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WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD
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Pursuant to the call of the Chairman, the Wildlife Conservation Board met in Room 4040 of the State Capitol, Sacramento, California, on May 17, 1957. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Andy Kelly at 9:15 a.m.

1. Roll Call

<u>PRESENT:</u>	Andy Kelly	Chairman
	John M. Peirce	Member of the Board
	Seth Gordon	" " " "
	Senator Brown	Joint Interim Committee
	Senator Beard	" " "
	Assemblyman Belotti	" " "
	Assemblyman Erwin	" " "

E. E. Horn	Coordinator
R. J. Nesbit	Assistant Coordinator

<u>ABSENT:</u>	Senator Ed. Johnson	Joint Interim Committee
	Assemblyman Lowrey	" " "

OTHERS PRESENT:

Phil Douglas	Special Consultant, WCB
Norman Johnson	Dir. of Parks and Rec., L.A. County
Wm. Hunrick	Assistant City Manager, Berkeley
Claude B. Hutchison	Mayor, City of Berkeley
Oliver Deatsch	County Surveyor, Stanislaus Co.
Milo F. Bradshaw	Stanislaus County Supervisor
Knox Newell	Director of Parks, Stanislaus Co.
Robert W. Adams	Chairman, Bd. of Supervisors, Stanis-
Shirley Cheek	Mgr., Oakdale, Chamber of Comm. laus
Joe Domecq	Stanislaus Co. Supervisor
Lupi Saldana	L.A. County
Herb Evans	Parks & Rec. Department, Kern Co.
John Homming	Kern Co. Supervisor
Lance D. Hopper	Kern Co. Planning Dept.
Arno W. Gustavson	Director, Rec. & Parks, Berkeley
George Duren	Berkeley Rod & Gun Club
James McCormick	Associated Sportsmen of Calif.
H. Sterling Taylor	Chairman, Soc. Welfare Comm. on Rec. for Aging, Berkeley
Harvey L. Morton	Berkeley Recreation Commission
H. K. Grafe	Senate Interim Comm. Fish & Game
Robert Williams	Planning Director, City of Alameda
Thomas W. Caldecott	Assemblyman, 18th District
Wm. Byron Rumford	Assemblyman, 17th District
Luther E. Gibson	Senator, 15th District

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2. Approval of the Minutes

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. GORDON, SECONDED BY MR. PEIRCE, THAT
READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD
MEETING OF MAY 3, 1957, BE DISPENSED WITH AND SAID MINUTES
BE APPROVED AS PUBLISHED AND DISTRIBUTED.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Status of Funds

The amount allocated to specific projects up to the close of the meeting
on May 3, 1957, aggregated \$12,888,172.32.

a. Fish Hatchery and Stocking Projects	\$4,522,151.60
b. Warmwater and Other Fish Projects	1,129,628.15
1. Warmwater Projects	\$968,108.15
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	416,351.31
Total Allocated to Specific Projects	<u>\$12,863,172.32</u>

Special Project Allocation:

Project Evaluation, Property Acquisition and Engrg. Studies	\$25,000.00
Total Allocated	<u>\$12,888,172.32</u>

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

1. Colorado River Recreational Development	\$50,000.00
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Operating Costs: FY 47/48 through 54/55	Actual	\$279,747.00
FY 55/56	Actual	51,403.02
FY 56/57	Est.	<u>70,407.00</u>

Total - Actual and Estimated Operating Costs	\$401,557.02
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Recapitulation:

Allocations for Projects	\$12,863,172.32
Special Project Allocation	25,000.00
Reserves Established	50,000.00
Expenses of Operation	<u>401,557.02</u>
Total Expended or Obligated	<u>\$13,339,729.34</u>

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Recapitulation: (continued)

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	<u>13,339,729.34</u>
Unobligated Balance as of May 3, 1957 . . .	\$336,837.84

4. Recovery of Funds

The following projects have been completed insofar as Board allocations are concerned. It was suggested the projects be closed and the balance of funds be recovered and restored to the Wildlife Restoration Fund.

<u>Project No.</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Unobligated Balance</u>
34	Hot Creek Hatchery	\$ 15,437.21
36	Black Rock Rearing Ponds	9,505.11
37	Fish Springs Hatchery	4,824.86
39	Mojave Hatchery	30,924.52
77	Lindo Lake Public Fishing Area	23.13
116	Inland Lake Public Fishing Area	0.00
117	Santa Margarita Lake Public Fishing Area	0.00
1013	Inland Angling Access Program	
	Redding site and Vina site on Deer Creek	<u>67.10</u>
	(Purchase from Bureau of Reclamation)	
		\$60,781.93

It was brought out that Moccasin Creek Hatchery and San Joaquin Hatchery have balances of \$4,938.02 and \$5,485.40 respectively - a total of \$10,423.42. It was recommended by the Coordinator that \$1,000 of the Moccasin Creek fund and \$1,000 of the San Joaquin fund be specifically allocated to the equipment fund of each of these hatcheries for construction of a blower type pellet feeder for each hatchery and the balance of \$3,938.02 and \$4,485.40, totalling \$8,423.42 be recovered and restored to the unallocated balance of the Wildlife Restoration Fund. It was pointed out that in the Moccasin Creek Hatchery project, the balance remaining for recovery is the sum remaining from the allocation for flood rehabilitation, which work is now completed.

Both Assemblyman Erwin and Senator Brown recommended that sums remaining in the accounts for Hot Creek, Black Rock, Fish Springs, and Mojave Hatcheries be left intact until the Interim Committee has an opportunity to go over these hatcheries and determine what changes, if any, are desirable. This should be completed this summer.

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IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN ERWIN, SECONDED BY SENATOR BROWN, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD CLOSE THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS AND THE UNEXPENDED BALANCE OF FUNDS OF EACH PROJECT BE RECOVERED AND RESTORED TO THE UNALLOCATED BALANCE OF THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND.

<u>Project No.</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Unobligated Balance</u>
77	Lindo Lake Public Fishing Area	\$ 23.13
116	Inland Lake Public Fishing Area	0.00
117	Santa Margarita Lake Public Fishing Area	0.00
(1013)	Redding site and Vina site on Deer Creek Inland Angling Accesses	67.10
	(Project No. 1013, Inland Angling Access Program to remain open and active)	

FURTHER, THAT \$1,000 OF THE BALANCE OF FUNDS FOR MOCCASIN CREEK HATCHERY AND \$1,000 OF THE BALANCE OF FUNDS FOR SAN JOAQUIN HATCHERY BE ADDED TO THE EQUIPMENT ITEM OF EACH HATCHERY FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING A NEW BLOWER TYPE PELLET FEEDER FOR EACH HATCHERY AND THE BALANCE OF \$3,938.02 FROM MOCCASIN CREEK HATCHERY AND \$4,485.40 FROM SAN JOAQUIN HATCHERY BE RECOVERED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Coordinator explained that the Department recommended the closing out of the four hatchery projects because all work approved by the Board had been completed, and any future development would be strictly in accordance with the master plan that has been approved and would necessitate additional allocation because funds remaining would be insufficient. He stated that one of the items on the agenda would have to be deleted because of insufficient funds in the unobligated balance and asked permission to hold over the Alameda Inland Angling Access project until after the beginning of the fiscal year when additional funds would be made available.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. PEIRCE, SECONDED BY MR. GORDON, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD CLOSE THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS AND THE UNEXPENDED BALANCE OF FUNDS OF EACH PROJECT BE RECOVERED AND RESTORED TO THE UNALLOCATED BALANCE OF THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND

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FURTHER, THAT \$1,000 OF THE BALANCE OF FUNDS FOR MOCCASIN CREEK HATCHERY AND \$1,000 OF THE BALANCE OF FUNDS FOR SAN JOAQUIN HATCHERY BE ADDED TO THE EQUIPMENT ITEM OF EACH HATCHERY FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING A NEW BLOWER TYPE PELLET FEEDER FOR EACH HATCHERY AND THE BALANCE OF \$3,938.02 FROM MOCCASIN CREEK HATCHERY AND \$4,485.40 FROM SAN JOAQUIN HATCHERY BE RECOVERED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4a. Tahoe Hatchery, Project No. 25

On August 25, 1949, the Board allocated \$240,000 for expansion of the Tahoe Hatchery, one mile north of Tahoe City near Lake Tahoe. Subsequently, the Department of Fish and Game purchased thirty some acres of land for \$27,126.58.

Following a long series of studies and plans the existing hatchery was closed as unsuited and uneconomical and there is now no need for the balance of \$212,873.42 previously allocated for this hatchery.

There have been several suggestions for the use of the land, but no decision is known to have been made at this time. One suggestion is that the land be retained and developed for public access to Lake Tahoe. If this be the purpose, about \$30,000 of the fund could be retained as a reserve for access development and the balance of \$182,873.42 be recovered and put into active projects.

The Coordinator suggested that it might be better use of money to recover the entire \$212,873.42 and if it is decided to develop the access, the Board could make an allocation for development based upon firm estimates for construction.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN ERWIN, SECONDED BY SENATOR BROWN, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THAT THE TAHOE FISH HATCHERY, PROJECT NO. 25, BE CANCELLED; FURTHER, THAT \$30,000 BE HELD AS A RESERVE FOR ACCESS DEVELOPMENT TO LAKE TAHOE, AND THE \$182,873.42 BALANCE BE RECOVERED AND RESTORED TO THE UNALLOCATED BALANCE OF THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. GORDON, SECONDED BY MR. PEIRCE, THAT THE TAHOE FISH HATCHERY, PROJECT NO. 25, BE CANCELLED; FURTHER, THAT \$30,000 BE HELD AS A RESERVE FOR ACCESS DEVELOPMENT TO LAKE TAHOE, AND THE \$182,873.42 BALANCE BE RECOVERED AND RESTORED TO THE UNALLOCATED BALANCE OF THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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5. Whittier-Narrows Warmwater Fishing Lake, Project No. 114

The Coordinator reported that pursuant to the Board's action at the December 11, 1956, meeting, he met in Los Angeles on January 14, 15, and 16, 1957, with representatives of the agencies enumerated in the Board's motion of December 11, 1956. As a result of this meeting, the following cost estimate breakdown was developed.

*1. Water Service Central and South Lakes		
2 Deep Wells (16" casing, 600' deep)	\$22,400.00	
2 Deep Well Pumps (75hp-1500 gal/min.)	12,850.00	
Hydraulic Controls	5,000.00	
Electric Controls	5,800.00	
4000 lin. ft. 10" & 12" Water Mains		
Well #1 to Central Lake @ \$5/ lin. ft.	19,400.00	
2400 lin. ft. 10" & 12" Water Mains Connecting		
Wells #1 and #2 and Inlet South Lake	17,888.00	
2 Motors for Motor Valves	900.00	
Sump Pump	200.00	
Miscellaneous Concrete & Steel	770.00	
	Total	\$ 85,208.00
*2. Excavation - Central Lake (14.41 acres)		
250,000 cu. yds. @ 50¢/cu. yd.		125,000.00
*3. Fencing, Rosemead Boulevard		
1960 lin. ft. @ \$2.00/lin. ft.		3,920.00
*4. Outlet Structure		
		10,475.00
*5. Fishing Pier		
		3,000.00
*6. Comfort Stations (4) @ \$13,000.00 each		52,000.00
(9 Comfort Stations planned, estimate a		
minimum of 4 Comfort Stations for persons fishing)		
*7. Parking Lot, 432,500 sq. ft. @ 35¢/sq. ft.		151,375.00
Total Parking Area, 865,000 sq. ft. for 2815 cars;		
Estimating that one-half of the parking (1407 cars		
or 432,500 sq. ft.) will be used by those fishing.		
8. Access Road, 110,000 sq. ft. @ 25¢/sq. ft.		27,500.00
9. Grading and Shaping, Lake Side		30,000.00
100,000 cu. yds. @ 30¢/cu. yd.		
10. Erosion Control, Lake Shore		36,800.00
18,400 lin. ft. @ \$2.00		
11. Inlet Structure (3)		6,000.00

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12. Water Service, North Lake	
Deep Well	\$12,000.00
Deep Well Pump	7,000.00
Electrical Controls	3,000.00
Hydraulic Controls	5,000.00
1,000 lin. ft. 10" Main @ \$5/lin. ft.	<u>5,000.00</u>
	Total \$ 32,000.00
13. Bridge No. 1	18,000.00
10' x 100' Bridge @ \$18/sq. ft.	
14. Bridge No. 2 to Island	4,000.00
10' x 40' Bridge @ \$10/ sq. ft.	
15. Fish Habitat Improvement	5,000.00
16. Perimeter Area Fencing	30,000.00
12,000 lin. ft. @ \$2.50 lin.ft.	
17. Fish Screen, between North and Central Lakes	<u>3,000.00</u>
	TOTAL \$623,278.00
* Projects under construction or completed	
2 Comfort Stations completed	\$21,654.00
X Parking Area, 600 cars, under contract	29,621.00

NOTE: Total of Acceptable Projects, Completed or
Under Construction \$278,878.00

The Coordinator stated that this breakdown places the project in such shape that it could be accepted by the Department of Finance. A tentative form of agreement between the County and State was reviewed with the Los Angeles County Council and appeared to be in order, and this form was one previously reviewed by the Department of Finance attorney.

The Department recommendations and thinking on the project was discussed by Mr. Gordon and the letter written by him to Mr. Norman S. Johnson, Director of the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation, under date of March 14, 1957, reviewed.

Mr. Gordon requested this letter be written into the minutes of this meeting. It reads as follows:

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Mr. N. S. Johnson, Director
Los Angeles County Department of
Parks and Recreation
834 West Olympic Boulevard
Los Angeles, California

March 14, 1957

"Dear Mr. Johnson:

"I have your letter of January 17, 1957 before me in which you ask for certain recommendations with respect to the development of a spiny ray fishery in Legg Lake. I delayed my reply because I knew that our personnel in southern California were working closely with your staff, particularly with Carl Gerhardy, who they report has been extremely cooperative.

"As a result of a series of conferences our personnel have held with various county officials, it is my understanding that the county is going forward with plans to build the lake in three sections which will be separated by removable dam boards. Further, that the well water supply lines will be so constructed that water may enter the lake at the upper end of the center section or bypass the lake entirely as management requirements may dictate from time to time.

"We think that Legg Lake should be managed as a warmwater or spiny ray fishery. We plan to stock the lake with broodstock in what we think will be the correct species ratio to make the best use of the habitat. At this time we are thinking in terms of bass, sunfish and possibly catfish.

"It should be clear that it will not be possible for the Department of Fish and Game to maintain fishing through frequent plants of catchable-size fish. The yield of fish to the angler will be limited by the productivity of the water. However, when surplus, salvage catchable-size fish become available Legg Lake will receive consideration along with a host of other waters to receive them. This source of fish is never large and is always erratic and will not play an important role in the management program.

"We recommend that the existing fishing regulations applying to Legg Lake be continued. The more important features are a bag limit of two fish per day and use of artificial lures only by anglers 16 years of age or over. The number of days per week or year that the lake is open and fishing should be a subject for consideration by our two agencies from time to time.

"Our regional fisheries managers will keep close watch on the fish populations in the lake and will advise you from time to time of what steps are necessary to maintain the maximum growth rate and proper balance of the fishes. Furthermore, should aquatic weeds become a problem our personnel will advise you how in our experience they might be best controlled without harming the fish population.

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"Unfortunately, this body of water is quite infertile and there is very little knowledge or experience to fall back on in the field of fertilizing waters to improve fish production. On the basis of the limited knowledge we have we will be glad to advise the county from time to time on how fertility may be increased and maintained.

"In the event that you have further questions in regard to the management of the fisheries in Legg Lake, please do not hesitate to call upon our Regional Office in Los Angeles or myself.

Sincerely yours,

Seth Gordon
Director"

Assemblyman Erwin emphasized that this fishing lake is situated in the heaviest populated area of California. The County is creating this site as a recreational facility and the Wildlife Board would be participating in the fishing recreation aspects of the project which would be used statewide.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN ERWIN, SECONDED BY SENATOR BROWN, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE WHITTIER-NARROWS WARMWATER FISHING LAKE AND THE PLANS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THIS PROJECT AND AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO EXECUTE A SUITABLE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR USE OF THIS AREA AS A FISHERY AND FOR OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE BY THE COUNTY. FURTHER, THAT THE \$311,000 TENTATIVELY SET ASIDE BY THE BOARD ON DECEMBER 11, 1956, BE ADDED TO THE \$189,674.34 ALLOCATED BY THE BOARD ON JANUARY 5, 1956, MAKING A TOTAL OF \$500,674.34 FOR DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION OF WHITTIER-NARROWS WARMWATER FISHING LAKE, PROJECT NO. 114.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. PEIRCE, SECONDED BY MR. GORDON, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE WHITTIER-NARROWS WARMWATER FISHING LAKE AND THE PLANS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THIS PROJECT AND AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO EXECUTE A SUITABLE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR USE OF THIS AREA AS A FISHERY AND FOR OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE BY THE COUNTY. FURTHER, THAT THE \$311,000 TENTATIVELY SET ASIDE BY THE BOARD ON DECEMBER 11, 1956, FOR THIS PROJECT NOW BE ALLOCATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO BE ADDED TO THE \$189,674.34 ALLOCATED BY THE BOARD ON JANUARY 5, 1956 MAKING A TOTAL OF \$500,674.34 FOR DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION OF WHITTIER-NARROWS WARMWATER FISHING LAKE.

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Both Mr. Lupi Saldana, representing the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, and Mr. Norman S. Johnson, Director of the Parks and Recreation Department of Los Angeles County, thanked the Board for their action in this regard and assured them that the County will work to make Legg Lake into a fine fishing lake.

6. Berkeley Public Fishing Pier, Project No. 123 \$168,500.00

The Coordinator explained that the City of Berkeley has requested Wildlife Board aid in putting in a concrete decking for the Berkeley Pier which is owned by the City of Berkeley.

Over the years this pier has been maintained and operated by the City of Berkeley exclusively as a fishing pier. Last year it provided approximately 90,000 fisherman days of use.

The wood decking of the pier has deteriorated and is now unsafe. The City has expended funds for repair to a total of \$14,435 in 1934, \$12,179 in 1955, and \$5,468 in 1956. Further attempts at repair are not justified and a redecking is essential. The City does not have the funds for this expenditure and has asked Wildlife Conservation Board assistance.

At Board staff request the City employed Earl and Wright, Consulting Engineers of San Francisco, to make a survey and report on the condition of the piling. Under date of February 14, 1957, Earl and Wright reported all but seven piles were in good shape and would have a further life of not less than 25 years. The City of Berkeley has agreed to repair these seven piles at City expense.

The plan is to put a concrete decking on the first 2,000 feet of pier from the shore. If and when lands now in the Bay are needed for industrial uses, the City will, at their expense, move the concrete deck slabs from the shoreward end out onto existing undecked pier, thus maintaining a continuous 2,000 feet of fishing pier. The pier extends some three miles into the Bay.

This fishing pier has heavy use by residents of the entire East Bay, is very popular, and extensively used by children.

With the cleaning up of pollution in the East Bay, the fishing is improving around the pier and will, no doubt, continue to improve over the next several years.

The Board has received 62 endorsements of this proposed project from organizations around the Bay.

Cost estimates prepared by the City of Berkeley Engineers are as follows:

Furnishing concrete slabs	\$131,000.00
Removal of existing deck and stringers	15,000.00
Disposal of deck and stringers	1,500.00
Placing new deck	8,500.00
Placing new handrails	4,500.00
Miscellaneous and contingencies	8,000.00
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The City of Berkeley by resolution has agreed to operate and maintain this pier if redecked. The City also has plans to create additional parking space and other facilities at City expense.

The Coordinator advised that this is a very worthwhile project in a large center of population, and would provide fishing recreation to about 100,000 or more people annually. With the continuing improvement of water conditions due to pollution control, it was felt that the fishing itself should continue to improve. It was recommended by him that the Board give favorable consideration to the proposal.

Mayor Claude B. Hutchison of the City of Berkeley requested that the rehabilitation of the Berkeley Fishing Pier be accepted as a Wildlife Board project. He introduced the delegation from Berkeley and vicinity who all attested to the recreational value of this facility.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN ERWIN, SECONDED BY SENATOR BROWN, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE BERKELEY FISHING PIER, PROJECT NO. 123; AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO EXECUTE A SUITABLE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF BERKELEY FOR THE PIER, AND FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE PIER BY THE CITY OF BERKELEY; AND ALLOCATE THE SUM OF \$168,500 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FROM THE UNALLOCATED BALANCE OF THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND FOR THE REHABILITATION OF THE PIER.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

In answer to Mr. Gordon's question as to whether the Coordinator was satisfied that the items requested by Berkeley were justified as Wildlife Board expenditures, Mr. Horn affirmed that the request and the individual items included were all legitimate Wildlife Board fund expenditures.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. PEIRCE, SECONDED BY MR. GORDON, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE BERKELEY PUBLIC FISHING PIER, PROJECT NO. 123; AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO EXECUTE A SUITABLE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF BERKELEY FOR THE PIER, AND FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE PIER BY THE CITY OF BERKELEY; AND ALLOCATE THE SUM OF \$168,500 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FROM THE UNALLOCATED BALANCE OF THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND FOR THE REHABILITATION OF THE PIER.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. Isabella Lake Public Fishing Area, Project No. 124 \$200,005.00

Isabella Lake was formed by a dam constructed by the Corps of Engineers on the Kern River near the town of Isabella about 48 miles east of Bakersfield in Kern County.

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At maximum spillway elevation of 2,605.5 feet, 550,000 acre feet of water is impounded, providing about 11,300 surface acres. At a minimum elevation of 2,522 feet, the capacity would be 30,000 acre feet with a surface of 1,850 acres. Normal summer time pool at elevation 2,554 feet would impound about 130,000 acre feet with a surface of about 5,000 acres. The lake provides for flood control and irrigation.

After considerable negotiation, the County of Kern secured a lease of the project area of 15,000 acres for fishing, hunting, and recreation use. The County purchased 30,000 acre feet of water for the sum of \$45,000 from the Bureau of Reclamation on an exchange basis, thus assuring a minimum pool.

Kern County started development and operation of the Recreational Area in 1954. An original study by the National Park Service indicated there might be about 16,000 visitor days of use annually, and the County started with that assumption. At the present time as many as 35,000 people enter the area on 3 day holidays and a recent count of users over a 14 day period totalled over 68,000, mostly fishermen and boating enthusiasts.

When it became evident that early estimates of visitor use were hopelessly low and that any development would have to be far more extensive, the Board of Supervisors sought assistance from the Wildlife Conservation Board. The present request is the result of over 18 months of study and planning. A master plan of development has been prepared. The location of and the need for various facilities was determined by study of actual use and topography of the area. The safety feature through strategically placed floats was emphasized.

Kern County has expended \$216,278 on this project from 1951 to 1956-57. The preliminary County budget for 1958 calls for \$147,629.

The lake has been stocked with bass, crappies, and catfish, and provides excellent fishing. Trout have been caught in large numbers during the past year, especially along the north fork arm of the lake.

The request includes the following items and estimated costs.

SHORELINE IMPROVEMENTS:

38 Boat Landing Docks @ \$315.00 ea.	\$11,970.00
84 Chemical Type Portable Toilets @ \$420.00 ea.	35,280.00
1 Service Truck (Vacuum truck for servicing chemical toilets)	6,825.00
4 Permanent Type Restrooms @ \$6800.00 ea.	27,200.00

ACCESS ROADS & PARKING FACILITIES:

Rocky Point Road 1.5 miles oil surface	7,875.00
Boat Launching & Docking Area - including access road and parking areas - grading and oiling (area located below Corps of Engineers Headquarters - between two dams)	21,000.00

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WATER SUPPLY:

Filter Plant #1 French Gulch, including 3500' supply line, storage tank 1000 bbl., filter system, pumps, complete	\$24,325.00
Filter Plant #2 Old Isabella Road Area, including filter system, storage tank 1000 bbl. and distribution lines	40,530.00
Filter Plant #3 Rocky Point Area, including filter system, storage tank 1000 bbl. and distribution lines	<u>25,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$200,005.00

The Department of Fish and Game fisheries biologists and engineers have devoted considerable time to this project and approve the proposed development.

At one time the Department of Fish and Game considered building a fence around part of the project area on the north fork of the Kern River to exclude grazing and to permit development as a wildlife area. This was passed over owing to lack of Department funds. Kern County then considered including the fencing as an item in this request of the Wildlife Conservation Board.

Owing to the heavy annual expenditures the County will have to make for the further development, operation, and maintenance of the proposed project, the Board of Supervisors did not see fit to agree to maintenance of the fence at this time. The County did include approximately 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles of fence in the master plan at an estimated cost of \$32,000.

This fencing item is not included in the present request. Possibly either the County or the Corps of Engineers would undertake maintenance of the fence at a later date. Region 4 of the Department of Fish and Game advise they have provisions in the next budget for some development of the game area. Additional information and justification of \$32,000 for this fence will be needed before it could be recommended to the Board.

It was suggested by the Coordinator that the item of fencing be included in the entire project with no allocation of funds at this time and contingent upon a firm commitment for upkeep, and justification of the expenditure.

The Coordinator advised that the Board staff has worked closely with the County in the planning, and consider it an excellent warmwater fishery project of statewide importance. He recommended that \$200,005 be allocated to the Department of Fish and Game from the unallocated balance of the Wildlife Restoration Fund for the Isabella Lake Public Fishing Area. Further, that the item of fencing be approved in principle contingent upon some agency agreeing to maintain the fence, and upon justification of the expenditure.

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It was brought out that figures obtained by the County of Kern indicate 50% of the people using the area come from south of the Tehachapi and that the Division of Beaches and Parks would not participate in this project because it is not of the type or caliber of Beaches and Parks developments. It was the concensus that any agency who would attempt to create for their locality such a recreational area should be helped.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN ERWIN, SECONDED BY SENATOR BEARD, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE ISABELLA LAKE PUBLIC FISHING AREA, PROJECT NO. 124, AND AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO EXERCISE A SUITABLE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF KERN FOR THE AREA AND FOR OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE PROJECT BY THE COUNTY OF KERN. \$200,005 BE HEREBY ALLOCATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FROM THE UNALLOCATED BALANCE OF THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND FOR THIS PURPOSE. FURTHER, THAT THE ITEM FOR FENCING TO ENCLOSE A PROPOSED WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA ON THE PROJECT AREA BE APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE, BUT THAT NO ALLOCATION BE MADE AT THIS TIME AND THIS PHASE OF THE PROJECT BE CONTINGENT UPON SOME AGENCY AGREEING TO MAINTAIN THE FENCE IF CONSTRUCTED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Herb Evans of the Kern County Parks and Recreation Department thanked the Board for their support of this project and further thanked the Board staff for their wonderful cooperation. Supervisor John Haney and Mr. Lance Hopper, also of Kern County, were introduced.

Senator Beard and Assemblymen Erwin and Belotti were excused at this point.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. GORDON, SECONDED BY MR. PEIRCE, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE ISABELLA LAKE PUBLIC FISHING AREA, PROJECT NO. 124, AND AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO EXERCISE A SUITABLE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF KERN FOR THE AREA AND FOR OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE PROJECT BY THE COUNTY OF KERN. \$200,005 IS HEREBY ALLOCATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FROM THE UNALLOCATED BALANCE OF THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND FOR THIS PURPOSE. FURTHER, THAT THE ITEM FOR FENCING TO ENCLOSE A PROPOSED WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA ON THE PROJECT AREA BE APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE, BUT THAT NO ALLOCATION BE MADE AT THIS TIME AND THIS PHASE OF THE PROJECT BE CONTINGENT UPON SOME AGENCY AGREEING TO MAINTAIN THE FENCE IF CONSTRUCTED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. Woodward Reservoir Warmwater Fishing Area, Project No. 125 \$105,000.00

Woodward Reservoir owned and operated by the South San Joaquin Irrigation District is located 5 miles north of Oakdale and approximately 27 miles southeast of Stockton. Highway 120 is within 4 miles of the Reservoir, and

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the access road from Highway 120 is a very good two-lane county road.

Woodward Reservoir holds in excess of 34,000 acre feet of water and covers an area of approximately 1,800 acres. At present its reserve water is a portion of the spring and early summer "run off" of the Stanislaus River plus one half of the 112,500 acre feet of water impounded at Melones Reservoir.

The \$52,000,000.00 Tri-Dam Project, of the Oakdale Irrigation District and South San Joaquin Irrigation District, is now under construction. It consists of two dams on the middle fork of the Stanislaus River, Donnell's Dam and Beardsley Dam and Tulloch Dam on the main stream of the Stanislaus River.

An excerpt from a brochure of the Tri-Dam Project states, "The combined storage of the three reservoirs will be 230,400 acre feet, which, when combined with storage at existing Melones Reservoir, will provide 100% irrigation within the districts in normal years, and in addition, provide a substantial hold-over for subnormal or dry years". The District's schedule calls for completion of the Tri-Dam Project by December 15, 1958.

This additional water, one half of which is owned by the S.S.J.I.D. will flow into Woodward Reservoir for distribution, and will more than double the present available supply, thereby making an already popular fishing and boating area even more so.

Woodward Reservoir has been used by fishermen, waterfowl shooters and boaters for years. The Department of Fish and Game poisoned the rough fish last winter and the lake has been restocked.

The County of Stanislaus requests that the Wildlife Conservation Board authorize a project for development of a parcel on the southwest end of the reservoir for public fishing. This would call for leasing a parcel of land on the southwest end of the reservoir from the South San Joaquin Irrigation District, construction of roads, parking areas, launching ramps, sanitary facilities, and a domestic water supply. The Irrigation District has indicated to the County a willingness to lease the lands, and the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors have enacted a resolution to operate and maintain the area.

The cost estimates developed by the County of Stanislaus are as follows:

1. Water Supply System \$23,050.00

Well, pump, pressure tank and main pipe lines

2. Comfort Stations (Req. 3 at \$5,050) 15,150.00

Boat launching, Midway Area, "T" Island

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3. Roads and Parking \$41,310.00

4. Boat Facilities

Docks (boats and fishing - Req. 3 at \$1,500)- \$4,500.00
Boat facility, Midway Area, "T" Island

Launching ramp (Req. 2) 2,900.00

Boat facility (large double ramp)
Midway (single ramp)

7,400.00

5. Erosion Protection Wall

9,120.00

Price \$96,030.00
Contingencies 8,970.00

TOTAL COST \$105,000.00

The Coordinator advised that Woodward Reservoir is another very good warmwater fishing lake with an assured water supply, small fluctuation in water level (not more than 15 feet) and situated in a region where fishing water is not overly abundant. The County development plan calls for additional facilities that will be provided out of County funds. It was recommended by him that \$105,000 be allocated to the Department of Fish and Game from the unallocated balance of the Wildlife Restoration Fund for the Woodward Reservoir Warmwater Fishing Area.

Mr. Robert W. Adams, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Stanislaus County, introduced Joe Domecq and Milo Bradshaw, Supervisors of Stanislaus County, Shirley Cheek, Manager, Oakdale Chamber of Commerce, and Oliver Deatsch, County Surveyor.

It was estimated by Mr. Adams that more than 50,000 people within a radius of 50 miles of Woodward Reservoir would be using that facility because there is a definite lack of public fishing areas. It was his feeling that all segments of water sports enthusiasts were entitled to use of lakes, etc., and recently there was held in Modesto a conference to produce a set of ordinance for uniform control of water recreation. It was pointed out by him and by Mr. Deatsch that Woodward Reservoir, due to the uneven bottom, is not generally considered to be good for water skiing and speed boating, but it is planned to limit such use to a designated area.

Mr. Deatsch informed the Board that policing of the area will be handled through the sheriff's office and that it has been indicated by that office that more frequent checks would be made of the area as a routine schedule.

Senator Brown recommended the approval of the project.

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IT WAS MOVED BY MR. PEIRCE, SECONDED BY MR. GORDON, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE WOODWARD RESERVOIR WARMWATER FISHING AREA, PROJECT NO. 125, AND AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO EXERCISE A SUITABLE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE SOUTH SAN JOAQUIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT AND AN OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS. \$105,000 IS HEREBY ALLOCATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FROM THE UNALLOCATED BALANCE OF THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION OF THIS AREA.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

It was requested by Supervisor Milo Bradshaw that the County Park portion of this project be named in memory of William J. Silva. It was his understanding that once a project is named and acted upon by the Board, that name must stand on the records.

Mr. Horn stated that he understood Mr. Bradshaw's idea was the lake itself would be named Woodward Reservoir Public Fishing Area, but that the park would be named William J. Silva Memorial Park. Mr. Bradshaw concurred.

The Chairman, after hearing the opinions of the Board members, advised that the Board would in no way restrict the County in the matter of naming the Park project.

9. Shasta River Fish Counting Racks, Project No. 61 \$4,290.00

On August 29, 1949, the Board allocated \$16,000 for construction of counting racks for salmon and steelhead near the junction of the Shasta and Klamath Rivers in Siskiyou County.

Then followed a long series of negotiations for lease of land and modification of engineering plans. The Board staff was advised by the Department of Fish and Game under date of March 27, 1957, that all differences have been resolved, the old racks had been destroyed by floods, and the Department feels these racks are highly essential.

\$15,710 now remains from the original allocation. The Department now requests an additional \$4,290 making a total of \$20,000 thereby providing a slight cushion over a firm estimate of \$18,137 made by the Division of Architecture about February 25, 1957.

The Coordinator recommended that \$4,290.00 be allocated to the Department of Fish and Game from the unallocated balance of the Wildlife Restoration Fund for the Shasta River Fish Counting Racks.

Senator Brown expressed approval of the allocation.

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IT WAS MOVED BY MR. PEIRCE, SECONDED BY MR. GORDON, THAT AN ADDITIONAL \$4,290 BE ALLOCATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FROM THE UNALLOCATED BALANCE OF THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SHASTA RIVER FISH COUNTING RACKS, PROJECT NO. 61.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. Indian Tom Lake Waterfowl Public Shooting Area, Project No. 562 \$1,500.00

Mr. Harvey Russo of the Department of Fish and Game presented the request for funds for purchase of State lands for access purposes to Indian Tom Lake which is considered a very good waterfowl hunting area. These lands consist of 58.78 acres in Lots 2 and 3 of Sec. 16, T. 48 N., R. 1 E., MDB&M, in Siskiyou County. He advised that a private party has submitted a bid to the State Lands Commission for purchase of these lots and that the first applicant has the first chance to meet the appraised price. It was the consensus that should this access to Indian Tom Lake be taken over by private individuals or by a gun club, free access would be lost to the public.

Mr. Peirce assured Mr. Russo that the State Lands Commission, of which the former is a member, will do everything possible so that the State will be given preference in this matter.

It was requested by Mr. Russo that \$1500, the top figure that might be assigned to the lots, be allocated for the purchase of this access to Indian Tom Lake.

Senator Brown, upon hearing the Coordinator's recommendation, approved the allocation of \$1500 for purchase of access to Indian Tom Lake.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. GORDON, SECONDED BY MR. PEIRCE, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE INDIAN TOM LAKE WATERFOWL PUBLIC SHOOTING AREA, PROJECT NO. 562, AND ALLOCATE UP TO \$1,500 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FOR ACQUISITION OF STATE LANDS FOR ACCESS PURPOSES.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. Request for Authority for Board Chairman or Coordinator to approve adjustments within project allocations.

The Coordinator advised that when allocations are made for projects, estimated sums are earmarked for equipment, development, acquisition, etc. It very often happens that there is not a sufficient sum in one account and an overage in another. It is then necessary to request the Board for authorization to transfer the balance from one account to another to permit completion of that item. This request for authorization for the Chairman or the Coordinator or both to approve such adjustments within a project would allow for more flexibility. He cited an example where

bids for a well exceeded the sum set up for that account and it would have been necessary to call a special Board meeting for authorization to transfer the funds within the project to meet the bid or lose the bid entirely.

The Board members were in favor of this action, but because it was a matter of Board policy, felt it should be put over when the full membership is present. Senator Brown suggested the Director of Finance be authorized to make such adjustments.

The Chairman ordered that this request be put over to the next meeting at which time there will be put on the agenda a more amplified statement so that the advisory members would be fully advised.

12. Mendota Waterfowl Management Area, Project No. 532

The Coordinator advised that this item is for authorization to reallocate funds within the Mendota project to include drilling of a domestic well. This well was not included in the original plans, but that the casing of the domestic well on the area collapsed which necessitated drilling a new well. The amount involved would be \$15,000 and it is estimated might not exceed \$12,000. There is sufficient money in the fund allocated for this project.

Senator Brown recommended that authorization be given to reallocate funds in the Mendota Waterfowl Management Area project to include drilling of a domestic well.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. PEIRCE, SECONDED BY MR. GORDON, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE DRILLING OF A DOMESTIC WELL FOR THE MENDOTA WATERFOWL MANAGEMENT AREA, PROJECT NO. 532, AND THAT THE UNUSED FUNDS ALLOCATED TO THAT PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000 BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

13. Inland Angling Access Program, Project No. 1013

The Coordinator stated that because there are options running on the Clarksburg and Knights Landing sites, these accesses would be recommended for immediate action. However, the City of Alameda site would be acquired through free lease from the city and it was requested the Board put over this access project until after the first of the fiscal year. Mr. Robert Williams from the City of Alameda agreed to this.

a. Clarksburg \$25,000.00

This site is located on the west side of the Sacramento River in Yolo County about 18 miles south of Sacramento. The land is a "shelf" inside the levee and is the only area of its kind for miles. It has long been a popular fishing area but no launching or parking is available. This private land consisting of approximately 4 acres has been appraised

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by two qualified appraisers and an option to purchase within the appraisals has been taken. The option expires July 31, 1957.

The Yolo County Board of Supervisors have expressed verbal approval of the access program for Yolo County. An agreement to operate and maintain this area was approved by resolution at a special meeting of the Board of Supervisors on May 15.

The Department of Fish and Game has approved this site. Numerous clubs and individuals have expressed a favorable reaction.

Cost estimates made by the Department of Fish and Game Engineering Section are as follows:

Ramp		
Slab and footings, 24 cy @ \$100		\$2,500.00
Sheet piling, 165 lin. ft. @ \$24.00 ft.		4,000.00
Parking Area - grade and gravel		4,000.00
40,000 sq. ft. @ \$0.10		
Road - Improve existing road		3,100.00
16' x 1300' @ \$0.15 per sq. ft.		
Guard Rail		400.00
400 lin. ft. @ \$1.00		
Sanitary facilities - 2 ea. @ \$300		600.00
Cofferdam - lump sum		500.00
Site clearing - 1 acre @ \$200		200.00
Subtotal		<u>\$15,300.00</u>
OH&P 20%		3,060.00
Contingencies 10%		<u>1,530.00</u>
TOTAL		<u>\$19,890.00</u>

Land Acquisition	4,500.00
Appraisals & Surveys	<u>366.49</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$24,756.49</u>

It was recommended by the Coordinator that \$25,000 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 area and that the Department of Fish and Game be authorized to acquire the land by negotiated purchase, and to exercise an agreement with Yolo County for operation and maintenance of the area.

The Clarksburg site was approved by Senator Brown.

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IT WAS MOVED BY MR. GORDON, SECONDED BY MR. PEIRCE, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE CLARKSBURG ANGLING ACCESS SITE, PROJECT NO. 1013, IN YOLO COUNTY, AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED WITH ACQUISITION OF THE PROPERTY BY NEGOTIATION, DO THE NECESSARY DEVELOPMENT WORK, AND EXERCISE A SUITABLE OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF YOLO. \$25,000 IS HEREBY ALLOCATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FROM THE UNALLOCATED BALANCE OF THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND FOR THESE PURPOSES. FURTHER, THAT \$366.49 OF THIS SUM BE RETURNED TO PROJECT NO. 2500 TO COVER THE COST OF APPRAISALS AND SURVEYS.

THE REAL PROPERTY TO BE PURCHASED AND NOW UNDER OPTION IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

All that certain real property situate, lying, and being in T6N, R4E, MDB&M, more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point, said point lying at the centerline of County Road No. 140 of Yolo County at Road Station 128+00; thence along said centerline S. 44° 22' 07" W. 430.40 feet; S. 41° 54' 07" W. 617.79 feet to Station 138+48.19 B. C.; thence continuing along said centerline on an arc concave to the left and having a central angle of 3° 15' 30" and a radius of 3700 feet, a distance of 210.83 feet to Station 140+59.02 E. C.; thence continuing along said centerline S. 38° 38' 37" W. 140.98 feet; thence leaving said centerline of County Road No. 88° 12' E. 68.59 feet; N. 42° 48' E. 85.00 feet; S. 44° 43' E. 50 feet more or less to the low water line of the Sacramento River; thence in a northeasterly direction along said low water line of the Sacramento River 1270 feet more or less to a point which bears S. 45° 38' E. from the point of beginning; thence along said line N. 45° 38' W. 90 feet more or less to the point of beginning; excepting the southerly 15' from the centerline of said County Road No. 140; said parcel containing 3.9 acres, more or less.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

b. Knights Landing Site

\$22,000.00

This proposed access area is adjacent to Knights Landing at the junction of the Sacramento River and Sycamore Slough in Yolo County. An option has been taken on 4.2 acres of land with 800 feet of frontage on the Slough. The Department of Fish and Game consider this access area very desirable for utilization of the adjacent fishing in the River. The option price is within the appraised values.

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The Yolo and Knights Landing Sportsmen's Clubs and the Knights Landing Boat Club have voiced approval of the project.

The Board of Supervisors on May 15, 1957, adopted a resolution to operate and maintain the Knights Landing site.

The cost estimates of the Department of Fish and Game Engineering Section are as follows:

Ramp	\$5,600.00
Boat dock - 3 floats @ \$400	1,200.00
Parking and road - grade and gravel 40,000 s.f. @ \$.10	5,500.00
Sanitary facilities 2 ea. @ \$300	600.00
Guard rail - 500 l.f. @ \$1.50	750.00
Clearing site	1,150.00
Subtotal	<u>\$14,800.00</u>
O.H.&P. @ 20%	2,950.00
Contingencies @ 10%	1,450.00
Total	<u>\$19,200.00</u>
Land Acquisition	2,100.00
Appraisals & surveys	<u>399.33</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$21,699.33</u>

It was recommended by the Coordinator that \$22,000 be allotted 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 and execute an operating and maintenance agreement with the County of Yolo.

Senator Brown voiced his approval of the Knights Landing access project.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. PEIRCE, SECONDED BY MR. GORDON, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE KNIGHTS LANDING ANGLING ACCESS SITE, PROJECT NO. 1013, IN YOLO COUNTY, AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED WITH ACQUISITION OF THE PROPERTY BY NEGOTIATION, DO THE NECESSARY DEVELOPMENT WORK, AND EXERCISE A SUITABLE OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF YOLO. \$22,000 IS HEREBY ALLOCATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FROM THE UNALLOCATED BALANCE OF THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND FOR THESE PURPOSES. FURTHER, THAT \$399.33 OF THIS SUM BE RETURNED TO PROJECT NO. 2500 TO COVER THE COST OF APPRAISALS AND SURVEYS.

THE REAL PROPERTY TO BE PURCHASED AND NOW UNDER OPTION IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

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All that real property situate, lying and being in the County of Yolo, more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the westerly line of California State Highway No. 45 right of way, said point being a distance of 40 feet measured at right angles from the centerline of said right of way at State Highway Station 8+44.89; thence from said point of beginning along the arc of a curve to the left, a distance of 229.23 feet; said curve having a central angle of $32^{\circ} 02'$ and a radius of 410.00 feet, the center point of which bears $S51^{\circ} 52' 30''$ W., 410.00 feet from the point of beginning; thence tangent to the preceding curve $N. 70^{\circ} 09' 30''$ W., 166.93 feet to the intersection of the southwesterly line of said State Highway right of way and the easterly line of the abandoned Rivers Farms Branch of the Southern Pacific Railroad right-of-way; thence continuing along said line $N 70^{\circ} 09' 30''$ W., 113.0 feet; thence $S 68^{\circ} 30' W.$, 55 feet, more or less, to the westerly line of said railroad right of way; thence in a southerly direction along said right of way line a distance of 570 feet, more or less, to the centerline of Sycamore Slough; thence in an easterly direction along the centerline of Sycamore Slough, a distance of 450 feet, more or less, to the westerly line of California State Highway No. 45 right of way; thence along said right of way line $N 38^{\circ} 07' 30''$ W., 150 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning; said parcel containing 4.2 acres, more or less.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

14. Montezuma Slough Bridge, SB 426

Senator Luther E. Gibson of Solano County requested the Board to oppose SB 426 through enactment of a resolution at this meeting. It was pointed out by him that Solano County has set up \$110,000 for one-half the cost of a low-level bridge and has received Corps of Engineers approval to build it. He felt that the high-level bridge would be prohibitive in the initial cost and annual maintenance, and cited the fact that only 6% (20 boats per year) using the area would require the high-level bridge. Up to the time the State purchased the Grizzly Island waterfowl hunting area, the ferry system was adequate to provide service for the farmers on the island, but since then, it has been found inadequate. The Board of Supervisors of Solano County has by resolution refused construction of the high-level bridge because of the cost of maintaining a caretaker on a 24-hour basis.

It was the consensus of opinion that opposition to the bill would be up to the Department of Fish and Game, and Mr. Gordon assured Senator Gibson that he plans to appear before the committee hearing SB 426 and present the Department views.

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15. Coyote Reservoir, Mendocino County

Mr. Horn asked for instructions from the Board on the request made by Mendocino County for financial aid in developing a recreational area on Coyote Reservoir. He informed the Board that the Division of Beaches and Parks had been queried as to whether or not they would take over this area as a State Park and Beaches and Parks verbally informed the County of Mendocino they are not interested. The Corps of Engineer will query Federal agencies, but in the event no one takes over the area, the County would like to take it over as a fishing project and is planning facilities for this area in the hopes that some funds would be made available to them by the Wildlife Conservation Board for the fishery phases of the project. The County plans to undertake operation and maintenance of the project when completed.

Members of the Board felt that this project is identical with Isabella and Woodward Reservoir projects and would qualify for consideration for Wildlife Restoration Funds under Board policy.

The Chairman instructed the Coordinator to go ahead and work with the County people in an effort to develop plans and cost estimates and present them to the Wildlife Board at a later date.

Although a date for the next meeting was not set, the Coordinator advised that there are options running on some parcels in the Mendota Waterfowl Management Area which expire July 1.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Status of allocations and unobligated balance as of May 17, 1957, Board Action.

The amount allocated to specific projects up to the close of the meeting on May 17, 1957, aggregated \$13,193,080.25.

a. Fish Hatchery and Stocking Projects	\$4,300,854.76
b. Warmwater and Other Fish Projects	1,607,400.02
1. Warmwater Projects	\$1,273,090.02
2. Other Fish Projects	334,310.00
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	5,294,660.13
h. General Projects	463,284.21
Total Allocated to Specific Projects	<u>\$13,168,080.25</u>

Special Project Allocations:

Project Evaluation, Property Acquisition and Engrg. Studies	<u>\$25,000.00</u>
Total Allocated	\$13,193,080.25

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

1. Colorado River Recreational Development	\$50,000.00
2. Lake Tahoe Access Development	30,000.00
Total Reserves Established	<u>\$80,000.00</u>

Operating Costs: FY 47/48 through 54/55	Actual \$279,747.00
FY 55/56	Actual 51,403.02
FY 56/57	Est. <u>70,407.00</u>

Total - Actual and Estimated Operating Costs \$401,557.02

Recapitulation:

Allocations for Projects	\$13,168,080.25
Special Project Allocation	25,000.00
Reserves Established	80,000.00
Expenses of Operation	401,557.02
Total Expended or Obligated	<u>\$13,674,637.27</u>
 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	<u>\$13,676,567.18</u>
Total Expended or Obligated	<u>13,674,637.27</u>
 Unobligated Balance as of May 17, 1957 .	 \$ 1,929.91