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Pursuant to the call of the Chairman, the Wildlife Conservation Board met in Room 3191 of the State Capitol, Sacramento, California, on December 11, 1956. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Andy Kelly at 1:35 p.m.

1. Roll Call

PRESENT: Andy Kelly Chairman  
John M. Peirce Member of the Board  
Seth Gordon " " "  
Senator Brown Joint Interim Committee  
Senator Johnson " " "  
Assemblyman Belotti " " "  
Assemblyman Erwin " " "  
E. E. Horn Coordinator  
R. J. Nesbit Assistant Coordinator  
Phil Douglas Special Consultant  
ABSENT: Senator Hulse Joint Interim Committee  
Assemblyman Lowrey " " "

OTHERS PRESENT:  
W. T. Shannon Department of Fish and Game  
John Laughlin " " "  
Alex Calhoun " " "  
Richard Croker " " "  
Harry Anderson " " "  
Wallace C. Dry " " "  
H. M. Russo " " "  
J. M. Parrish " " "  
Wm. Hunrick Assistant City Manager, Berkeley  
E. James Houseberg Calif. Farm Bureau Federation  
Lupi Saldana L.A. County Fish and Game Commission  
John A. Lambie County Engineer, L.A. County  
Norman Johnson Parks and Recreation Dept., L.A. County  
George B. Gleason Dept. of Water Resources  
Garth Lacey Moss Landing Harbor District  
Ed DeMars County Planning Director, Monterey County  
S. M. Black County Surveyor, Monterey County  
Chester Deaver Supervisor, Monterey County  
H. C. Legg Supervisor, Los Angeles County  
C. L. Bowen Marysville  
Paul Rubis Moss Landing Harbor Commission  
R. J. Roberts " " "  
H. K. Grafe Senate Interim Committee on Fish and Game  
Wm. J. Harp Assistant, Fish and Game Commission  
Walter B. Collins Farm Bureau Federation  
Ralph W. Scott Deputy Attorney General

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OTHERS PRESENT: (Continued)

T. Wilson	Superintendent of Parks, Richmond
Ernest W. Henderson	City Planning Department, Richmond
W. M. Mason	Planning Department, Richmond
James T. Dempsey	Sacramento Bee
Ed Capps	United Press

It was reported by Mr. Horn that Assemblyman Lowrey was out of the State and Senator Hulse, because of previous commitments, would not be able to attend the meeting. The Coordinator read Senator Hulse's letter which read in part, "...I wish you would express for me to the Board my sincere regrets that I could not attend this meeting. As you know, I have been a member of the Legislative Advisory Committee to the Board since its inception and I should like to state that it has been a great pleasure to have worked with such a fine group of men. Too, I want to express my belief that even though there have been many difficult problems involved during the past years, I feel that we have accomplished most of that which we started out to do. I look back upon my experiences with the Board and Legislative group as some of the most enlightening and enriching experiences which I have had. My greatest hope is that the Board will continue to develop the wildlife and recreational areas that are so desirable to the people of our state, and too I hope sometime that I may as an ordinary citizen be in a position to visit these projects that we have already finished or are in the process of developing. I am sorry that I have not had the time to visit all of the projects before this time."

Mr. Phil Douglas, recently transferred to the Board staff from the Department of Fish and Game was introduced. The Coordinator emphasized the fact that Mr. Douglas, who is well acquainted with southern California problems, will work exclusively in that section of the State. It was mentioned that in the little more than a month he has worked for the Board, he has some exceptionally good projects underway.

Mr. Horn advised this position had been authorized by the Board over two years ago, but the item was deleted by the budget last year. The item was submitted in the current budget, was again deleted, but restored before the Legislature passed the budget bill. The Board staff can now give detailed attention to southern California problems and look forward to developing more sound projects in that section of the state.

2. Approval of the Minutes

The Coordinator requested that the minutes of the September 27, 1956, meeting as published and distributed be corrected as follows: On page 11, first line, "Project No. 34" changed to "Project No. 39", and on page 12, first line, "Project No. 34" changed to "Project No. 39" to record the correct project number for the Mojave Hatchery.

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IT WAS MOVED BY MR. PEIRCE, SECONDED BY MR. GORDON,  
THAT READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE WILDLIFE CONSERVA-  
TION BOARD MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 27, 1956, BE DISPENSED  
WITH AND SAID MINUTES BE APPROVED AS AMENDED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. 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 made up as follows:

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

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



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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 . . . . .	<u>\$13,676,567.18</u>
Total Expended or Obligated . . . . .	<u>12,892,615.09</u>

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

Mr. Horn explained that the annual appropriation of \$750,000 to the Wildlife Restoration Fund becomes available at the beginning of the fiscal year or July 1.

4. Access to Inland Fishing Waters

The Board at a previous meeting authorized a survey of access to the Sacramento - San Joaquin Rivers and Delta area for fishing purposes.

On September 27, 1956, the Board approved eight of these sites and allocated funds for acquisition and development. Other sites in this approved area will be presented as engineering surveys, planning and cost estimates are completed.

These developments are located along reaches of the rivers where excellent fishing exists, but where public access is not available, except by traveling long distances on the river by boat. No development under these funds was planned that was not directly connected with fishing.

After this program became known, other counties, cities, or organizations not located in the approved area asked for similar consideration of specific areas of like fishing value and lack of access in their respective sections of the State.

The program is very popular and much in demand. All counties or cities we worked with passed necessary resolutions agreeing to undertake all operation and maintenance of the completed facilities. Some counties offered to do the construction and development on a reimbursement of cost basis.

Similar access has been requested along the American River, Upper Sacramento River, Klamath River, at Shasta Lake, on the San Francisco Bay, at Alameda, Berkeley, Richmond, Vallejo, and on the Marin County side at several points.

We have had few projects that have received such public approval. Actually this program will make a great deal of existing fishing available to the public and the only cost to the State would be for the initial capital outlay represented by allocations from the Wildlife Restoration Fund. No operation or maintenance costs will fall upon the Department of Fish and Game. The fish are there, but fishermen cannot get to them.

It is now estimated there are approximately 26,900 small boats operating on San Francisco Bay and its tributaries, making up one of the largest small boat fleets in the United States. Of these boats, 12,000 are 16 feet or less in length, and a majority are used for fishing.

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According to the various requests made by the cities and counties along the Bay, there are a grossly inadequate number of access and launching facilities to provide boat access to fishing.

Requests for the extension of the access survey has been made to the Board staff by the following cities and counties:

City of Alameda  
City of Richmond  
City of Vallejo  
City of San Rafael  
City of Berkeley  
Contra Costa County  
Solano County  
As well as the areas referred to above

In addition to the above requests, there have been requests by numerous sportsmen groups, service clubs, chambers of commerce, and individuals. This spontaneous response has apparently stemmed from knowledge of the completed survey in the Delta and Sacramento River areas.

On the American River, large savings could be made if such access could be tied in with current levee development now being done through the Reclamation Board. That Board is favorable to such a cooperative and coordinated approach.

State owned lands at the old Richmond-San Rafael Ferry are held pending the wishes of the Wildlife Conservation Board as expressed at this meeting.

It was further pointed out that in reply to these many requests for financial aid, the Board staff has advised that until the Board authorized an expansion of the program statewide, it would not be possible to spend time surveying and presenting them to the Wildlife Conservation Board for consideration.

Because of the lack of suitable access and boat launching facilities in areas where good fishing abounds, the urgent requests of so many groups and public agencies for such facilities, the need for immediate action in some cases, the willingness of counties and cities to assume all future operation and maintenance of the completed facilities without cost to the Department of Fish and Game and provide so much fishing recreation at relatively low cost, the Coordinator recommended that the Board authorize such surveys statewide. Suitable projects with cost estimates and surveys would be presented to the Board as they would be developed.

Members of the Board presumed that the action of the Board, in authorizing the survey for angling accesses was not limited to the Sacramento-San Joaquin Rivers and the Delta area but actually specified that accesses be surveyed wherever the need justified them. Mr. Horn advised that the action of the Board in authorizing the staff to proceed with the angling access program specified the Sacramento-San Joaquin Rivers and the Delta area, and now the request is made to proceed with a statewide program of public access to inland fishing waters.

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Considerable discussion ensued as to the priority of these projects and it was decided that the individual access projects will be considered as to their location (densely populated area, etc.) the need for the access, whether the operation and maintenance would be undertaken by other governmental agencies, and if they offered access to good fishing areas.

Mr. Peirce questioned the limiting of these access projects to inland angling accesses. He stated that in his travels along the north coast, he found great stretches of scenic coastline blocked off by "no trespassing" signs, fencing, etc., making the coastline inaccessible to the public. Mr. Horn replied that the coastal angling access program which was approved by the Board early in its deliberation was to have provided such accesses but that it was deemed best to await the final planning of the Division of Beaches and Parks which would have included much of the coastline for state parks. He further pointed out the fact that the asking prices for these areas were not in line with appraisals and therefore could not be approved for purchase. He stated that eventually the Board will be faced with the decision of condemnation of land to get access to the ocean.

It was unanimously agreed that access to the beach should be every 25 miles or so, depending upon the type of fishing offered.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. PEIRCE, SECONDED BY MR. GORDON, AS A JOINT MOTION, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD AUTHORIZE A STATEWIDE PROGRAM OF PUBLIC ACCESS TO INLAND FISHING WATERS WHEN OTHER AGENCIES, SUCH AS CITIES OR COUNTIES, AGREE TO UNDERTAKE ALL COSTS OF OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE COMPLETED PROJECTS, AND NO INCREASED COSTS ACCRUE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME.

FURTHER, THAT EACH SUCH PROJECT BE FULLY DEVELOPED AS TO CONSTRUCTION, COSTS, AND JUSTIFICATION, AND BE PRESENTED TO THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD FOR ACTION BEFORE ANY FINAL DECISION IS MADE, AND CONTAIN ONLY THOSE ITEMS ESSENTIAL TO PROVIDING PUBLIC ACCESS TO FISHING WATERS. THE SPONSORING AND OPERATING AGENCIES MAY, AT THEIR DISCRETION AND SOLE EXPENSE, MAKE SUCH ADDITIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR GENERAL RECREATION SO LONG AS THESE DEVELOPMENTS DO NOT INTERFERE WITH THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF PROVIDING PUBLIC ACCESS TO FISHING.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Wm. Mason, Planning Director for the City of Richmond, presented a letter to the Board written by the Richmond Rod and Gun Club stating concurrence with the action just taken by the Board. He stated that in the City of Richmond there is a facility that is State owned, the former Ferry Pier, which, he believed, has some possibility as a fishing access facility, and would work with the Board to develop it. He stated that they are much heartened by the action taken by the Board and expressed his gratitude for making some of these access projects possible.



Mr. Wm. Hunrick, the Assistant City Manager of the City of Berkeley, thanked the Board for their action in this regard and stated the City would take up the matter of development of the Berkeley Pier with the Coordinator.

5. Weaver Lake Public Fishing Area, Project No. 121 \$13,000.00

Mr. R. J. Nesbit, the Assistant Coordinator, explained that Weaver Lake in the Tahoe National Forest would create a good trout lake if the water level could be maintained. The lake is located near Bowman Reservoir and about thirty-five miles northeast of Nevada City.

The lake was raised in level before the turn of the century. A tunnel was installed to draw the lake down some fifty feet below spillway level and 30 feet below the old natural outlet. Impounded water was used for hydraulic mining. About 1929 the tunnel water control structures failed and the lake was nearly drained. It has been temporarily plugged several times by people interested in keeping the lake for fishing and recreation. The present proposal is to replug the tunnel and rehabilitate the dam.

The Nevada Irrigation District and the Cherokee Water District filed for water rights to use the water for irrigation purposes. The Nevada Irrigation District proposed a tunnel into Bowman and the Cherokee Water District the rehabilitation of the old hydraulic mining system. The U. S. Forest Service owns the land and is desirous of keeping the lake for fishing and recreation. They have protested these water right applications, and have also filed an application with the State Water Rights Board.

It is believed the State Water Rights Board will be better able to judge the validity of the proposed water developments if the Forest Service presents definite plans for lake rehabilitation and recreational use, and can show a definite financial means of executing development plans.

The Department of Fish and Game has approved this project. The lake was poisoned in 1955 and restocked in 1956. If the water level could be maintained it would support an excellent fishery.

Operation and maintenance would be by the U. S. Forest Service. The Engineering Section, Department of Fish and Game, submitted the following estimates of work to be done and the costs.

<u>Spillway:</u> 10' bottom width by 150 feet long by 8 feet deep; (bottom elevation 5' below west dam). Deposit excavated materials along face of dam.	
550 cubic yards at \$8.00	\$4,400.00
<u>Tunnel Plug:</u> Fill adit with adjacent surface materials.	
300 cubic yards at \$2.00	600.00
<u>Debris removal and cleanup</u>	1,000.00
Item Total	\$6,000.00



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Miscellaneous Costs

Move in, move out, with D-7 dozer, wagon drill,  
compressor, etc. \$ 800.00

Cut and remove existing shore line stumps. 800.00

Camp costs. 1,000.00

Item Total \$2,600.00

Overhead and profit, 20% 1,720.00

Isolation charge, 20% 1,720.00

Contingencies, 10% 860.00

Item Total \$4,300.00

Spillway, dam, debris \$6,000.00

Miscellaneous 2,600.00

OH & P, isolation, contingencies 4,300.00

Job Total \$12,900.00

The Assistant Coordinator felt that since there will be a Water Rights Board hearing within the next six months to determine the water rights of Weaver Lake, the Water Rights Board would favor the Forest Service's request for use of this water if concrete proposals were presented for use of this water, and if funds for necessary construction work were available. He therefore recommended that \$13,000 be allocated from the unallocated balance of the Wildlife Restoration Fund for the above development, subject to a water rights decision by the State Water Rights Board in favor of the U. S. Forest Service. No expenditure from this fund is to be made until the U.S. Forest Service is granted the water rights.

The validity of the planning and cost estimate was questioned by Senator Brown, and it was answered to the satisfaction of all concerned that the cost estimate set forth would sufficiently cover the initial development. A use agreement, it was explained, would have to be secured from the Forest Service and they would then provide operation and maintenance of the area.

IT WAS MOVED BY SENATOR BROWN, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE DEVELOPMENT OF WEAVER LAKE AS A FISHING LAKE AND ALLOCATE \$13,000 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FROM THE UNALLOCATED BALANCE OF THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND FOR THE NECESSARY CONSTRUCTION, CONTINGENT UPON THE STATE WATER RIGHTS BOARD GRANTING THE NECESSARY WATER RIGHTS TO THE U. S. FOREST SERVICE, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME SECURING A USE AGREEMENT FROM THE FOREST SERVICE THAT IS SATISFACTORY TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE.

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IT IS TO BE UNDERSTOOD THAT NO EXPENDITURES OF THIS FUND ARE TO BE MADE UNTIL SUCH WATER RIGHTS ARE GRANTED AND A SUITABLE USE AGREEMENT EXERCISED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. PEIRCE, SECONDED BY MR. GORDON, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE DEVELOPMENT OF WEAVER LAKE AS A FISHING LAKE AND ALLOCATE \$13,000 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FROM THE UNALLOCATED BALANCE OF THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND FOR THE NECESSARY CONSTRUCTION, CONTINGENT UPON THE STATE WATER RIGHTS BOARD GRANTING THE NECESSARY WATER RIGHTS TO THE U. S. FOREST SERVICE, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME SECURING A USE AGREEMENT FROM THE FOREST SERVICE THAT IS SATISFACTORY TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE.

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PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Assemblyman Alan G. Pattee of the 34th District was introduced and warmly received by those in attendance at the meeting.

6. Whittier-Narrows Warmwater Fishing Lake, Project No. 114 \$311,000.00

On January 5, 1956, the Wildlife Conservation Board allocated a total of \$189,674.37 for the development of a warmwater fishing lake in the Whittier-Narrows Flood Control Basin in cooperation with Los Angeles County. At that time no details were available and the allocation was contingent upon developing plans and agreements in accordance with the Wildlife Conservation Act, the Attorney General's several opinions, and the requirements of the Department of Finance for state expenditures.

On November 29, 1956, Mr. Herbert C. Legg addressed a letter to Mr. Andy Kelly as Chairman of the Board, requesting additional facilities and funds for this project. All Board members have been furnished with copies of this letter.

This request did not reach the Board staff in time to make any investigation of the new plans or proposal prior to preparation of the agenda.

Mr. Legg had requested he be given the opportunity of explaining the proposal.

Mr. Herbert C. Legg, Supervisor of Los Angeles County was then introduced. Mr. Legg noted with gratitude the amount already allocated to this worthy project and requested an opportunity for Mr. John Lambie, County Engineer, Mr. Norman Johnson of the Parks and Recreation Department, Mr. Lupi Saldana of the Los Angeles County Fish and Game Commission and himself to speak in behalf of this project.

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Mr. Legg felt that they had not had a project worthy to receive funds to assist in the development until the advent of the Whittier-Narrows project and stated that with aid they plan on a development providing fishing recreation to five million people in the Los Angeles area. Eight acres had been made available this summer for fishing and it had accommodated 20,000 people on a Saturday or Sunday. The County of Los Angeles has cooperated with the Federal Government on this project, but now requested the expert advice of the Department of Fish and Game to develop it into a very worthy project.

Mr. Legg then requested that Mr. Lupi Saldana be heard. Mr. Saldana asked Mr. John Lambie to show the Board the extent of the development and what is envisioned by the County for the recreational development of the area. He stated the need was necessitated by the lack of water, and this is the first time in history a county went out to dig a hole in the ground strictly for fishing. He stated there is an ample supply of water which is particularly important in southern California projects and that there will be no recurring expense to the Department of Fish and Game. He stated that a lake of 85 acres in a metropolitan area would create an enforcement problem, but that the County is to cooperate with the Department of Fish and Game by having deputy wardens assist.

Mr. Norman Johnson: The Whittier-Narrows project contains 1800 acres and is planned for several uses. A proposed state freeway crosses from east to west. It is the intention that one-fourth of the area will be given over to fishing and boating as a result of this lake development. The water area will be 86 acres. Eight to ten acres is now excavated and was opened to fishing as of August 18, 1956.

Because of the development taking place, fishing has been restricted to Saturdays and Sundays only. It will again be closed to fishing on December 30, 1956, so that major development may proceed and will be opened to fishing next summer. Thirty-eight thousand people use this area. The potential of an outdoor facility like this has excited our Department. This is one of the most important projects in the Whittier-Narrows Basin development, and the entire emphasis is upon completing this project before other projects are undertaken. We are extremely proud of the assistance to date of the Federal Government in making this land available for development, and we are confident this is something everyone is interested in.

Assemblyman Belotti: Are you going to allow boating, swimming, or just fishing?

Mr. Johnson: This is strictly fishing. Restricted right now to shore fishing but may be opened to manually operated boats.

Mr. Peirce: What are the types of fish stocked in this lake?

Mr. Saldana: Types of fish and policy regarding stocking of fish will be in cooperation with the Department of Fish and Game. We will continue to consult them. They stocked bass, bluegill and crappie. We wanted to find



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out if trout would survive in the lake. There wouldn't be enough warmwater fish so on an experimental basis and again with consultation with Fish and Game, 10,000 trout were purchased for \$2,000 of our County fish and game funds and planted in the lake last season. As to future fishery, our Commission cannot answer it. It is up to the members of the Fish and Game and Wildlife Conservation Board staff to tell us what type of fish to use, as they are experts, and as to what the fishery will be in the future, it would be up to them.

Mr. Peirce: It is my understanding that a warmwater fishing area and a trout fishing area with respect to the temperature of the water are different.

Mr. Saldana: In many reservoirs we do stock both types in the same lake. We want to be guided by the men who know best. In regard to the future fishery, we must look to the Department of Fish and Game and consultants.

Mr. Peirce: Where does the water come from?

Mr. Lambie: From the ground water. We issued contracts to excavate to the particular contour, thus exposing the ground water. By June of 1957, we expect to have the 86 acre lake completed. The level of the present lake has been raised 18" by pumping.

Mr. Peirce: Will this lake ever be inundated by Whittier-Narrows Dam?

Mr. Lambie: Designed on a 50 year frequency, otherwise it will be controlled. It will take especially heavy downpour before the lake would be inundated. Buildings built of concrete and if flooded, sand and debris would be cleared away and the project would again be operated.

Mr. Peirce: What is the latest development as to your getting access or title from the Federal Government?

Mr. Legg: We are completing the master plan of the area with Federal Government on a 50 year basis. Right now the license is for five years. The County and Federal Government are working on the 50 year lease, and we believe it will be approved within a short time.

Assemblyman Erwin: This lake would utilize ground water. In earlier years several groups went in there and developed trout ponds, and this is suitable for trout fishing as well as bass, bluegill, crappie. When the small lake was opened, hundreds of children who have no recreation were catching one and two fish. We are going to have baseball diamonds, golf course, and the Audubon Society will have part of the area set aside. This is part of an overall project, in a congested area that is necessary. I move that the amount requested by the Supervisor of Los Angeles County and Chairman of the Fish and Game Commission in the amount of \$500,000 be allocated.

Mr. Kelly: For lack of a second, the motion is killed.



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Sen. Brown: The Department of Fish and Game has a lot of questions, and we can't recommend action on this. I am not against the project, but the Department should be given a chance to thrash this out and give a report before we could act.

Mr. Kelly: Please read the questions, Mr. Horn.

Mr. Horn: It is my responsibility to the Board to examine all proposals for projects and present the facts to the Board. I would be remiss in fulfillment of my duties if this was not done.

Please let no one conclude that the statements presented are arguments against the project. They are not so intended.

There is so much that is good about this project that it would be a pity to ignore some of the basic problems in planning, only to find that mistakes or failures had been made in a project of this magnitude. Additional factual planning of the type the Wildlife Conservation Board has always demanded would be highly desirable for this project, could avoid the danger of failure or misconception, and constitute a safeguard of state funds. There are so many unknowns concerning this request at this time that it is not possible to make a conscientious appraisal nor a recommendation, either for or against this request.

1. Does this \$500,000 include the original allocation of \$189,000 plus, or is it in addition to the original sum? We do not know.

Mr. Legg: It does include the \$189,000 of the previous allocation.

2. What development is to be paid for from the original allocation? The first answer covered it.

3. Is the lake for warmwater fish as the original action indicates, or is it now planned for catchable trout?

Mr. Saldana: That is up to the Board. It is still to be determined by the Department of Fish and Game and consultants.

4. If for warmwater fish, will the lake support such fish now that pumping and exchange of water has drastically altered conditions? Unless I am mistaken, you now have one or two wells that pump from ground water into the lake. It is the same ground water supply that is percolated from the lake and pumped back into the lake.

Mr. Lambie: At 204' elevation, it is not necessary to continue pumping.

Mr. Horn: Has it changed the condition of the water?

Mr. Saldana: Coming through, it was filtered in one small area, but as Mr. Lambie pointed out, it is no problem to correct this condition.

Mr. Horn: This requires some thoughts on physical and biological factors.

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Mr. Saldana: We're trying to develop a fishing lake and then we want the experts to come in and tell us.

5. If catchable trout is the objective, does the county plan to supply the trout? If sufficient trout to operate this lake program are requested of the Department of Fish and Game, an additional expenditure by the Department would be required, or it would be necessary to take trout now being planted in other waters of southern California for planting in Legg Lake.

No doubt the entire production of catchable trout in Region V could be planted in and judiciously caught from Legg Lake, with an extremely high return to the angler. This poses a lot of problems for the Fish and Game Commission and the Department of Fish and Game and raises additional questions in Department financing.

Mr. Saldana: Insofar as requesting fish, it depends on the fishery you have, but we are losing lakes like Little Rock. If you have water, you would be very happy to have an 85 acre lake to dump it in. The Department will have to decide what to stock.

Assemblyman Erwin: People have an opportunity to fish close by. We are trying to replace the proposed Whittier Narrows Hatchery and \$189,000 was set aside for this lake. The one little thing we want is trying to be denied - recreation for five million kids.

Mr. Kelly: Mr. Horn is trying to justify expenditure in the face of policy made by ourselves.

Mr. Horn: I am not offering any opposition. These questions are being presented sincerely with the thought that we can approach this problem cooperatively and develop a project that will succeed and be accepted by everyone.

Mr. Peirce: This project has been before the Board quite a while. Hasn't the staff of the Department made any inquiries as to the feasibility of the project as a warmwater fishing lake and trout lake?

Mr. Horn: Yes. Mr. Douglas was requested to get the information and he did, especially suitability of the lake for trout or warmwater fish.

Mr. Peirce: Did these questions come as a result of the investigations?

Mr. Horn: In part, and from other observations.

Mr. Peirce: I am interested in the financial aspects of this project, and I was particularly concerned with the title aspects of the land itself. I went out to see the area myself about 8 or 10 weeks ago, and I was impressed with the general layout, as to the availability of water, and geographical area of the lake. I am very impressed with respect to the fact that we have 5,000,000 people in Los Angeles County and they have just as much right to fishing areas as well as other parts of the state, and I would like to

see them get something, but there may be technical questions that must be answered. I am sympathetic to the project. I am satisfied with the financial aspects of the project.

Assemblyman Belotti: I am sympathetic to the project, but would like some investigation made before we go ahead with the project.

Senator Brown: We've been trying to find a place to have a lake. It is unwise to make the allocation now. I do think these questions should be answered for the sake of the Fish and Game Department to spend a lot of Department funds and then find we've made a mistake. I want these things thrashed out by experts.

Assemblyman Erwin: We subscribed to the Merced Area - we spent money to buy property that turned out to be no good. Now attorney fees have to be paid. The lake will be built anyhow.

Mr. Saldana: We will try to answer the question, but we assumed that since \$200,000 were allocated ---

Mr. Gordon: Finish reading the questions, Mr. Horn.

Mr. Horn continued.

6. An expenditure of \$218,000 for parking for fishermen would create a parking area that could accommodate enough fishermen to completely encircle the lake and some would have to cast over the shoulders of the first row of fishermen.

Mr. Gordon: This is something you must work out.

7. What effect would some plans for replenishment of ground water, if put into operation, have on the ground water levels at the lake?

Mr. Horn: The water that is put into the ground might be diverted. That it would enter into the east or below this area, and if there are any such plans, would it have any effect on this lake?

Assemblyman Erwin: A clay bank holds in this inland lake. It is an underground lake. It has to come up this bank to go into the area below. The Whittier Narrows holds the water to the north and clay bank holds the water.

Senator Johnson: Would the water go away?

Mr. Legg: Perhaps there is no greater hydrologic information obtainable than that of the San Gabriel Valley Water Users Association.

Mr. Horn: This is such a worthy project in an area where it is badly needed, I wonder if the Board might consider allocating \$311,000 for the project, contingent upon the County Flood Control District, the Department of Water Resources, Department of Fish and Game, the Wildlife Conservation Board



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staff, sitting down in conference and working out all these problems. Wouldn't that give us assurance that a good sound project could be developed?

Mr. Legg: We won't get a good project unless we sit down and discuss these problems.

Mr. Kelly: You would suggest the sum be set aside, contingent on the findings and ultimate approval of the whole thing by everybody you have named and brought back to the Board for final allocation?

Mr. Horn: Yes.

Assemblyman Erwin: I move such a motion be written and adopted.

At the request of the chair, Mr. Horn dictated the following motion:

IT IS MOVED THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD ALLOCATE \$311,000.00 FROM THE UNALLOCATED RESERVE OF THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEVELOPING AND COMPLETING THE LEGG LAKE PUBLIC FISHING AREA IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. EXPENDITURE OF THIS FUND WOULD BE CONTINGENT UPON THE RESOLUTION OF ALL QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THE LAKE BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THE LOS ANGELES FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT, SAN GABRIEL VALLEY WATER USERS ASSOCIATION, LOS ANGELES COUNTY FISH AND GAME COMMISSION, STATE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME, DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME COMMISSION, THE STAFF OF THE WILDLIFE BOARD, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED GROUPS, AND SUBSEQUENT ACTION BY THE BOARD.

Assemblyman Belotti seconded the motion.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. PEIRCE, SECONDED BY MR. GORDON, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD ALLOCATE \$311,000.00 FROM THE UNALLOCATED RESERVE OF THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEVELOPING AND COMPLETING THE LEGG LAKE PUBLIC FISHING AREA IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. EXPENDITURE OF THIS FUND WOULD BE CONTINGENT UPON THE RESOLUTION OF ALL QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THE LAKE BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THE LOS ANGELES FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT, SAN GABRIEL VALLEY WATER USERS ASSOCIATION, LOS ANGELES COUNTY FISH AND GAME COMMISSION, STATE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME, DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME COMMISSION, THE STAFF OF THE WILDLIFE BOARD, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED GROUPS, AND SUBSEQUENT ACTION BY THE BOARD.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY



Mr. Kelly did not want the \$20,000 figure (mentioned by Mr. Legg as all the Wildlife Conservation Board had ever allocated for projects in Los Angeles County ) to stand in the records, since, as he understands it, there was \$100,000 allocated for Bixby Slough, and a total of about \$350,000 for projects in Los Angeles County.

Mr. Legg expressed the thanks of his county to the members of the Board for their action.

Mr. Peirce requested permission to leave and Mr. Mugford then substituted for him.

7. Coastal Angling Access Program, Project No. 1011 \$33,000.00  
Elkhorn Slough, Monterey County

The Moss Landing Harbor District, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, the Monterey County Sportsmen's Council, the Pajaro Valley Rod and Gun Club have jointly requested a project to provide access to fishing in Elkhorn Slough south of Watsonville in Monterey County.

The Moss Landing Harbor District has purchased 10 acres of land to provide this access.

The Board of Supervisors have passed a resolution agreeing to take over the operation and maintenance of the project. The County Planning Commission has made a detailed study and integrated it in the County Master Plan.

The Harbor District secured Decision No. 53707 from the Public Utilities Commission of California granting a crossing at grade across the Southern Pacific Railroad at the access site, and the approval from the S. P. for this crossing.

The Harbor District hired an engineering firm to make surveys and plans, and the Monterey County Surveyor made a survey and detailed cost estimate for road work and grade crossing.

A meeting was held in Salinas on December 6, 1956, with Messrs. Garth Lacey, Attorney for Moss Landing Harbor District; Sam Black, County Surveyor; Leon Boling of Monterey County Surveyors Inc., Harry Anderson, W. C. Dry, and E. E. Horn, to discuss the request for \$137,200 suggested by the Monterey County people for development of this fishing access.

The Board staff and the Department of Fish and Game could not recommend nor justify \$137,200 for this fishing access project.

The result of the meeting was a modification of the plans to fit expenditures that can be justified from a fishing access angle.

The Monterey County Board of Supervisors, by resolution, agree to operate and maintain the area if constructed to county standards. The county road standards are being upgraded and Mr. Sam Black, County Surveyor and

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Assistant Road Commissioner advises that the county would have to build a 24' paved road with 8' shoulder on each side. The Engineering Branch, Department of Fish and Game, estimate an 18' wide gravel surface road as adequate.

After careful figuring, the Engineering Branch, Department of Fish and Game, advises suitable facilities for public access for fishing could be constructed for about \$25,000 to \$26,000 that would be in keeping with other access developments in other sections of the state.

A scaled down cost estimate based upon Monterey County estimates with elimination of one parking area on the west side of the railroad, where all agree it might not be physically possible to hold a paving area, is as follows:

11,000 c.y. Roadway Embankment	\$7,700
2250 Tons C.R. Base	6,300
1500 L.F. 24' Pavement	1,800
1 - 72" Cattle Pass	2,300
1 - 18" C.M.P.	400
2565 L.F. fence and 3 gates	3,260
24' wide R.R. Embankment and Paving	1,800
24' wide R.R. Planks, etc.	800
Raise Telephone Lines for Clearance	1,000
Launching Ramps and Bank Stabilization	8,200
	<u>\$33,560</u>

In the interest of getting this project in operation and with the agreement of the Monterey people, the Coordinator recommended that \$33,000 be allocated from the unallocated balance of the Wildlife Restoration Fund to the Department of Fish and Game for construction and development of this access to Elkhorn Slough.

In answer to Mr. Gordon's question as to the number of people using it and the number expected to use it, Mr. Garth Lacey, Attorney for the Moss Landing Harbor District, stated there have been 125 to 200 fishermen observed. The fishing council in Monterey and Santa Cruz County, he stated, includes about 2,000 members and that if access for the general public were provided, the number using the area would be doubled and possibly tripled. It was expected that there would be no charge made for entry into the area as has been under private ownership.

Assemblyman Pattee indicated that the money would be very well spent to create an access road to Elkhorn Slough.

Mr. Lacey mentioned that the county officials and engineers worked up a master plan of the area as they would like to have it eventually and came up with the \$137,000 figure. However, in conference last week with Mr. Horn, the estimate was pared down to \$33,000 which was perfectly acceptable to himself as well as Assemblyman Pattee.

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IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN ERWIN, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE APPROVAL OF THE ELKHORN SLOUGH COASTAL ANGLING ACCESS, PROJECT NO. 1011, AND ALLOCATE \$33,000 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FROM THE UNALLOCATED BALANCE OF THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF ELKHORN SLOUGH AS A PUBLIC ACCESS TO COASTAL ANGLING.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

A question was raised as to whether the Board should have some assurances that the access road would be open to the public without charge, and it was unanimously agreed that that was something to be worked out in the operating agreement to be entered into with the Moss Landing Harbor District.

Although the sportsmen of Monterey County feel a nominal charge should be made for the upkeep of the area, the usual procedure, it was noted, is for the operating agency to negotiate with a concessionaire for such service. This is a project to provide free public access.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. GORDON, SECONDED BY MR. MUGFORD, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE ELKHORN SLOUGH COASTAL ANGLING ACCESS AND ALLOCATE \$33,000 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FROM THE UNALLOCATED BALANCE OF THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF ELKHORN SLOUGH AS A PUBLIC ACCESS TO COASTAL ANGLING, WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT A PROPER OPERATING AGREEMENT CAN BE DEVELOPED WITH THE COUNTY OF MONTEREY SO THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME WOULD NOT BE OBLIGATED FOR ANY OPERATING FUNDS.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Chairman recessed the meeting at 3:35 p.m. Reconvened at 3:45 p.m.

8. Imperial Valley Waterfowl Management Area, Wister Unit, Project No. 536  
\$107,000.00

The Board allocated a total of \$1,231,238 for acquisition of land, equipment and buildings for this management area. This estimate was based upon asking price of lands, the current cost of construction of buildings, water control headgates, equipment and the trial plan of hiring tractor operators and some other workers who would live at their own homes in the Valley.

The scope of the project and the plans for operation by the Department have remained the same as planned at that time, excepting that hiring of tractor operators who lived at home has not been entirely satisfactory.

The acquisition of the area has now been completed (within the last month) excepting one 40 acre parcel of State Land Commission lands, and final construction on the area can now be made.



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Of the original \$1,231,238 allocated for this project, \$190,799.42 remains unexpended.

The original costs for building and construction work were based upon March 1953 estimates. Current estimates by the Division of Architecture are now higher, and the headquarters building design has been modified to meet existing needs.

The report \* submitted by the Department of Fish and Game sets forth the details of cost estimates, starting on page 14 and ending with the cost summary on page 22.

After completion of this report and estimate, a meeting was held by Department representatives with the Imperial Valley Waterfowl Committee at Brawley. The proposal was thoroughly discussed and the proposal approved.

The Board has received letters from Senator Ben Hulse, Assemblyman-elect Leverette D. House, Assemblyman Ward Casey, and Bob Jefferson, endorsing the proposal and urging the Board to allocate the funds requested.

The breakdown of funds for this project is as follows:

Balance previous allocation	\$190,799.42
Need for State Land purchase, 40 acre	2,500.00
Balance available	<u>\$188,299.42</u>
Total Cost Estimate	\$295,000.00
Less available funds	<u>188,299.42</u>
	\$106,700.58 Deficit

Mr. Horn recommended \$107,000.00 be allocated to the Department of Fish and Game from the unallocated balance of the Wildlife Restoration Fund for completion of all construction and purchase of equipment for the Wister Unit of Imperial Valley Waterfowl Management Area.

His recommendation was based upon:

1. The original intention of the Board to give highest priority to waterfowl and catchable trout.
2. The area has been acquired and should be developed and utilized.
3. This does not change nor enlarge the original scope of the project, but does complete it for use as planned.
4. This allocation would not increase the estimated cost of operation as originally accepted by the Board and Department.
5. It should complete Board allocations for this project.

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The Coordinator introduced Mr. Walter Collins, president of the Imperial Valley Farm Bureau and Depredation Board.

Mr. Collins stated his keen interest in this project as a farmer since he felt the necessity of the waterfowl area had been proven. He stressed the importance of adequate housing for the employees of the area and requested that the headquarters be shifted from the Hazzard to the Wister Unit as a practical move.

Assemblyman Erwin questioned the Coordinator as to the status of the Colorado River lands now taken over by the squatters, which lands, he felt, would be a very good feeding area for waterfowl. The Coordinator stated that the interested Federal agency had been apprised of the situation and of our request for the use of these lands, but as yet, no decision has been made as to the disposition of them.

IT WAS MOVED BY SENATOR JOHNSON, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN ERWIN, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND TO THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD THAT \$107,000 BE ALLOCATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FOR THE COMPLETION OF DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS AND WATER SYSTEMS ON THE WISTER UNIT OF THE IMPERIAL VALLEY WATERFOWL MANAGEMENT AREA, PROJECT NO. 536.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. MUGFORD, SECONDED BY MR. GORDON, THAT \$107,000.00 BE ALLOCATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FROM THE UNALLOCATED BALANCE OF THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND FOR THE COMPLETION OF DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS AND WATER SYSTEMS ON THE WISTER UNIT OF THE IMPERIAL VALLEY WATERFOWL MANAGEMENT AREA, PROJECT NO. 536.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Horn requested permission to read from Senator Hulse's letter advocating the approval of the Department's request for the Imperial Waterfowl Management Area.

"While I recognize that I am a 'lame duck' and making my last 'quack', I should like to strongly recommend that the Board adopt the budget for the Imperial Waterfowl Management Area. As I understand it, this budget will require an expenditure of approximately \$286,500.00. I feel sure that this expenditure is fully justified."

9. Coastal Lagoon Development Program, Project No. 1015 \$22,500.00  
Big Lagoon

During the past year the Board staff and the Department of Fish and Game have been exploring the possibility of a development program to utilize and manage some, or all, of the coastal lagoons for a better fishery.

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Primarily, these lagoons are located on both the north and south coasts. There are basic similarities between all lagoons on the north coast and between all lagoons on the south coast. There are major differences between the northern and southern ones.

Board staff studies of the fisheries problems on the north coast included a long standing request for a permanent outlet from Big Lagoon to the ocean in Humboldt County, and for a similar outlet at Lake Earl in Del Norte County.

In exploring some of the problems at Big Lagoon with local sportsmen, we asked Doctors Charles Yocum and Ernest Salo of Humboldt State College to participate, and they gave very valuable assistance.

The possibility of entering into a contract with Humboldt State College to undertake a management program at Big Lagoon was discussed and approved by local sportsmen. The Department of Fish and Game has quite thoroughly explored the proposal and approve and recommend such an approach. The College could undertake the program.

While initial work would be at Big Lagoon, both Stone Lagoon and Lake Earl would be surveyed to be included at a later date as results at Big Lagoon dictated. Other lagoons as far south as San Francisco could be considered as the work progressed.

This project would be quite similar to the one at Salton Sea, that is now drawing to a successful close. The work contemplated would include such survey and study as is necessary to establish an improved fishery, then establish the fishery as the major objective.

One objective would be to utilize these lagoons as rearing ponds for increasing salmon production along the north coast. Another would be the improvement of fishing in the lagoons. The results would give factual information so necessary before large expenditures are made to create permanent outlets from the lagoon to the ocean. In other words, an action program that could contribute a great deal toward a practical and economical fisheries management program for the north coast.

Both the Board staff and the Department of Fish and Game recommend the Board consider the following proposal for a project to be conducted by Humboldt State College and allocate funds for the work.

A two year estimate of costs is as follows:

<u>Salaries</u>	<u>1st Year</u>	<u>2nd Year</u>
Graduate students and labor including full time in summer	\$3,400.00	\$3,400.00
Project leader	3,000.00	3,000.00



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Salaries (Continued)

	<u>1st Year</u>	<u>2nd Year</u>
Office help	100.00	100.00

Expenses

Travel and other expenses	1,100.00	900.00
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Materials

Nets	500.00	50.00
Chemicals and glassware	700.00	100.00
Fish food and drugs	300.00	300.00
Boat, motor and trailer	750.00	-
Gas and oil	100.00	100.00
Office supplies	50.00	50.00
Miscellaneous supplies, equip. and labor	4,500.00	-
	<u>\$14,500.00</u>	<u>\$8,000.00</u>

Mr. Horn recommended that the Board authorize the Department of Fish and Game to enter into a contract with Humboldt State College for this project and allocate \$22,500.00 for two years, and the \$4,500 for miscellaneous items may be expended during either year as required.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN ERWIN, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THAT \$22,500.00 BE ALLOCATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FROM THE UNALLOCATED BALANCE OF THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND FOR FINANCING A CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH HUMBOLDT STATE COLLEGE TO CONDUCT NECESSARY SURVEYS OF BIG LAGOON AND ESTABLISH AN EXPERIMENTAL SALMON FISHERY THEREIN, TO IMPROVE FISHING IN THE LAGOON, TO DETERMINE THE EFFECT AND DESIRABILITY OF AN OUTLET TO THE OCEAN, AND IF DESIRABLE FROM SUCH WORK TO EXPAND SUCH ACTIVITY TO OTHER NORTH COAST LAGOONS. THE CONTRACT IS TO BE WRITTEN ON AN ANNUAL BASIS WITH A RENEWAL CLAUSE, AND THIS ALLOCATION IS TO DEFRAY A TWO YEAR OPERATION ON THE COASTAL LAGOON DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, PROJECT NO. 1015.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. GORDON, SECONDED BY MR. MUGFORD, THAT \$22,500 BE ALLOCATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FROM THE UNALLOCATED BALANCE OF THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND FOR FINANCING A CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH HUMBOLDT STATE COLLEGE TO CONDUCT NECESSARY SURVEYS OF BIG LAGOON AND ESTABLISH AN EXPERIMENTAL SALMON FISHERY THEREIN, TO IMPROVE FISHING IN THE LAGOON, TO DETERMINE THE EFFECT AND DESIRABILITY OF AN OUTLET TO THE OCEAN, AND IF DESIRABLE FROM SUCH WORK TO EXPAND SUCH ACTIVITY TO OTHER NORTH COAST LAGOONS. THE

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PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. Recovery of Funds

\$28,911.75

The Coordinator reported that the following Wildlife Conservation Board projects have been completed and cleared. The unobligated balances remaining in the projects are available for recovery.

<u>Project Number</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Unobligated Balance</u>
23	Darrah Springs Hatchery	\$ 7,088.56
109	Fish Planting Tankers	2,976.49
111	Plaskett Meadows Public Fishing Area	0.00
113	San Diego City Reservoirs Warmwater Fishing Area	0.00
95	Woodbridge Fish Ladder	18,846.70
	Total available for recovery	<u>\$28,911.75</u>

It was recommended by the Coordinator that the above projects be closed and the balances recovered and the \$28,911.75 be restored to the unallocated balance of the Wildlife Restoration Fund.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN ERWIN, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE RECOVERY OF FUNDS AS SET FORTH BY THE COORDINATOR, AND RESTORE THE SUM OF \$28,911.75 TO THE UNALLOCATED BALANCE OF THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. GORDON, SECONDED BY MR. MUGFORD, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD CLOSE AND RECOVER THE UNUSED BALANCES FROM THE FOLLOWING COMPLETED PROJECTS TOTALLING \$28,911.75, AND RESTORE THIS SUM TO THE UNALLOCATED BALANCE OF THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND.

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PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. Policies of the Wildlife Conservation Board

The Coordinator recommended and the Chairman ordered that the item regarding policies of the Wildlife Conservation Board be held over to the next meeting.

12. Resolution Regarding the Retirement of Hon. Ben Hulse

IT WAS MOVED BY SENATOR BROWN, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, AS A JOINT MOTION, THAT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION HONORING SENATOR BEN HULSE BE ADOPTED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

WHEREAS, Senator Ben Hulse was one of the "founding fathers" of the Wildlife Conservation Act, and

WHEREAS, Senator Hulse has served as a member of the Joint Interim Legislative Committee, advisory to the Board from its inception, and

WHEREAS, Senator Hulse, with consistent interest, has given unstintingly of his time and ability to solve the many problems confronting the Board during its existence, and

WHEREAS, Senator Hulse has always acted fairly and impartially on all matters concerning the Board, without stint nor favor to any section of the state, but with the best interest of the state and its resources uppermost in mind, and

WHEREAS, Senator Hulse has always been available for counsel on all Board matters,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Wildlife Conservation Board, the Joint Interim Committee, and Board Staff, convey to Senator Hulse our sincere gratitude for his outstanding contributions to the work of this Board and the betterment of fish, game, and recreation throughout the State of California, and express the sincere hope that Senator Hulse as "private citizen" may enjoy the fruits of his long and distinguished public service, and retain his keen interest in conservation matters, and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution be made a part of the permanent record of the proceedings of this body and a copy of this resolution be delivered to the Honorable Ben Hulse.



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Chairman Andy Kelly expressed his thanks for the opportunity to meet with the group in his new capacity as chairman of the Wildlife Conservation Board.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Status of allocations and unobligated balance as of December 11, 1956, Board Action.

The amount allocated to specific projects up to the close of the meeting on December 11, 1956, aggregated \$12,829,122.32.

a. Fish Hatchery and Stocking Projects . . . . .	\$4,522,151.60
b. Warmwater and Other Fish Projects . . . . .	1,129,578.15
1. Warmwater Projects . . . . .	\$968,058.15
2. Other Fish Projects . . . . .	161,520.00
c. Flow Maintenance and Stream Improvement Projects . . . . .	675,465.28
d. Screen and Ladder Projects . . . . .	304,240.52
e. State Game Farms . . . . .	105,644.49
f. Other Upland Game Projects . . . . .	416,530.84
g. Waterfowl Management Projects . . . . .	5,293,160.13
h. General Projects . . . . .	357,351.31
Total Allocated to Specific Projects . . . . .	\$12,804,122.32

Special Project Allocation:

Project Evaluation, Property Acquisition and Engrg. Studies . . . . .	\$25,000.00
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Total Allocated . . . . . \$12,829,122.32

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 Est.	64,931.00

Total - Actual and Estimated Operating Costs . . . . . \$396,081.02

Recapitulation:

Allocations for Projects . . . . .	\$12,804,122.32
Special Project Allocation . . . . .	25,000.00
Reserves Established . . . . .	125,000.00
Expenses of Operation . . . . .	396,081.02
Total Expended or Obligated . . . . .	\$13,350,203.34

Total Fund Appropriated . . . . .	12,750,000.00
Appropriation available through 56/57 FY . . . . .	750,000.00
Interest on Surplus Money Inv. Thru 55/56 FY . . . . .	176,347.18
Miscellaneous Revenue 55/56 FY . . . . .	220.00
Total Sum Available . . . . .	\$13,676,567.18
Total Expended or Obligated . . . . .	13,350,203.34

Unobligated Balance as of Dec. 11, 1956 . . . . . 326,363.84