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WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD
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Pursuant to the call of the Chairman, the Wildlife Conservation Board met in Room 4061, 722 Capitol Avenue, Sacramento, California, on June 8, 1961. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jamie H. Smith at 1:35 p.m.

1. Roll Call

PRESENT: Jamie H. Smith
W. T. Shannon

Chairman
Member of the Board

Senator Charles Brown	Joint Interim Committee
Senator Ed C. Johnson	" " "
Senator Aaron W. Quick	" " "
Assemblywoman Pauline L. Davis	" " "
Assemblyman Frank P. Belotti	" " "
Assemblyman Lloyd W. Lowrey	" " "

Raymond J. Nesbit	Coordinator
Chester M. Hart	Assistant Coordinator
Philip A. Douglas	Field Agent
Alma Koyasako	Secretary
Alpha K. Phelps	Accounting Technician

ABSENT: John E. Carr

Member of the Board

OTHERS PRESENT:

L. T. Petersen	Division of Forestry
Ralph H. Shaw	Director, Parks and Recreation, San Mateo County
Frank S. Skillman	San Mateo Co. Planning Director
Robert W. Wickenden	Modoc County Engineer
John F. Reginato	Shasta-Cascade Wonderland Ass'n Placerville
Doris Glenn	El Dorado Co. Recreation Comm.
Mrs. Carl Holm	Placer Co. Recreation Comm.
Sidney V. Dennison	Placer Co. Fish & Game Committee
Ralph Holper	Supervisor, Placer County
J. O. Anderson	City Manager, Monterey
Alfred D. Coons	City Engineer, Monterey
C. F. Weiler	Sacramento Bee
W. K. Lythgoe	Senator, 7th District
Ronald G. Cameron	Tuolumne County
Ernest J. Conde	Supervisor, Tuolumne County
Adelbert A. Nicholls	Department of Finance
Vaughn Miller	Division of Highways
Lincoln V. Johnson	Department of Fish and Game
Wallace C. Dry	Assemblyman, 80th District
Jack Schrade	

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R. D. Calkins	Department of Fish and Game
W. E. Ripley	" " " "
E. P. Hughes	" " " "
Alex Calhoun	" " " "
Murray Smith, Jr.	" " " "
Al Rutsch	" " " "
F. E. Wolfe	" " " "
V. Blanks	" " " "
Wm. J. Harp	Fish and Game Commission
Robert D. Montgomery	Region 2, Dept. of Fish & Game

2. Introduction of Members and Advisory Committee

Mr. Jamie H. Smith, Chairman, introduced the members of the Wildlife Conservation Board and the Legislative Advisory Committee and announced that Mr. John Carr was unable to attend because of other pressing duties.

3. Approval of Minutes, February 14, 1961, Meeting

Mr. R. J. Nesbit, Coordinator, recommended that minutes of the February 14, 1961, meeting be approved.

IT WAS MOVED BY SENATOR JOHNSON, SECONDED BY SENATOR QUICK, AS A JOINT MOTION, THAT THE MINUTES OF THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD FOR FEBRUARY 14, 1961, BE APPROVED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Status of Funds as of June 1, 1961

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>

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Special Project Allocations:

Project Evaluation, Property Acquisition and Engineering Studies	\$25,000.00
Total Allocated	\$15,764,614.22

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	78,940.00
Total Actual and Estimated Operating Costs	\$685,180.12

Recapitulation:

Allocations for Projects	\$15,739,614.22
Special Project Allocations	25,000.00
Reserves Established	153,219.30
Expenses of Operation	685,180.12
Total Expended or Obligated	\$16,603,013.64
Total Funds Appropriated	15,750,000.00
Appropriation Available thru 60/61 FY	750,000.00
Int. on Surplus Money Inv. Thru 12/31/60	469,061.62
Miscellaneous Revenue thru 6/1/61	63,633.01
Total Sum Available	\$17,032,694.63
Total Expended or Obligated	16,603,013.64
Available thru June 30, 1961	\$429,680.99

5. 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 be closed.

<u>Project Number</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Balance</u>
34	Hot Creek Hatchery	\$582.73
1016	Marine Habitat Development	301.61
	Total	\$884.34

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

<u>Project Number</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Balance</u>
34	Hot Creek Hatchery	\$582.73
1016	Marine Habitat Development	301.61

ALL OF THESE SUMS TOTALING \$884.34 ARE TO BE RESTORED TO THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. Sign Policy

Mr. Nesbit reviewed the instructions of the Board at the February 14, 1961, meeting relative to a sign policy for WCB projects.

He advised that during the past two years, large entry-way signs have been supplied for each project. These are 4' x 6' x 3" redwood, mounted on 8" x 8" x 12' redwood posts. In addition, smaller redwood signs have been supplied the project areas where suitable, designating "No Overnight Camping", "Boat Ramp", and "Please Keep This Area Clean". More recently, in some of the off highway areas, directional signs 2' x 6' x 3" redwood have been provided.

Approval is obtained from each cooperating agency before the signs are constructed.

By June 1, 1961, some sixty three 4' x 6' signs had been ordered through the Iron Mine Conservation Camp at Auburn. Under the supervision of the State Division of Forestry, inmate labor has completed 43 signs of this order. These have been installed. They are a real credit to the project, with all lettering routed and painted white.

The average costs for the 4' x 6' signs now completed is \$58.27. The smaller 6" x 36" signs are averaging approximately \$2.00 each. The above noted costs include labor and material, posts, hardware, and paint.

The Coordinator recommended that a policy relative to signs for Wildlife Conservation Board projects be adopted.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, SECONDED BY SENATOR JOHNSON, AS A JOINT MOTION, THAT THE FOLLOWING POLICY RELATIVE TO SIGNS FOR WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD PROJECTS BE ADOPTED:

Policy Relative to Signs

It is the policy of the Wildlife Conservation Board that signs be placed at each WCB project where appropriate and public use is involved. The sign or signs should be of adequate size to attract public notice and sufficiently constructed to be durable. Wording shall provide credit for both the Wildlife Conservation Board and the cooperating agency. Costs of signs shall be a part of the project. Insofar as possible, construction is to be by inmate labor.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. Inland Angling Access Program, Project No. 1013 \$49,300.00
Lake Tahoe Access, Placer County

Mr. Nesbit advised that at the February 14, 1961, meeting, a request for a Lake Tahoe public fishing access development was made by Placer County officials. The Board staff was instructed to investigate and report back.

In 1951 the Board purchased a parcel of land at the existing fish hatchery site near Tahoe City. The area contains approximately nine acres with 150' of lake frontage. It is suitable for an access facility.

Previous proposals for access development have been held in abeyance for several reasons. Lake Tahoe was not considered a prime fishing water; the County of Placer had not expressed interest in operating the area; the interest by local sportsmen had not been expressed; and the various problems related to the large summer non-fishing use had not been resolved.

The Coordinator continued that the staff, with the assistance of Department of Fish and Game personnel, investigated the need and advisability of an access development at this property. Discussions have been held with County officials including the Placer County Board of Supervisors, Senator Ronald Cameron and Assemblyman Lunardi, Lake Tahoe Council, as well as various sportsmen and landowners. The following conclusions have been reached:

1. Fishing in Lake Tahoe can and is being improved with the Department's stocking and research program.
2. More fish would be taken if more fishing access were available on the north side.
3. The major period of fishing use would not conflict with the heavy summer use of the lake by other boating recreationists.
4. Sufficient public access for the fisherman is not available as existing commercial facilities are inadequate.
5. Any State development, i.e., a ramp and parking area, should be supplemented by additional County development to fully utilize the available land. County development should consist primarily of day use facilities.

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6. During the period of the year when fishermen use is not the major use of the area, the County should be permitted to make a nominal entrance charge for use of County-provided facilities. This could be from July 1 to Labor Day. All revenue should be used to maintain the area and develop additional facilities thereon.
7. This fall will find the lake at the lowest water level since 1934. It is the ideal year to install the boat ramp.
8. The development of the adjoining area by the U.S. Coast Guard will enhance a fishing access project and will provide most of the access road to the area. Drainage of the site will also be improved by the Coast Guard.

Plans for development by the Wildlife Conservation Board have been prepared by the Department of Fish and Game Engineering Section and have been reviewed by your staff and Placer County. The cost estimates are as follows:

Fill and drainage	\$6,800.00
Grading	700.00
Road Base Material	9,300.00
Asphalt Surfacing	11,200.00
Concrete Work	5,800.00
Fencing and gates	1,500.00
Miscellaneous, including signs	500.00
Sanitary Facilities	10,000.00
Contingencies	3,500.00
TOTAL	\$49,300.00

In addition, the County has agreed to provide day use facilities including parking, water supply, barbecues, picnic tables, etc. These will be placed in the area not required for the fishing access ramp and parking area.

The Coordinator recommended this project be approved and that the \$30,000 Lake Tahoe reserve be used for this access development, that this reserve be canceled, and that an additional sum of \$19,300 be allocated from the Wildlife Restoration Fund for the project -- a total of \$49,300.

Assemblywoman Davis inquired if Placer County has shown any interest in the construction and maintenance of additional facilities on the access area. The Coordinator advised that the County has funds earmarked for construction and has passed a resolution agreeing to operate and maintain the entire project.

Senator Johnson, in commenting on item 6 of the above-noted conclusions, suggested that a ceiling be put on the entrance charge that the County may be permitted to establish.

In answer to the Chairman's request for further information, Mr. Sidney Dennison, Chairman, Placer County Recreation Commission, advised that Placer County has been slow in recognizing its recreational potential, but that they are now willing and anxious to do what is possible to augment their

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recreational facilities. He further advised that what revenue is derived from this facility would be put back into the maintenance or improvement on the area -- the funds would not be used for improvements on other facilities.

He felt that Placer County would be willing to set the \$1.00 per car per day charge that has been discussed by his County as the maximum, but if experience should indicate that a lower fee would suffice, the charges would be lowered. He added that preference would be given to the fisherman in any move made by the County. This could be incorporated in the agreement to be worked out between the County and the State.

Assemblywoman Davis questioned the advisability of having only daily rates, as it was her understanding that people were more willing to pay a seasonal rate.

Mr. Dennison stated that it is not the county's plan to build overnight facilities since the size of the area is relatively limited. Nor is it their plan to set up a money making project. It is their hope to have access facilities to serve the most people at the lowest charge. It was his thought that should a seasonal rate be offered, the facilities might be monopolized by a few people.

Senator Brown suggested that the county set an arbitrary figure and then after a year's experience set the correct adequate fee. Assemblyman Lowrey concurred in this, but felt that the Board should put a ceiling on what the county could charge; e.g., not to exceed \$10.00 for a seasonal rate. It was the Chairman's suggestion that only a percentage of the parking area be sold on a seasonal rate basis.

IT WAS MOVED BY SENATOR BROWN, SECONDED BY SENATOR JOHNSON, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE LAKE TAHOE ACCESS, PLACER COUNTY, INLAND ANGLING ACCESS PROGRAM, PROJECT NO. 1013; ALLOCATE \$49,300 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FOR THE DEVELOPMENT, USING THE \$30,000 RESERVE FOR THE LAKE TAHOE ACCESS DEVELOPMENT AND \$19,300 FROM THE UNALLOCATED BALANCE OF THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND; AND AUTHORIZE THE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED. THE COORDINATOR IS FURTHER AUTHORIZED TO NEGOTIATE WITH PLACER COUNTY IN DEVELOPING CHARGES FOR DAY USE OF THE ACCESS AREA, BUT IN NO CASE ARE THE CHARGES TO EXCEED \$1.00 PER CAR PER DAY OR \$10.00 PER SEASON.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. SHANNON, SECONDED BY MR. SMITH, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE LAKE TAHOE ACCESS, PLACER COUNTY, INLAND ANGLING ACCESS PROGRAM, PROJECT NO. 1013; ALLOCATE \$49,300 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FOR THE DEVELOPMENT, USING THE \$30,000 RESERVE FOR THE LAKE TAHOE ACCESS DEVELOPMENT AND \$19,300 FROM THE UNALLOCATED BALANCE OF THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND; AND AUTHORIZE THE STAFF AND THE

DEPARTMENT TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED. THE COORDINATOR IS FURTHER AUTHORIZED TO NEGOTIATE WITH PLACER COUNTY IN DEVELOPING CHARGES FOR DAY USE OF THE ACCESS AREA, BUT IN NO CASE ARE THE CHARGES TO EXCEED \$1.00 PER CAR PER DAY OR \$10.00 PER SEASON.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. Silver Salmon Trapping Facility, Project No. 145 \$49,000.00
South Fork of the Noyo River, Mendocino County

Mr. Nesbit reported that the Department of Fish and Game has proposed the construction of an egg taking facility to be used as part of the rehabilitation program for the salmon streams on the north coast. The proposed location is on the South Fork of the Noyo River, a short distance downstream from the junction with the North Fork of the South Fork Noyo River or 10 miles upstream from the ocean. The project would be located within the Jackson State Forest, and, therefore, is on State owned land. Preliminary arrangements have been made with the Division of Forestry officials to locate such a facility at this site.

The plan would be to trap adult silver salmon, hold in ripening pens as necessary and take the spawn. Eggs would then be transported to and hatched at one or more of the presently operated hatcheries. The fish would be stocked as yearling salmon in the north coast streams to supplement the naturally produced yearlings.

The Department of Fish and Game pointed out that present sources of suitable silver salmon eggs are unreliable and inadequate. Efforts to establish a source of supply have met with some success, but a permanent installation is needed to adequately meet the present and future needs for larger quantities of eggs for the coastal stream rehabilitation program from Santa Cruz County to the Oregon border.

In addition to the facility's providing adult fish for spawn taking, the station would also be useful in evaluating the success of the stream improvement work completed on this stream as well as the evaluation of attempts being made to establish certain strains of king salmon on the Noyo River.

Initially the eggs collected will be used to supply fish for stocking in the Noyo River. After this has been accomplished, the eggs will be used to hasten the rehabilitation of other streams, particularly those coastal streams which have been improved under the WCB stream clearance program.

Cost estimates for the structure have been prepared by the Engineering Section, Department of Fish and Game. The installation will be typical of other egg taking stations, but since the stream has peak flows as much as 22,000 c.f.s. and is more than 100 feet in width, a sizable weir is required.

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Cost estimates are as follows:

Excavation for structure	\$2,400
Dam and upstream migrant barrier	18,400
Fishway and spawning house	17,400
Downstream migrant facilities	2,000
Electricity, high line, hoist for fish loading	4,400
Contingencies	4,400
TOTAL	\$49,000

The Coordinator further advised that the Department foresees no appreciable increase in their operational costs for operation of this facility. In fact, due to increased efficiency in the operation of a permanent egg taking station, it is their feeling there will be better utilization of available personnel and funds.

The Coordinator recommended that this project be approved and that \$49,000 be allocated to the Department of Fish and Game from the Wildlife Restoration Fund for the construction of the egg taking facility and that the Department be authorized to proceed with the project.

Senator Johnson wanted assurance that this facility will not be shut down because of Department of Fish and Game or Commission policy. Mr. Smith, speaking for the Fish and Game Commission, and Mr. Shannon, speaking for the Department of Fish and Game, assured him that this facility will not be discontinued in the foreseeable future. They both believed that this facility would provide an opportunity to increase the fishery in the north coast.

It was the consensus of the legislative advisory committee that the Board is committed to the stream clearance program in the north coast and that the restoration of the natural runs was a necessary follow-up of the program.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLY-WOMAN DAVIS, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SILVER SALMON TRAPPING FACILITY, PROJECT NO. 145, ON THE SOUTH FORK NOYO RIVER, MENDOCINO COUNTY; ALLOCATE \$49,000 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FROM THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND FOR CONSTRUCTION; AND AUTHORIZE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. SHANNON, SECONDED BY MR. SMITH, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SILVER SALMON TRAPPING FACILITY, PROJECT NO. 145, ON THE SOUTH FORK NOYO RIVER, MENDOCINO COUNTY; ALLOCATE \$49,000 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FROM THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND FOR CONSTRUCTION; AND AUTHORIZE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. Coastal Angling Access Program, Project No. 1011
Gazos Creek, San Mateo County

\$21,600.00

The Coordinator reported that the Division of Highways has declared surplus a parcel of land containing 5.94 acres fronting on Highway 1 at the mouth of Gazos Creek in San Mateo County. It contains 500' of ocean frontage and would provide access to several miles of beach which is state-owned to high tide. The land is located 48 miles south of San Francisco and 24 miles north of Santa Cruz. It is in an area where coastal waters are intensively used and additional public access is very desirable. The ocean frontage to the north is rapidly being taken up by private developments and public access to the ocean is being reduced. This was substantiated in the letter received from Senator Richard Dolwig which requested the Board's favorable consideration of this proposal.

The Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County has sent us a resolution favoring the acquisition and development by the Wildlife Conservation Board and has assured us they would maintain the area free to the public if developed.

The Department of Fish and Game recommends the project. The local warden reports that the main ocean fishery opposite Gazos Creek is surf perch. Various fishing clubs from as far away as Stockton come to this beach to fish for perch. Rocks at the south end of the beach harbor cod and various rock fish.

The Wildlife Conservation Board staff has conferred with the San Mateo County Planning and Recreation Directors and the following plans are recommended. Cost estimates have been developed by the Engineering Section, Department of Fish and Game.

Access road, approx. 600 ft. length and	\$9,600
Parking area, 40 cars, approx. $\frac{1}{2}$ acre	
Bumper guards	
Fencing	400
Sanitary facilities (2)	600
Contingencies, signs, title, appraisal, etc.	1,000
TOTAL	\$11,600

Mr. Nesbit advised that the Division of Highways has agreed to sell the property at the price determined by the Department of Finance appraisers. The price which was set by the Department of Finance appraisers and which is acceptable to the Division of Highways is \$24,000. It was the consensus of the entire Board that this price was too high.

The Coordinator stated that he had requested the Department of Finance to make an appraisal of this property with a view to transferring the parcel from one state agency to another. He asked Mr. Vaughn Miller, Department of Finance appraiser, to substantiate the appraisal.

Mr. Miller advised that his figure was based on three things:

1. There were three sales in the area which are comparable to the area in question. One is for \$5,500 per acre, another for \$6,000, and the other

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for \$6,500. Their figure is just in between for the four acres of land they considered useable.

2. The appraiser who made the visit to the project site met the attorney who had submitted a bona fide bid of \$24,000 to the Division of Highways. This, too, set up the sales pattern.
3. There is a realtor in the area whose opinion was that this property would be worth \$40,000, according to how it was developed.

Mr. Lincoln V. Johnson, supervising right-of-way agent, Division of Highways, was introduced and in answer to questions put to him by members of the Board gave the following information.

The property was purchased by the Division of Highways in May of 1958 for \$10,000. It was a 6.77 acre parcel and less than an acre was used for highways improvement. It is the policy of the Highways Commission to sell existing highways property at the market price. The profit, if there is any in the sale of surplus property, goes back to the highways fund -- there is no distribution factor in the use of these funds. The Chairman further requested Mr. Johnson to let the Board know when the policy of the Highways Commission relative to sale of surplus property was inaugurated and whether this policy is always adhered to.

Mr. Ralph N. Shaw, Director of Parks and Recreation, and Mr. Frank S. Skillman, Planning Director, both of San Mateo County, were introduced. Mr. Skillman expressed agreement with the Board in their feeling that it was incongruous for one state agency to hold up a project of another state agency. However, he advised that they have checked values and the information they have gathered indicates the appraised value is not out of line. He informed the Board that San Mateo County is interested in seeing this project move ahead. This proposed project is located six miles northerly and southerly from existing public beaches. These lands are being taken up for private development. Mr. Skillman and Mr. Shaw requested some action be taken for access on this 12 mile stretch.

Motions to defer action until the next meeting and to approve the project in essence excepting the price to be paid for the property were discussed. The Chairman stated that he would not want to be committed to a project which does not set forth the price.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, SECONDED BY SENATOR JOHNSON, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE GAZOS CREEK ACCESS, SAN MATEO COUNTY, COASTAL ANGLING ACCESS PROGRAM, PROJECT NO. 1011; ALLOCATE \$21,600 FOR ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT, CONTINGENT UPON THE SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATION FOR THE PROPERTY WITH THE DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS FOR A PRICE NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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IT WAS MOVED BY MR. SMITH, SECONDED BY MR. SHANNON, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE GAZOS CREEK ACCESS, SAN MATEO COUNTY, COASTAL ANGLING ACCESS PROGRAM, PROJECT NO. 1011; ALLOCATE \$21,600 FOR ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT, CONTINGENT UPON THE SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATION FOR THE PROPERTY WITH THE DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS FOR A PRICE NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000; AND FURTHER THAT THE DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS BE REQUESTED NOT TO DISPOSE OF THE LAND UNTIL SUCH NEGOTIATION CAN BE CARRIED OUT.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN LOWREY, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE MOTION BE AMENDED TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ADDITION: "FURTHER THAT THE DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS BE REQUESTED NOT TO DISPOSE OF THE LAND UNTIL SUCH NEGOTIATION CAN BE CARRIED OUT".

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. Monterey Public Fishing Pier, Project No. 146 \$40,000.00
Monterey County

The Coordinator explained that this pier project was proposed by the City of Monterey and various sportsmen in Monterey County. Municipal Wharf No. 2 at Monterey has long provided some pier fishing but facilities have been inadequate. The wharf is approximately 1500 feet long with a warehouse at the outer end. The remainder of the wharf has been used primarily as a roadway for vehicular traffic and for parking.

Recent additions made to the wharf by the City for marina purposes have provided the opportunity for enhancement of public fishing facilities. These developments include a bulkhead along the east side of the wharf, supported in part by piling driven six feet out from the wharf edge. This bulkhead extends from the outer surf line 485 feet to slightly past the mid-point of the wharf. At this point a second bulkhead was built at right angles to the wharf, extending 725 feet westward to near Municipal Wharf No. 1.

In the course of this marina development, the City of Monterey laid the foundation for a public fishing pier, and made a sizable investment of funds. In building what usually would be a temporary working trestle for constructing the westward bulkhead, the City paid some \$16,000 in additional costs for the permanent installation of treated piling in a manner that would serve for future decking for fishing purposes. The City also purchased and stockpiled treated decking material for this purpose.

Because the fishing facilities will serve visitors from a large area of the State, and because of the City's shortage of funds to complete the work, it was proposed as a Wildlife Conservation Board project.

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Under this proposal, the portions of the wharf to be developed and devoted to public fishing would be leased to the State for a 25 year period. The lease, of course, would be a free lease. Maintenance would be by the City.

Plans for the pier development and cost estimates were prepared by the City of Monterey and reviewed by the Board staff and Department of Fish and Game Engineering Section. The City also will provide the engineering plans and specifications and handle the construction under Section 1350 of the Fish and Game Code.

The cost estimates prepared by the City of Monterey and reviewed by the Department of Fish and Game Engineering Section are as follows:

West bulkhead trestle (24' x 750')	\$20,000
Re-space stringers, lay decking, handrail materials and installation	
East Bulkhead (9' x 485')	14,550
Materials and labor to extend wharf decking over bulkhead piling and install handrails	
Sanitary and fish cleaning facilities	5,000
Contingencies - signs, leasehold insurance, etc.	450
TOTAL	\$40,000

This project is within the fishing pier policy of the Board. The overall cost per lineal foot of fishing area provided would be approximately \$21. Total costs prorated against the 1210 feet of outboard rail area only, which probably will provide the better fishing, would come to approximately \$33 per lineal foot.

The Coordinator reported that the Department recommends this project and states that the facility will provide for additional sport catches of pile perch, smelt, mackerel, steelhead, halibut, and crabs.

The Coordinator recommended the approval of this project on the basis it will provide a very worthwhile fishing access for many thousands of people from a large part of the State who annually visit Monterey for fishing and recreation.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN LOWREY, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYWOMAN DAVIS, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE MONTEREY PUBLIC FISHING PIER, PROJECT NO. 146, MONTEREY COUNTY; ALLOCATE \$40,000 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FROM THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND FOR THE DEVELOPMENT; AND AUTHORIZE THE STAFF AND DEPARTMENT TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT AS PLANNED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. SHANNON, SECONDED BY MR. SMITH, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE MONTEREY PUBLIC FISHING PIER, PROJECT NO. 146, MONTEREY COUNTY; ALLOCATE \$40,000 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FROM THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION

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FUND FOR THE DEVELOPMENT; AND AUTHORIZE STAFF AND DEPARTMENT TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT AS PLANNED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Alfred D. Coons, City Manager, and Mr. C. F. Weiler, City Engineer, City of Monterey, thanked the Board for their consideration and approval of this project.

11. Fish Springs Hatchery, Project No. 37 \$30,000.00
Inyo County

The Coordinator in reviewing this hatchery project reported that the Fish Springs Hatchery was built by the Wildlife Conservation Board and completed April 1, 1952. In 1957 the Board approved an expansion of the aerator system. This was completed and the project account was closed in 1959. A total expenditure of \$423,454.59 has been made on the facility. The land upon which the hatchery is located is leased from the City of Los Angeles. The water supply is from springs.

Recent years have seen a decrease in the surface water supply. The natural flow from springs is now inadequate to provide a firm supply to operate the rearing ponds. The City has advised the Department that pumps will be installed in their existing wells into the aquifer which produces the spring flow. These City owned wells are not so located as to provide water for the Fish Springs ponds. When pumping commences, probably July, 1961, the flow of the springs will cease. During May, 1961, about 100,000 subcatchables died when the water supply became inadequate and water temperatures too high. Supplemental wells on the Fish Springs property are needed to operate the facility at near capacity levels.

Fish Springs is one of the Department of Fish and Game's most economical hatcheries and produces more than 1 million catchable and subcatchable trout. These are stocked in the Inyo-Mono area which receives heavy use from the Los Angeles area fishermen.

To permanently correct the water supply problem and to get the hatchery back in full operation, it is proposed that two large wells be drilled. An understanding with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power and the Department of Fish and Game has been reached and is summarized as follows:

1. The State to drill two 20-inch wells, each approximately 200 feet deep, in locations selected by the Department of Water and Power as near the Fish Springs aerating tower as possible without resulting in interference between the two wells when both are pumped continuously over a long period of time.

2. The City to install a large, deep-well pump, electric motor, and auxiliary right-angle drive in each well. The exact size of the pumping equipment would be dependent upon test pumping upon completion of the wells. If possible, a continuous flow of 8 c.f.s. or more is desired from each well. The City to supply electrical service and energy to the pumps when pumped water is required for aqueduct needs. The State will furnish power at other periods.
3. The State to provide gasoline standby engines to connect with the right-angle drive of each pump.
4. The State to construct two sheet metal buildings to house the pumping equipment.
5. The State to install from each pump to the aerator tower a pipeline of sufficient size to carry the maximum volume of water expected from the well without an undue increase in pressure or friction loss.

Cost estimates have been prepared by the Department of Fish and Game Engineering Section and the City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. They are as follows:

2	20-inch wells, 200 feet deep at \$22 per foot (\$4,400 ea.)	\$8,800.00
2	Gasoline standby engines installed (\$4,000 ea.)	8,000.00
2	Wood-frame metal buildings, 10 feet x 16 feet, slab floor	2,000.00
1200	Feet 16" diameter, asphalt-coated, welded pipe at \$8 per foot installed	9,600.00

Contingencies	1,600.00
TOTAL	\$30,000.00

The Coordinator recommended approval of this request. He felt an adequate water supply is necessary if the hatchery is to be operated. It was the consensus of the entire Board that this hatchery should be provided with the wells as requested.

IT WAS MOVED BY SENATOR JOHNSON, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYWOMAN DAVIS, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE DRILLING OF TWO WELLS AT THE FISH SPRINGS HATCHERY, PROJECT NO. 37, INYO COUNTY; ALLOCATE \$30,000 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FROM THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND FOR THESE WELLS AND APPURTENANCES; AND AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT TO PROCEED AS PLANNED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. SHANNON, SECONDED BY MR. SMITH, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE DRILLING OF TWO WELLS AT THE FISH SPRINGS HATCHERY, PROJECT NO. 37, INYO COUNTY; ALLOCATE \$30,000 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FROM THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND FOR THESE WELLS AND APPURTENANCES; AND AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT TO PROCEED AS PLANNED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. Tulloch Reservoir Public Fishing Area, Project No. 136 Change in Scope

The Coordinator reviewed that this reservoir access project was authorized by the Board on September 23, 1959, and a total of \$117,800 was allocated to purchase land and to develop fishing access to the 1,260 acre Tulloch Reservoir. To economize it was planned to supply the energy for the water supply and sanitary facilities by using a small gasoline pump. This has been done. Recently, power has been supplied to the new caretaker's house at the dam, and it now appears possible to obtain electric power to the area by constructing approximately one mile of power line. This would provide a more economical operation, would permit the County to expand the facilities at the reservoir, and would better serve the needs of the thousands who now use this popular lake. The gasoline pump would be used as a standby unit.

The request is for a change in the scope of the project to build the power line and hookup for state constructed facilities. Mr. Nesbit advised that it would probably be constructed at a cost of about five thousand dollars, but no additional funds are needed as this can be done within the existing allocation and county contract. He further advised that Tuolumne County officials have made this request to ease their maintenance and operation cost and to provide better public services. It was his recommendation that the scope of the Tulloch Reservoir Public Fishing Area project be changed to include electrical power service, but with no additional allocation to the project.

Senator Johnson relayed Senator Stephen Teale's approval of the request and his regrets in not being able to attend the meeting.

IT WAS MOVED BY SENATOR BROWN, SECONDED BY SENATOR JOHNSON, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD AUTHORIZE THE CHANGE IN SCOPE OF THE TULLOCH RESERVOIR PUBLIC FISHING AREA, PROJECT NO. 136, TUOLUMNE COUNTY, TO INCLUDE AN ELECTRIC POWER LINE AND HOOKUP, ALL WITHIN THE AUTHORIZED ALLOCATION.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. SHANNON, SECONDED BY MR. SMITH, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD AUTHORIZE THE CHANGE IN SCOPE OF THE TULLOCH RESERVOIR PUBLIC FISHING AREA, PROJECT NO. 136, TUOLUMNE COUNTY, TO INCLUDE AN ELECTRIC POWER LINE AND HOOKUP, ALL WITHIN THE AUTHORIZED ALLOCATION.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Ernest J. Conde and Mr. Adelbert A. Nicholls, representing the County of Tuolumne, expressed appreciation for the action taken.

13. Inland Angling Access Program, Project No. 1013 \$9,500.00
Big Sage Reservoir Access, Modoc County

The Coordinator reported that this access project was proposed by Mr. John F. Reginato, General Manager of the Shasta-Cascade Wonderland Association, and the Modoc County Supervisors. It would provide access for fishermen and waterfowl hunters to Big Sage Reservoir. This reservoir has a surface area of some 3,500 acres and sustains a warmwater fishery. Black bass, catfish and bluegills are the popular species. Waterfowl hunting, especially goose hunting is popular in the area. The project proposed would be the only public access to these waters.

The U. S. Forest Service owns the access site, and they have agreed to provide the State a use permit. In addition, they are developing campgrounds and sanitary facilities nearby. The County of Modoc has already constructed the access road. The WCB would provide the boat ramp and parking area. The County has agreed to maintain the area free to the public.

Plans and estimates have been developed by the County Road Department and reviewed by the staff and the Department of Fish and Game Engineering Section. They are as follows:

Parking area - $2\frac{1}{2}$ acres	\$1,780
6" crushed cinders, rolled	
Ramp - 40' wide and 225' long	7,350
Crushed rock - grid rolled, 2,100 c.y.	
Contingencies - including signs	370
TOTAL	\$9,500

Mr. Nesbit noted that Senator Stanley Arnold had submitted a letter urging the approval of the Big Sage Reservoir project.

The Coordinator recommended the approval of this project and that \$9,500 be allocated to the Department of Fish and Game from the Wildlife Restoration Fund and that the staff and the Department proceed with the project.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYWOMAN DAVIS, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE BIG SAGE RESERVOIR ACCESS, MODOC COUNTY, INLAND ANGLING ACCESS PROGRAM, PROJECT NO. 1013; ALLOCATE \$9,500 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 PLANNED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. SHANNON, SECONDED BY MR. SMITH, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE BIG SAGE RESERVOIR ACCESS, MODOC COUNTY, INLAND ANGLING ACCESS PROGRAM, PROJECT

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NO. 1013; ALLOCATE \$9,500 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 PLANNED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

14. Resolution Relative to the Retirement of Mr. T. H. Mugford

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN LOWREY, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYWOMAN DAVIS, AS A JOINT MOTION, THAT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED AND MADE A PART OF THE MINUTES OF THIS MEETING, AND THE COORDINATOR IS HEREBY INSTRUCTED TO FORWARD A COPY TO MR. T. H. MUGFORD.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

WHEREAS, Mr. T. H. Mugford retired June 1, 1961, as deputy director of the Department of Finance after nearly forty years of State service;

WHEREAS, Mr. Mugford has capably participated as a member of the Wildlife Conservation Board for many years, either as Director of Finance or representing the Director of Finance;

WHEREAS, Mr. Mugford's interest in the program of the Wildlife Conservation Board and his sound judgment of the financial aspects of the many projects which come before the board were of great assistance to the members and of lasting value to the millions who use these projects;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the Wildlife Conservation Board and the Joint Interim Committee and the staff express to Mr. Mugford our sincere appreciation for his guidance and counsel and wish him a very happy retirement; 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. Mugford.

15. Proposed Pier Projects, Southern California

Mr. Nesbit explained that there are two proposals for pier construction under the Board policy in San Diego County. One is in the City of Imperial Beach, 10 miles from the Mexican border, and the other in Mission Bay. Mr. Nesbit also explained, at Chairman Smith's request, that the proposed Playa Del Rey pier in the City of Los Angeles has been discussed in an

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exploratory manner by the staff and that this pier should be considered as a prospective project.

Mr. Nesbit stated that the staff was diligently exploring the possibility of more worthwhile projects in Southern California. This is an area of heavy population and a great need for hunting and fishing and recreational facilities exist. He believed that the Board's new pier policy will help provide these needs. Assemblyman Lowrey expressed the same desires as did all members of the Advisory Committee and Board.

Assemblyman Belotti relayed the great interest expressed by Assemblyman Schrade in the pier proposal of the City of Imperial Beach. A letter of support of these proposed projects from Senator Hugo Fisher was also supplied to the members.

Mr. Nesbit advised that the cities mentioned are very much interested in developing these facilities, and requested the authorization of the Board to proceed with further exploration of the proposals.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN LOWREY, SECONDED BY SENATOR BROWN, AS A JOINT MOTION, THAT THE STAFF BE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE FURTHER STUDIES OF THE THREE PIER PROPOSALS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA; NAMELY, IMPERIAL BEACH PIER, MISSION BAY PIER, AND THE PLAYA DEL REY AREA; AND ENDEAVOR TO DEVELOP THEM AS POSSIBLE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD PIER PROJECTS IN LINE WITH THE POLICY ADOPTED PREVIOUSLY.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

16. Sutter and Yuba County Access Project Proposals

Senator Johnson requested the Wildlife Conservation Board staff to investigate possible accesses to the Sacramento and Feather Rivers in Sutter and Yuba Counties.

17. Report on Department of Interior's Colorado River Land Use Program

The Coordinator reported on the program of the Department of Interior for the utilization of public lands along the Colorado River. The staff of the Department of Fish and Game, Wildlife Conservation Board and the Division of Beaches and Parks have been working on the problem of determining the areas best suited for park or hunting and fishing access purposes.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Status of Funds

The amount allocated to specific projects as of the close of the meeting on June 8, 1961, aggregated \$15,963,129.88.

a. Fish Hatchery and Stocking Projects	\$4,308,670.38
b. Warmwater and Other Fish Projects	3,144,986.09
1. Warmwater Projects	\$2,434,151.81
2. Other Fish Projects	710,834.28
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	1,433,319.40
1. Coastal Angling Access Projects	483,966.68
2. Inland Angling Access Projects	761,603.06
3. Hunting Access Projects	28,000.00
4. Other General Projects	159,749.66
Total Allocated to Specific Projects	\$15,938,129.88

Special Project Allocations:

Project Evaluation, Property Acquisition and Engineering Studies	25,000.00
Total Allocated	\$15,963,129.88

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

1. Colorado River Recreational Development	\$23,219.30
2. Upper American River Development	100,000.00
Total Reserves Established	\$123,219.30

Operating Costs:

FY 47/48 thru 59/60 Actual	\$606,240.12
FY 60/61 - Estimated	78,940.00
Total Actual and Estimated Operating Costs	\$685,180.12

Recapitulation:

Allocations for Projects	\$15,938,129.88
Special Project Allocations	25,000.00
Reserves Established	123,219.30
Expenses of Operation	685,180.12
Total Expended or Obligated	\$16,771,529.30

Total Funds Appropriated	\$15,750,000.00
Appropriation Available thru 60/61 FY	750,000.00
Int. on Surplus Money Inv. Thru 12/31/60	469,061.62
Miscellaneous Revenue thru 6/1/61	63,633.01
Total Sum Available	\$17,032,694.63
Total Expended or Obligated	16,771,529.30

Available thru June 30, 1961	\$261,165.33
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