

State of California
WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD
Minutes, Meeting of April 30, 1958

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Pursuant to the call of the Chairman, the Wildlife Conservation Board met in Room 4061, 722 Capitol Avenue, Sacramento, California, on April 30, 1958. The meeting was called to order by Acting Chairman Seth Gordon at 1:37 p.m.

In keeping with the time-honored policy of the Wildlife Conservation Board that the President of the Fish and Game Commission also be the Chairman of the Wildlife Conservation Board, the following joint motion was made.

IT WAS MOVED BY SENATOR JOHNSON, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI THAT WELDON L. OXLEY BE CONFIRMED AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The chair was then turned over to Chairman Oxley by Mr. Gordon.

1. Roll Call

PRESENT: Weldon L. Oxley

Chairman

T. H. Mugford

Member of the Board, Acting

Seth Gordon

" " " "

Senator Ed. C. Johnson

Joint Interim Committee

Assemblyman Frank P. Belotti

" " "

Assemblyman Lloyd W. Lowrey

" " "

E. E. Horn

Coordinator

R. J. Nesbit

Assistant Coordinator

Blanche Fujii

Secretary

Alpha K. Phelps

Accounting Technician

ABSENT: Senator John W. Beard

Joint Interim Committee

Senator Charles Brown

" " "

Assemblyman Thomas M. Erwin

" " "

OTHERS PRESENT

Harry Grafe

Senate Interim Committee

Norman H. Caldwell

Santa Barbara Co. Public Works Dept.

Lloyd E. Johnson

Siskiyou Co. Consolidated Sportsmen

Ralph Leavers

Rancher, Siskiyou County

George Farnham

Dept. of Fish and Game

W. C. Dry

" " " " "

W. T. Shannon

" " " " "

Robert D. Montgomery

" " " " "

David M. Selleck

" " " " "

Harold Del Ponte

Del Norte County

A. J. Phillips

" " " " "

W. Donald Hill

Humboldt Co. Planning Commission

M. R. Saunders

Humboldt County

Wm. J. Harp

Fish and Game Commission

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Ford B. Ford	Legislative Analyst
Albert Brown	Department of Finance
Jack Doyle	San Francisco Chronicle
Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Lathrop	Yreka
H. J. Evans	Kern Co. Parks Dept.
Clarence Thiessen	Kern Co. Public Works Dept.
Lance Hopper	Kern Co. Landscape Architect
Mike Pellock	Merced County
Pat Cosentino	" "
Chas. R. Skinner	" "
Gordon Winton, Jr.	Member of the State Assembly
C. J. Leabo	Associated Press

2. Introduction of Members and Advisory Committee

Chairman Weldon Oxley introduced members of the Wildlife Conservation Board and the Joint Interim Committee.

3. Approval of the Minutes

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. MUGFORD, SECONDED BY MR. GORDON, THAT THE MINUTES OF THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING OF DECEMBER 20, 1957, BE APPROVED AS WRITTEN.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Corrections of November 15, 1957 Minutes

The Coordinator requested that the following motion made and passed by the voting members and also the last paragraph relative to Nacimiento Reservoir on Page 42 of the published minutes be corrected by changing Santa Barbara County to Monterey County.

"IT WAS MOVED BY SENATOR BROWN, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN LOWREY, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD STAFF WORK WITH THE COUNTY OF MONTEREY IN PREPARING THIS PROJECT FOR FINAL FORM FOR PRESENTATION TO THIS BOARD FOR CONSIDERATION. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY."

"The Chairman ordered that Mr. Horn and his staff work with the County of Monterey. . ."

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. MUGFORD, SECONDED BY MR. GORDON, THAT THE MINUTES OF THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING OF NOVEMBER 15, 1957, BE CORRECTED BY CHANGING SANTA BARBARA COUNTY TO MONTEREY COUNTY AND THAT THE MINUTES OF THAT MEETING BE APPROVED AS AMENDED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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4. Status of Funds

Status of allocations and funds available through June 30, 1958 as of April 15, 1958.

The amount allocated to specific projects up to the close of the meeting on December 20, 1957, aggregated \$13,882,721.23.

a. Fish Hatchery and Stocking Projects.....	\$4,285,264.82
b. Warmwater and Other Fish Projects.....	2,033,238.54
c. 1. Warmwater Projects.....	\$1,693,116.96
2. Other Fish Projects.....	340,121.58
c. Flow Maintenance and Stream Improvement Projects.....	700,215.28
d. Screen and Ladder Projects.....	291,740.52
e. State Game Farms.....	105,644.49
f. Other Upland Game Projects.....	416,530.84
g. Waterfowl Management Projects.....	5,412,212.53
h. General Projects.....	605,874.21
Total Allocated to Specific Projects.....	\$13,857,721.23

Special Project Allocations:

Project Evaluation, Property Acquisition and Engineering Studies.....	\$25,000.00
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Total allocated..... \$13,882,721.23

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

1. Colorado River Recreational Development.....	\$34,500.00
2. Lake Tahoe Access Development.....	30,000.00
Total Reserves Established.....	\$64,500.00

Operating Costs: FY 47/48 through 56/57 Actual \$402,574.36
FY 57/58 Estimated 81,195.00

Total Actual and estimated Operating Costs \$483,769.36

Recapitulation:

Allocations for Projects.....	\$13,857,721.23
Special Project Allocation.....	25,000.00
Reserves Established.....	64,500.00
Expenses of Operation.....	483,769.36
Total Expended or Obligated.....	\$14,430,990.59
Total Fund Appropriated.....	\$13,500,000.00
Appropriation Available Through 57/58 FY...	750,000.00
Interest on Surplus Money Invested through 56/57 FY.....	233,533.11
Interest on Surplus Money Invested 57/58 FY	26,872.76
Miscellaneous Revenue through 56/57 FY.....	25,856.09
Total Sum Available.....	\$14,536,261.96
Total Expended or Obligated.....	14,430,990.59

Available through June 30, 1958..... \$105,271.37

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5. Coastal Angling Access Program, Project No. 1011
a. Nick's Cove

\$33,100.00

The Marin Rod and Gun Club proposed and the Wildlife Conservation Board accepted this project and allocated \$5,500 on November 29, 1954, for the construction of a launching ramp, parking facilities and boat floats at Nick's Cove on Tomales Bay. The County of Marin entered into a construction, operation and maintenance agreement with the State, constructed the facilities and have operated the project for several years.

Construction was originally held to a bare minimum and has proven inadequate.

Conference between Marin County, Public Works engineers and Board of Supervisors, Department of Fish and Game engineers and staff members of the Wildlife Conservation Board developed the following program of enlargement of the project.

Preliminary Estimate of Costs

Excavation	838 Cu. Yds. @ 1.00/yd.	\$ 838.00
Fill	3,380 Cu. Yds. @ 1.30/yd.	4,394.00
Rip Rap	1,210 Tons @ 3.50/Ton	4,235.00
Launching Ramp	160 Cu. Yds. Concrete (48' wide) @ 50.00/Yd.	8,000.00
Floating Piers	480 Sq. Ft. @ 11.00/Sq. Ft.	5,280.00
Gangway	Lump Sum	744.00
Crusher Run Rock	580 Tons @ 3.00/Ton	1,740.00
C.M.P. Storm Drain	145 Lin. Ft. @ 5.00/Ft.	725.00
Drop Inlet	2 Each @ 300.00 Each	600.00
Graded Ditch	550 Lin. Ft. @ 0.20/Ft.	110.00
Bumper for Parking	Lump Sum	751.00
Signs "No Parking"	4 @ 40.00 Each	160.00
TOTAL		\$27,577.00
Contingencies @ 10%		2,757.70
Engineering @ 10%		2,757.70
ESTIMATE TOTAL		\$33,092.40

This was brought to the Board's attention at the December 20, 1957 meeting. At that time, Senator Johnson suggested the approval of the project contingent upon the county's furnishing adequate parking facilities. Mr. Gordon advised he is favorably disposed toward the improvement of this access if adequate parking facilities were first made available and no future requests would be made to the Board to increase the parking, and that the County would agree to provide any additional parking desired.

In the discussion, Mr. Horn pointed out that the project as previously approved is somewhat dangerous especially when the prevailing northwest wind blows. The proposed plan would extend the ramp and afford further protection by a rock jetty, thus overcoming much of the difficulty and will provide a much better facility. The use will be even greater with better conditions and Mr. Horn recommended the approval of this proposal contingent upon the county agreeing to provide any additional parking, if they desire, as suggested by Senator Johnson at the December 20, 1957 meeting.

IT WAS MOVED BY SENATOR JOHNSON, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE PLAN FOR MORE ADEQUATE DEVELOPMENT OF NICK'S COVE, AND THAT THE SUM OF \$33,000 BE ALLOCATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FROM THE UNALLOCATED BALANCE OF THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND TO THE COASTAL ANGLING ACCESS PROGRAM, PROJECT NO. 1011, FOR THIS PURPOSE, CONTINGENT UPON AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME AND MARIN COUNTY THAT ANY ADDITIONAL PARKING AREA DESIRED BY THE COUNTY AFTER COMPLETION OF THE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORIZED BY THIS MOTION WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE COUNTY AT COUNTY EXPENSE.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. GORDON, SECONDED BY MR. MUGFORD THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE PLAN FOR MORE ADEQUATE DEVELOPMENT OF NICK'S COVE, AND THAT THE SUM OF \$33,000 BE ALLOCATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FROM THE UNALLOCATED BALANCE OF THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND TO THE COASTAL ANGLING ACCESS PROGRAM, PROJECT NO. 1011, FOR THIS PURPOSE, CONTINGENT UPON AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME AND MARIN COUNTY THAT ANY ADDITIONAL PARKING AREA DESIRED BY THE COUNTY AFTER COMPLETION OF THE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORIZED BY THIS MOTION WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE COUNTY AT COUNTY EXPENSE. THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME IS AUTHORIZED TO ENTER INTO NECESSARY CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS WITH MARIN COUNTY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 1350 OF THE FISH AND GAME CODE.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

b. Fields Landing Angling Access

\$27,250

Assemblyman Belotti presented each member of the Board with a detailed plan of the proposal.

The County of Humboldt and some Eureka Sportsmen requested that boat launching and parking facilities be constructed upon County-owned property at the foot of Railroad Avenue, Fields Landing, Humboldt County. The County will lease the property to the State and by resolution of the Board of Supervisors has agreed to operate and maintain the project if constructed.

This project would provide access to Humboldt Bay, and thence to the ocean for launching boats for fishing, both in the Bay and the ocean, and for waterfowl shooting on the Bay.

Preliminary cost estimates are as follows:

Fill and riprap	\$7,200
Grading	850
Gravel surface 4"	1,500
Concrete Ramp (Double)	15,600
Contingencies (10%)	2,100
TOTAL	\$27,250

These estimates by the Engineering Section, Department of Fish and Game are preliminary and are presented as such. The engineers feel certain costs will not exceed this sum, and if costs are less, any unused funds can be recovered and restored to the unallocated fund. Costs will, in final analysis, be based upon bids secured for the work.

There is a real need for launching facilities on Humboldt Bay for private boat owners. The fishing, clamming, and hunting available on the south Bay fully justifies the expenditures. Assemblyman Belotti agreed and stated that there are no such facilities available at this area.

Since costs of construction will be based on bids received, it was recommended by Mr. Horn that the Board give this request favorable consideration.

IT WAS MOVED BY SENATOR JOHNSON, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE FIELDS LANDING ANGLING ACCESS, AND ALLOCATE \$27,500 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FROM THE UNALLOCATED BALANCE OF THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND TO THE COASTAL ANGLING ACCESS PROGRAM, PROJECT NO. 1011, FOR THIS PURPOSE. FURTHER, THAT THE DEPARTMENT SECURE A LEASE OF THE PROPERTY FROM HUMBOLDT COUNTY AND EXECUTE THE NECESSARY OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH HUMBOLDT COUNTY. CONSTRUCTION TO BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 1350 OF THE FISH AND GAME CODE.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. MUGFORD, SECONDED BY MR. GORDON, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE FIELDS LANDING ANGLING ACCESS, AND ALLOCATE \$27,500 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FROM THE UNALLOCATED BALANCE OF THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND TO THE COASTAL ANGLING ACCESS PROGRAM, PROJECT NO. 1011, FOR THIS PURPOSE. FURTHER, THAT THE DEPARTMENT SECURE A LEASE OF THE PROPERTY FROM HUMBOLDT COUNTY AND EXECUTE THE NECESSARY OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH HUMBOLDT COUNTY. CONSTRUCTION TO BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 1350 OF THE FISH AND GAME CODE.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. Inland Angling Access Program, Project No. 1013 \$12,480
Klamath Glen Angling Access, Del Norte County

The Del Norte County Board of Supervisors and sportsmen of the area have requested funds for a boat launching ramp, parking area and related facilities at Klamath Glen on the Klamath River about four miles upstream from the town of Klamath. The County owns a parcel of about one acre with access from an existing blacktop county road. The County Board of Supervisors, by resolution, agreed to lease this parcel of county-owned land to the State, and to operate and maintain the project if constructed.

This parcel is located along a reach of the river offering very good fishing. There is a definite need for launching facilities in this general area, and use of the facilities would justify the expenditure.

The Engineering Section, Department of Fish and Game, made a preliminary cost estimate as follows:

Excavation, earth	\$2,000
Concrete Ramp	7,600
Finish grading	1,920
Contingencies (10%)	960
TOTAL	<u>\$12,480</u>

While the Engineering Section of the Department of Fish and Game presented these figures as preliminary, they feel the sum is adequate and final costs will depend upon bids secured. Any unused funds could be recovered.

The Coordinator recommended favorable consideration be given this request.

IT WAS MOVED BY SENATOR JOHNSON, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE KLAMATH GLEN ANGLING ACCESS, AND ALLOCATE \$12,480 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FROM THE UNALLOCATED BALANCE OF THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND TO THE INLAND ANGLING ACCESS

PROGRAM, PROJECT NO. 1013, FOR THIS PURPOSE, AND
AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT TO PROCEED WITH CONSTRUCTION.

FURTHER, THAT CONSTRUCTION WILL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH
SECTION 1350 OF THE FISH AND GAME CODE AND THAT THE
DEPARTMENT EXECUTE THE NECESSARY LEASE OF THE COUNTY-
OWNED LAND AND THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT
WITH DEL NORTE COUNTY.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. MUGFORD, SECONDED BY MR. GORDON,
THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE KLAMATH
GLEN ANGLING ACCESS, AND ALLOCATE \$12,480 TO THE DEPART-
MENT OF FISH AND GAME FROM THE UNALLOCATED BALANCE OF
THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND TO THE INLAND ANGLING
ACCESS PROGRAM, PROJECT NO. 1013, FOR THIS PURPOSE, AND
AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT TO PROCEED WITH CONSTRUCTION.

FURTHER, THAT CONSTRUCTION WILL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH
SECTION 1350 OF THE FISH AND GAME CODE AND THAT THE
DEPARTMENT EXECUTE THE NECESSARY LEASE OF THE COUNTY-
OWNED LAND AND THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT
WITH DEL NORTE COUNTY.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. Copco Lake--Proposed Acquisition

The Siskiyou County Farm Bureau and various sportsmen of that county have raised a question regarding the availability of Copco Lake on the Klamath River as a public fishing lake.

Over a period of years, Mr. F. L. Lathrop of Yreka has purchased and acquired title to all of the lands surrounding the lake, excepting that part retained by COPCO for the dam, powerhouses and for general administrative purposes. No areas remain over which the public can gain access to the lake. One 40 acre parcel of federally-owned land on the south side of the lake exists. Mr. Lathrop states that surveys he has made show this parcel does not touch the lake. Department surveys indicate this parcel does reach the lake at one corner. However, the parcel is rocky, rather steep in slope and not too well suited for access purposes.

The staff had conferred with Mr. Lathrop who stated he would consider selling all of his holdings surrounding Copco Lake, but not just a parcel. Mr. Lathrop declined to state a price for the holding, but was present at the meeting, discussed the matter with the Board and stated his asking price.

At the meeting, Mr. Lathrop presented a written proposal which in part contained the information quoted as follows:

"Location--Klamath River Basin

35 miles from Yreka in T 48 N, R 4 W--close to Oregon Boundary."

"Accessibility

"Over one of the oldest roads in California--Ager, Beswick, Linkville road--which passes through the property along south side of lake for a distance of 2 3/4 miles. Also reached by the old Hornbrook, Fall Creek, Beswick road on north side (little used--not maintained.)."

"History of Copco Lake--1917-22

"A private power development on the Klamath River--dam site and reservoir lands and marginal land were at that time and remain all privately owned--there was no government land involved."

"The marginal lands were acquired by Mr. Lathrop from Copco in 1952; were classed as non-operative property by State Board of Equalization and the F. U. C. approved the sale."

"At the time of construction, 1917 to 1922, neither the State or Federal agencies exercised any jurisdiction over public use for recreation of stored water in private power reservoirs."

"Since Mr. Lathrop purchased the property, they have closed it and developed it as a wildlife refuge because they wanted to make full use of the natural habitat--deer, upland birds and wildfowl--nesting, resting and feeding areas, and consistently eradicated predators."

"Copco Lake

"A beautiful body of water 5 miles long and over 1,000 acres of water surface with some 12 1/2 miles of shoreline with many coves, inlets, beaches."

"Marginal shoreline beautifully wooded and developed as park and subdivision property."

"Constant water surface--only slight variation during 7-day operating cycle, a very desirable though unusual condition."

"Water Supplies

"Four Creek or Prairie Creek

Milk Creek

Snackenburg Creek

Parks Creek

Deer Creek

"Two of the creeks are of quality, quantity and temperature suitable for fish hatchery."

"Water Rights

"Some of oldest in California--developed not for mining but for irrigation, dairying and orchards and for domestic use and been in continuous use since 1880's."

"Our Proposal

"For the purpose of preliminary discussion, Mr. Lathrop indicated on the large map the areas they are willing to sell and on the aerial map consisting of approximately 1800 acres of marginal lands 9.7 miles of shore line, 3 miles of private roads, water system, domestic and irrigation, headquarters barn, shop and cottages, boat landings, 17 3/4 miles of fencing, open range and irrigated improved pastures."

"Price and Terms

"Mr. Lathrop's price is \$137,500."

"Title being vested in their single ownership and unincumbered, enables direct negotiation without complications on mutually satisfactory terms of payment and possession, subject only to reservations, conditions, and easements necessary for utility purposes recited in their deed from Copco."

"Reservations

"We would ask, however, if compatible within the limitation of State acquisition we would, as indicated to Mr. Horn, like to reserve a 50/50 interest in all minerals."

After the proposal was read by Mr. Horn, Mr. Lathrop pointed out on maps displayed, the area of the lake which he owns, the desirable access points, the parcel of land which Copco reserved for public access and the land which the Bureau of Land Management owns.

In answer to Mr. Gordon's question as to whether Copco had retained a parcel of land for public access for fishing and recreational purposes, Mr. Lathrop stated that Copco has made access available. However, he pointed out no boats can go there and there is no ramp for unloading. Mr. Lathrop stated that in the surveys he has made, the federal lands do not touch the water. During this discussion, Mr. Gordon read Section 5943 of the Fish and Game Code as follows:

"The owner of a dam shall accord to the public for the purpose of fishing, the right of access to the waters impounded by the dam during the open season for the taking of fish in such stream or river, subject to the regulations of the commission."

Mr. Gordon commented that the owner of this property deliberately ignored the intent of the legislature in this particular instance of selling off all of the desirable access points and offering to the public an access which is not useable. Mr. Lathrop then stated that this was a matter for the Attorney General to decide.

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Mr. Ralph Leavers was introduced and in the discussions, he stated that we don't want to become involved in a legal problem, but said that they have for a long time been attempting to make this very desirable body of water available to the public. When they learned of the sale between Copco and Mr. Lathrop, Copco was asked to reserve for the public a reasonable access to the lake, but they were unable to do so since Mr. Boyle of the power company stated that the sale had been consummated by that time. Mr. Boyle did say, however, that he had provided another access to the lake when he was told that the 4-H picnic ground consisting of $2\frac{1}{2}$ acres would be desirable.

In further discussions, Mr. Leavers said when they surveyed the area, some pictures were taken of the area the power company had provided and also of the areas which would be desirable for an access. These pictures were passed to the Board members. In one of the surveys, Fish and Game personnel and Mr. Leavers were included. It was again discussed that Mr. Lathrop had stated that surveys he has made showed the federal lands do not touch the lake, but other surveys indicate it does.

The most suitable area is at the site of the old 4-H picnic area and contains about five acres. The county road goes through this area and boats are now launched without the use of a ramp. In answer to Mr. Gordon's question as to whether the access that has been provided by the owner of this reservoir is suitable for public use, Mr. Leavers replied that other areas would be easier and more desirable. He also commented that there is a little piece of land which the power company retained at the extreme upper end of the lake. However, from the property line to the county bridge across the river, there is no right-of-way, nor way the public could get to the back of the lake.

In conclusion, Mr. Leavers stated that the members of the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors of Siskiyou County are informed of the situation and they are interested in providing a better access for public use. Until there is an indication of some kind from the Board as to what can be done, they will withhold any further planning.

In answer to the question of the potentiality of this lake as a fishery, Mr. Lloyd E. Johnson was introduced. In the discussions, he stated that fishing is available all summer and part or all winter. Some of the finest trout are found here since the lake is practically the original river channel which is deep and possesses a good trout fishery. He also mentioned that the Department of Fish and Game planted Kokanee salmon three years ago as an experiment, and that the lake is probably one of the best spiny-ray lakes in this area. Bass are increasing rapidly, and there are yellow perch and six other species of spiny-ray fish in this lake. This lake could be improved and made better without too much expense. Aside from the fishing, the lake area is also feeding grounds for deer that come from the Oregon border and affords a natural habitat for quail. In answer to a question as to whether the land was agricultural, it was pointed out that it was not, although it provided some livestock grazing.

IT WAS MOVED BY SENATOR JOHNSON, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN LOWREY THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD INSTRUCT THE STAFF TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBLE WAYS OF OBTAINING ACCESS TO THE LAKE THROUGH THE FEDERAL LANDS;

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SECONDLY, TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES OF NEGOTIATING WITH THE OWNER FOR PURCHASE; THIRDLY, IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE, THE STAFF SHOULD EXPLORE AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD THEIR SUGGESTION FOR POSSIBLE CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS TO SECURE A SUITABLE ACCESS. FURTHER, IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT IF CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS ARE NECESSARY, SUCH PROCEEDINGS MUST BE APPROVED BY LEGISLATIVE ACTION, AND THE AREA TO BE SECURED SHOULD NOT EXCEED FIVE ACRES.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. GORDON, SECONDED BY MR. MUGFORD THAT THE STAFF IS INSTRUCTED TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBLE WAYS OF OBTAINING ACCESS TO THE LAKE THROUGH THE FEDERAL LANDS; SECONDLY, TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES OF NEGOTIATING WITH THE OWNER FOR PURCHASE; THIRDLY, IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE, THE STAFF SHOULD EXPLORE AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD THEIR SUGGESTION FOR POSSIBLE CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS TO SECURE A SUITABLE ACCESS. FURTHER, IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT IF CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS ARE NECESSARY, SUCH PROCEEDINGS MUST BE APPROVED BY LEGISLATIVE ACTION, AND THE AREA TO BE SECURED SHOULD NOT EXCEED FIVE ACRES.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

In further discussions, Mr. Lowrey pointed out that the Board is authorized by the statutes to purchase land for fishing and hunting and not for picnicking and boating.

As requested by Mr. Horn, the Chairman asked Mr. Lathrop whether the staff could first negotiate with him and also whether the staff would be permitted to trespass upon his property. Mr. Lathrop replied that he would be happy to do so and would even go over the property with them.

The Chairman then introduced Assemblyman Lowrey who had entered the meeting during this discussion and Assemblyman Gordon H. Winton of Merced was also introduced.

8. Recovery of Funds

The following projects have been completed, the Department advises the projects can be closed and unused balances recovered.

<u>Project No.</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Amount</u>
112	Los Serranos Warmwater Fisheries Management Station	\$ 519.39
120	Plans and Cost Estimates for Fish Screens	12.92
29	Cedar Creek Hatchery	1,442.38

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Project No.	Project	Amount
562	Indian Tom Lake Wildlife Public Shooting Area (No Recovery)	0.00
1013	Tehama County Park Public Angling Access	\$ 5,375.03
1013	Grizzly Island Public Angling Access	19.37
16	Emigrant Basin Flow Maintenance Dams	28,000.42
49	Tahoe Forest Flow Maintenance Dams	62,025.58
TOTAL		\$97,395.09

Of Project No. 1013--Inland Angling Access, only the Tehama County Park and Grizzly Island installations have been completed. While these two sites are recommended for closing and the balance of funds recovered, the other sites under this project number should remain active until construction is complete and all accounts of construction closed.

Projects Nos. 16 and 49 have been inactive for over a year, with no work being done or expenditures of the funds remaining. A check with the Department indicates no work is contemplated during 1958. Since appropriations to the Wildlife Restoration Fund are now on an annual, fiscal year basis, and since the requests for projects so greatly exceeds available funds, it seems poor business to leave large sums idle. It was, therefore, recommended by the Coordinator that the balances of funds as stated be recovered and the projects closed without prejudice. In the event additional check dams are found profitable and justifiable, it was further recommended the Wildlife Conservation Board consider each additional dam on its own merits and if acceptable to the Board, allocate funds for each one in the amount justifiable. This procedure will not handicap the projects and will permit a more expeditious use of available moneys.

During the early years of these streamflow maintenance dam projects, good locations were easy to find. Now that the "cream" has been skimmed off, it is more difficult to find locations that justify the expenditures, or actually contribute to water releases that are beneficial to fish life.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, SECONDED BY SENATOR JOHNSON, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD AUTHORIZE THE RECOVERY OF BALANCES AND THE CLOSING OF THE VARIOUS PROJECTS AS RECOMMENDED. ALL OF THESE SUMS TALLING \$97,395.09 TO BE RESTORED TO THE UNALLOCATED BALANCE OF THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND. FURTHER, THAT PROJECTS NOS. 16 AND 49 ARE CLOSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE AND THE BOARD WILL CONSIDER ADDITIONAL DAMS INDIVIDUALLY AND ALLOCATE FUNDS ACCORDINGLY, AND IN THE EVENT A GROUP OF DAMS ARE APPROVED, THERE MAY BE SOME INTERCHANGE OF FUNDS WITHIN SUCH A GROUP.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. GORDON, SECONDED BY MR. MUGFORD, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD AUTHORIZE THE RECOVERY OF THE BALANCE OF FUNDS, AND THE CLOSING OF THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS:

Project No.	Project	Amount
112	Los Serranos Warmwater Fisheries Management Station	\$ 519.39
120	Plans and Cost Estimates for Fish Screens	12.92
29	Cedar Creek Hatchery	1,442.38
562	Indian Tom Lake Wildlife Public Shooting Area (No Recovery)	0.00
(1013)	Tehama County Park Public Angling Access	5,375.03
(1013)	Grizzly Island Public Angling Access	19.37
16	Emigrant Basin Flow Maintenance Dams	28,000.42
49	Tahoe Forest Flow Maintenance Dams (Project No. 1013, Inland Angling Access Program to remain open and active.)	62,025.58

ALL OF THESE SUMS, TOTAALLING \$97,395.09 ARE TO BE RESTORED TO THE UNALLOCATED BALANCE OF THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND. FURTHER, THAT PROJECTS NOS. 16 AND 49 ARE CLOSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE AND THE BOARD WILL CONSIDER ADDITIONAL DAMS INDIVIDUALLY AND ALLOCATE FUNDS ACCORDINGLY, AND IN THE EVENT A GROUP OF DAMS ARE APPROVED, THERE MAY BE SOME INTERCHANGE OF FUNDS WITHIN SUCH A GROUP.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. Delta Waterfowl Management Area, Project No. 550
Montezuma Slough Bridge

At the October 14, 1950 meeting of the Wildlife Conservation Board, the following motion was passed:

"It was regularly moved and seconded that the sum of \$67,500 be allocated to the Fish and Game Commission from the Wildlife Restoration Fund for the construction of an access bridge to the Delta Waterfowl Management Area, Project No. 550, conditional upon satisfactory arrangements with the County of Solano to match the above sum on a 50-50 basis, the total cost not to exceed \$135,000, representatives of the Fish and Game Commission and the Board being directed to secure engineering data, to negotiate with the County of Solano, and to submit a report for the Board's approval and such additional action as may be found necessary.

Passed unanimously."

No further official action on this bridge by the Board appears in the minutes.

Following a long period of planning and negotiation, the U. S. Army, Corps of Engineers held a hearing in Fairfield, California, on April 10, 1956, and following this hearing, issued a permit to the Department of Fish and Game to construct a medium level bridge across Montezuma Slough from the mainland to Grizzly Island at or near the site of the only existing ferry.

According to the Army permit, construction must start by September 1, 1958, or the permit would expire. In order to meet this construction date, bids must be circulated by June 1, 1958.

The estimated cost would be about \$220,000 as reported by the Department of Fish and Game, based upon plans and cost estimates made by the Bridge Department, Division of Highways.

Many of the yachting organizations of the State were represented at the Corps of Engineers' hearing and presented testimony to the effect that the medium level bridge as planned would not permit passage of a large majority of the boats reportedly using the slough. Other testimony indicated the bridge, as planned, would permit passage of 95 to 98 percent of the boats that had been observed using the slough. While the yachting interests did not accept the statement of other witnesses as to the number of boats that had used the slough during past years, they did not present any concrete data, and none has been available for consideration up to the present.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 6 was enacted by the recent session of the legislature and was known to all Board members.

Solano County is now reported by the Department of Fish and Game to be ready to proceed on a 50-50 basis with the State, up to a total cost of \$250,000 or \$125,000 by the county and \$125,000 by the State.

The Wildlife Conservation Board allocated \$67,500 for the State's 50% share of the bridge on October 14, 1950. The Department of Fish and Game by letter now requests that the Board allocate an additional \$57,500 to bring the State's allocated sum to \$125,000.

A better means of crossing Montezuma Slough is highly desirable so the public can utilize the Grizzly Island Waterfowl Management Area. Solano County, in addition to paying half the cost of the medium level bridge, will operate and maintain the structure.

After discussion concerning the intent of the Resolution passed by the Legislature as to whether or not additional funds should be allocated by the Wildlife Conservation Board for a medium level bridge, Mr. Lowrey commented that he felt the Board would be acting in opposition to the intent of the Legislature by allocating an additional \$57,500 to the State's share of \$125,000 for a medium level bridge. He pointed out that in the Resolution, it is stated that no additional State money shall be expended unless appropriated by the Legislature and further that he was the author of the amendment setting up this limitation. Mr. Gordon read the Resolution in part and stated that it

was his understanding that the intent was not to allocate State funds in excess of the cost of the medium level bridge from the Wildlife Restoration Fund and any State money in excess of this sum would require legislative action. In further discussions, it was brought out that even though the money was allocated now, no action could be taken because of the Resolution passed by the Legislature depends upon a request to the Corps of Engineers to issue an extension of the permit.

In answer to a question as to whether any planning, engineering, etc., would be handicapped if the Board deferred action, Mr. Horn introduced Mr. Harold Neu of Solano County. Mr. Neu stated that the County has allocated \$125,000 in their 1958-59 fiscal year budget for the County's share of the bridge and that they are very anxious to proceed with the construction since it is costing the County \$1,800 a month to operate the ferry. It was his opinion that a month or two of delay will not change their position. At this point, Mr. Dry commented that it would seriously interfere with the County's planning. It was his belief that the County could not advertise for bids in time to get the construction underway by September 1st.

After further discussion, Mr. Shannon commented that the Department has worked with Senators Hollister and Gibson with respect to the points questioned. It was the Department's understanding that the additional money was only in relation to a higher or more expensive bridge--that this money could be expended for a medium level bridge. For a higher bridge or a more expensive bridge, the money will have to come from sources other than the Wildlife Restoration Fund.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN LOWREY THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD DEFER ACTION ON DELTA WATERFOWL MANAGEMENT AREA, PROJECT NO. 550, MONTEZUMA SLOUGH BRIDGE, UNTIL SOME FUTURE MEETING OF THE BOARD WHEN IT IS DETERMINED WHETHER THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS WILL ALLOW EXTENSION OF TIME AND THE INTENT OF THE RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE LEGISLATURE REGARDING THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS IS RESOLVED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. MUGFORD, SECONDED BY MR. GORDON THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD DEFER ACTION ON DELTA WATERFOWL MANAGEMENT AREA, PROJECT NO. 550, MONTEZUMA SLOUGH BRIDGE, UNTIL SOME FUTURE MEETING OF THE BOARD WHEN IT IS DETERMINED WHETHER THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS WILL ALLOW AN EXTENSION OF TIME AND THE INTENT OF THE RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE LEGISLATURE REGARDING THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS IS RESOLVED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. Coastal Angling Access Program, Project No. 1011 \$53,880.00
Crescent City Public Fishing Access, Del Norte County

Sportsmen of Crescent City, the County Board of Supervisors and the Crescent City Harbor District have requested the Wildlife Conservation Board give

consideration to boat launching facilities, parking area, etc., at the Citizens Pier.

Crescent City Harbor is protected by rock breakwaters and affords an excellent harbor for small fishing boats. At present, no facilities exist for boat launching. Fishermen drag their boats over the sand into the water and some of them get into trouble with their cars and trailers.

Excellent fishing exists in the ocean off Crescent City and would be far more extensively utilized if adequate facilities were available.

The city has a Harbor District and has constructed and operates a Citizens Dock or Wharf at its own expense. The city either owns or leases from the State the lands that would be used for the proposed launching facilities and parking area.

Mr. David Scott, engineer for the Crescent City Harbor District, has designed the proposed development and presented cost estimates.

The Harbor District would do the construction and operate and maintain the facilities.

An employee of the District is present at the wharf at all times and would operate the hoist and supervise the boat launching.

Assemblyman Belotti introduced the following delegates from Del Norte and Humboldt Counties: W. Donald Hill, M. R. Saunders, David Scott, Harold Del Ponte and A. J. Phillips.

Mr. David Scott presented the proposed project to the Board and gave the following break-down of cost:

A. Parking Area

1. Sheetpiles 3750# @ \$3.00	\$11,250.00
2. 3/8 x 15" flats (second hand)	
3. Tieback System-32 Green Piles 800' @\$2.00	1,600.00
4. Hardware 600# @ .25	150.00
5. Structural Steel- 4 1/2 Tons @ \$250.00	1,125.00
6. SandFill - 6500 cubic yards @ .50	3,250.00
7. Slide Rock - 800 cubic yards @ 2.00	1,600.00
8. Concrete Work- 12 cubic yards @ 75.00	900.00
9. Face Rock - 750 cubic yards @ 3.50	2,625.00
10. Asphalt Pavement - 20,000#' @ .30	6,000.00
11. Fender System, Eucalyptus Piles 300 Lineal feet @ 2.00	600.00
12. Ribbon and Chocks - 4 M @ 200.00	800.00
13. Hardware 400# @ .25	100.00
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	\$30,000.00

Note: Parking Area, 20,000 sq. ft. @ \$1.50 = \$30,000.00.

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B. Two Boat Hoists

Mechanical \$5,000.00

C. Wave Baffle

Lumber - 7 M @ 200.00 per M 1,400.00
Hardware - 1920# @ .25 480.00
Preservative - 4,000# @ .10 400.00

D. Seven Floats

Lumber - 21 M @ 75.00 per M 1,575.00
Hardware - L.S. 7 @ 100.00 700.00
Float to Wharf Hookup - 7 @ 300.00 2,100.00
Labor, Compensation, Taxes, etc. 2,982.00

E. One Brow - 6' x 30' 750.00

F. Two Toilets 2,500.00

G. Equipment and Supervision 4,888.70

H. Contingencies 1,000.00

Total Cost of Project \$53,775.70

In the following discussions, question was raised as to whether the proposal presented to the Board is the same as the one presented to the Small Craft Harbors Division. Mr. Phillips explained that this project is an entirely different one and is some miles away from the site which was presented to the Small Craft Harbors Commission. He went on to explain that the Citizen's Dock was built by the city some years ago and pointed out on the map where the proposed facility will be located. At this point, it was brought out that the parking area will be constructed for fishing and not for general boating. Mr. Phillips stated that there is a harbor master who is in charge and has authority to make arrests and reserve the parking area for this purpose and not for use by the general public. The parking area is for approximately 120 cars, and if any additional parking area is necessary, there are other lands that could be secured.

Assemblyman Belotti asked if there was sufficient money for construction of this project if approved. Mr. Horn stated that if this request is approved, there would be a balance of \$9,900 and if any emergencies should arise, there is enough money in the several reserves to take care of such emergencies until after July 1st.

Mr. Mugford questioned whether the parking facility as proposed was absolutely adequate for the project and Mr. Horn explained that the fill is to get the

approach in deep enough water to launch boats at all tides and that utilization of the filled area for parking was an additional value, thus accomplishing two purposes.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN LOWREY THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE CRESCENT CITY PUBLIC FISHING ACCESS, AND ALLOCATE \$53,880 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FROM THE UNALLOCATED BALANCE OF THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND TO THE COASTAL ANGLING ACCESS PROGRAM, PROJECT NO. 1011, FOR THIS PURPOSE.

FURTHER, THAT THE DEPARTMENT EXECUTE THE NECESSARY LEASE OF THE LAND AND THE CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH THE CRESCENT CITY HARBOR DISTRICT, AND THAT CONSTRUCTION WILL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 1350 OF THE FISH AND GAME CODE.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. MUGFORD, SECONDED BY MR. GORDON, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE CRESCENT CITY PUBLIC FISHING ACCESS, AND ALLOCATE \$53,880 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FROM THE UNALLOCATED BALANCE OF THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND TO THE COASTAL ANGLING ACCESS PROGRAM, PROJECT NO. 1011, FOR THIS PURPOSE.

FURTHER, THAT THE DEPARTMENT EXECUTE THE NECESSARY LEASE OF THE LAND AND THE CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH THE CRESCENT CITY HARBOR DISTRICT, AND THAT CONSTRUCTION WILL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 1350 OF THE FISH AND GAME CODE.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. Isabella Lake Public Fishing Area, Project No. 124

The Board approved this project on May 17, 1957, and allocated funds for certain construction. Original plans approved by the Board called for filter plants to make water from the lake suitable for domestic use.

In the meantime, Kern County drilled exploratory wells and developed a suitable supply of well water. The County now requests certain changes in the authorized items in accordance with these later developments.

Herbert J. Evans, Director of Kern County Parks and Recreation Department, was introduced and explained the changes to the Board. He stated that the county has been trying to take care of all their needs and this is the first time Kern County has ever asked for State help and asked the Board to give favorable consideration of the proposed changes so that the County can proceed with their development.

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Mr. Evans went on to explain that Isabella Lake is a very popular place and 87% of the Isabella Lake users come from southern California. The County plan for Kern River Valley calls for \$5,000,000 within the next ten years. He again stated that it would be appreciated by Kern County if the Board could see fit to approve the changes in the authorized items so that they can proceed with the construction.

The changes proposed from the previously approved items are as follows:

Well #1	\$12,695
Well #2	20,200
Well #3	14,900
Well #4	6,060
Well #5	13,100
Total	<u>\$66,955</u>
Water lines Camp #3 Tank to restrooms below Main Dam	\$ 4,500
French Gulch Intersection improvement and parking lot paving	8,000
Clearing of rocks and leveling surface of parking area	1,000
Improving highway intersection	500
Construction of parking facilities at Old Isabella Road boat launching area (grading and leveling)	4,900
4 Restrooms @ 1,000 increase each	<u>4,000</u>
Total	<u>\$89,855.00</u>

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, SECONDED BY SENATOR JOHNSON THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE IN PRINCIPLE THE CHANGES IN PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED ITEMS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF ISABELLA LAKE PUBLIC FISHING AREA, PROJECT NO. 124, AS REQUESTED BY KERN COUNTY AND SET FORTH IN THE MINUTES OF THIS MEETING, SUBJECT TO FINAL APPROVAL BY THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE OF THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS, AND PROVIDED ALSO THAT THESE CHANGES ARE FOR FACILITIES FOR FISHING AND NOT FOR GENERAL RECREATIONAL PURPOSES.

FURTHER, THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE ARE AUTHORIZED TO AMEND THE AGREEMENT WITH KERN COUNTY ACCORDINGLY.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. MUGFORD, SECONDED BY MR. GORDON THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE IN PRINCIPLE THE CHANGES IN PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED ITEMS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF ISABELLA LAKE PUBLIC FISHING AREA, PROJECT NO. 124, AS REQUESTED BY KERN COUNTY AND SET FORTH IN THE MINUTES OF THIS MEETING, SUBJECT TO FINAL APPROVAL BY THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE OF THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS, AND PROVIDED ALSO THAT THESE CHANGES ARE FOR FACILITIES FOR FISHING AND NOT FOR GENERAL RECREATIONAL PURPOSES.

FURTHER, THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE ARE AUTHORIZED TO AMEND THE AGREEMENT WITH KERN COUNTY ACCORDINGLY.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Gordon then expressed the sentiment of the Board that they were sorry to be technical about the matter, but it was the duty of the Board to comply with the terms of the agreement as acted upon by the Board.

12. Requested Access and Boat Launching Projects

The Board unanimously voted that this item on the Agenda be deferred until some future meeting. It was agreed that since Mr. M. R. Saunders had come to the meeting from Trinidad, he should be given an opportunity to acquaint the Board with the proposal at Trinidad Head for a boat launching facility.

Trinidad Head, Humboldt County

Humboldt County and City of Trinidad have made a request for launching facilities at Trinidad. The area has been inspected and is very good. The expenditure would be justified by the fishing use now made at this point.

There might be a problem of securing a sufficiently long term lease of the property needed for a suitable project, but this could be determined.

In the discussion, Mr. Saunders stated that at the present time, there are no facilities for launching boats other than just by pushing the boat in. He explained that Trinidad Head has great possibilities for sport fishing, and the Department of Fish and Game estimated that in 1956, there were 6,594 boat days and recorded salmon catches as 12,462 and in 1957, there were 8,266 number of boat days and salmon recorded caught as 14,275.

It was again stressed by Mr. Saunders that small boats can be launched, but larger boats 18-20 feet and over cannot be launched. He said that Trinidad Head is probably the best salmon ground along the coast. The parking area is owned by Hallmark Fisheries and the City of Trinidad has a five-year lease with Hallmark for parking space for 500 to 700 cars. In summary, Mr. Saunders stated that if the boat launching facilities were developed, this area could be greatly expanded for deep sea and salmon fishing, crabbing, etc.

In answer to a question, Mr. Saunders said that he will look into the matter of getting a 25-year lease for the parking area owned by Hallmark. Mr. Mugford commented that it was the general policy of the State not to approve investments on a short-term lease and 25 years is usually the minimum term for lease where substantial State money is invested.

The estimated cost of the project is \$32,900.

It was unanimously passed by the Board that since there is a policy matter involved in which the Humboldt County has plans for development of a marina or small craft harbor at Trinidad Head which would encompass the proposed launching facilities, this item on the Agenda be deferred until some future meeting of the Board and the staff was instructed to make further studies of this project.

13. Mendota Waterfowl Management Area, Project No. 532
Acquisition of Everett Estate Lands

The Board originally authorized the acquisition of lands for the Mendota Waterfowl Management Area to include those lands west of the Fresno and Kings River Slough as shown on a plat presented to all Board members and Legislators.

A short time later, after "on the ground" inspection by some members of the Board, authorization was given to acquire additional lands east of the Fresno and Kings River Slough, as shown on the same plat map.

Acquisition was by negotiation by the Board staff. It was possible to acquire most of the authorized lands, but a few owners did not want to sell at that time. This left certain highly desirable lands in Section 14 in private ownership jutting into the management area. Four other parcels in private ownership were entirely surrounded by State acquired lands, which was indicated on the plat map.

After a period of negotiations, all but one of these privately owned interior parcels are being exchanged for equal value lands on the eastern boundary. One $2\frac{1}{2}$ acre parcel of private land will remain within the State area, and it may eventually be possible to negotiate acquisition of this parcel.

During the last year, some land owners in Section 14 have offered to sell their properties to the State, but asking prices have been above appraisal values.

Following the death of Mr. William Everett, the staff endeavored to purchase the south most quarter of Section 14, but appraisals did not equal the asking price. Now the Everett Estate offers all of their holdings in Sections 13 and 14 at \$150 per acre. A re-appraisal of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 14 as of July 1957 gives a value of \$150 per acre. There is every reason to believe the balance of the Everett Estate lands will appraise at a like figure. The offer represents an equitable price, value-wise. The estate will not sell just a part of their holdings.

Mr. Horn advised that the staff has refused to take an option on this entire parcel until authorized by the Board to do so. Since the estate must be settled, and must liquidate, it would be unfair to the heirs to tie the land up with an option that might not be exercised.

Acquisition of this entire holding would be both good and questionable for the best interests of the State. It would be good in that it would be a further step toward elimination of interior parcels of privately-owned lands and would simplify development and operation of the area. It would create a block of State-owned land wholly separated from the balance of the area, and would create private parcels wholly surrounded by State lands.

Region IV of the Department feels that these isolated lands could be exchanged for private lands in Section 14 and thus block out the area as originally authorized, creating a solid State-owned unit.

The lands offered by the Everett Estate include about 410 acres and the total purchase price would be approximately \$61,500.

Appraisals are available for the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 14, but would be required for the other parcels in Sections 13 and 14.

Mr. David M. Selleck of Region IV discussed the above proposal and showed the area which is being considered for purchase on the map displayed at the meeting.

IT WAS MOVED BY SENATOR JOHNSON, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN LOWREY THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD AUTHORIZE THE STAFF TO PROCEED WITH APPRAISALS AND NEGOTIATIONS AND TO TAKE AN OPTION OF \$61,500 FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE EVERETT ESTATE LANDS, BUT THAT NO FUNDS WILL BE ALLOCATED UNTIL AFTER JULY 1, 1958.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. MUGFORD, SECONDED BY MR. GORDON THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD AUTHORIZE THE STAFF TO PROCEED WITH APPRAISALS AND NEGOTIATIONS AND TO TAKE AN OPTION OF \$61,500 FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE EVERETT ESTATE LANDS, BUT THAT NO FUNDS WILL BE ALLOCATED UNTIL AFTER JULY 1, 1958.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Assemblyman Belotti was excused at 4:00 p.m. to attend another meeting.

Meeting was recessed at 4:10 p.m. and reconvened at 4:15 p.m.

14. Inland Angling Access Program, Project No. 1013

Acquisition of State Lands--Colorado River

\$10,880.70

At the October 14, 1950 Board meeting, a reserve fund of \$197,684 was established for a Colorado River Recreational Development Program. This reserve was reduced to \$50,000 at the June 6, 1951 meeting.

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On August 8, 1957, the Board allocated \$15,500 from this \$50,000 reserve, leaving a balance of \$34,500.

The Board staff and the Department of Fish and Game have developed a plan of access to the river for fishing and to adjacent lands for hunting. The Commission approved a request, and the Department filed with the Bureau of Land Management for wildlife use of certain sections west of the river. A similar request is on file with the Bureau of Reclamation for administrative use for fishing, hunting and related recreation of lands along the river withdrawn for administrative purposes by that Bureau.

There are a few parcels of State-owned land along the river that are under the jurisdiction of the State Lands Commission. One is a 480 acre tract in Section 36, T 12 S, R 21 E, SEB&M. From time to time, the staff telephoned the State Lands Commission inquiring whether these lands could be purchased. As soon as this section became available, an application was filed by the Department of Fish and Game to purchase the section.

The request was heard before the State Lands Commission in Los Angeles, October 8, 1957, and held over for further information--to be presented before June 30, 1958. Assemblyman Clayton Dills of Gardena had filed an application to purchase the same parcel before the Department of Fish and Game was informed that the withdrawal was available.

This section of land, which is on the river, has a very vital role in the current plan of development. An old existing road from 4-S Ranch in Gavilan Wash goes to Julian Wash in this section of land. This road could be reconstructed at moderate cost. This parcel should be retained in public ownership for public use.

The State Lands Division has requested the Department of Fish and Game to deposit the appraised value of the land with that Division.

Maps of the area were available at the meeting.

The State Lands Division has appraised the property at \$10,880.70 and this sum includes \$96.16 covering the costs incurred incident to processing the application and for appraisals.

It was recommended by Mr. Horn that the Board approve this purchase and allocate \$10,880.70 from the Colorado River Reserve for this purpose.

In his discussion, Mr. Horn commented that the Division of Beaches and Parks started a program of six parks along the Colorado River and the proposal took in so much of the hunting area that the sportsmen of the State raised some question and a joint meeting was held by the Beaches and Parks Commission and Fish and Game Commission that resulted in a memorandum of understanding, setting forth the lands for certain uses. Mr. Horn also pointed out the desirable points along the Colorado River and the importance of these lands for wildlife purposes.

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IT WAS MOVED BY SENATOR JOHNSON, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN LOWREY THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE ACQUISITION OF SECTION 36, T 12 S, R 21 E, SBB&M, AND ALLOCATE \$10,880.70 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FROM THE BALANCE OF THE COLORADO RIVER DEVELOPMENT RESERVE AND AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT TO PROCEED WITH THE ACQUISITION.

FURTHER, THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD PETITION THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION TO SELL SECTION 36, T 12 S, R 21 E, SBB&M TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. GORDON, SECONDED BY MR. MUGFORD, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE ACQUISITION OF SECTION 36, T 12 S, R 21 E, SBB&M FOR THE INLAND ANGLING ACCESS PROGRAM, PROJECT NO. 1013, AND ALLOCATE \$10,880.70 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FROM THE BALANCE OF THE COLORADO RIVER DEVELOPMENT RESERVE AND AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT TO PROCEED WITH THE ACQUISITION.

FURTHER, THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD HEREBY PETITIONS THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION TO SELL SECTION 36, T 12 S, R 21 E, SBB&M TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

15. Cachuma Lake Public Fishing Area, Project No. 132

On December 20, 1957, the Board approved the Cachuma Lake Public Fishing Area project in Santa Barbara County and allocated \$21,407 to the Department of Fish and Game for the construction of two launching ramps at a high and low level.

Since that action, rains have raised the water level to elevation 745 feet on April 8, 1958, and had run over the spillway at the dam by April 30.

This rise in water level prevented construction of the low level ramp, completely inundated the existing access road to the boat harbor, and left the County with some perplexing operating problems.

The County of Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors by Resolution No. 17786 dated March 31, 1958, requests a change in the items authorized by the Board on December 20, 1957.

The present request is for

1. Ramp "B"	\$ 3,396
2. Access Road	12,200
3. Bridge on Access Road	5,750
TOTAL	<u>\$21,346</u>

The Ramp "B" and the access road were included in the overall plan and request presented by Santa Barbara County on December 20, 1957. The bridge is the new item. The access road is located above the high-water level and will be permanent.

Since the present request is within the master plan of development, it was recommended by Mr. Horn that this change be approved. No additional funds are required at this time--it was just a change of items to be constructed first.

IT WAS MOVED BY SENATOR JOHNSON, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN LOWREY, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE CHANGES IN CONSTRUCTION AS PRESENTED BY SANTA BARBARA COUNTY AND SET FORTH IN THESE MINUTES. THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME BE HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY AGREEMENT WITH SANTA BARBARA COUNTY FOR LEASE OF THE PROPERTY, AND EXECUTE THE NECESSARY OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH SANTA BARBARA COUNTY. CONSTRUCTION TO BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 1350 OF THE FISH AND GAME CODE.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. MUGFORD, SECONDED BY MR. GORDON, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE CHANGES IN CONSTRUCTION FOR CACHUMA LAKE PUBLIC FISHING AREA, PROJECT NO. 132, AS PRESENTED BY SANTA BARBARA COUNTY AND SET FORTH IN THESE MINUTES. THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY AMENDED AGREEMENT WITH SANTA BARBARA COUNTY FOR LEASE OF THE PROPERTY, AND EXECUTE THE NECESSARY OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH SANTA BARBARA COUNTY. CONSTRUCTION WILL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 1350 OF THE FISH AND GAME CODE.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

16. Fish Screens on Small Diversions, Project No. 119 \$3,000

At the January 5, 1956 Board meeting, \$15,000 was allocated to the Department of Fish and Game for construction of fish screens on small diversions. This was a "blanket sum" formerly carried on the Budget of the Department.

On November 15, 1957, the Board withdrew \$12,500 of this sum because no work had been done, nor expenditures made from the allocation. This action was without prejudice to the project and that future requests for funds for screens at specific locations would be considered on their merits.

The Department of Fish and Game, by letter dated April 7, 1958, requests allocations for purchase of materials for three screens at the following locations:

1. Patterson Creek, tributary to Scott River, Siskiyou County, on the property of Leland Young.
2. Shackleford Creek, tributary to Scott River, Siskiyou County, on the property of L. Dennis Malloy.
3. Patterson Creek, tributary to Scott River, Siskiyou County, on the property of Leland Young. This particular diversion proposed to be screened, although on the same creek as No. 1 above, is on a different ditch, being the Young-Simmons ditch diversion, whereas No. 1 is the Yough ditch lower diversion.

The materials needed for each screen are as follows:

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| 1. Cement, sand and gravel | \$150.00 |
| 2. Lumber, nails, and miscellaneous hardware | 200.00 |
| 3. Steel | 300.00 |
| 4. Contract Services | 250.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$900.00 |

Contingency Fund	90.00
Total	<hr/>
	\$990.00

Although the above totals \$990.00 for each screen, it was suggested that an allocation of \$1,000 each be made, with the provision that funds can be transferred between each screen to provide flexibility in case one screen costs more and another less. In total, \$3,000 was requested.

The work on the above three screens, if to be done this year, must be completed before June 30, 1958.

It will be noted the Department requested a sum of \$3,000 be allocated for materials for all three screens with authority to transfer funds (materials) between screens as conditions may require. Labor for construction is to be done by Department personnel.

It was recommended by Mr. Horn that this request be given favorable consideration, and \$3,000 be allocated to the Department of Fish and Game from the unallocated balance of the Wildlife Restoration Fund for this purpose.

IT WAS MOVED BY SENATOR JOHNSON, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN LOWREY THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THREE FISH SCREENS AT TWO DIVERSIONS ON PATTERSON CREEK AND ONE ON SHACKLEFORD CREEK, ALL TRIBUTARIES TO SCOTT RIVER IN SISKIYOU COUNTY, AND ALLOCATE \$3,000 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FROM THE UNALLOCATED BALANCE OF THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND TO FISH SCREENS ON SMALL DIVERSIONS, PROJECT NO. 119, FOR THESE THREE SCREENS. THE DEPARTMENT IS AUTHORIZED TO PROCEED WITH CONSTRUCTION AND THE SUM OF \$3,000 MAY BE DIVIDED AS REQUIRED BETWEEN THE THREE APPROVED SCREENS.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

At this point, Mr. Mugford stated that in his opinion small projects of this nature should be financed by the Department of Fish and Game support funds and stated the program of the Wildlife Conservation Board is to improve natural habitat and provide the larger capital investments and developments, and therefore, it is unreasonable to present these small requests as separate projects. Senator Johnson and Assemblyman Lowrey both concurred with Mr. Mugford, and Assemblyman Lowrey stated that something should be done about it at the next legislative session.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. GORDON, SECONDED BY MR. MUGFORD THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO FISH SCREENS AT TWO DIVERSIONS ON PATTERSON CREEK AND ONE ON SHACKLEFORD CREEK, ALL TRIBUTARIES TO SCOTT RIVER IN SISKIYOU COUNTY, AND ALLOCATE \$3,000 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FROM THE UNALLOCATED BALANCE OF THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND TO FISH SCREENS ON SMALL DIVERSIONS, PROJECT NO. 119, FOR THESE THREE SCREENS. THE DEPARTMENT IS AUTHORIZED TO PROCEED WITH CONSTRUCTION AND THE SUM OF \$3,000 MAY BE DIVIDED AS REQUIRED BETWEEN THE THREE APPROVED SCREENS.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

17. Inland Angling Access Program, Project No. 1013
Star Bend Access

The Olivehurst sportsmen and County of Yuba have requested the Wildlife Conservation Board acquire and develop a public fishing access project at Star Bend on the East side of the Feather River between Marysville and Rio Oso. The site originally suggested could not be utilized because of rock revetment work planned by the Corps of Engineers. Another site, a short distance upstream, is suitable.

One parcel of about five acres can be leased from the Reclamation Board. Another parcel of about seven acres located between the highway and the Reclamation Board parcel is privately owned. The owner has given the State an option to purchase, and the option price is within appraisal values. The owner retains title to about one acre between the highway and the parcel under option, but the option grants a right-of-way or easement for a road over this parcel.

Fishing along this reach of the river is good, and quite heavily utilized. The Reclamation Board, Reclamation District No. 784, and the Department of Fish and Game approved the project. The County of Yuba, by resolution of the Board of Supervisors, has agreed to operate and maintain the facilities if constructed.

In the discussion, it was mentioned by Mr. Horn that there is a piece of accreted land that does not belong to the State, nor to Mr. Lloyd G. Kilkeary from whom the property is being purchased, and Mr. Kilkeary has agreed to

institute the necessary legal proceedings to get clear title. It was also mentioned that \$4,920 is for the acquisition, appraisals and surveys.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN LOWREY, SECONDED BY SENATOR JOHNSON THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF A PARCEL OF ABOUT SEVEN ACRES OF LAND AT STAR BEND ON THE FEATHER RIVER CONSISTING OF PORTIONS OF LOT 1, BLOCK 1 AND A PORTION OF LOT 16 IN BLOCK 36 AS SHOWN ON MAP ENTITLED "ARBOGA COLONY NO. 2" ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF THE COUNTY OF YUBA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, IN BOOK 2 OF MAPS, PAGE 15, FOR A PUBLIC FISHING ACCESS. THE SUM OF \$4,920 BE ALLOCATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FROM THE UNALLOCATED BALANCE OF THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND TO THE INLAND ANGLING ACCESS PROGRAM, PROJECT NO. 1013, FOR THIS ACQUISITION AND TO COVER COSTS OF SURVEYS AND OTHER COSTS INCIDENTAL THERETO, AND THE DEPARTMENT IS AUTHORIZED TO PROCEED WITH THE ACQUISITION.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. GORDON, SECONDED BY MR. MUGFORD THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF A PARCEL OF ABOUT SEVEN ACRES OF LAND AT STAR BEND ON THE FEATHER RIVER CONSISTING OF PORTIONS OF LOT 1, BLOCK 1 AND A PORTION OF LOT 16 IN BLOCK 36 AS SHOWN ON THE MAP ENTITLED "ARBOGA COLONY NO. 2" ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF THE COUNTY OF YUBA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, IN BOOK 2 OF MAPS, PAGE 15, FOR A PUBLIC FISHING ACCESS. THE SUM OF \$4,920 IS HEREBY ALLOCATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FROM THE UNALLOCATED BALANCE OF THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND FOR THE INLAND ANGLING ACCESS PROGRAM, PROJECT NO. 1013, STAR BEND ACCESS, FOR THIS ACQUISITION AND TO COVER COSTS OF SURVEYS AND OTHER COSTS INCIDENTAL THERETO, AND THE DEPARTMENT IS AUTHORIZED TO PROCEED WITH THE ACQUISITION.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

18. Inland Angling Access Program, Project No. 1013 \$2,550.00
Tisdale Weir Access

This site north of Tisdale Weir, on the east bank of the Sacramento River was selected by the Wildlife Conservation Board Survey of Public Fishing Access locations on this river. It was approved and requested by the Yuba City sportsmen and by the Department of Fish and Game.

Fishing along this reach of the river is good and this site would provide access for fishermen living on the east side of the river.

The County of Sutter would operate and Maintain the facilities if constructed.

The owner of a parcel of land containing about 3.7 acres has given the State an option to purchase, and the option price is within the appraisal values of the property.

Detailed plans and cost estimates had not been prepared and the request was for approval of the project, authorization to purchase and an allocation of \$2,550 be made to the Department of Fish and Game to cover the purchase price, title reports and surveys. The purchase price is \$1,800.

In the discussions, it was brought out that detailed plans and cost estimates will be presented at a future meeting.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN LOWREY, SECONDED BY SENATOR JOHNSON, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE ACQUISITION OF ABOUT 3.7 ACRES OF LAND ON THE EAST BANK OF THE SACRAMENTO RIVER IN TOWNSHIP 14 NORTH, RANGE 1 EAST, MDB&M. FURTHER, THAT \$2,550 BE ALLOCATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FROM THE UNALLOCATED BALANCE OF THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND FOR THE INLAND ANGLING ACCESS PROGRAM, PROJECT NO. 1013 (TISDALE WEIR ACCESS), FOR PURCHASE OF THE LAND AND TO COVER SURVEY AND OTHER COSTS INCIDENTAL THERETO. THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME BE AUTHORIZED TO PROCEED WITH THE ACQUISITION.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. MUGFORD, SECONDED BY MR. GORDON, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE ACQUISITION OF ABOUT 3.7 ACRES OF LAND ON THE EAST BANK OF THE SACRAMENTO RIVER IN TOWNSHIP 14 NORTH, RANGE 1 EAST, MDB&M. FURTHER, THAT \$2,550 IS ALLOCATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FROM THE UNALLOCATED BALANCE OF THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND FOR THE INLAND ANGLING ACCESS PROGRAM, PROJECT NO. 1013 (TISDALE WEIR ACCESS) FOR PURCHASE OF THE LAND AND TO COVER SURVEY AND OTHER COSTS INCIDENTAL THERETO. THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME IS AUTHORIZED TO PROCEED WITH THE ACQUISITION.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

19. Granite Creek Flow Maintenance Dams, Project No. 41-1

The Board approved this project on August 25, 1949, and allocated \$30,000 for the project. An additional \$5,000 was allocated August 15, 1951, and \$30,000 on November 20, 1954, making a total of \$65,000.

The original proposal called for dams on McClure, Lillian, Rutherford, Lower Jackass and Rainbow Creeks. Subsequent engineering showed Lower Jackass and Rainbow to be infeasible. McClure and Lillian were constructed by the Forest Service under an agreement with the Department of Fish and Game. Rutherford was constructed by Fish and Game personnel.

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McClure Dam proved unsatisfactory, improperly constructed and leaking. This dam was repaired by the Forest Service at its expense in 1954. The repair was unsatisfactory.

On August 8, 1957, the Board authorized the Department to use \$3,000 out of the remaining \$15,682.68 for further repair of McClure Dam. In attempting this repair last summer, the Department found after uncovering the footing that such repair as was contemplated would not be adequate and the work and expenditures were stopped. Mr. Wallace Dry, Engineer for the Department, inspected the dam and figures that the necessary repairs, or rebuilding will cost approximately \$15,000.

It is now proposed to have the dam inspected by the Department of Water Resources before any further work is done.

The Department now requests that the Board authorize use of the balance of the funds (nearly \$15,000) for repair of McClure Dam, but that no work be undertaken until the Department of Water Resources has made an inspection, report and recommends the necessary work.

Granite Creek Basin is at high altitude and is now snow-covered and cannot be reached until sometime in June. If reconstruction is feasible and justifiable, work would have to start immediately following Water Resources' approval in order to finish before Fall--otherwise repair would have to await another year.

No additional funds were requested.

It was recommended by Mr. Horn that this authority be approved, conditional upon the examination and approval by the Department of Water Resources, and that no further expenditures be made until such approval and plans are received from Water Resources.

IT WAS MOVED BY SENATOR JOHNSON, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN LOWREY THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE, RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED WITH THE RECONSTRUCTION OF McCURE DAM IN THE GRANITE CREEK FLOW MAINTENANCE DAMS PROJECT. FURTHER, THAT NO CONSTRUCTION WORK SHALL BE DONE, NOR FURTHER EXPENDITURES MADE UNTIL THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES EXAMINES McCURE DAM, REPORTS ON THE CONDITION OF THE DAM, AND APPROVES THE PLANS FOR RECONSTRUCTION.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. GORDON, SECONDED BY MR. MUGFORD THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED WITH THE RECONSTRUCTION OF McCURE DAM IN THE GRANITE CREEK BASIN, PROVIDING SUCH RECONSTRUCTION CAN BE PAID FOR OUT OF THE BALANCE OF FUNDS PREVIOUSLY ALLOCATED FOR THE GRANITE CREEK FLOW MAINTENANCE DAMS, PROJECT NO. 41-1. FURTHER, THAT NO CONSTRUCTION WORK

SHALL BE DONE, NOR FURTHER EXPENDITURES MADE UNTIL THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES EXAMINES McCLURE DAM, REPORTS ON THE CONDITION OF THE DAM, AND APPROVES THE PLANS FOR RECONSTRUCTION.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

20. Lower Butte Creek Waterfowl Management Area, Project 548

After the Department of Public Works completed purchase of this property, a bill was submitted that exceeded the amount allocated by the Board by \$219.77. This item has been on the books for a considerable time.

In order to clear the records, it was recommended by Mr. Horn that the Board authorize the transfer of \$219.77 from the unallocated balance of the Lower Butte Creek Waterfowl Management Area to the acquisition fund for this same project. Sufficient funds are available in the project for this purpose, and it is just a "clearance of the books" transaction.

IT WAS MOVED BY SENATOR JOHNSON, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN LOWREY THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF \$219.77 FROM THE UNALLOCATED BALANCE OF THE ALLOCATION FOR LOWER BUTTE CREEK WATERFOWL MANAGEMENT AREA, PROJECT NO. 548, TO THE LAND ACQUISITION FUND TO PAY AN OVERDRAFT FOR ACQUISITION.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. MUGFORD, SECONDED BY MR. GORDON, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF \$219.77 FROM THE UNALLOCATED BALANCE OF THE ALLOCATION FOR LOWER BUTTE CREEK WATERFOWL MANAGEMENT AREA, PROJECT NO. 548, TO THE LAND ACQUISITION FUND TO PAY AN OVERDRAFT FOR ACQUISITION.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

21. Lower Butte Creek Waterfowl Management Area, Project No. 548
Request in Optional Change in Method of Construction

It was stated by Mr. Nesbit that on May 24, 1958, the Sacramento Valley Waterfowl Advisory Committee met at Gray Lodge and among the subjects discussed was a proposal to have the Department of Fish and Game buy a dragline to do initial construction and maintenance work. This project was approved by the Board on November 15, 1957.

The total estimated cost for dragline work for the 3 years' construction plan is \$53,956 and the plan is to purchase a federal government dragline (civil defense) at a reduced cost and have the Department of Fish and Game employees and temporary help do the work. If the dragline can be purchased for about \$3,000, the estimated savings would be about \$32,000.

Region II of the Department of Fish and Game and the staff recommended the optional change in the method of construction.

In further discussion, it was mentioned that this purchase be in line with the regulations and requirements of the Civil Defense so that if any technicalities should arise, other phases of the project would not be jeopardized. It was also expressed that John B. Cowan who is in charge of Lower Butte Waterfowl Management Area should be commended for the suggestion of purchasing the dragline which would amount to a considerable savings to the Department.

IT WAS MOVED BY SENATOR JOHNSON, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN LOWREY THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE AS AN OPTIONAL PROCEDURE IN THE METHOD OF CONSTRUCTION OF DITCHES AT LOWER BUTTE CREEK WATERFOWL MANAGEMENT AREA, PROJECT NO. 548, THE INCLUSION OF THE PURCHASE OF A CIVIL DEFENSE DRAGLINE, IF AVAILABLE, AND IF SUCH PURCHASE WILL AFFECT A SAVING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME. THIS ACTION ALLOCATES NO NEW FUNDS, BUT PERMITS THE USE OF THE ALREADY ALLOCATED MONEY FOR AUTHORIZED DITCH WORK.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. GORDON, SECONDED BY MR. MUGFORD THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE AS AN OPTIONAL PROCEDURE IN METHOD OF CONSTRUCTION OF DITCHES AT LOWER BUTTE CREEK WATERFOWL MANAGEMENT AREA, PROJECT NO. 548, THE INCLUSION OF THE PURCHASE OF A CIVIL DEFENSE DRAGLINE, IF AVAILABLE, AND IF SUCH PURCHASE WILL AFFECT A SAVING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME. THIS ACTION ALLOCATES NO NEW FUNDS, BUT PERMITS THE USE OF THE ALREADY ALLOCATED MONEY FOR AUTHORIZED DITCH WORK.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

22. Merced River Public Fishing Area

The sportsmen of Merced County, the Board of Supervisors, Parks and Recreation Commission, Parks and Recreation Department, Planning Commission and Planning Department have jointly made a study of the acquisition of lands and old dredger ponds along the Merced River from Snelling to Merced Falls, and have submitted a Survey Report to the Wildlife Conservation Board, a copy of which was presented to members of the Board.

The Merced County people request the Board acquire approximately 846 acres of privately-owned lands and negotiate for some 48 acres owned by the Merced Irrigation District, and 33 acres now in State or Federal ownership.

The County would operate and maintain the area, and do additional development for general recreation at county expense.

It was suggested by Mr. Horn that the Board authorize the staff to proceed with negotiations for purchase of the properties, secure options, appraisals and preliminary title reports and work with the County and the sportsmen on plans and cost estimates for development. When such data is compiled, the project could then be presented to the Board for consideration.

Assemblyman Gordon Winton spoke in behalf of Merced County and recommended the project as worthwhile, and he stated that the local people have done a lot of work on it and requested the staff to make a feasibility report of the 7 3/4 miles of river which would provide access to the public. He also stated that the three small dams now on the river gives a consistent level to the river at all times.

IT WAS MOVED BY SENATOR JOHNSON, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN LOWREY THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD INSTRUCT THE STAFF TO MAKE A FEASIBILITY STUDY AND REPORT AND PROCEED WITH NEGOTIATIONS AND PRESENT IT AT A FUTURE MEETING.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. MUGFORD, SECONDED BY MR. GORDON THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD HEREBY INSTRUCT THE STAFF TO MAKE A FEASIBILITY STUDY AND REPORT AND PROCEED WITH NEGOTIATIONS AND PRESENT IT AT A FUTURE MEETING.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

23. Resolution re Past Chairman Andy Kelly

A joint motion was unanimously passed that the following resolution be made a part of the minutes and a copy forwarded to Mr. Andy Kelly.

"WHEREAS, Andy Kelly retired as Chairman of this Board on January 1, 1958; and

"WHEREAS, Andy Kelly devoted his energies and talents to the work of this Board in the best interests of fish and game in California; and

"WHEREAS, Andy Kelly's fair-minded action and charming Irish wit were appreciated by all;

"NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wildlife Conservation Board extend to Andy Kelly its sincere thanks and appreciation for his excellent work as Chairman, and for his untiring devotion to the duties of that office and the problems and program of the Board.

"FURTHER, that this resolution be made a part of the official minutes of the Board and a copy be mailed to Mr. Kelly.

/s/ Weldon L. Oxley, Chairman"

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

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Status of allocations and funds available through June 30, 1958.
(As of April 30, 1958 Board action)

The amount allocated to specific projects up to the close of the meeting on April 30, 1958, aggregated \$13,933,386.84.

a. Fish Hatchery and Stocking Projects.....	\$4,283,822.44
b. Warmwater and Other Fish Projects.....	2,032,719.15
1. Warmwater Projects.....	\$1,692,597.57
2. Other Fish Projects.....	340,121.58
c. Flow Maintenance and Stream Improvement Projects.....	610,189.28
d. Screen and Ladder Projects.....	294,727.60
e. State Game Farms.....	105,644.49
f. Other Upland Game Projects.....	416,530.84
g. Waterfowl Management Projects.....	5,419,212.53
h. General Projects.....	745,540.51
Total Allocated to Specific Projects	<u>\$13,908,386.84</u>

Special Project Allocations:

Project Evaluation, Property Acquisition and Engineering
Studies..... \$25,000.00

Total Allocated..... \$13,933,386.84

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

1. Colorado River Recreational Development.....	\$23,619.30
2. Lake Tahoe Access Development.....	<u>30,000.00</u>
Total Reserves Established.....	<u>\$53,619.30</u>

Operating Costs: FY 47/48 through 56/57 Actual \$402,574.36
FY 57/58 Estimated 81,195.00
Total Actual and Estimated Operating Costs..... \$483,769.36

Recapitulation:

Allocations for Projects.....	\$13,908,386.84
Special Project Allocations.....	25,000.00
Reserves Established.....	53,619.30
Expenses of Operation.....	<u>483,769.36</u>
Total Expended or Obligated.....	<u>\$14,470,775.50</u>

Total Funds Appropriated.....	\$13,500,000.00
Appropriation available through 57/58 FY.....	750,000.00
Interest on Surplus Money Invested through 56/57 FY.....	233,533.11
Interest on Surplus Money Invested 57/58 FY...	26,872.76
Miscellaneous Revenue through 56/57 FY.....	<u>25,856.09</u>
Total Sum Available.....	<u>\$14,536,261.96</u>
Total Expended or Obligated.....	<u>14,470,775.50</u>

Available through June 30, 1958..... \$65,486.46