

State of California  
WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD  
Minutes, Meeting of February 14, 1961

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Pursuant to the call of the Acting Chairman, the Wildlife Conservation Board met in Room 4061, 722 Capitol Avenue, Sacramento, California, on February 14, 1961. The meeting was called to order by Acting Chairman Jamie H. Smith at 2:05 p.m.

1. Roll Call

PRESENT: Jamie H. Smith  
 W. T. Shannon  
 T. H. Mugford

Chairman  
 Member of the Board  
 Vice Mr. John E. Carr, Member of  
 the Board

Senator Charles Brown  
 Senator Aaron W. Quick  
 Assemblywoman Pauline L. Davis  
 Assemblyman Frank P. Belotti  
 Assemblyman Lloyd W. Lowrey

Joint Interim Committee  
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R. J. Nesbit  
 C. M. Hart  
 P. A. Douglas  
 Alma Koyasako  
 Alpha K. Phelps

Coordinator  
 Assistant Coordinator  
 Field Agent  
 Secretary  
 Accounting Technician

ABSENT: Senator Ed C. Johnson

Joint Interim Committee

OTHERS PRESENT:

John H. Prather  
 Carson Mitchell  
 T. A. Groom  
 Mel Larson  
 A. P. Koetitz  
 Wm. Hunrick  
 Claude Hutchison  
 Don Mulford  
 Wm. Byron Rumford  
 Arthur Hargrave  
 Melvin Wittich  
 Gene Saalwaechter  
 Peter D. Ceredono  
 John DeBonis  
 Thomas W. Brown, M.D.  
 M. Livingston  
 Ouida Williams  
 Les Hink, Jr.  
 George W. Truitt

Sonoma Co. Harbor & Planning Comm.  
 Supervisor, Sonoma County  
 Sonoma Co. Harbor & Planning Comm.  
 Sonoma Valley Chamber of Commerce  
 Harbor Master, City of Berkeley  
 Asst. City Mgr., Berkeley  
 Mayor, Berkeley  
 Assemblyman, 18th District  
 Assemblyman, 17th District  
 Recreation Comm., Berkeley  
 Pres., Berkeley Chamber of Commerce  
 Dir., Recreation & Parks, Berkeley  
 Berkeley Chamber of Commerce  
 Berkeley City Council  
 Berkeley Recreation Comm.  
 Berkeley Chamber of Commerce  
 Berkeley Y.W.C.A.  
 Berkeley Chamber of Commerce  
 Berkeley Y.M.C.A. & Boy Scouts

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Mrs. M. D. West	Albany Chamber of Commerce
Wm. E. West	Albany Small Craft, Chairman
T. H. Winburn	Berkeley Chamber of Commerce
F. E. Matthews	Berkeley
Jim McCormick	Associated Sportsmen of Calif.
Wm. McCall	Mayor, Alameda
Kenneth B. Woodard	Dist. Council #3, ASC
George Duren	Berkeley Rod & Gun Club
R. T. Laine	" " " " "
Ford B. Ford	Senate Comm. Natural Resources
Lloyd Hinkelman	Deputy Attorney General
William Pond	Dir. Sac'to Co. Parks & Recreation
Carl Rocca	Adm. Assist., Senator Rattigan's office
Jack Casey	Assemblyman, 38th District
John C. Williamson	Assemblyman, 39th District
Henry Clineschmidt	Fish and Game Comm. Member
Elwyn Lindley	Supervisor, Humboldt County
Robert W. Madison	Humboldt County Forester
F. H. Raymond	State Forester
Bill Harp	Fish and Game Commission
Ralph Nissen	Sac'to Valley Waterfowl Advisory Comm.
V. R. Tucker	San Luis Obispo
Lyle F. Carpinter	San Luis Obispo Planning Comm.
Ned A. Rogoway	Dir., San Luis Obispo Planning Comm.
Ronald G. Cameron	Senator, 7th District
Vernon L. Sturgeon	Senator, 29th District
Bert Williams	Department of Fish and Game
V. Blanks	" " " " "
Alex Calhoun	" " " " "
E. Frost	" " " " "
Fred L. Jones	" " " " "
Robert D. Montgomery	" " " " "
W. C. Dry	" " " " "
Al Rutsch	" " " " "
Sidney Dennison	Placer County Recreation Commission
Oren Todd	San Diego City Lakes Rec. Comm.

2. Introduction of Members and Advisory Committee

Mr. R. J. Nesbit, Coordinator, introduced the members of the Wildlife Conservation Board and the Legislative Advisory Committee and advised that Senator Ed C. Johnson was unable to attend because of legislative duties.

3. Election of Chairman

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. SHANNON, SECONDED BY MR. MUGFORD, THAT MR. JAMIE H. SMITH, PRESIDENT OF THE FISH AND GAME COMMISSION, BE APPOINTED CHAIRMAN OF THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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4. Approval of Minutes, September 19, 1960, meeting

Mr. Nesbit recommended that minutes of the September 19, 1960, meeting be approved.

THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 19, 1960, WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING WERE DULY APPROVED AS WRITTEN.

5. Status of Funds

Mr. Nesbit reported that the Wildlife Conservation Board has allocated funds as follows:

a. Fish Hatchery and Stocking Projects . . . . .		\$4,279,253.11
b. Warmwater and Other Fish Projects . . . . .		2,787,726.56
1. Warmwater Projects . . . . .	\$2,239,151.81	
2. Other Fish Projects . . . . .	548,574.75	
c. Flow Maintenance and Stream Improvement Projects . . . . .		643,990.87
d. Screen and Ladder Projects . . . . .		283,579.31
e. State Game Farms . . . . .		105,644.49
f. Other Upland Game Projects . . . . .		416,530.84
g. Waterfowl Management Projects . . . . .		5,559,971.84
h. General Projects . . . . .		1,281,898.15
1. Coastal Angling Access Projects . . . . .	\$439,871.48	
2. Inland Angling Access Projects . . . . .	647,603.06	
3. Hunting Access Projects . . . . .	28,000.00	
4. Other General Projects . . . . .	166,423.61	
Total Allocated to Specific Projects . . . . .		\$15,358,595.17

Special Project Allocations:

Project Evaluation, Property Acquisition and Engineering Studies . . . . .		25,000.00
Total Allocated . . . . .		\$15,383,595.17

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

1. Colorado River Recreational Development . . . . .		\$23,219.30
2. Lake Tahoe Access Development . . . . .		30,000.00
3. Upper American River Development . . . . .		100,000.00
Total Reserves Established . . . . .		\$153,219.30

Operating Costs:

FY 47/48 thru 59/60 Actual . . . . .	\$606,240.12
FY 60/61 - Estimated . . . . .	83,643.00
Total Actual and Estimated Operating Costs . . . . .	\$689,883.12

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Recapitulation:

Allocations for Projects . . . . .	\$15,358,595.17
Special Project Allocations . . . . .	25,000.00
Reserves Established . . . . .	153,219.30
Expenses of Operation . . . . .	689,883.12
Total Expended or Obligated . . . . .	<u>\$16,226,697.59</u>
Total Funds Appropriated . . . . .	\$15,750,000.00
Appropriation Available thru 60/61 FY . . . . .	750,000.00
Int. on Surplus Money Inv. thru 59/60 FY . . . . .	434,045.68
Miscellaneous Revenue thru 59/60 FY . . . . .	32,687.96
Total Sum Available . . . . .	<u>\$16,966,733.64</u>
Total Expended or Obligated . . . . .	16,226,697.59
Available thru June 30, 1961 . . . . .	\$740,036.05

6. Recovery of Funds

Mr. Nesbit recommended that the balances of funds from the following projects be recovered and returned to the Wildlife Restoration Fund and the projects closed or canceled:

<u>Project No.</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Balance</u>
123	Berkeley Public Fishing Pier	\$18,240.47
1	El Dorado Flow Maintenance Dams	10,279.41
41-1	Granite Creek Flow Maintenance Dams	10,189.93
1015	Coastal Lagoon Development Program	104.80
1006	South Humboldt Bay Public Recreational Area	<u>6,372.34</u>
	Total	\$45,186.95

He advised that the first four projects have been completed insofar as Board allocations were concerned. The South Humboldt Bay Public Recreational Area, Project No. 1006, cannot be completed because the lands necessary therefor cannot be acquired.

IT WAS MOVED BY SENATOR BROWN, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYWOMAN DAVIS, AS A JOINT MOTION, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD CLOSE THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS AND RECOVER THE UNEXPENDED BALANCES AS FOLLOWS:

<u>Project No.</u>	<u>Name of Project</u>	<u>Balance</u>
123	Berkeley Public Fishing Pier	\$18,240.47
1	El Dorado Flow Maintenance Dams	10,279.41
41-1	Granite Creek Flow Maintenance Dams	10,189.93
1015	Coastal Lagoon Development Program	104.80

AND CANCEL THE FOLLOWING PROJECT AND RECOVER THE UNEXPENDED BALANCE AS FOLLOWS:

1006	South Humboldt Bay Public Recreational Area	6,372.34
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ALL OF THE SUMS TOTALING \$45,186.95 ARE TO BE RESTORED TO THE  
WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Chairman ordered that the stream clearance project which was next on the agenda be held over. Assemblyman Lowrey, who was not yet present, had previously requested he be allowed to comment on this particular project.

7. Lower Butte Creek Waterfowl Management Area, Project No. 548 \$53,206.00

Mr. Nesbit advised that this agenda item was presented and considered at the February 2 and June 17 meetings in 1960, but was held over pending clarification of a drainage agreement in connection with the development project.

The drainage question arose because only part of the waterfowl management area is within Reclamation District 833. It developed that R.D. 833 legally could not enter into an agreement to accept drainage waters from those portions of Gray Lodge which are outside R.D. 833 boundaries, as was originally contemplated in the development plan.

The Department of Fish and Game has reported that an alternative system of disposing of drainage water, and a fully executed agreement therefor, has been developed, and that it is now ready to proceed further with the development project.

The Department has secured a perpetual easement from the Tule Goose Country Club for drainage of waters from Gray Lodge across said club to Cherokee Canal. This easement agreement has been approved by the Department of Finance and by the Attorney General's office, and has been duly recorded. The State Reclamation Board has approved plans for construction of the drain outlet through the Cherokee Canal levee. The Attorney General's office has reviewed the matter and has given a written opinion that there can be no doubt that the disposal of drainage water from Gray Lodge into Cherokee Canal is legal.

The Department has reported that the new drainage procedure and easement was approved by the Sacramento Valley Waterfowl Management Area Advisory Committee at its December 21, 1960, meeting by a vote of seven members approving to one disapproving.

With the drainage agreement completed, and the first two development segments approved and funded by the Board completed, the Department has requested that funds for the third year development of the project as originally authorized on November 15, 1957, be allocated as follows:

Ditch construction: H-I, T-U, M-N, P-Q, R-S	\$ 8,248
Well and pump Units: Unit No. 2	13,800
Gravel for roads	10,900
Materials and Supplies	12,596
Equipment	2,825
Sub-total	\$48,369
Contingencies	4,837
TOTAL	\$53,206

This request for development funds is in accord with the approved plan and restrictions, except for deletion of \$1,415 for minor items of equipment which are no longer needed.

Mr. Nesbit stated that the staff has reviewed and re-evaluated this project. He felt that the Department has developed a physical and legal solution to the drainage problem which has held further project development in abeyance. Therefore, he recommended that the requested allocation of \$53,206 for development be approved. However, he further recommended that this be the final allocation for the project and that remaining segments of work contingent upon securing water rights be deleted from the project. At present it cannot be determined when or if such water rights will be secured. Also, the Department has revised management plans for Gray Lodge, due to a shortage of Federal Aid funds for operation of the area, so that further development of this magnitude is not needed at present. The Department and the Sacramento Valley Waterfowl Management Area Advisory Committee have indicated their approval of terminating the project with this requested third allocation.

If this requested allocation of \$53,206 is approved, total allocations for the current development project will be \$244,514. This is \$90,755 less than the \$335,269 total for the development plan which was originally approved.

The Coordinator advised that the Board members were supplied with copies of the fully executed agreement for drainage of water; the Attorney General's opinion with regard to the legality of the disposal of drainage water from Gray Lodge into Cherokee Canal; and minutes of the Sacramento Valley Waterfowl Management Area Advisory Committee meeting of December 21, 1960, at which the drainage procedure and easement was approved.

Mr. Shannon, as Director of the Department of Fish and Game, stated that this project has been held in abeyance until the questions raised by the Board members with regard to water rights and drainage had been solved. He felt that the stipulations of the Board have been complied with and requested the Board's consideration for approval of the last phase of development.

Chairman Smith called for comments from the floor, but none were forthcoming.

IT WAS MOVED BY SENATOR BROWN, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE THIRD PHASE DEVELOPMENT FOR THE LOWER BUTTE CREEK WATERFOWL MANAGEMENT AREA, PROJECT NO. 548, BUTTE COUNTY; ALLOCATE \$53,206 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FROM THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND; AND AUTHORIZE THE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THIS IS THE FINAL ALLOCATION TO COMPLETE THE DEVELOPMENT PLAN AS APPROVED BY THIS BOARD ON NOVEMBER 15, 1957.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Gravel for roads  
Materials and Supplies  
Equipment  
Well and pump Units  
Ditch construction  
\$53,206  
\$53,206  
TOTAL

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PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. Inland Angling Access Program, Project No. 1013 \$31,400.00  
Hudeman Slough Access, Sonoma County

Mr. Nesbit reported that this fishing and hunting access project was proposed in 1958 by the Sonoma Chamber of Commerce, Sonoma County Harbor Commission, the Board of Supervisors and various sportsmen. At the December 11, 1958, meeting, the staff was instructed to proceed with this proposal.

No suitable State land was available, but negotiations for a 4.44 acre parcel of private land have now been successful, and the project is ready for Board consideration. The area is located on Hudeman Slough adjacent to the road leading from Highway 37 to the Skaggs Island Naval Station, and would provide boat access to San Pablo Bay and many miles of sloughs and tidal channels. It is a popular striped bass fishing area. The project will also provide access for waterfowl hunters.

An option has been taken to purchase the necessary land and the option is within the appraised price. The Department of Fish and Game engineering section has designed the project.

Cost estimates are as follows:

Purchase of 4.44 acres, including title costs, appraisals, etc.	\$4,800
Parking area	13,200
Boat ramp	10,200
Fencing & gates	1,600
Loading floats	500
Sanitary facilities	700
Signs and contingencies	400
TOTAL	\$31,400

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The County of Sonoma has agreed to maintain the facility when completed and keep it open and free to the public. The County also will provide speed zones in the sloughs and channels to protect the fishermen using the area as well as a protection of levee banks. The Department of Fish and Game has recommended the project.

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The Coordinator recommended that this project be approved and that \$31,400 be allocated to the Department of Fish and Game from the Wildlife Restoration Fund for the purchase of land and for construction and that the staff and the Department be authorized to proceed with the project.

Assemblywoman Davis questioned the allocation of funds to the Department of Fish and Game when it was her understanding the Wildlife Conservation Board administers acquisition, etc. Mr. Nesbit advised that land negotiations and project planning was done by the Board staff, but that title to lands with development thereon was held by the Department of Fish and Game as provided for in the law. He explained that the Wildlife Conservation Board staff has an obligation to see that the project is completed in accordance with Board policies and instructions.

Mr. Mel Larson, representing the Sonoma Valley Chamber of Commerce, presented a petition (containing over 630 names) signed by people in the area and vicinity requesting the approval of this worthwhile project. In addition, numerous other letters of support were made a matter of record.

Supervisor Carson Mitchell further requested the early acquisition and construction of this project. He advised that because of the inevitable utilization of the inland sloughs by sportsmen of several counties, regulations as to zoning would be required.

Mr. Carl Rocca, the Administrative Assistant in Senator Joseph Rattigan's office, relayed the Senator's regrets in not being able to attend the meeting and requested that his letter, addressed to the Wildlife Conservation Board, supporting the project be recorded.

His letter urged favorable consideration by the Board and says in part:

"The proposed facility at Hudeman Slough would serve many sportsmen in my district and in adjacent counties. We in Sonoma County, with our extensive stream and ocean fishing facilities in the north central and coastal areas of the county, have long felt that insufficient facilities exist on our bay coastline. Hudeman Slough is proximate to State Highway 37. It is thus easily accessible to all of Sonoma County over that highway and through the entire highway complex in the neighborhood: State Highway 12 (which is in the active planning stage for full freeway status), the Lakeville Highway from Petaluma to Highway 37, State Highway 101 (a full freeway at present), and State Highway 48 from Vallejo.

"I mention all these highways because I believe it demonstrable that the proposed facility would be desirable for sportsmen from Marin, Napa and Solano Counties as well as my own district. Existing facilities for access to San Pablo Bay, the sloughs in my district and to the Delta are limited to a few boat launching facilities on the Petaluma River, which involves

"substantially greater distance by water to San Pablo Bay: to similar facilities on the Napa River, which involves much further road distances from my area: and to a few other facilities in the area which, due to private ownership or inadequacy, cannot serve slough, Bay and Delta fishermen from my area. The same, of course, is true of waterfowl hunters in all respects."

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE HUDEMAN SLOUGH ACCESS, INLAND ANGLING ACCESS PROGRAM, PROJECT NO. 1013, SONOMA COUNTY; ALLOCATE \$31,400 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FROM THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND; AND AUTHORIZE THE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. SHANNON, SECONDED BY MR. MUGFORD, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE HUDEMAN SLOUGH ACCESS, INLAND ANGLING ACCESS PROGRAM, PROJECT NO. 1013, SONOMA COUNTY; ALLOCATE \$31,400 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FROM THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND; AND AUTHORIZE THE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. Berkeley Public Fishing Pier, Project No. 123 \$91,500.00

The Chairman ordered that this agenda item be acted upon at this time to enable the large delegation from Berkeley and vicinity to be heard early in the meeting.

Assemblyman Lowrey, who came in at this time, was introduced.

Mr. Nesbit reported the Board approved the original Berkeley Pier project on May 17, 1957, and allocated \$168,500 for the purpose of rehabilitating 2,000 feet of this pier for public fishing. This work has been completed and the project is one of northern California's outstanding fishing access projects. A recovery of \$18,240.47 was made at the beginning of this meeting making a total cost of the original project of \$150,259.53. Public use has developed to the extent that the City asked the Board staff to study the possibility of renovating an additional 2,000 feet of pier. The City engaged an engineering firm to study the pier structure, and cost estimates for 2,000 feet were made.

Staff study of the pier use indicates that additional fishing space on this pier would be heavily used and that 1,000 feet could be justified. Berkeley officials concur with this finding and this request is for rehabilitation of 1,000 feet of the pier or a total of 3,000 feet.

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Since dedication on March 7, 1959, the pier has been heavily used for public fishing. On an average of 1 day out of 6 the pier is crowded to its approximate capacity of 800 fishermen and is near capacity much of the time. With 4,000 feet of railing available, a crowd of 800 allows only about 5 feet of rail space per person for fishing. The facility is rapidly reaching a usage saturation point.

It is expected that fishing use will reach 175,000 man days annually within the next few years. All other access and parking facilities are being developed by the City. Their marine engineers who examined the existing piling have given a favorable report.

The Department of Fish and Game recommends the project and points out that fishing in the deeper water to be reached by use of another 1,000 feet of pier would be as good or better than that presently available.

The plans for the pier reconstruction and the cost estimates were prepared by the City of Berkeley and reviewed by the Board staff and Department of Fish and Game engineering section. The City of Berkeley will provide the engineering plans, specifications and will provide on the job inspection. Department of Fish and Game engineering will provide periodic inspection.

The cost estimates prepared by the City of Berkeley are as follows:

Deck removal (1000 ft.)	\$15,100.00
Substructure Rehabilitation	16,100.00
New Concrete Deck (1000' x 23')	47,600.00
Hand Rails (2000 ft.)	9,500.00
Water Line & Fish Cleaning Table	2,700.00
Title costs, signs & misc.	500.00
	<u>\$91,500.00</u>

As in all projects, any unexpended balance will be returned to the Wildlife Restoration Fund.

The Coordinator recommended that this project be approved and that \$91,500 be allocated from the Wildlife Restoration Fund to the Department of Fish and Game and that the staff and the Department be authorized to proceed with the project.

Assemblyman Belotti commented that he has watched these pier projects with considerable interest and would like to propose such a project for Eureka using redwood for its construction. He suggested the use of redwood for the Berkeley project.

Discussion on the use of redwood for the reconstruction of the Berkeley Pier followed. Mr. W. C. Dry, engineer for the Department of Fish and Game, informed the Board that a redesign and new cost estimate would be necessary but that some redwood could perhaps be used in the present plans.

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Assemblyman Belotti encouraged the use of redwood for this project to aid his redwood producing district which is presently a distress area.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYWOMAN DAVIS, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN ADDITIONAL 1,000 FEET OF THE BERKELEY PUBLIC FISHING PIER, PROJECT NO. 123; ALLOCATE \$91,500 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FROM THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND FOR DEVELOPMENT; AND AUTHORIZE THE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT SUBSTANTIALLY AS PRESENTED, EXCEPT THAT AN ENDEAVOR BE MADE TO USE AS MUCH REDWOOD AS FEASIBLE IN ITS CONSTRUCTION.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. SHANNON, SECONDED BY MR. MUGFORD, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN ADDITIONAL 1,000 FEET OF THE BERKELEY PUBLIC FISHING PIER, PROJECT NO. 123; ALLOCATE \$91,500 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FROM THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND FOR DEVELOPMENT; AND AUTHORIZE THE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT SUBSTANTIALLY AS PRESENTED, EXCEPT THAT AN ENDEAVOR BE MADE TO USE AS MUCH REDWOOD AS FEASIBLE IN ITS CONSTRUCTION.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Arthur Hargrave, President of the Berkeley Recreation Commission, addressed the Board and advised that present with him at the meeting were thirty people, all prepared to answer any questions with regard to this project.

Mr. James McCormick, representing District Council 7 and District Council 3 of the Associated Sportsmen of California, reported that at the Little Convention in Santa Cruz on January 22, 1961, the ASC went on record to request full consideration of the \$91,500 allocation for this project. He considered it the best project of the Board since its inception.

Assemblyman William Byron Rumford thanked the Board for approving this project.

10. Isabella Lake Public Fishing Area, Project No. 124 \$35,000.00  
Kern County

The Coordinator reported that the Kern County Board of Supervisors has asked this Board to consider allocating funds for the development of two concrete ramps at the Isabella Lake Public Fishing Area. They point out that over 85% of the use of the reservoir is from outside Kern County, and that their obligation to maintain the facilities at no cost to the State is a considerable County obligation.

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Isabella Lake was formed by a dam constructed on the Kern River by the Corps of Engineers and is located 48 miles east of Bakersfield in Kern County. On May 17, 1957, the Board allocated \$200,000 for the development of a project. In addition to the Board allocation, the County of Kern put in a considerable amount of capital outlay from County funds and have also obligated themselves to the maintenance of the area.

Isabella Lake has proven to be one of the finest fishing reservoirs in California and is the most popular Wildlife Conservation Board project, total registered attendance last year being 781,200.

At the time of the initial development it was felt that boat launching could take place along several of the gravelly shorelines and that only a moderate amount of grading would be necessary. In addition, several former County roads leading to the reservoir were to be used. Because of the great popularity of the area and the difficulty of launching from unpaved areas, it has become apparent that concrete ramps are needed at Isabella.

Mr. Nesbit reported that he has not had an opportunity to review detailed plans for these ramps, but a preliminary estimate indicates cost would be in the nature of \$35,000. He recommended the approval of this improvement as necessary and desirable.

Mr. Smith, as well as Assemblyman Lowrey, felt that there should have been more complete planning of the project developments so that augmentation of funds would not be necessary at a later date for additional facilities.

Assemblyman John C. Williamson thanked the Board for its consideration of this project. He stated that although he cannot take exception to the point raised by the Chairman and Assemblyman Lowrey, the need for ramp construction is acute and low water conditions make early action desirable. The reason Kern County returned with this request for an additional allocation stemmed from the fact that maintenance costs for the area have been considerable and that 85% of the users of the recreational facilities were out of Kern County.

It was brought out in the discussion that the requested allocation was for two ramps, but that plans will be changed to provide three. However, construction costs will be kept within the \$35,000 requested.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN LOWREY, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE CONSTRUCTION OF RAMPS FOR THE ISABELLA LAKE PUBLIC FISHING AREA, PROJECT NO. 124; ALLOCATE \$35,000 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FOR THE CONSTRUCTION; AND AUTHORIZE THE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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IT WAS MOVED BY MR. SHANNON, SECONDED BY MR. MUGFORD, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE CONSTRUCTION OF RAMPS FOR THE ISABELLA LAKE PUBLIC FISHING AREA, PROJECT NO. 124; ALLOCATE \$35,000 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FOR THE CONSTRUCTION; AND AUTHORIZE THE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. Santa Margarita Lake Public Fishing Area, Project No. 117 \$73,000.00  
San Luis Obispo County

Mr. Nesbit advised that construction of facilities at the Santa Margarita Lake Public Fishing Area was one of the early WCB projects which opened to public fishing a water supply reservoir. The Board allocated \$50,000 for the project on January 5, 1956, and the reservoir was opened for public use the following year. This is a 720 acre body of water 7 miles east of the town of Santa Margarita in San Luis Obispo County. The reservoir and surrounding land is owned by the Army Corps of Engineers with a lease to the County of San Luis Obispo. A portion of the area dedicated to public use is subleased to the State. The additional development proposed at this time is for lands already held by the State under the existing sublease.

Santa Margarita is a popular warmwater fishing lake with heavy use from the Los Angeles area as well as local use. No bodily contact with the water is permitted. To develop this lake to adequately provide for the people using it, additional facilities are necessary. This project would open up 1½ miles of shoreline fishing and would supply a much needed permanent type sanitary facility. A more adequate boat launching ramp would also be provided.

The staff has worked closely with the County to plan an adequate development at a minimum cost. County and City of San Luis Obispo health standards must be maintained with adequate facilities. The county has agreed to build the project on a reimbursement basis and will maintain it when completed.

The project plans and cost estimates as developed by the County of San Luis Obispo and reviewed by the staff and the Department of Fish and Game engineering section are as follows:

1. Access Road (1.5 miles)	\$50,000
2. Parking Area	5,000
3. Boat Launching Ramp (125' x 25')	3,000
4. Water Supply System	4,000
5. Permanent Restroom	10,000
6. Fish Clearing Table	500
7. Contingencies, including signs	500
TOTAL	\$73,000

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The Coordinator further advised that the Department of Fish and Game recommends this project, and it was his recommendation that the requested facilities for the project be approved and that \$73,000 be allocated to the Department of Fish and Game to proceed with the project.

Mr. Shannon pointed out that there has been publicity in the Los Angeles newspapers that Santa Margarita Lake might be closed due to contamination. He suggested that since the State has a 19 year sublease from the County, an amortization clause be included in the agreement so that the State would be protected should the lake be closed to fishing after facilities have been constructed.

Senator Vernon Sturgeon stated newspapers were ill-advised in their reports of possible closure of the lake because of contamination. He furnished the Board with a letter written by Mayor Fred M. Waters of San Luis Obispo expressing the city council's endorsement of the request for additional facilities at Santa Margarita Lake. He stated he believed the County would have no objection to the inclusion of a repayment stipulation in the agreement.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYWOMAN DAVIS, SECONDED BY SENATOR BROWN, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE ADDITIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE SANTA MARGARITA LAKE PUBLIC FISHING AREA, PROJECT NO. 117; ALLOCATE \$73,000 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FROM THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND FOR DEVELOPMENT; AND AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT AND STAFF TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED, PROVIDED THAT THE COUNTY AGREES TO REPAY THE STATE FOR UNAMORTIZED WCB PROJECT COSTS IF THE RESERVOIR IS CLOSED TO FISHING FOR PUBLIC HEALTH REASONS.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. SHANNON, SECONDED BY MR. MUGFORD, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE ADDITIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE SANTA MARGARITA LAKE PUBLIC FISHING AREA, PROJECT NO. 117; ALLOCATE \$73,000 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FROM THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND FOR DEVELOPMENT; AND AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT AND STAFF TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED, PROVIDED THAT THE COUNTY AGREES TO REPAY THE STATE FOR UNAMORTIZED WCB PROJECT COSTS IF THE RESERVOIR IS CLOSED TO FISHING FOR PUBLIC HEALTH REASONS.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting was recessed at 3:05 p.m.; reconvened at 3:15 p.m.

11. Stream Clearance Program

Lower Klamath Tributaries Stream Clearance, Project No. 143 \$8,700.00  
Humboldt and Del Norte Counties

Mr. Nesbit advised that this project is a part of the continuing stream clearance program which was approved by the Board at the September 19, 1960, meeting. This program, utilizing inmate labor, provides for the removal of debris in coastal streams in order that salmon and steelhead can again reach their spawning gravels.

This project calls for the rehabilitation of 8½ miles of McGarvey Creek in Humboldt and Del Norte Counties and High Prairie Creek in Del Norte County.

The Department of Fish and Game has made detailed surveys of these streams and has also investigated responsibility. Present owners of the log jams have no legal responsibility to remove in all areas where work is proposed.

There are 84 log jams on McGarvey Creek, ranging from jams containing 110 cu. ft. of wood to a jam containing 20,000 cu. ft. of wood. Simpson Redwood Company, although they have no legal obligation to do so, has offered to remove the large logs from the larger jams with their heavy equipment with no cost to the State. The part of the stream where the most work is to be done is accessible by road and is within 5 miles of the Alder Conservation Camp.

The several forks of High Prairie Creek have numerous log jams of various sizes. Debris is also collected by willows which must be removed. The major stream clearance areas total 1½ miles of streams.

The cost breakdown for clearing McGarvey Creek of logs and debris is as follows:

Total cu. ft. of wood to remove	251,865	
Man days of labor	2,015	
Cost of labor @ \$3.50 per day		\$7,052.50
Equipment rental		500.00
		<u>7,552.50</u>
		TOTAL \$7,552.50

The cost breakdown for clearance High Prairie Creek of logs and debris is as follows:

Total cu. ft. of wood to remove		
from West Fork	12,500	
Man days of labor	100	
Cost of labor @ \$3.50 per day		\$350.00
Labor needed to remove debris		
and willows from Main Fork	210	
Cost of labor		<u>735.00</u>
		TOTAL \$1,085.00

Total cost of clearing the Lower Klamath group - \$8,637.50

Mr. Nesbit said this program is not only very desirable from the standpoint of restoration of fish populations, but also plays an important part in the State's inmate labor program.

This project, like the other stream clearance work being done under the inmate labor program, will be accomplished over a three year period. During the first year the major work will be accomplished with two years of follow-up and inspection.

Mr. Nesbit explained that although the Board had approved a ten year stream clearance program at its September 19, 1960, meeting, each individual stream clearance project with cost estimates must be presented to the Board for approval and funding.

Mr. Shannon, in answer to a question directed to him by Assemblyman Lowrey, advised that this stream clearance program does not relieve the Department of Fish and Game of the responsibility of clearing barriers. Removal of rock barriers throughout the State, insofar as funds permit, will be continued. The Department will also continue to try to establish responsibility for log jams and force the responsible party to clear these or press charges as provided in the Fish and Game Code. Only such cases where legal responsibility for the jams cannot be determined would be presented to the Board.

Assemblyman Lowrey stated that he served on the policy committee when the Forest Practice Act was established. This act charged the Division of Forestry with the responsibility of policing and patrolling forests so that excessive slash causing debris in streams and fire hazards would be prevented.

Mr. Francis Raymond, State Forester, pointed out that they have Forest Practice Committees whose purpose is to promulgate rules relative to forest practices. These recommendations are submitted to the Board of Forestry regulating the industry. The latest rules adopted in 1959, covering erosion control in the redwood area, are contained in Sections 914.8 and 914.9. Mr. Raymond read these for the record.

"914.8. Erosion Control. Tractor roads, tractor skid trails, abandoned logging truck roads, and firebreaks shall be so constructed and left after logging that water flow thereon shall not at any time create or contribute to excessive erosion of the soils. To prevent excessive erosion water breaks shall be installed at each natural water course, and at intervals of not more than three hundred (300) feet on all tractor roads, tractor skid trails, abandoned truck roads and firebreaks having a gradient greater than ten (10) per cent; such water breaks are to be installed prior to removal of equipment, concurrently with construction of firebreaks, and upon conclusion of use of tractor roads, tractor skid trails, and abandoned logging truck roads for logging."

"914.9. Erosion Control. In the conduct of timber operations to control erosion, due diligence shall be exercised in crossing beds of streams so that gouging of the same will be kept to a minimum, and provided further that the frequency of such stream bed crossings shall be kept to a minimum. Except for such crossings, beds of streams or portions of beds of streams which carry running water throughout the year shall not be used as roadways, logging skid trails or log landing where such use will cause excessive erosion of soil. All temporary stream crossing structures not designed to provide for the maximum flow of the stream shall be removed each year prior to the close of logging operation but in no case later than December 1st of the current year."

In answer to Assemblyman Lowrey's question regarding slash cleanup, Mr. Raymond explained that the intent of the forest practice rules regarding slash was to promote continuous growth of timber rather than for fish management. He further said it was the Division of Forestry's responsibility to see that loggers complied with these rules.

Assemblyman Lowrey inquired why it was necessary for the Department of Fish and Game to request compliance relative to clogging of streams. Mr. Raymond explained that their regulations did not apply specifically to streams and the Fish and Game Code did.

Assemblywoman Pauline Davis questioned the adequacy of the Forest practice rules. Mr. Raymond said the State Board of Forestry cannot itself make rules. He said the enforcement of these rules are most difficult but that hearings for noncompliance with these rules are now under way.

Mrs. Davis asked Mr. Raymond if the present forest practice rules administrative procedure has adequate teeth. Mr. Raymond's reply was that they did not have enough teeth (to adequately enforce).

Mr. Shannon stated he did not think the forest practice rules are strong enough. The maximum fine is \$500, he said. Some logging operators have been ordered by the court to clean up and this is more effective than the fine imposed. About five of those cases have been prosecuted by Fish and Game under the Fish and Game Code.

Assemblyman Belotti stated that this program is, in his opinion, one of the most far reaching and important programs the Board has ever undertaken.

Assemblyman Lowrey stated the Assembly Natural Resources Committee has plans to start field studies and hold hearings relative to the adequacy of laws relating to fire hazards and slash in the forests. He invited the Assembly Fish and Game Committee to take part. Assemblywoman Davis, Committee chairman, accepted and said she was hopeful of better laws in this regard.

Senator Charles Brown stated that he was quite familiar with the stream clearance problems and that the work undertaken with the WCB program was largely on old log jams, before any laws were in existence, and where

responsibility could not be fixed and ones which resulted from floods, etc. He agreed that care should be taken to prevent future debris conditions and highly endorsed the present stream clearance program with inmate labor.

IT WAS MOVED BY SENATOR BROWN, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE LOWER KLAMATH TRIBUTARIES STREAM CLEARANCE, PROJECT NO. 143, HUMBOLDT AND DEL NORTE COUNTIES; ALLOCATE \$8,700 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FROM THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND; AND AUTHORIZE THE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. SHANNON, SECONDED BY MR. MUGFORD, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE LOWER KLAMATH TRIBUTARIES STREAM CLEARANCE, PROJECT NO. 143, HUMBOLDT AND DEL NORTE COUNTIES; ALLOCATE \$8,700 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FROM THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND; AND AUTHORIZE THE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

13. San Vicente Reservoir Public Fishing Area, Project No. 144 \$87,000.00  
San Diego County

The Coordinator reported San Vicente Reservoir is located in south coastal San Diego County eighteen miles northeast of San Diego. The dam was constructed in 1943 and impounds a city water supply. No bodily contact with the water is permitted. Surface area of the reservoir varies from 800 to 1000 acres. The reservoir was first opened to public fishing in June 1949 and temporary access was provided by the use of the old Ramona-Lakeside Highway where it terminates at the reservoir.

The general inadequacies of this access have reached a critical stage. Sportsmen frequently must park cars and boat trailers more than 1/2 mile from the lake. In addition, the great majority of users come from the more than one million population in the San Diego vicinity. The new access road and recreation station as proposed would reduce the mileage traveled from San Diego to the reservoir a total of 33.6 miles per trip.

This project is a cooperative one with the City of San Diego. The City would continue to provide the operation and maintenance of the reservoir as a public fishing area, and in addition would provide a considerable amount of the capital outlay from their own sources.

The plans and cost estimates for that portion of the development proposed for WCB participation is as follows:

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<u>Facility</u>	<u>Number Needed</u>	<u>Unit Cost</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
Access Road - Construction	10,000 ft.	-	\$ 52,500
Parking Area & Site Preparation	-	-	15,620
Boat Launching Ramp	1	\$ 1,000	1,000
✓ Rest Room -Fish Cleaning Facility and Building	1	5,000	5,000
✓ Pump-Out Sewage Tank	1-15,000 gal.	3,000	3,000
✓ Supply Warehouse	1	3,000	3,000
✓ Incinerator for Trash and Sanitary Wastes	1	3,000	3,000
✓ Toilet Can Washing Facility and Building	1	3,000	3,000
Contingencies-title costs, signs, leasehold insurance, etc.			880
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED COST</b>			<b>\$87,000</b>

The fishery at San Vicente consists of the warmwater type, largely black bass, bluegill, sunfish and crappie. The Department of Fish and Game recommends the project.

The existing City of San Diego project to which the WCB allocated \$100,000 on March 24, 1955, was for fishing access development in other city reservoirs, namely, El Capitan, Sutherland, Hodges and Lower Otay.

Construction of this project would be accomplished on a reimbursement basis with any unused allocation returning to the Wildlife Restoration Fund.

Engineering plans, designs, specifications and inspections will be furnished by the City of San Diego with review by the Department of Fish and Game engineering staff.

The Coordinator recommended that this project be approved and that \$87,000 be allocated to the Department of Fish and Game from the Wildlife Restoration Fund and that the staff and the Department be authorized to proceed with the project.

Mr. Smith wondered if the planning for this project was thorough so that there would not be a later request for augmentation of funds to complete the job. Both Mr. Nesbit and Mr. Oren Todd, member of the San Diego City Lakes Recreation Commission, assured the Board that there would be no return for additional funds, inasmuch as this project is mainly concerned with better access to an established public fishing area.

Assemblyman Lowrey suggested that a repayment stipulation in the event of closure of the lake be included in the agreement. He approved the project provided this allocation would be a final one.

Mr. Shannon advised the Department of Fish and Game recommends this project as it will provide better access to San Vicente Reservoir. He emphasized that the Department does not indicate that the fishery will show a great increase; it will provide better access and accommodations for approximately the same number of people presently using the area.

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PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. SHANNON, SECONDED BY MR. MUGFORD, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE SAN VICENTE RESERVOIR PUBLIC FISHING AREA, PROJECT NO. 144, SAN DIEGO COUNTY; ALLOCATE \$87,000 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FROM THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND FOR DEVELOPMENT; AUTHORIZE THE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED, PROVIDED THAT THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO AGREES TO REPAY THE STATE FOR UNAMORTIZED WCB PROJECT COSTS IF THE RESERVOIR IS CLOSED TO FISHING FOR ANY REASON. THIS ALLOCATION IS MADE WITH THE STIPULATION THAT NO FURTHER ALLOCATION WILL BE MADE FOR THIS PROJECT.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Todd thanked the Board for their consideration of this fine project.

14. Coastal Angling Access Program, Project No. 1011 \$18,600.00  
Greyhound Rock Access, Santa Cruz County

At the June 17, 1960, meeting the Board approved for purchase the Greyhound Rock coastal access area in northern Santa Cruz County. This purchase was completed and the area is now ready for development. The land acquired consists of 70 acres with approximately  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles of ocean frontage. The area provides excellent fishing for surf fish as well as for the rock fish species. It is also reputed to be one of the really fine abalone areas.

Development plan call for an access road, parking areas, sanitary facilities and walkways to the beach. Cost estimates developed by the Department of Fish and Game are as follows:

Access road and parking area	
Rough grading and borrow	5,000
Finish grading, gravel & surfacing	5,400
Sanitary facilities	1,000
Walkways to beach	3,000
Fences, guard rails, parking lot bumpers	2,500
Contingencies, including signs	1,700
TOTAL	\$18,600

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The County of Santa Cruz will maintain the area when developed and keep it open and free to the public. When completed, this will be the thirteenth coastal access project under the Board program.

Mr. Nesbit recommended that \$18,600 be allocated to the Department of Fish and Game from the Wildlife Restoration Fund and that the staff and the Department be authorized to proceed with development.

In answer to Assemblyman Lowrey's inquiry as to acquisition cost of the project area, Mr. Nesbit stated the purchase price was \$35,000 for the 70 acre parcel. It was Mr. Smith's suggestion that where previous allocations had been made on projects for acquisition, etc., mention of such costs be made on the agenda..

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN LOWREY, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE GREYHOUND ROCK ACCESS, COASTAL ANGLING ACCESS PROGRAM, PROJECT NO. 1011, SANTA CRUZ COUNTY; ALLOCATE \$18,600 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FROM THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND FOR DEVELOPMENT; AND AUTHORIZE THE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT SUBSTANTIALLY AS PROPOSED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. SHANNON, SECONDED BY MR. MUGFORD, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE GREYHOUND ROCK ACCESS, COASTAL ANGLING ACCESS PROGRAM, PROJECT NO. 1011, SANTA CRUZ COUNTY; ALLOCATE \$18,600 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FROM THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND FOR DEVELOPMENT; AND AUTHORIZE THE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT SUBSTANTIALLY AS PROPOSED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

15. Inland Angling Access Program, Project No. 1013 \$23,800.00  
Cliff House Access, Sacramento County

A fishing access in the vicinity of Rio Vista on the Sacramento River has been considered for four years. Negotiations for several parcels of land along the west bank of the river in Solano County have been attempted by your staff without success. The west bank has better physical conditions for an access area. However, it is now possible to develop a fishing access project on the east side of the river on land recently acquired by Sacramento County for this purpose.

This area is located on Brannan Island and the Sacramento River one mile north of the Rio Vista bridge in Sacramento County. The Sacramento River near Rio Vista is one of the most popular fishing areas in the State and is the home of the annual striped bass derby. This site will provide much needed boat and shore fishing access in this area.

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The land to be provided by Sacramento County consists of approximately three acres. It will be leased to the State without charge. The County will also maintain the area and keep it open and free to the public.

Development plans and preliminary cost estimates were developed by the engineering section, Department of Fish and Game. The Department also points out the popular fishery in the vicinity of this project. Land is available for parking for 25 cars and trailers. A single lane ramp is planned because of the limited parking.

Cost estimates of the project planned are as follows:

Roads and parking	\$7,500.00
Bank protection, rock	1,500.00
Boat ramp	12,700.00
Sanitary facilities, 2 chemical toilets	600.00
Guard rails, bumper logs	500.00
Signs, title cost, contingencies	1,000.00
TOTAL	\$23,800.00

The Coordinator recommended this project be approved and that \$23,800 be allocated to the Department of Fish and Game from the Wildlife Restoration Fund and that the staff and the Department be authorized to proceed with the project.

Mr. William Pond, Director, Sacramento County Parks and Recreation, advised that the Board of Supervisors of Sacramento County as well as Assemblymen Hicks and Z'Berg and Senator Rodda favor this development.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN LOWREY, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE CLIFF HOUSE ACCESS, SACRAMENTO COUNTY, INLAND ANGLING ACCESS PROGRAM, PROJECT NO. 1013; ALLOCATE \$23,800 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FROM THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND FOR DEVELOPMENT; AND AUTHORIZE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. SHANNON, SECONDED BY MR. MUGFORD, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE CLIFF HOUSE ACCESS, SACRAMENTO COUNTY, INLAND ANGLING ACCESS PROGRAM, PROJECT NO. 1013; ALLOCATE \$23,800 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FROM THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND FOR DEVELOPMENT; AND AUTHORIZE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

16. Coastal Angling Access Program, Project No. 1011 \$4,000.00  
Punta Gorda Access, Humboldt County

At the September 19, 1960, meeting there was presented a proposal to acquire the old Punta Gorda light station 10 miles southwest of Petrolia in Humboldt County. The station which contains 22.8 acres and 1/3 mile of ocean frontage was abandoned in 1946 and was turned over to General Services Administration for disposal.

It was thought that the WCB could acquire this parcel under Public Law 537 without cost to the State. The Board approved this proposal and the coordinator was instructed to proceed with an application to the General Services Administration under P.L. 537.

The application under this law was denied. However, the staff was informed the parcel could be sold at a reasonable price. A price of \$3,500 appears to be acceptable to the GSA. No lesser offer would be considered. Appraisal, title and other incidental costs may increase the cost to \$4,000. An independent appraisal has been made and found to be in excess of \$3,500.

This stretch of the northern California coastline has excellent fishing and is practically inaccessible because of private ownership. Acquisition of this 22.8 acre parcel along with the road right-of-way would provide very desirable public access. Development is not planned other than signs indicating the rights-of-way to property boundaries.

The Coordinator recommended that this land acquisition be approved and that \$4,000 be allocated from the Wildlife Restoration Fund to the Department of Fish and Game for the acquisition of this parcel of land and that the staff and the Department be authorized to proceed with the acquisition.

Assemblyman Belotti introduced Supervisor Elwyn Lindley and Mr. Robert Madison of Humboldt County. Mr. Lindley advised that the County of Humboldt is very interested in this proposal and favors the acquisition.

Mr. Nesbit reiterated that no development would be necessary in the foreseeable future. People can go down to the beach and, therefore, access roads will not be necessary. Directional signs, of course, would be placed.

The Chairman asked what the responsibilities of the State were with regard to maintaining or repairing the old buildings on the property. His thought was that injuries because of these buildings may be the basis for a suit. Mr. Hinkelman, Deputy Attorney General, affirmed that such could be the case. Mr. Mugford advised, however, that a "save harmless" clause is included in such agreements. Mr. Hinkelman questioned the immunity of the State in view of a recent lawsuit. He supposed that it would depend on how strong the "save harmless" clause is.

Mr. Nesbit informed the Board that after purchase, the area would be turned over to the county, and it would be the county's responsibility to operate and maintain the project.

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The Chairman instructed staff to request an attorney general's review of the "save harmless" clause now used in operating agreements to see if such provisions are adequate for State protection.

It was the consensus that acquisition of this property is most important.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN LOWREY, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE ACQUISITION OF THE PUNTA GORDA ACCESS, COASTAL ANGLING ACCESS PROGRAM, PROJECT NO. 1011, HUMBOLDT COUNTY; ALLOCATE \$4,000 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FROM THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND FOR ACQUISITION AND MISCELLANEOUS COSTS; AND AUTHORIZE THE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. SHANNON, SECONDED BY MR. MUGFORD, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE ACQUISITION OF THE PUNTA GORDA ACCESS, COASTAL ANGLING ACCESS PROGRAM, PROJECT NO. 1011, HUMBOLDT COUNTY; ALLOCATE \$4,000 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FROM THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND FOR ACQUISITION AND MISCELLANEOUS COSTS; AND AUTHORIZE THE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

17. Resolutions

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN LOWREY, AS A JOINT MOTION, THAT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS BE ADOPTED AND MADE A PART OF THE MINUTES OF THIS MEETING, AND THE COORDINATOR IS HEREBY INSTRUCTED TO FORWARD COPIES TO MR. WM. P. ELSEER AND SENATOR J. WILLIAM BEARD.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

WHEREAS, Mr. William P. Elser retired as Chairman of the Wildlife Conservation Board on January 15, 1961; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Elser has for many years maintained a keen interest in fish and game matters in California; and

WHEREAS, the judgment displayed and exercised by Mr. Elser in the administration of his responsibilities as chairman contributed greatly to the development of the program of this Board;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that we, the members of the Wildlife Conservation Board, the Joint Interim Committee, and the Board staff, convey to Mr. Elser our sincere appreciation; and

FURTHER, that this Resolution be made a part of the official minutes of this Board and that a copy of this Resolution be furnished Mr. Elser.

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WHEREAS, Senator J. Wm. Beard was a member of the advisory committee of this Board from January 21, 1957, to December 31, 1960; and

WHEREAS, Senator Beard evidenced a sincere interest in the program of this Board; and

WHEREAS, he, as a member of the advisory committee, assisted greatly in the policy and programming of this Board;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that we, the members of the Wildlife Conservation Board, the Joint Interim Committee, and the Board staff, convey to Senator Beard our sincere appreciation for his contributions to the work of the Board; and

FURTHER, that this Resolution be made a part of the official minutes of this Board and that a copy of this Resolution be furnished Senator Beard.

18. Lake Tahoe Access

The Coordinator advised that the following letter had been received from the Placer County Recreation Commission and requested Board instruction as to procedure.

"The Placer County Recreation Commission wishes to express to the Wildlife Conservation Board its interest in cooperating with the Board in establishing and operating a public fishing access on the property bordering Lake Tahoe in a portion of Lot #1, Sec. 5, T15N, R17E, and the SW quarter of Sec. 32, T16N, R17E, near Tahoe City, owned in fee by the Department of Fish and Game.

"I was informed by you at our meeting in early December that the Department of Fish and Game has initiated a fisheries research program to improve the fishery in Lake Tahoe, and an access development would be considered when and if the Lake's fishery has improved to the point of justifying such a development according to Wildlife Conservation Board standards.

"If the fishery so justifies development of an access facility, the Placer County Recreation Commission would definitely be interested in entering into a lease agreement with the Board for the operation and continued development of the facility.

"If, however, the fisheries research program should not present proper justification for an access facility, the Commission would ask that the Wildlife Conservation Board consider, and if at all possible, use for continued justification, the current demand and need for public access by recreationists using other types of small crafts. This demand is extremely acute within the Placer County portion of Lake Tahoe where there are less than 1½ miles of public owned land having a recreation facility development potential of any type.

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"We are adamant in stressing the great demand for public lands providing access to Lake Tahoe, and particularly so in referring to land currently under public ownership and having good development and use potential."

Sincerely yours,

SIDNEY V. DENNISON  
Chairman"

Chairman Smith assumed that merely a discussion of this proposal was required since it is not a concrete proposal nor a request for an allocation.

Senator Ronald G. Cameron cited the various reasons for the request by the newly created Placer County Recreation Commission to study the possibility of an access project at the Tahoe Hatchery site. State lands are already available; an access road is to be provided by the establishment of a Coast Guard Station; there is a fishery in the lake which is to be further improved by a research program by the Department of Fish and Game. He pointed out that the only thing that might be questioned by the Board would be the fact that during the months of July and August, use of the fishing access would be for recreational boating. He felt, however, it was equally true that during the spring and early fall, use would be by the fishing public. He emphasized that public lands around the perimeter of the lake was valuable, and it is important to make access available. The estimated cost for the parking area and ramp would be in the neighborhood of \$40,000. The county could establish overnight camp sites on the other parts of the land.

Assemblyman Lowrey pointed out that the Wildlife Conservation Board function relates only to fishing or hunting access facilities. Wildlife Restoration Funds, he stated, are not meant for construction of general recreational facilities.

Mr. Sidney Dennison from the Placer County Recreation Commission advised that Placer County plans camping and picnicking facilities. Mr. Mugford suggested the Wildlife Conservation Board join forces with Beaches and Parks to develop the area. Senator Cameron also suggested we work with Small Craft Harbors on this matter.

Mr. Shannon suggested, and the Chairman requested the staff to look into the various possibilities for the most practical use of this property and to report back as to the progress at the next meeting.

Mr. Dennison stated that this is the first project of the Recreation Commission and that it has been interesting to listen to the discussion on the other projects. The decision of the Board to explore the possibilities was what was expected by his commission. He inquired if charges for the use of the area could be made by Placer County.

The Coordinator replied that in past projects it has been a requirement that the area developed by the Board with State funds must be kept open and free to the public. However, this does not preclude the County's licensing boats, charging fees for camping or for other facilities provided by the county. These funds would then be used to cover operation and maintenance costs.

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19. Policy on Signs Requested

Assemblyman Lowrey stated there should be uniformity in the signs place at the various Board projects and suggested standardization or a policy for signs be set up. The Coordinator advised that in the last year or so these signs have been standardized. The facilities at the Iron Mine Conservation Camp were being used to make these signs. The Chairman requested the staff to work up a set policy with regard to signs and report back at the next meeting.

20. Policy request on projects if closed for public health or other reasons

At Mr. Shannon's suggestion, the Chairman further requested that the staff set up a general policy on reimbursement or amortization of funds should any Wildlife Conservation Board project be closed. This is to be presented as an agenda item at a future meeting.

Mr. Smith thanked the Advisory Committee for the opportunity of working with them at this meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Reserves Established:	
Upper American River Development	100,000.00
Lake Tahoe Access Development	30,000.00
Colorado River Reservoir Development	100,000.00
Total Reserves Established	\$130,000.00
Operating Costs:	
Actual	\$240.12
Estimated - FY 60/61	83,643.00
Total Actual and Estimated Operating Costs	\$83,883.12
Total Funds Available:	
Total Funds Appropriated	\$12,750,000.00
Appropriation Available thru 60/61 FY	750,000.00
Int. on Savings Money Inv. thru 29/60 FY	434,042.68
Miscellaneous Revenue thru 29/60 FY	22,687.96
Total Sum Available	\$13,956,730.64
Total Expended or Obligated	\$13,807,747.64
Available thru June 30, 1961	\$148,983.00

Status of Funds. The amount allocated to specific projects as of the close of the meeting on February 14, 1961, aggregated \$15,764,614.22.

a.	Fish Hatchery and Stocking Projects . . . . .		\$4,279,253.11
b.	Warmwater and Other Fish Projects . . . . .		3,055,986.09
	1. Warmwater Projects . . . . .	\$2,434,151.81	
	2. Other Fish Projects . . . . .	621,834.28	
c.	Flow Maintenance and Stream Improvement Projects . . . . .		632,221.53
d.	Screen and Ladder Projects . . . . .		283,579.31
e.	State Game Farms . . . . .		105,644.49
f.	Other Upland Game Projects . . . . .		416,530.84
g.	Waterfowl Management Projects . . . . .		5,613,177.84
h.	General Projects . . . . .		1,353,221.01
	1. Coastal Angling Access Projects . . . . .	462,366.68	
	2. Inland Angling Access Projects . . . . .	702,803.06	
	3. Hunting Access Projects . . . . .	28,000.00	
	4. Other General Projects . . . . .	160,051.27	
	Total Allocated to Specific Projects . . . . .		<u>\$15,739,614.22</u>

Special Project Allocations:

Project Evaluation, Property Acquisition and Engineering Studies . . . . .	25,000.00
Total Allocated . . . . .	<u>\$15,764,614.22</u>

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

1. Colorado River Recreational Development . . . . .	\$23,219.30
2. Lake Tahoe Access Development . . . . .	30,000.00
3. Upper American River Development . . . . .	100,000.00
Total Reserves Established . . . . .	<u>\$153,219.30</u>

Operating Costs:

FY 47/48 thru 59/60 Actual . . . . .	\$606,240.12	
FY 60/61 - Estimated . . . . .	83,643.00	
Total Actual and Estimated Operating Costs . . . . .		\$689,883.12

Recapitulation:

Allocations for Projects . . . . .	\$15,739,614.22
Special Project Allocations . . . . .	25,000.00
Reserves Established . . . . .	153,219.30
Expenses of Operation . . . . .	689,883.12
Total Expended or Obligated . . . . .	<u>\$16,607,716.64</u>
Total Funds Appropriated . . . . .	\$15,750,000.00
Appropriation Available thru 60/61 FY . . . . .	750,000.00
Int. on Surplus Money Inv. thru 59/60 FY . . . . .	434,045.68
Miscellaneous Revenue thru 59/60 FY . . . . .	32,687.96
Total Sum Available . . . . .	<u>\$16,966,733.64</u>
Total Expended or Obligated . . . . .	<u>16,607,716.64</u>
Available thru June 30, 1961 . . . . .	\$359,017.00