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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 August 7, 1958. This emergency meeting was called to order by Chairman Weldon L. Oxley at 10:20 a.m.

1. Roll Call

PRESENT:	Weldon L. Oxley	Chairman
	Seth Gordon	Member
	Senator J. William Beard	Joint Interim Committee
	Senator Ed C. Johnson	" " "
	Assemblyman Frank P. Belotti	" " "
	Assemblyman Thomas M. Erwin	" " "
	Assemblyman Lloyd W. Lowrey	" " "
	E. E. Horn	Coordinator
	R. J. Nesbit	Assistant Coordinator
	Alpha K. Phelps	Accounting Technician
	Blanche Fujii	Secretary

ABSENT:	T. H. Mugford	Member
	Senator Charles Brown	Joint Interim Committee

OTHERS PRESENT:

Wm. J. Harp	Fish and Game Commission
Pauline Davis	Assemblywoman
Harry K. Grafe	Senate Interim Committee on Fish and Game
W. F. Schouermann	Assembly Committee on Fish and Game
George Farnham	Dept. of Fish and Game
Alex Calhoun	" " " " "
W. C. Dry	" " " " "
Robert D. Calkins	" " " " "

2. Introduction of Members and Advisory Committee

Chairman Oxley introduced members of the Wildlife Conservation Board, the Legislative Interim Advisory Committee, and members of the Wildlife Conservation Board staff.

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3. Approval of the Minutes of June 6, 1958 Meeting

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE MINUTES
OF THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING OF JUNE 6,
1958, BE APPROVED AS WRITTEN. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Status of Funds

The amount allocated to specific projects up to the close of the meeting on
June 6, 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.....	<u>\$13,933,386.84</u>

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.....	30,000.00
Total Reserves Established.....	<u>\$53,619.30</u>

Operating Costs:

FY 47/48 through 57/58 - Actual.....	\$470,513.10
FY 58/59 - Estimated.....	82,878.00
Total Actual and Estimated Operating Costs...	<u>\$553,391.10</u>

Recapitulation:

Allocations for Projects.....	\$13,908,386.84
Special Project Allocations.....	25,000.00
Reserves Established.....	53,619.30
Expenses of Operation.....	553,391.10
Total Expended or Obligated.....	<u>\$14,540,397.24</u>

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Total Funds Appropriated.....	\$14,250,000.00
Appropriation Available through 58/59 FY...	750,000.00
Interest on Surplus Money Invested through 57/58 FY.....	297,659.13
Miscellaneous Revenue through 57/58 FY.....	29,843.09
Total Sum Available.....	\$15,327,502.22
Total Expended or Obligated.....	14,540,397.24
Available through June 30, 1959.....	\$787,104.98

5. Mendota Waterfowl Management Area, Project No. 532 \$61,950

At the April 30, 1958 meeting of the Board, the Advisory Committee and the Board members by unanimous vote instructed the staff to proceed with negotiations, appraisals and to take an option to purchase about 410 acres of land for an estimated cost of \$61,950 from the Everett Estate to round out the Mendota Waterfowl Management Area.

The option was taken, appraisals secured, and the option is within the appraisals.

It was recommended by the Coordinator that \$61,950 be allocated to the Department of Fish and Game from the unallocated balance of the Wildlife Restoration Fund for the acquisition of subject property.

Mr. Horn explained that the option expires on August 14, 1958, and the 90 day option was taken instead of the longer one since the Everett Estate is in the process of settlement and the staff was endeavoring to cooperate with them.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN ERWIN, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE ACQUISITION OF THE EVERETT ESTATE PROPERTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPTIONS DATED MAY 16, 1958, FOR THE MENDOTA WATERFOWL MANAGEMENT AREA, PROJECT NO. 532, AND ALLOCATE THE SUM OF \$61,950 FROM THE UNALLOCATED BALANCE OF THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO COVER THE PURCHASE OF THE LAND. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Mr. Horn stated that there were two other matters in regard to Mendota Waterfowl Management Area, Project No. 532, which were not listed on the agenda because no past action had been taken by the Board.

One is a parcel of 80 acres being the East Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 14. Mr. Horn explained that the owners of this land offered the property for sale. An option was taken, the property appraised, and the option price was within the appraisals. The option is for \$12,800. The Coordinator asked the Board if they would approve this purchase, and stated that it would simply help round out the area as originally authorized by the Board. At the time the original area was approved, this parcel was not available.

Question was raised as to how much land would be available for this waterfowl area if this 80 acre parcel was purchased and the Coordinator stated that it would total to about 9,090 acres.

In the discussion, it was brought out that this 80 acre parcel consists mostly of marsh land. It was also mentioned that there are certain lands in Section 13 that are outside the original area that was authorized and a suggestion was made that it could be exchanged for interior lands or sold. The reason for taking an option on the two parcels in Section 13, plus the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 14 was because the seller offered the entire ownership or none, as a condition of sale. Mr. Horn stated that if it was the desire of the Board, the option for the 160 acres in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 13 might be assigned to a private party or might be traded for other lands. He mentioned that there were two 80 acre parcels in the North Half of Section 14 that were offered for sale about a year ago and the asking price was too high and there was no chance of the asking price falling within the appraisals.

Mr. Gordon stated that if the Board should acquire the property, it will be worth holding for future trading or selling.

It was the consensus of the Board and the Interim Committee members that this 80 acre parcel be purchased, which would further round out the State-owned land in this waterfowl management area.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN ERWIN, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE ACQUISITION OF THE 80 ACRE PARCEL IN THE EAST HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 14, T14S, R15 E, MDB&M FOR THE MENDOTA WATERFOWL MANAGEMENT AREA, PROJECT NO. 532, AND ALLOCATE THE SUM OF \$12,800 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FROM THE UNALLOCATED BALANCE OF THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND TO COVER THE PURCHASE OF THIS LAND. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE ACQUISITION OF THE 80 ACRE PARCEL IN THE EAST HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 14, T14S, R15E, MDB&M, FOR THE MENDOTA WATERFOWL MANAGEMENT AREA, PROJECT NO. 532, AND ALLOCATE THE SUM OF \$12,800 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FROM THE UNALLOCATED BALANCE OF THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND TO COVER THE PURCHASE OF THIS LAND. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The second item that did not appear on the agenda was the Board's thinking in regard to the disposition of the property outside the originally authorized area for the Mendota Waterfowl Management Area.

In the discussion, there was a general feeling that the Board should purchase the parcel and later trade it for interior lands, or sell it if a trade was not possible.

Senator Johnson raised a question as to the Resolution passed by the Fish and Game Commission asking that the Board not acquire lands which would increase the operating cost and it was explained that the Commission Resolution would not apply to the Mendota Waterfowl Management area because this project was initiated before the Resolution was passed.

A question was raised by Assemblyman Lowrey whether additional money was being allocated for the development of this land, and it was Mr. Gordon's understanding that Federal Aid money would be used for the development.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN ERWIN, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD PURCHASE THE 160 ACRES IN THE NW $\frac{1}{4}$ OF SECTION 13, T14S, R15E, MDB&M FOR POSSIBLE EXCHANGE FOR SOME INTERIOR LANDS IN THE MENDOTA WATERFOWL MANAGEMENT AREA, PROJECT NO. 532. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD PURCHASE THE 160 ACRES IN THE NW $\frac{1}{4}$ OF SECTION 13, T14S, R15E, MDB&M FOR POSSIBLE EXCHANGE FOR SOME INTERIOR LANDS IN THE MENDOTA WATERFOWL MANAGEMENT AREA, PROJECT NO. 532. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. Eagle Lake Trout Preservation Project, Project No. 133 \$36,800

Pine Creek Flow Maintenance Dam, Project No. 4, was approved by the Board on June 3, 1949, and \$43,500 allocated to the Department of Fish and Game to conduct work aimed to restore Pine Creek as the principal spawning stream for the distinctive Eagle Lake Trout.

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On November 29, 1954, the Board authorized \$3,000 of the original sum for an egg collecting station on Pine Creek, and recovered the balance of \$30,614.68. Thus, the total allocation to this project was \$12,885.32. Of this sum, \$2,009.62 remain unspent.

Changes in land and water uses along Pine Creek have been such that the Department of Fish and Game now advise that restoration of upper Pine Creek as a spawning area is not possible. The Department worked on this project since 1949.

In order to preserve the distinctive Eagle Lake trout from extinction, the Department now proposes to construct a weir and egg collecting station near the mouth of Pine Creek, hatch the eggs and rear the fish at Crystal Lake Hatchery, and plant the trout in Eagle Lake annually. Since Pine Creek, the only spawning stream for Eagle Lake trout, is no longer suitable and cannot be made so, the only hope of preserving this fishery is by artificial means.

Such a program would demand an annual expenditure of Department operating funds. The Fish and Game Commission meeting in San Francisco on July 28, 1958, approved this program and the annual expenditure of Department funds for operation and maintenance. The Commission by this action approved the expenditure of Department funds that would be caused by the Board's approval of the project.

To carry out this program proposed by the Department and approved by the Commission, the Department requested the Board to allocate funds for construction of the weir and egg collecting facilities at Eagle Lake, and construction of four raceway ponds at Crystal Lake Hatchery.

The facilities and cost estimates as presented by the Engineering Section of the Department are:

Four ponds at Crystal Lake Hatchery	\$12,000.00
Dam and spillway, crib portion	10,310.00
Dam, earthfill portion	9,710.00
Spawning house, holding pens	5,500.00
Cabin	1,220.00
Total	<u>\$38,740.00</u>
Total allocation requested	\$38,740.00
Unexpended balance of Project No. 4	2,009.62
Total allocation required	<u>\$36,730.38</u>

The Eagle Lake trout are distinctive natives and have adjusted themselves to the alkaline waters occurring in Eagle Lake. Trial planting of other species have not been successful.

It is very desirable that trout in a body of water as large as Eagle Lake be preserved for angling purposes. It was recommended by the Coordinator

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that the Board approve the request, and allocate \$36,800 to the Department of Fish and Game from the unallocated balance of the Wildlife Restoration Fund and transfer the balance of \$2,009.62 from Project No. 4 to the Eagle Lake Trout Preservation Project for the construction of a weir and egg collecting station on Pine Creek at Eagle Lake and construction of four raceway ponds at Crystal Lake Hatchery.

The Coordinator explained that in the past, this species of trout propagated by migrating to Pine Creek, grow to a certain size and move downstream into the lake.

Question was raised as to whether there will be water available from Pine Creek or other creeks that run into the lake since the trout grow to a certain size and then work themselves to the lake or else they will die. Mr. Horn explained that he had discussed this question with the Department and asked Mr. Calhoun for his opinion.

Mr. Calhoun stated that on an experimental basis, the Department reared 17,000 of these trout at Crystal Lake Hatchery and a portion of the reared trout have been put back in this lake. The matter of where and when to stock the trout could be worked out by putting them at the mouth of the creek and let them move at their own desire. The plan would be to take the eggs during the Spring and raise them to yearling size at Crystal Lake and plant them the following Spring when there will be considerable fresh water coming into the lake. By trying different methods at the egg taking station, a solution would be found.

In answer to Assemblyman Erwin's question, it was explained that the fish would be planted in Pine Creek during the period of greatest flow. During this period, fresh water tends to stratify at the surface of the lake, and the fish could adjust to varying alkalinity, and there would be no damage to the fish when they are raised in fresh water at Crystal Lake Hatchery and planted in the lake. This year, 10,000 yearlings were planted and the Department has not heard of any difficulty.

It was explained by Mr. Gordon that according to some of the studies, these fish would not go upstream for one year following planting since the water was not high enough. This species of Eagle Lake trout should be kept as one of our natural resources and the Commission did approve the program and should this experiment fail, the ponds at Crystal Lake Hatchery would be available for some other use.

Assemblywoman Pauline Davis was introduced and explained that the people of Lassen County are very desirous of preserving this native trout. Also Lassen County does not have much park developments and other interests of that kind and they need to retain Eagle Lake fishery as a part of the county's economy. She requested the Board to give favorable consideration of this project. Mrs. Davis also requested that Senator Stanley Arnold be placed on record as endorsing this project.

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IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN ERWIN, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE EAGLE LAKE TROUT PRESERVATION PROJECT, PROJECT NO. 133; CLOSE THE PINE CREEK FLOW MAINTENANCE DAM, PROJECT NO. 4; AND TRANSFER THE REMAINING BALANCE OF \$2,009.62 FROM THE PINE CREEK FLOW MAINTENANCE DAM TO THE EAGLE LAKE TROUT PRESERVATION PROJECT. FURTHER THAT \$36,800 BE ALLOCATED FROM THE UN-ALLOCATED BALANCE OF THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE WEIR AND EGG COLLECTING STATION AT THE MOUTH OF PINE CREEK ON EAGLE LAKE AND FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF FOUR RACEWAY PONDS AT CRYSTAL LAKE HATCHERY. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE EAGLE LAKE TROUT PRESERVATION PROJECT, PROJECT NO. 133; CLOSE THE PINE CREEK FLOW MAINTENANCE DAM, PROJECT NO. 4; AND TRANSFER THE REMAINING BALANCE OF \$2,009.62 FROM THE PINE CREEK FLOW MAINTENANCE DAM TO THE EAGLE LAKE TROUT PRESERVATION PROJECT. FURTHER THAT \$36,800 IS ALLOCATED FROM THE UNALLOCATED BALANCE OF THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE WEIR AND EGG COLLECTING STATION AT THE MOUTH OF PINE CREEK ON EAGLE LAKE AND FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF FOUR RACEWAY PONDS AT CRYSTAL LAKE HATCHERY. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. Letts Valley Public Fishing Area, Project No. 130 \$8,000.00

The sportsmen of Glenn and Colusa Counties, the U. S. Forest Service and the Department of Fish and Game requested construction of a dam in Letts Valley to create a trout fishing lake.

The Board approved this project on November 15, 1957, and allocated \$15,275 for the construction of the dam. Due to a series of circumstances beyond the control of the Board or its staff, this project could not be carried out as originally proposed or approved by the Board.

The staff has worked with the Safety of Dams Section of the Department of Water Resources and the engineering section of the Department of Fish and Game on the specifications for the dam. The specifications presented at this meeting have the preliminary approval of the Department of Water Resources, but required the signature of the principal engineer of the Safety of Dams Section to be final and official. The engineer for the Department of Water Resources was out of town when the agenda was prepared.

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The U. S. Forest Service has agreed to operate and maintain all of the area and facilities, excepting the dam. The Board of Supervisors of Colusa County had refused to accept one operating agreement that was presented to them by the Department because of certain items in the agreement, but have signified willingness now to consider another one that stipulates only the maintenance of the dam. Mr. Horn advised that Chas. V. Dennis of Colusa County telephoned the morning of the meeting and stated they will be very happy to consider the agreement and act on it Monday, August 11, 1958.

Cost estimates, prepared by the engineering section of the Department of Fish and Game are:

Clearing and Grubbing: Remove trees, stumps and logging debris, say 20 ac. by U.S.F.S. contract \$2,000.00

Excavation--unclassified:

Dam and borrow area	3,500 c.y. at \$1.00/c.y.	3,500.00
Outlet	30 c.y. at 3.00/c.y.	90.00
Spillway	250 c.y. at 1.50/c.y.	375.00

Embankment: Pervious, impervious and select shale and rock facing 7,500 c.y. at \$1.50/c.y. 11,250.00

Rip-Rap: Erosion protection, end of spillway 37 c.y. at \$6.00/c.y. 222.00

Concrete: Spillway lining and outlet pipe 61 c.y. at \$70.00/c.y. 4,270.00

Outlet Works

200' of 12" steel pipe at \$4.00 ft. in place	800.00
12" Armco model No. 101 gate valve and fittings l.s.	500.00

Total Estimated Cost \$23,007.00

Present estimated cost	\$23,007.00
Previously allocated	15,275.00
Additional allocation	\$ 7,732.00

Mr. Horn stated that this is a very good project in a section of the State where trout water is scarce and recommended that the Board allocate an additional \$8,000 to the Department of Fish and Game from the unallocated balance of the Wildlife Restoration Fund for construction of Letts Valley project and that the expenditure of this fund to be contingent upon official approval of the specifications by the Safety of Dams Section, Department of Water Resources, and the execution of a satisfactory agreement for the maintenance of the dam with Colusa County.

In the discussion, it was mentioned that this lake has 33 surface acres and the maximum depth is 20 feet and is located in the Mendocino National Forest in Colusa County.

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Assemblyman Lowrey stated that the Board of Supervisors of Colusa County did not accept the original agreement because there was a provision in the agreement that the county was to maintain the road and camp ground and it was not possible for them to do so since the lake is located in a national forest.

The Letts Valley area is easily accessible and is a beautiful site. The Forest Service is going to put in a permanent housing area and there is a camp site in this area.

IT WAS MOVED BY SENATOR JOHNSON, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN LOWREY, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD ALLOCATE AN ADDITIONAL \$8,000 FROM THE UNALLOCATED BALANCE OF THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE DAM AND RELATED FACILITIES AT LETTS VALLEY PUBLIC FISHING AREA, PROJECT NO. 130. FURTHER, THAT THE EXPENDITURE OF THIS ALLOCATION IS CONTINGENT UPON THE OFFICIAL APPROVAL OF THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS BY THE SAFETY OF DAMS SECTION, DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, AND THE OFFICIAL EXPRESSION OF WILLINGNESS BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF COLUSA COUNTY TO MAINTAIN THE DAM AND SPILLWAY. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD ALLOCATE AN ADDITIONAL \$8,000 FROM THE UNALLOCATED BALANCE OF THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE DAM AND RELATED FACILITIES AT LETTS VALLEY PUBLIC FISHING AREA, PROJECT NO. 130. FURTHER, THAT THE EXPENDITURE OF THIS ALLOCATION IS CONTINGENT UPON THE OFFICIAL APPROVAL OF THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS BY THE SAFETY OF DAMS SECTION, DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, AND THE OFFICIAL EXPRESSION OF WILLINGNESS BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF COLUSA COUNTY TO MAINTAIN THE DAM AND SPILLWAY. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. Plaskett Meadows Public Fishing Area, Project No. 111 \$100.00

When the Plaskett Meadows project was requested and approved by the Board, no provision was made for a suitable sign to be placed at or near the main entrance. It is now felt desirable to erect such a sign.

The cost would be \$100.00, and it was recommended by Mr. Horn that this amount be allocated to the Department of Fish and Game from the unallocated balance of the Wildlife Restoration Fund for a suitable sign at Plaskett Meadows Public Fishing Area.

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Mr. Nesbit explained the sign is being made by the prisoners through the State Prison Department. The sign is 4' x 6' redwood and the letters are routed in and painted. The sign is very attractive and will last for many years.

Mr. Gordon asked if sufficient money was allocated to Letts Valley to include such a sign and Mr. Horn stated there was.

It was mentioned that in all of the access projects of this kind in the National Forest, unless there is some information that the Wildlife Conservation Board provided funds, the general public would not be aware of it.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, SECONDED BY SENATOR BEARD THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD ALLOCATE \$100.00 FROM THE UNEXPENDED BALANCE OF THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FOR THE MAKING AND PLACING OF A SUITABLE SIGN AT PLASKETT MEADOWS PUBLIC FISHING AREA, PROJECT NO. 111, IN GLENN COUNTY IN THE MENDOCINO NATIONAL FOREST. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD ALLOCATE \$100.00 FROM THE UNEXPENDED BALANCE OF THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FOR THE MAKING AND PLACING OF A SUITABLE SIGN AT PLASKETT MEADOWS PUBLIC FISHING AREA, PROJECT NO. 111, IN GLENN COUNTY IN THE MENDOCINO NATIONAL FOREST. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. Request of Western States Fish and Game Improvement League, Inc., for a Board Meeting in Los Angeles.

The staff of the Board received a request from the Western States Fish and Game Improvement League, Inc., that the Board hold a meeting in Los Angeles and Mr. Horn requested the Board's reaction.

In the discussion, it was mentioned that the program of this organization is well known to both the Board and Interim Committee members and the proposal does not fall within the scope of the Wildlife Conservation Board, and therefore it would be unnecessary to meet with this group. The Coordinator was instructed by the Board to reply to the organization that since the project does not fall within the scope of the Wildlife Conservation Act, it is felt that such a meeting would be of little value.

10. Coastal Angling Access Program, Project No. 1011
Crescent City Public Fishing Access-- Proposed Agreement

The Board approved this project on April 30, 1958, and allocated \$53,880 for its development. An operation and maintenance agreement was prepared and presented to the Crescent City Harbor District for their approval. By letter dated July 31, 1958, the harbor district requested they be allowed to charge 50¢ for launching the boats, 50¢ for taking the boats out and 50¢ for parking. Their reason for the fee was that since the hoists are electrically operated, power, maintenance and supervision of operation must be provided.

Assemblyman Belotti stated that Mr. Moore, Chairman of the Crescent City Harbor District asked him about it, and he suggested that he write to the Board and get the Board's approval. He also stated that in addition to the operation and maintenance of the hoist, they will have to hire someone to operate it which would involve a salary. The sportsmen of the area are in favor of paying a charge of \$1.50 to use the facility. It was his feeling that a reasonable charge should be made under the circumstances and asked if there were any other projects which the Board have approved where a fee is charged.

Mr. Horn stated that all of the other launching facilities are concrete ramps and the boat owners back in and out of the facility themselves, but a mechanical device will require some upkeep and will cost considerably more for operation and maintenance. At this particular location, a concrete ramp is not as desirable and probably will be quite costly to construct. The harbor district has agreed to sign the agreement if they were permitted to make this charge.

In the discussion, it was mentioned that no concessions are being planned and that no gas station is contemplated near the property. The harbor district has no other source of revenue to defray the operation and maintenance cost.

There was also discussion as to the term reasonable charge and it was the general opinion that a specified charge be written into the agreement and any increase in the fee will have to be by written approval by the Board.

The Board, by joint motion, unanimously approved the making of a charge for launching boats and parking as requested by the Crescent City Harbor District.

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11. Board's Approval for E. E. Horn to Serve as Consultant in the Waterfowl Study for the State of Nevada.

Mr. Horn thanked the Board and the Interim Committee members for their approval of this request to serve as a consultant in the waterfowl study for the State of Nevada and stated that he intended to make this study during his vacation time and should take no more than two weeks.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

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Allocations for Projects.....	\$14,028,036.84
Special Project Allocations.....	25,000.00
Reserves Established.....	53,619.30
Expenses of Operation.....	553,391.10
Total Expended or Obligated.....	<u>\$14,660,047.24</u>

Total Funds Appropriated.....	\$14,250,000.00
Appropriation Available through 58/59 FY...	750,000.00
Interest on Surplus Money Invested through 57/58 FY.....	297,659.13
Miscellaneous Revenue through 57/58 FY.....	29,843.09
Total Sum Available.....	<u>\$15,327,502.22</u>
Total Expended or Obligated.....	14,660,047.24

Available through June 30, 1959.....	<u>\$667,454.98</u>
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