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. THENCE N. 49° 29' W. 457 FT. TO A POINT ON THE W. BANK OF THE SACRAMENTO RIVER; THENCE ON AND ALONG THE W. BANK OF THE SACRAMENTO RIVER S. 75° 45' E. 300 FEET; THENCE S. 88° 45' E. A DISTANCE OF 200 FEET; THENCE S. 42° 05' 40" W. A DISTANCE OF 331 FT. MORE OR LESS TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 1.86 ACRES MORE OR LESS.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Ball's Ferry Inland Angling Access \$23,000.00

This site is located on the Sacramento River about six miles southeast of Anderson and about 16 miles southeast of Redding in Shasta County. At the April 5, 1956 meeting of the Wildlife Conservation Board the Department of Fish and Game was authorized to acquire this site and an allocation of \$2,500.00 was made to cover purchase of the four and 1/2 acres from the United States Government. The government appraisal and asking price was slightly more than the allocation so the County of Shasta purchased the land as an access site. It is now proposed that this site be acquired by a long-term lease at no cost to the state, developed as a public access site, and be operated and maintained by the County of Shasta. The County of Shasta has passed a resolution agreeing to operation, maintenance and further site development.

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A plan of development has been drawn up. It is estimated to cost \$25,389.00 and is broken down as follows:

Facilities:

- (1) Concrete launching ramp
- (2) Site grading and graveling
- (3) Float and gangway
- (4) Guard rails
- (5) Drainage culvert
- (6) Sanitary facilities

It was recommended that \$23,000.00 be allocated to the Department of Fish and Game from the unallocated balance of the Wildlife Restoration Fund, and that the \$2,500.00 allocated by the Board on April 5, 1956 for land purchase, be authorized for development work. This makes a total of \$25,500.00 for this access site.

MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN ERWIN, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN LOWERY, THAT THE LEGISLATIVE INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD APPROVE THE BALL'S FERRY ACCESS SITE AND ALLOCATE FUNDS FOR CONSTRUCTION.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED BY MR. GORDON, SECONDED BY MR. MUGFORD, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO NEGOTIATE A LEASE OR USE AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF SHASTA FOR THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED BALL'S FERRY SITE IN SHASTA COUNTY AND TO CONSTRUCT PARKING AREAS, LAUNCHING RAMP AND BOAT FLOAT, SANITARY FACILITIES, ETC., NECESSARY TO CREATE PROPER ACCESS TO THE SACRAMENTO RIVER FOR PUBLIC FISHING AND ALLOCATE \$23,000.00 FROM THE UNALLOCATED BALANCE OF THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND, AND AUTHORIZE THE USE OF \$2,500.00 ALLOCATED BY THE BOARD ON APRIL 5, 1956 FOR PURCHASE OF THE SITE FOR SUCH DEVELOPMENT, MAKING THE TOTAL OF \$25,500.00 AVAILABLE FOR THIS PROJECT WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT A SUITABLE FUTURE OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WILL BE NEGOTIATED WITH SHASTA COUNTY.

A PORTION OF THAT PARCEL OF LAND ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE SACRAMENTO RIVER IN THE FRACTIONAL NW 1/4 OF SEC. 34, T 30 N, R 3W, MDB&M CONTAINING 4 1/2 ACRES MORE OR LESS.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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The Chairman recessed the meeting at 12:00 noon.

Reconvened at 1:35 p.m.

4. ✓ Tehama County Park Inland Angling Access \$12,200.00

This site is located on the Sacramento River about six miles east of Corning in Tehama County. The proposed development consists of a boat launching ramp and parking area. The land is owned by the County of Tehama and a long-term lease can be provided at no cost to the State. An adjacent county park has adequate sanitary and other recreational facilities which would enhance the ramp development. This reach of the river provides some of the finest fishing in the river and would be made more available to the public through this development. Inadequate launching facilities exist at present, and interest in this project is high.

The County of Tehama has agreed to operate and maintain this proposed facility at no cost to the state. The facilities proposed with their cost estimates are as follows:

Facilities:

- (1) Concrete launching ramp
- (2) Site grading and graveling
- (3) Float and gangway

Estimated costs:

Excavating and grading	\$1,915.00
Materials in place	7,475.00
Sub-total	<u>\$9,390.00</u>
Contingencies @ 10%	940.00
Overhead and Profit @ 20%	<u>\$1,880.00</u>
Total	<u>\$12,210.00</u>

It was recommended that \$12,200.00 be allocated to the Department of Fish and Game from the unallocated balance of the Wildlife Restoration Fund for the construction of this access.

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MOVED BY SENATOR BRO N, SECONDED BY SENATOR JOHNSON,
THAT THE LEGISLATIVE INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THAT THE
MEMBERS OF THE BOARD APPROVE THE TEHAMA COUNTY PARK ACCESS
AREA AND ALLOCATE FUNDS FOR CONSTRUCTION.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED BY MR. GORDON, SECONDED BY MR. MUGFORD, THAT
THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT
OF FISH AND GAME TO NEGOTIATE A LEASE OR USE AGREEMENT
WITH TEHAMA COUNTY FOR THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED LANDS
AT TEHAMA COUNTY PARK - FOR DEVELOPMENT OF ACCESS ROADS,
PARKING AREAS, LAUNCHING RAMPS, ETC., NECESSARY TO
PROVIDE ACCESS TO FISHING IN THE SACRAMENTO RIVER AND
ALLOCATE \$12,200.00 FROM THE UNALLOCATED BALANCE OF THE
WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND FOR THIS PURPOSE WITH THE
UNDERSTANDING THAT A SUITABLE FUTURE OPERATING AND
MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WILL BE NEGOTIATED WITH TEHAMA
COUNTY.

APPROXIMATELY TWO ACRES IN SECTION 28, T 24 N,
R 2 W, MDB&M, APPROXIMATELY SIX MILES EAST OF
CORNING, CALIFORNIA, ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE
SACRAMENTO RIVER.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. Reclamation Board Site 21 \$1,250.00

Mr. Horn reported that the Reclamation Board had advised on
February 10, 1956, that the state owned about 50 acres in fee
title in T 18 N, R 1 W, MDB&M, that is surplus to the needs
of that board. Offers to purchase had been filed with the
Reclamation Board by private interests. This parcel was
offered to the Wildlife Conservation Board.

This parcel could well be used for angling access on the Sacramento
River, and part could be exchanged with a private owner for land
along Packer Lake - a warmwater fishing lake about one mile north.

On June 20, 1956 an offer was made subject to Wildlife Conservation
Board confirmation, to acquire the parcel at \$25.00 per acre, or a
total sum of \$1,250.00. Asking prices for lands along the river
are from \$1,000 per acre to \$40,000 for three acres.

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No engineering estimates for cost of development have been made and no sum for such development could be recommended at this time. The Reclamation Board requested an expression of the Wildlife Conservation Board's desires so they may dispose of the parcel.

In view of these prices, it was recommended that the Wildlife Conservation Board authorize the Department of Fish and Game to acquire this parcel of land and allocate \$1,250.00 from the unallocated balance of the Wildlife Restoration Fund for said purchase.

Senator Johnson remarked that this looked like a very good buy and that the Board staff should be instructed to proceed with development of plans and cost estimates.

The Chairman so instructed the Staff.

MOVED BY SENATOR JOHNSON, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN ERWIN THAT THE LEGISLATIVE INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD MEMBERS APPROVE THIS PURCHASE AND ALLOCATE THE NECESSARY FUNDS.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED BY MR. GORDON, SECONDED BY MR. MUGFORD, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO ACQUIRE THE PARCEL OF LAND ON THE SACRAMENTO RIVER, IN GLENN COUNTY, KNOWN AS RECLAMATION BOARD SITE NO. 21 FOR AN ACCESS TO THE SACRAMENTO RIVER FOR PUBLIC FISHING, AND ALLOCATE \$1,250.00 FROM THE UNALLOCATED RESERVE OF THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND FOR SUCH PURCHASE. THE STAFF IS DIRECTED TO PROCEED WITH ENGINEERING PLANS AND COST ESTIMATES FOR DEVELOPMENT AND PRESENT SUCH PLANS AT A LATER MEETING OF THE BOARD.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. Grizzly Island Inland Angling Access

\$13,500.00

This site is located on Montezuma Slough on Grizzly Island, about 18 miles southeast of Fairfield and Suisun in Solano County. This property is now state-owned and under the jurisdiction of the Department of Fish and Game.

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This proposed site is three and a-half miles from the Sacramento River. A ramp at this location will not only be most popular and greatly used by the many fishermen who fish this part of the slough, but will also be of great benefit to the Wildlife Protection Officers by providing better access to Little Honker and Honker Bay.

A development plan has been prepared by the Branch of Engineering of the Department of Fish and Game at the following estimated cost:

Ramp	\$9,760.00
Parking and Sanitary Facilities	3,360.00
Total	\$13,120.00

It was recommended that \$13,500.00 be allocated from the unallocated balance of the Wildlife Restoration Fund to the Department of Fish and Game for this development.

Mr. Gordon inquired if this project would impose any particular financial burden on the Department.

No particular burden would result, since this area could be handled by the crew now operating the Grizzly Island Waterfowl Area.

MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN ERWIN, SECONDED BY SENATOR BROWN, THAT THE LEGISLATIVE INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD APPROVE THE GRIZZLY ISLAND SITE AND ALLOCATE FUNDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED BY MR. GORDON, SECONDED BY MR. MUGFORD, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD ALLOCATE \$13,500.00 FROM THE UNALLOCATED BALANCE OF THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A LAUNCHING RAMP, BOAT FLOAT, PARKING AREA, SANITARY FACILITIES, ETC., ON THE STATE OWNED GRIZZLY ISLAND WATERFOWL MANAGEMENT AREA TO PROVIDE FISHING ACCESS TO MONTEZUMA SLOUGH AND ADJACENT WATERS.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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7. Yuba City Boat Club Site \$20,000.00

Sportsmen clubs of Yuba City and Marysville, as well as city and county officials, have requested that the Wildlife Conservation Board consider developing access to the Feather River at two points on the west side of the river south of Yuba City.

One of these, the old Yuba City Boat Club site, at the south edge of Yuba City, had a good development that was almost completely destroyed by the floods of last winter.

The land is state-owned and under the jurisdiction of Levee District No. 1. The Board of Directors of that district have agreed to cancel an existing lease to the Yuba City Boat Club and grant a lease to the state if the state will develop a public fishing access at this point on the river. The Boat Club requested this cancellation of their lease.

The site is excellent.

Engineering surveys and preliminary cost estimates have been made as follows:

Roads	\$5,570.00
Launching ramps	5,460.00
Clearing, etc.	1,500.00
Floats	1,900.00
Sanitary facilities	600.00
Miscellaneous and contingencies	4,640.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$19,670.00</u>

While the cost estimates for this site were presented as preliminary, it was recommended that \$20,000.00 be allocated to the Department of Fish and Game from the unallocated balance of the Wildlife Restoration Fund for development of this project, and that the department be authorized to negotiate the necessary lease with Levee District No. 1 for use of the land.

Senator Johnson advised that prior to the floods of last winter the Yuba City Boat Club had extensive improvements on this area. All the improvements had been completely washed out. People come to this site from all over California during the fishing season.

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Mr. Gordon asked, "Has City or County agreed to take over the operation and maintenance?"

Senator Johnson replied, "I have talked to the Yuba City Council and they assure us that they would adopt a resolution agreeing to do so."

MOVED BY SENATOR JOHNSON, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN ERWIN, THAT THE LEGISLATIVE INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD APPROVE THIS YUBA CITY BOAT CLUB SITE AND ALLOCATE FUNDS FOR CONSTRUCTION.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED BY MR. GORDON, SECONDED BY MR. MUGFORD, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO NEGOTIATE A LEASE OR USE AGREEMENT WITH LEVEE DISTRICT NO. 1 WITH HEADQUARTERS AT YUBA CITY, FOR A PARCEL OF LAND ON THE WEST BANK OF THE FEATHER RIVER AND ALLOCATE \$20,000.00 FROM THE UNALLOCATED BALANCE OF THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ACCESS ROADS, BOAT RAMPS, BOAT FLOATS, SANITARY FACILITIES, ETC., WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT A SUITABLE FUTURE OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WILL BE NEGOTIATED WITH YUBA CITY COUNCIL.

DESCRIPTION OF LAND:

A PARCEL OF SEVERAL ACRES WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF YUBA CITY, IN RANCHO NEW HELVETIA, T 15 N, R 3 E, MDB&M.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. Boyd Pumps Inland Angling Access \$22,500.00

This site is at Boyd Pumps, about six miles south of Yuba City on the west bank of the Feather River.

The land is under the jurisdiction of Levee District No. 1, and is presently leased to the Twin City Boat Club. Again, the Club would relinquish, and the Levee District would cancel the existing lease and enter into a lease agreement with the state.

The county would assume the operation and maintenance of the project.

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This is another very good fishing area and public facilities would provide for greater use.

Engineering surveys and preliminary cost estimates have been made and costs are as follows:

Grading and Gravel	\$8,500.00
Ramp and facilities	6,940.00
Float	1,200.00
Sanitary facilities	600.00
Miscellaneous Contingency & Profit	5,300.00
Total	\$22,540.00

Even though the cost figures were given as preliminary, it was recommended that the Wildlife Conservation Board allocate \$22,500.00 to the Department of Fish and Game from the unallocated balance of the Wildlife Restoration Fund and authorize the department to negotiate for use of the land and construct the above mentioned facilities.

The Twin City Boat Club had developed good facilities at this site, and they were destroyed during the flood of last winter.

Senator Brown asked if the cost estimates were made by an engineer, and was advised the estimates were made by the Branch of Engineering, Department of Fish and Game.

MOVED BY SENATOR BROWN, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN ERWIN, THAT THE LEGISLATIVE INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD APPROVE THE PROJECT AND ALLOCATE FUNDS FOR CONSTRUCTION.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED BY MR. GORDON, SECONDED BY MR. MUGFORD, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO NEGOTIATE A LEASE WITH LEVEE DISTRICT NO. 1 FOR A PARCEL OF LAND ON THE WEST BANK OF THE FEATHER RIVER AT THE SITE KNOWN AS BOYD PUMPS FOR AN ACCESS TO THE WATERS OF THE FEATHER RIVER, AND ALLOCATE \$22,500.00 FROM THE UNALLOCATED BALANCE OF THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND FOR CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE SITE, WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT A SUITABLE FUTURE OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT BE NEGOTIATED WITH SUTTER COUNTY.

PARCEL IS IN RANCHO HELVETIA, IN T 14 N, R 3 E, MDB&M (NO SECTION OR LAT. NOS.)

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

13. Archibald Lake Public Fishing Area

Mr. Nesbit stated that only a status report would be presented, and no request would be made for funds at this meeting.

This reservoir site is located in Sections 26, 27, 34 and 35, T 10 S, R 18 E MDB&M at 300 ft. elevation, five miles northeast from Madera in Madera County. The proposed lake will impound 4,700 acre feet of water and cover nearly 400 surface acres. Average depth of water will be approximately twelve feet. Water will be provided by natural drainage from 1,000 acres of watershed and by pump diversions from winter surplus flows from the Fresno River. Water also could be delivered by gravity flow from the Madera Canal (CVP) if necessary or desirable, and if a surplus exists.

Ownership of the land is in one party and the County of Madera has taken an option for the purpose of assigning it to the state. It has been determined that approximately 1,100 acres are required for the project.

In March, 1956, Mr. Harry Barnes, a well-qualified civil and hydraulic engineer, was hired on a consultant basis to make a study of the project. He made preliminary cost estimates, water requirement and availability of water studies. His report dated May, 1956, indicated the project was feasible contingent upon detailed soil tests, designs, costs and confirmation of water rights. The Madera Irrigation District owns the major share of the vested water rights in the Fresno River. The Madera Irrigation District Board of Directors has stated they favor the project and will not protest a state application for water for the project. The plan is to divert water into the lake during the period of surplus water flows. The Madera Irrigation District has also agreed to sell, at ten cents per acre foot, any surplus water they may have which would not otherwise be available under the state filing. This would be a supplemental supply if required.

The County of Madera Board of Supervisors has passed a resolution recommending the project and has agreed to construct all access roads to the project as well as to operate and maintain the project, if and when constructed. In anticipation of this project the County of Madera has appropriated in excess of \$10,000.00 for outlay not possible by the state, and has established a recreational department.

Practically all sportsmen's clubs, service clubs and other groups have endorsed the project. The city council of Madera has approved the project. It is highly needed in the area because of the lack of local warmwater fishing and the over-crowded conditions of the more remote fishing areas, such as Yosemite Lake and Bass Lake.

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Preliminary cost estimate of construction and land purchase of 1,100 acres, is approximately \$240,000.00.

Because of the magnitude of this project, approval was requested of the Wildlife Conservation Board, and authorization to proceed with land appraisals, soil tests, designs and water right filings. No allocation necessary at this time for the above work, as these expenditures can be taken from Project No. 2500.

Senator James A. Cobey of Merced stated, "Madera County is badly in need of this type of recreational facility. The City and County of Madera are solidly united in a request that this project be put through with all possible dispatch."

Senator Cobey then introduced Lyman Patterson, Director of Recreation and Parks, Madera County; H. A. Dimaline, Secretary Manager, Madera Chamber of Commerce; Mayor Albert Barsotti, City of Madera; Clyde A. Cavin, President, Madera Irrigation District, and Lester J. Gendron, Madera County District Attorney.

Mr. Gendron, as spokesman for this group stated:

"Archibald Lake with 400 surface acres of water and 1,100 acres in the total project would be an excellent recreational area. It is located in the center of the state, and the only similar area in the locality is Yosemite Lake which 270,000 people use annually, and these facilities are badly overtaxed."

The County has done everything possible to foster this project. A contract has been drawn with the Madera Irrigation District to purchase surplus water. The Irrigation District will impose no objection to the Department of Fish and Game filing on surplus seasonal water in the Fresno River. The county will undertake such development as the Wildlife Board cannot finance. The County Board of Supervisors will construct access roads leading to the property and will operate and maintain the project if constructed.

General discussion brought out that little or no flood control benefits would accrue from the project. That the average depth would be about 13 feet, with a maximum of 23 feet at the dam. Also that the Department of Fish and Game Fisheries Managers state the lake would present excellent conditions for warmwater fish, with suitable temperatures.

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Senator Johnson asked if this lake would be in conflict with any other water uses.

Senator Cobey replied that the Archibald Lake proposal would not conflict with any other use of water on the Fresno River.

Mr. Silva asked if it is planned to set up Archibald Lake as a fishing or general recreational lake.

Senator Cobey replied that the primary purpose would be for warm water fishing and other recreational use would be subordinate to that purpose. Use of high-powered motor boats or water skiing would not be permitted. So far as Madera County supporters of the project are concerned the state could write its own ticket.

Mr. Lowery pointed out that picnickers and bathers would constitute 50% or better of the users, and that serious consideration must be given to methods of handling all phases of recreation on a statewide basis.

Mr. Gordon referred to the name "Archibald Lake" stating it did not locate the lake.

Senator Cobey stated that the name no doubt came from the former owners of the lake that had originally been developed. It is not a name that Madera County would ask the state to adopt, and that if "Madera Lake" was proposed, it probably would be most welcome to Madera County citizens.

Mr. Lowery suggested the Board staff look into getting federal funds such as Dingell-Johnson money for projects of this sort.

Senator Johnson stated the Senate Interim Committee on Fish and Game was looking into use of Federal Aid funds.

MOVED BY SENATOR JOHNSON, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN LOWERY, THAT THE LEGISLATIVE INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD FAVOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THIS PROJECT AND BECAUSE OF THE MAGNITUDE OF THE PROJECT, AUTHORIZE THE BOARD STAFF TO PROCEED WITH THE NECESSARY STEPS TO COMPLETE THE PLANS AND ESTIMATES, AND THAT SUCH FUNDS AS ARE REQUIRED FOR SURVEYS, ETC., BE TAKEN FROM PROJECT NO. 2500.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Archibald Lake Public Fishing Area (Contd)

MOVED BY MR. GORDON, SECONDED BY MR. MUGFORD,
THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD FAVOR THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF A WARMWATER FISHING LAKE IN MADERA
COUNTY (SECTIONS 26, 27, 34 and 35 T, 10 S, R 18 E,
MDE&M) CURRENTLY KNOWN AS ARCHIBALD LAKE, CONDITIONED
UPON THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME SECURING RIGHTS
TO CERTAIN SEASONALLY-SURPLUS WATER BY APPLICATION
TO THE STATE WATER RIGHTS BOARD, AND SATISFACTORY
ACQUISITION OF LAND.

FURTHER, THAT THE BOARD STAFF BE AUTHORIZED AND
INSTRUCTED TO PROCEED WITH LAND APPRAISALS AND OPTIONS,
NEGOTIATION WITH THE DIVISION OF ARCHITECTURE FOR
DESIGN AND FIRM COST ESTIMATES, AND WHEN THESE SURVEYS,
STUDIES AND WATER FILINGS ARE SECURED THE PROJECT SHALL
AGAIN BE SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD FOR ALLOCATION OF FUNDS,
TOGETHER WITH PROPOSED OPERATING PLANS AND AGREEMENTS
INCLUDING PROPOSED RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF HIGH
POWERED MOTOR BOATS, WATER SKIING, ETC., OR OTHER
RESTRICTIONS THAT MIGHT BE DEEMED NECESSARY. ALSO,
THAT THE ABOVE WORK WILL BE FINANCED FROM PROJECT
2500 FUNDS PREVIOUSLY ALLOCATED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Assemblyman Erwin called the Board's attention to a condition in
Southern California, and especially concerning the Bixby Slough
Project.

Statements have been made in Southern California that the Wildlife
Board had withdrawn the \$100,000 allocated for Bixby Slough, and
some of the people are unhappy about it, and since there are some
five million people in that area the Board can expect some reaction.

Mr. Horn explained that the Board established a reserve of \$100,000
for Bixby Slough on April 4, 1950, and withdrew this reserve without
prejudice to the project June 6, 1951. The Board definitely
allocated \$100,000 for this project October 13, 1953, and the fund
is still available. During June of 1955 the Coordinator made a trip
to Los Angeles, spent several days with city officials including the
city attorneys, drawing up an agreement that was tentatively
accepted by the department and sent to the city for signature.
Appraisals of the property to be purchased by the state were made,
and an attempt made to purchase that portion from the City per
previous agreement. The agreement as developed with the city called
for development of the state purchased portion for public fishing.

To date the City has not taken action to sign the agreement and all requests for a statement of the City's intention have remained unanswered.

Mr. Erwin stated that the Board has always acted in the interest of the entire state, trying not to be unfair to any section of the state if feasible projects could be developed.

14. Request of Ocean Fish Protective Association for Helicopter

Historical

The Ocean Fish Protective Association and the California Wildlife Federation (by Resolution passed October 15-16, 1955, at Marine-land, California) again urged the purchase of a helicopter for use of the Department of Fish and Game, especially for marine patrol over Southern California waters.

Through efforts of the Ocean Fish Protective Association the Wildlife Conservation Act was amended in 1953 so that the Wildlife Conservation Board may purchase boats, aircraft and equipment for improvement and protection of marine fisheries.

The Wildlife Conservation Board briefly considered this request October 13, 1953, recommending that the item should be placed in the Fish and Game Budget. This item in the 1954-55 Budget was deleted by the Department of Finance. A bill for purchase of a helicopter failed to pass in the 1954 Legislature.

Costs:

Completely equipped helicopters would cost from \$45,000 to \$58,000 and would cost from \$25,000 to \$35,000 for 600 hours of operation annually.

Department Recommendation

Revised figures were secured from both Bell, and Hiller Helicopter manufacturers and all data was presented to the department. After careful consideration by Director Gordon and his staff, Mr. Gordon stated, "While we realize the need for more constant and increased patrol to control violations in our coastal waters, the Department at the present time

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cannot afford to expend an additional \$25,000 to \$30,000 annually to maintain and operate a helicopter. This also would be contrary to the commission's resolution on further Wildlife Conservation Board expenditures that would materially increase operating costs."

Coordinator's Recommendation

Because of the commission's resolution, the department recommendation and the unbalanced department budget, we cannot recommend the purchase of a helicopter by the Wildlife Conservation Board at this time.

However, it is recommended that the Department of Fish and Game and the commission make a very factual study of the use that could be made of aircraft, not only for patrol but also for certain phases of marine fisheries research. Perhaps some phases of such research work could be done much cheaper with aircraft than with surface vessels, and an expensive-to-operate vessel might be retired.

Before we dismiss the idea, let us not forget that only a few years ago the planting of fish by airplane was declared impossible! Now it saves many dollars - and does a better job.

Mr. Fritz Mangold, Executive Secretary of the Ocean Fish Protective Association, speaking for that organization, partially concurred in the report on this item and stated that paragraphs 2 and 3 of the Coordinator's recommendation answer the problem.

MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN ERWIN, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN LOWERY, AS A JOINT MOTION, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD CANNOT APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A HELICOPTER, NOR ALLOCATE FUNDS FOR SUCH PURCHASE AT THIS TIME BECAUSE OF THE RESOLUTION OF THE FISH AND GAME COMMISSION AND THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME, AND THE HEAVY OPERATING COST THAT WOULD BE THROWN ON THE DEPARTMENT.

IT IS FURTHER MOVED THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME AND THE FISH AND GAME COMMISSION GIVE FURTHER STUDY TO THE USE OF AIRCRAFT, BOTH FIXED AND ROTARY WING, FOR MARINE FISHING PATROL AND MARINE FISHERY RESEARCH TO DETERMINE WHETHER AIRCRAFT MIGHT BE USED FOR ENOUGH PHASES OF BOTH OF THESE ACTIVITIES TO JUSTIFY RETIRING ONE SURFACE VESSEL.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

15. Program Regarding Inland Fishing Access

Mr. Horn advised the Board that the program of access to inland fishing waters has met with widespread public approval. Many communities, other than those along the Sacramento-San Joaquin Rivers are definitely interested and have asked for consideration.

Requests for access development have been received from the cities of Richmond, Berkeley, Alameda, several points in Marin County, on Shasta Lake, the American River, the upper Sacramento River above Shasta Lake, and on the Klamath River.

Considerable discussion developed.

Mr. W. M. Mason, Director of Planning, City of Richmond, Mr. Robert Venable, City of Alameda, Mr. Robert Hunt, President of Richmond Rod and Gun Club, all presented statements of the needs and plans for their respective areas.

Assemblyman Lowery discussed the problem of recreational development statewide and stressed the need for a definition of administrative responsibility and jurisdiction by various state departments.

Mr. Lowery expressed a fear that too much money would be expended on surveys of such proposed projects.

Mr. Horn advised that with Board approval Mr. Russell Sturges was hired as a Special Consultant for a nine-month period. He completed the survey and selection of sites on the Sacramento-San Joaquin Rivers and the Delta in six months, and was now working with engineering crews to complete data necessary to present all sites to the Board.

The Coordinator requested approval from the Board to hire Mr. Sturges for another nine-month period, beginning either January 1, or February 1, 1957.

Assemblyman Lowery stated that in his many contacts with people along the Sacramento River he had not heard one adverse comment about Mr. Sturges or his work, and had heard many complimentary remarks.

Senator Ed. Johnson corroborated Mr. Lowery's statements.

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MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN LOWERY, SECONDED BY SENATOR JOHNSON, AS A JOINT MOTION, THAT AUTHORITY BE GRANTED TO HIRE MR. STURGES AS A SPECIAL CONSULTANT FOR ANOTHER NINE-MONTH PERIOD.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

It was decided to postpone any Board action on an expansion of the inland access program until the next meeting.

16. Other Business

Mt. Shasta Hatchery Brood Ponds. Project No. 21 \$10,800.00

The Coordinator reported that the contractor constructing the Mt. Shasta Hatchery brood ponds, under supervision of the Division of Architecture, had encountered a great deal of unforeseen difficulty. In excavating for the ponds, several tree stumps were removed and the excavation immediately filled with water. Considerable additional work would be necessary and Architecture recommended that an additional \$10,800.00 would be a fair settlement.

All members of the Interim Committee, excepting Senator Johnson, were contacted by phone during the week of September 23. Senators Hulse and Brown, and Assemblymen Belotti and Erwin voted to recommend the additional funds. Assemblyman Lowery voted No.

Messrs. Peirce and Gordon voted yes.

The Board was asked to confirm this action.

MOVED BY SENATOR BROWN, SECONDED BY MR. GORDON, AS A JOINT MOTION, THAT THE WILDLIFE BOARD AND INTERIM COMMITTEE CONFIRM THE TELEPHONIC VOTE OF THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 23, 1956 AND THAT AN ADDITIONAL \$10,800.00 BE ALLOCATED FROM THE UNALLOCATED BALANCE OF THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE MT. SHASTA HATCHERY BROOD PONDS.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Sly Park Reservoir Proposal

The Board was advised of the request from El Dorado County for funds to develop fishing access and facilities at Sly Park Reservoir in El Dorado County.

Following discussion, it was agreed to hold this matter over to another meeting.

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Other Business (Contd)

17. Resolution Regarding Honorable Harley E. Knox.

WHEREAS, The Honorable HARLEY E. KNOX passed away on September 13, 1956 at San Diego, California; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Knox, as President of the Fish and Game Commission also served as Chairman of the Wildlife Conservation Board; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Knox practiced a rare degree of leadership, was sound in his analysis, firm, fearless and honest in his decisions, open minded and tolerant of the opinions of others, but with the courage of his convictions formed and rendered his opinions for the best interests of all concerned, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Knox is sorely missed on the Wildlife Conservation Board and the Fish and Game Commission,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Wildlife Conservation Board adjourn this day out of respect to the memory of Harley E. Knox, and be it further

RESOLVED, that these Resolutions be made a part of the permanent record of the proceedings of this body, and a copy thereof be sent to Mrs. Harley E. Knox.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

The next meeting will be at the call of the Chairman.

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Status of Funds. The amount allocated to specific projects up to the close of the meeting on September 27, 1956 aggregated \$12,371,534.07.

a. Fish Hatchery and Stocking Projects	\$4,532,216.65
b. Warmwater and Other Fish Projects	805,578.15
1. Warmwater Projects	\$657,058.15
2. Other Fish Projects	148,520.00
c. Flow Maintenance and Stream Improvement Projects	675,465.28
d. Screen and Ladder Projects	323,087.22
e. State Game Farms	105,644.49
f. Other Upland Game Projects	416,530.84
g. Waterfowl Management Projects	5,186,160.13
h. General Projects	301,851.31
Total Allocated to Specific Projects	\$12,346,534.07

Special Project Allocation:

Project Evaluation, Property Acquisition and Engineering Studies	\$25,000.00
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Total Allocated \$12,371,534.07

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

1. Colorado River Recreational Development	\$50,000.00
2. Warmwater Fisheries Projects	75,000.00
Total Reserves	\$125,000.00

Operating Costs:

FY 47/48 through 54/55	Actual	\$279,747.00	
FY 55/56	Actual	51,403.02	
FY 56/57	Estimated	64,931.00	
Total - Actual and Estimated Operating Costs		\$396,081.02	\$396,081.02

Recapitulation:

Allocations for Projects	\$12,346,534.07
Special Project Allocation	25,000.00
Reserves Established	125,000.00
Expenses of Operation	396,081.02
Total Expended or Obligated	\$12,892,615.09

Total Fund Appropriated	\$12,750,000.00
Appropriation available through 56/57 FY	750,000.00
Interest on Surplus Money Inv. Through 55/56 FY	176,347.18
Miscellaneous Revenue 55/56 FY	220.00
Total Sum Available	\$13,676,567.18
Total Expended or Obligated	12,892,615.09

Unobligated Balance as of 9/27/56 \$783,952.09