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Pursuant to the call of the Chairman, the Wildlife Conservation Board met in Room 4061, Employment Building, 722 Capitol Avenue, Sacramento, California, on March 15, 1962. The meeting was called to order by Chairman William Elser at 1:32 p.m.

1. Roll Call

PRESENT: William P. Elser
W. T. Shannon
Daniel Luevano

Chairman
Member
Vice Mr. Hale Champion, Member

Senator Ed. C. Johnson
Senator Aaron W. Quick
Assemblywoman Pauline L. Davis
Assemblyman Frank P. Belotti
Assemblyman Lloyd W. Lowrey

Joint Interim Committee
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Raymond J. Nesbit
Chester M. Hart
John Mahoney
Alma Koyasako

Coordinator
Assistant Coordinator
Field Agent
Secretary

ABSENT: Senator Charles Brown

Joint Interim Committee

OTHERS PRESENT:

A. G. Rutsch
W. C. Dry
L. O. Fisk
Jack Schrade
Robert L. Wynn
Miles D. Bowler
Albert Wheelon
George D. Difani
S. Nathenson
James B. Ruch
Wilson K. Lythgoe
Jos. G. Hartley
D. G. Macmillan
Austin B. Hulbert
Norman S. Smith
J. Harvey Sawyers
Martin Wener
Glenn G. Carbreys

Department of Fish and Game
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Assemblyman, 80th District
City Manager, Imperial Beach
Mayor, Imperial Beach
Del Norte County
California Wildlife Federation
Department of Fish and Game
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Sacramento Bee
Supervisor, Mendocino County
Hopland, Mendocino County
Planning Comm., Mendocino Co.
Izaak Walton League, Mendocino Co.
Supervisor, Mendocino County
Supervisor, Mendocino County
Branscomb Rifle Club and
Izaak Walton League, Eel River
Izaak Walton League, Mendocino
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Department of Fish and Game

Eldon Penner
James A. Salzman
Richard S. Croker

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Robert W. Lassen	Department of Fish and Game
M. W. Inlay	" " "
Robert L. Leggett	Assemblyman, 5th District
Val de Flores	Mayor, Rio Vista
H. M. Stevenson	Councilman, Rio Vista
Ardle Pierce	River News-Herald
Neal D. Nelson	U.S. Bureau of Land Management
Nolan F. Keil	" " " " "
Donald J. Schofield	" " " " "
Raymond Barth	Dir. Public Works, Rio Vista
Valera Mitchell	Rio Vista
E. O. Heath	Councilman, Rio Vista
Raymond E. Church	Supervisor, Solano County
Sheldon Lowery	Davis
Harry Anderson	Department of Fish and Game
D. H. Kite	Sacramento
Bernarr Bates	Calif. Redwood Association
Edmund C. Kagi	Marin Co. Planning Dept.
Fred L. Jones	Department of Fish and Game
Leslie F. Edgerton	Fish and Game Commission
Helen E. Newman	Chairman, Marin Co. Parks & Rec.
	Commission
Peter H. Behr	Supervisor, Marin County
C. Wilson	Rio Vista
Monty Montuth	Rio Vista
G. R. Robertson	Haps Boat Rental & Sales
W. T. Bagley	Assemblyman, 7th District
Randolph Collier	Senator, 2nd District
George Cornell	Sacramento-Sierra Sportsmen's
	Council

2. Introduction of Members and Advisory Committee

Members of the Wildlife Conservation Board and the Legislative Advisory Committee were introduced by the Chairman, Mr. Elser. The staff of the Board was introduced by Mr. Ray J. Nesbit, Coordinator.

3. Approval of Minutes, November 9, 1961, and January 19, 1962, meetings

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. SHANNON, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, AS A JOINT MOTION, THAT THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 9, 1961, AND JANUARY 19, 1962, MEETINGS BE APPROVED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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4. Status of Funds

The amount allocated to projects as of the close of the meeting on November 9, 1961, aggregated \$16,334,660.68.

a. Fish Hatchery and Stocking Projects	\$4,318,170.38
b. Warmwater and Other Fish Projects	3,542,350.13
1. Warmwater Projects	\$2,434,151.81
2. Other Fish Projects	1,108,198.32
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	5,539,864.83
h. General Projects	1,471,299.17
1. Coastal Angling Access Projects	481,500.91
2. Inland Angling Access Projects	802,153.40
3. Hunting Access Projects	28,000.00
4. Other General Projects	159,644.86
Total Allocated to Specific Projects	<u>\$16,309,660.68</u>

Special Project Allocations:

Project Evaluation, Property Acquisition and Engineering studies	25,000.00
Total Allocated	<u>\$16,334,660.68</u>

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	<u>\$123,219.30</u>

Operating Costs:

FY 47/48 thru 60/61 Actual	\$679,240.39
FY 61/62 - Estimated	78,275.00
Total Actual and Estimated Operating Costs	<u>\$757,515.39</u>

Recapitulation:

Allocations for Projects	\$16,309,660.68
Special Project Allocations	25,000.00
Reserves Established	123,219.30
Expenses of Operation	757,515.39
Total Expended or Obligated	<u>\$17,215,395.37</u>

Total Funds Appropriated	\$16,500,000.00
Appropriation Available thru 61/62FY	750,000.00
Int.on Surplus Money Inv.thru 12/31/61	538,086.60
Miscellaneous Revenue thru 60/61 FY	65,957.76
Miscellaneous Revenue 61/62 FY	6,992.60
Total Sum Available	<u>\$17,861,036.96</u>
Total Expended or Obligated	<u>17,215,395.37</u>
Available thru June 30, 1962	<u>\$645,641.59</u>

5. Inland Angling Access Program, Project No. 1013
Star Bend Site, Yuba County

Change in Scope

Mr. Nesbit advised that the Board on April 30, 1958, authorized acquisition of property for this fishing access on the Feather River south of Marysville and allocated \$4,920 for that purpose. At the June 17, 1960, meeting, the Board authorized development of the acquired site and allocated \$18,800 therefor. At this meeting the Board also allocated an additional \$1,900 for further acquisition and survey costs. This made total allocations of \$6,820 for acquisition and survey, and \$18,800 for development.

The staff has proceeded with the project although substantial delay has been caused by land title and rights-of-way problems. These have been overcome, and bids for construction were opened on February 8, 1962. The low bid was \$19,628, with eight additional bids ranging upward to nearly \$40,000. It appears that the low bid is very favorable for current conditions.

The low bid for construction exceeded the allocation for this purpose. However, unused funds remaining from the acquisition and survey allocations after all such costs have been paid are adequate to make up the difference. The total funds remaining in the project account are \$19,870.37, or \$242.37 in excess of the low bid.

Mr. Nesbit recommended that the Board authorize funds remaining from acquisition and survey allocations for this project be used for development.

IT WAS MOVED BY SENATOR JOHNSON, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN LOWREY, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE CHANGE IN SCOPE OF THE STAR BEND SITE, INLAND ANGLING ACCESS PROGRAM, PROJECT NO. 1013, AND AUTHORIZE THE FUNDS REMAINING IN THE ACQUISITION AND SURVEY ACCOUNT BE TRANSFERRED TO THE DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. SHANNON, SECONDED BY MR. ELSE, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE CHANGE IN SCOPE OF THE STAR BEND SITE, INLAND ANGLING ACCESS PROGRAM, PROJECT NO. 1013; AND AUTHORIZE THE FUNDS REMAINING IN THE ACQUISITION AND SURVEY ACCOUNT BE TRANSFERRED TO THE DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. Coastal Angling Access Program, Project No. 1011
Pebble Beach Site, Del Norte County

\$37,000.00

Senator Johnson requested, and Chairman Elser ordered, that the Board consider next the Pebble Beach access in Del Norte County and the Juanita Lake project in Siskiyou County to enable Senator Randolph Collier to be heard at this time.

Mr. Nesbit advised that this project was proposed by the County of Del Norte with the support of Crescent City and numerous local organizations. Pebble

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Beach, located just northwest of Crescent City, is a heavily utilized area for clam digging, surf and rock fishing, and for general recreation. Such public use has been trespassing at the sufferance of the private landowner with no assurance of continuation.

The staff met with the landowner regarding purchase and obtained an option for a mutually agreeable price - \$16,000. This figure is within the appraised valuation.

The site is just outside the city limits of Crescent City, on the principal drive along the ocean. The parcel consists of approximately $8\frac{1}{2}$ acres in a narrow strip between Pebble Beach Drive and the ocean. Included is some $2\frac{1}{2}$ acres of flat, upland area suitable for developing parking area and sanitary facilities. The remainder of the acreage consists of bluffs or beach area. Frontage on Pebble Beach Drive is 1,600 feet, with somewhat more frontage along the irregular beachline. The parcel also provides access to approximately one mile of State tideland beach extending to the north.

The County of Del Norte has prepared a development plan for the area, including parking area, sanitary facilities and stairway to the beach. This has been reviewed by the staff and the Engineering Section of the Department of Fish and Game and cost estimates have been made.

Estimates of acquisition and development costs are as follows:

Acquire land - approx. $8\frac{1}{2}$ acres	\$16,000
Clear site	500
Restroom, septic tank and water service	4,100
Parking area, approx. 36,000 sq. ft. with bumpers	10,000
Walkways and stairs to beach	3,950
Drainage structures	600
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Subtotal	\$35,150
Contingencies, signs, title costs, appraisals, etc.	1,850
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TOTAL	\$37,000

The County of Del Norte has expressed willingness to operate and maintain the area, if acquired and developed. The Department of Fish and Game recommended this project.

Mr. Nesbit recommended that the Board approve this project, allocate the necessary funds for land purchase and development, and authorize the staff and the Department of Fish and Game to proceed with the project.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLY-WOMAN DAVIS, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE ACQUISITION OF THE PEBBLE BEACH ACCESS, DEL NORTE COUNTY, AT THE OPTION PRICE OF \$16,000 AND APPROVE THE DEVELOPMENT AS PLANNED; ALLOCATE \$37,000 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FROM THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND FOR LAND ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE PEBBLE BEACH ACCESS, COASTAL ANGLING ACCESS PROGRAM, PROJECT NO. 1011; AND AUTHORIZE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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IT WAS MOVED BY MR. SHANNON, SECONDED BY MR. ELSE, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE ACQUISITION OF THE PEBBLE BEACH ACCESS, DEL NORTE COUNTY, AT THE OPTION PRICE OF \$16,000 AND APPROVE THE DEVELOPMENT AS PLANNED; ALLOCATE \$37,000 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FROM THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND FOR LAND ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE PEBBLE BEACH ACCESS, COASTAL ANGLING ACCESS PROGRAM, PROJECT NO. 1011; AND AUTHORIZE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Albert Wheelon, County Surveyor, representing Del Norte County, stated that the County has worked on this access project since 1954, and thanked the board for its approval of this access.

7. Juanita Lake Public Fishing Area, Project No. 151 \$60,000.00
Siskiyou County

Mr. Nesbit reported that this project was proposed by the Siskiyou County Fish and Game Commission and various sportsmen in Siskiyou County, and has received support from many organizations in the area.

The Juanita Lake site is located in the Klamath National Forest approximately eight miles west of Macdoel. Water had previously been impounded at this site to create a small lake which provided an excellent trout fishery as well as a waterfowl resting area. However, a few years ago the small dam was breached and the area has since been dry.

The proposal is to construct a dam and a saddle dam which would impound the natural runoff in the area and the flow of two small creeks. The lake would contain an estimated 348 acre feet with approximately 55 surface acres. A road has been constructed into the area by the U.S. Forest Service. The Forest Service has also indicated that they would develop 63 campground sites around the lake should the proposal be approved. Engineering plans and cost estimates for the dams have been provided by the County.

The cost estimates prepared by the engineer for the Siskiyou County Fish and Game Commission are as follows:

Clearing - 25 acres - \$3,750 to be done at County expense	
Main Dam Volume - 28,570 cu. yds.	
Saddle Dam Volume - 11,030 cu. yds.	
Total - 39,600 cu. yds. @ \$1.00 yd.	\$39,600
Riprap 850 cu. yds. @ \$4.00 yd.	3,400
Outlet pipe and couplings - 90 feet, 18"	357
Concrete work 72.50 cu. yds. @ \$110 yd.	7,975
Ditch, 6100 feet at 45¢ ft.	2,745
Contingencies	5,407
Misc., title report, signs	516
Total	\$60,000

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The Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors has passed a resolution endorsing the project and agreeing to maintain it. The County has also agreed to construct the dam at the estimated cost by either using their forces or by subcontract.

The Department of Fish and Game recommends the project and states in its evaluation, "Juanita Lake should be a good producer of fast growing trout. When rainbow trout were originally planted in this lake, they made a growth of nearly an inch each month and excellent angler success was produced with fingerling plants."

Mr. Nesbit stated that the necessary water rights application is still being processed by the State Water Rights Board and the plans for the dam are under study by the Safety of Dams Section, Department of Water Resources. He, therefore, recommended that an allocation of \$60,000 be made contingent upon obtaining water rights, as well as the other necessary permits, including approval of plans by the Department of Water Resources.

Assemblyman Lowrey asked if there were any anticipated blocks in obtaining the necessary water rights. Inasmuch as there were at the present time no protestants to the water right application, Mr. Nesbit believed that obtaining the water right should be routine. He further added that the contingencies mentioned need not be included in the motion, but that he wanted everyone to be aware of the fact that these items were still to be determined and approvals required.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYWOMAN DAVIS, SECONDED BY SENATOR JOHNSON, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE JUANITA LAKE PUBLIC FISHING AREA, PROJECT NO. 151; ALLOCATE \$60,000 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FROM THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND; AND AUTHORIZE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. SHANNON, SECONDED BY MR. ELSE, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE JUANITA LAKE PUBLIC FISHING AREA, PROJECT NO. 151; ALLOCATE \$60,000 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FROM THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND; AND AUTHORIZE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Elser requested the Coordinator give an up-to-date report on the status of this project at the next meeting.

8. Imperial Beach Public Fishing Pier, Project No. 149 \$150,000.00
San Diego County

Mr. Nesbit advised that this proposed fishing pier in the City of Imperial Beach is within the pier policy of the Board which calls for matching funds from local government on a 50-50 basis.

This project was officially proposed by the City Council of the City of Imperial Beach. Imperial Beach is located in San Diego County between the City of San Diego and the international border with Mexico. It is in an area where no fishing piers are available, but is near a large center of population. The pier is also designed to provide a landing for sport fishing boats to take fishermen out to the popular off shore fishing waters.

The City plans to provide the matching funds required plus funds for additional features by calling for a bond issue. This is set for early in April. Its success is largely dependent upon the availability of WCB assistance.

The Board staff has been working with the engineers hired by the City to study the feasibility of a fishing pier for the City. The Board staff believe the present plan to be sound and economically feasible.

The pier would be constructed at the foot of Evergreen Street. It is planned 1200 feet long with a 300 feet long "T" on the end. It will provide 2,400 feet of rail space for fishing and could accommodate 500 persons daily. It will project into 20' of water at mean low low tide.

The preliminary plans and cost estimates have been prepared by Moffatt and Nichol Engineers and have been reviewed by staff and Department of Fish and Game engineers. The pier would be of timber construction with asphalt covered wood deck. It would be 20' in width and would support heavy vehicles as needed for maintenance and repair; private vehicle use would not be permitted.

The items which are subject to matching funds are as follows:

Pier construction	\$255,020
Boat landing on pier	7,000
Restroom and parking	20,960
Engineer design, construction engineering, contingencies and miscellaneous	16,700
TOTAL	\$299,680

The details of these plans are contained in the document entitled "Imperial Beach, California, Municipal Fishing Pier Design Report" dated January, 1962, copies of which were displayed and made available to the Board members.

Proponents of the project who have written letters and telegrams were as follows:

Assemblyman Frank Luckel
Assemblyman Jack Schrade
Senator Hugo Fisher

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Commissioner Ruth White, Park & Recreation Comm., Imperial Beach
Jim Hindricks, President, S.Bay Kiwanis Club
Emma Greenwell, Pres., The Soroptimist Club of Imperial Beach ✓
Robert D. Schaller
Thomas Knight
Wm. H. Ayers, Jr., Mgr., Imperial Beach Chamber of Commerce ✓
San Diego Co. Fish & Game Association, Bell Gardens ✓
Sam Weisenberg, Secretary, San Diego Co. Wildlife Federation,
San Diego
Bob Woll, Secretary, San Diego Co. Fish & Game Comm., San Diego ✓
San Diego County Board of Supervisors ✓
City Lakes Recreation Comm., City of San Diego

Mr. Nesbit reported that the Department of Fish and Game has recommended this project but has further recommended the construction of an artificial reef to enhance the fishing. Mr. Shannon elaborated on the desirability of an artificial reef and recommended the allocation of \$25,000 for construction of a quarry rock reef. The placement of such a reef would be permanent and would, in the judgment of the Department, enhance the fishing considerably.

In answer to Assemblyman Lowrey's question, Mayor Miles Bowler of Imperial Beach assured that there would be no fee charged for the privilege of fishing from the pier. Both Mayor Bowler and City Manager Robert Wynn spoke of the value of such a pier to the City of Imperial Beach and to the fishermen of the area

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN LOWREY, SECONDED BY SENATOR QUICK, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE IMPERIAL BEACH PUBLIC FISHING PIER, PROJECT NO. 149; ALLOCATE \$150,000 FROM THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME, WHICH SUM IS TO BE MATCHED BY THE CITY OF IMPERIAL BEACH, TO PROVIDE FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE PIER AND APPURTENANT FACILITIES; AND AUTHORIZE THE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. SHANNON, SECONDED BY MR. ELSE, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE IMPERIAL BEACH PUBLIC FISHING PIER, PROJECT NO. 149; ALLOCATE \$150,000 FROM THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME, WHICH SUM IS TO BE MATCHED BY THE CITY OF IMPERIAL BEACH, TO PROVIDE FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE PIER AND APPURTENANT FACILITIES; AND AUTHORIZE THE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. George Difani, representing the California Wildlife Federation, inquired whether the agreement reached between the Board and the City of Imperial Beach guarantees free fishing for the life of the pier. Chairman Elser replied that free fishing from this pier will be a term of the City-State agreement.

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- ✓ 9. Imperial Beach Pier Artificial Reef, Project No. 150 \$25,000.00
San Diego County

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN LOWREY, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE IMPERIAL BEACH PIER ARTIFICIAL REEF, PROJECT NO. 150; ALLOCATE \$25,000 FROM THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT; AND AUTHORIZE THE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT TO PROCEED AS OUTLINED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. SHANNON, SECONDED BY MR. ELSE, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE IMPERIAL BEACH PIER ARTIFICIAL REEF, PROJECT NO. 150; ALLOCATE \$25,000 FROM THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT; AND AUTHORIZE THE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT TO PROCEED AS OUTLINED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Both Assemblyman Schrade and Mayor Bowler thanked the Board members for their kind consideration of the project.

Chairman Elser conveyed to the City of Imperial Beach the good wishes of the Board in the coming bond election.

- ✓ 10. Inland Angling Access Program, Project No. 1013
Rio Vista Access, Solano County \$46,800.00

Assemblyman Bob Leggett introduced himself as a legislator representing Solano and Napa counties, and requested the Board consider next the Rio Vista access. He advised that Supervisors of Solano County were present and have recommended the approval of this project. He requested that Mayor Val de Flores of Rio Vista be heard at this time.

Mayor de Flores, acting in behalf of the citizens of Rio Vista, submitted to the Board the following exhibits in support of the subject access project.

Exhibit A: Copy of the City of Rio Vista Council's Resolution No. 62-6, Resolution of intent to cooperate with the Wildlife Conservation Board in developing a fishing access area on the Sacramento River on land owned by the City of Rio Vista, adjacent to the City Hall, which was passed by an unanimous vote of the City Council on February 8, 1962.

Exhibit B: Certified copy of the City of Rio Vista Council's Resolution No. 62-8, a Resolution approving the plans prepared by the Wildlife Conservation Board for developing the fishing access facilities and requesting the Wildlife Conservation Board to authorize funds for carrying out the project, which was passed by an unanimous vote of the City Council.

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Exhibit C: Certified copy of Resolution passed by the Honorable Board of Solano County Supervisors on March 13, 1962, going on record in support of the proposed Rio Vista project to be developed by the Wildlife Conservation Board.

Exhibit D: Copy of letter from the City of Rio Vista Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors giving the City wholehearted support of the proposed Rio Vista project to be developed by the Wildlife Conservation Board.

Exhibit E: A petition signed by 189 citizens of the City of Rio Vista, signifying their approval of the proposed project to be developed by the Wildlife Conservation Board. Eighty per cent of the business men of the community are represented in the 189 signatures.

Mayor de Flores stated it is evident that Rio Vista is wholeheartedly behind the proposal and requested approval of the project.

At this time Coordinator Ray Nesbit informed Chairman Elser that a Mr. J. H. Baumann had previously called his office and asked to be heard. Chairman Elser then asked if anyone else wished to speak on this project and if there was any opposition to it. There being none, he called for the vote.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN LOWREY, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYWOMAN DAVIS, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE RIO VISTA ACCESS, INLAND ANGLING ACCESS PROGRAM, PROJECT NO. 1013; ALLOCATE \$46,800 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FROM THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND FOR DEVELOPMENT; AND AUTHORIZE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. SHANNON, SECONDED BY MR. ELSE, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE RIO VISTA ACCESS, INLAND ANGLING ACCESS PROGRAM, PROJECT NO. 1013; ALLOCATE \$46,800 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FROM THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND FOR DEVELOPMENT; AND AUTHORIZE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. Paradise Beach Public Fishing Pier, Project No. 148 \$34,000.00
Marin County

Assemblyman W. T. Bagley requested the Board consider the Paradise Beach Pier so that he, as well as his constituents, may be heard at this time.

Mr. Nesbit reported that this fishing pier project was requested by the County of Marin and supported by the Marin Rod and Gun Club and other local organizations.

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The project site is Paradise Beach County Park on the northerly side of Tiburon peninsula in San Francisco Bay. This park of approximately 30 acres formerly was an annex of the Tiburon Naval Net Depot, and was turned over to Marin County when declared surplus.

The pier is an old naval facility which has sound piling but needs redecking and other repairs to make it safe for public use. The County has declared the pier unsafe and has barricaded the base with a high cyclone fence. However, fishermen persist in climbing around the fence to fish from the pier.

This location is near some of the excellent striped bass fishing grounds in San Francisco Bay, such as Raccoon Strait, Richardson Bay and Red Rock. The Department of Fish and Game has recommended the project and states that it should provide good pier fishing for striped bass, jack smelt, starry flounder, and various species of perch.

The pier also is near heavy population centers of the Bay area, being approximately 10 miles from San Rafael and about 15 miles from San Francisco. Heavy use of the pier seems assured as soon as it is improved and made available for public fishing.

The Department of Fish and Game Engineering Section has prepared plans for reconstructing and improving the structure for public fishing. These plans have been reviewed by the Board staff and County of Marin. In general, replacement of about 20% of the pile caps, 30% of the deck stringers, and 80% of the decking is called for. Two fishing wells will be provided in the outer "T" Section of the pier, and safety railing installed. Existing structures which tend to interfere with fishing and are no longer essential will be removed.

The cost estimates prepared by the Fish and Game Engineering Section are as follows:

Demolition and salvage	\$12,000
Replacement	
Caps	1,000
Stringers	5,200
Deck	9,500
Handrails	1,800
Fish cleaning facilities, benches	800
Subtotal	\$30,300
Contingencies, inc. title reports, signs, etc.	3,700
TOTAL	\$34,000

The improved pier will provide 1,075 linear feet of fishing area at a cost of approximately \$32 per foot of rail space.

The County will provide the State with a long term, free lease of the pier area. The County also has agreed to maintain the facility and keep it open for free public fishing. Ample parking area and sanitary facilities have already been provided by the County and they plan to expand such accommodations as needed.

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Assemblyman Belotti requested the size of the fishing wells proposed to be constructed. He was informed that these would be rectangular, perhaps up to 24' in length and with rails. The purpose of these wells, it was brought out, is to provide more fishing space. Such wells were first approved for construction for the Santa Cruz Pier.

Mr. Nesbit noted that Senator John F. McCarthy in a letter has expressed his approval of the project. Assemblyman Bagley urged the approval of this project. He pointed out that the County has agreed to under take construction and maintenance of the pier and to keep it free to the public.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN LOWREY, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE PARADISE BEACH PUBLIC FISHING PIER, PROJECT NO. 148; ALLOCATE \$34,000 FROM THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FOR REBUILDING THIS PIER INTO A PUBLIC FISHING PIER; AND AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME AND STAFF TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT AND DEVELOP SUBSTANTIALLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH PLANS PRESENTED AT THIS MEETING.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. SHANNON, SECONDED BY MR. ELSE, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE PARADISE BEACH PUBLIC FISHING PIER, PROJECT NO. 148; ALLOCATE \$34,000 FROM THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FOR REBUILDING THIS PIER INTO A PUBLIC FISHING PIER; AND AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME AND STAFF TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT AND DEVELOP SUBSTANTIALLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH PLANS PRESENTED AT THIS MEETING.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Supervisor Peter H. Behr of Marin County thanked the Board for approval of the Paradise Beach pier and introduced Mrs. Newman of the Marin County Parks and Recreation Commission and Mr. Kagi of the Planning Department. Assemblyman Bagley also thanked the Board for the action taken and reiterated that the Coordinator has been very cooperative and that he expects this satisfactory relationship to continue.

Mr. Daniel Luevano, Deputy Director of Finance, and member of the Wildlife Conservation Board, entered at this time and was introduced.

12. Inland Angling Access Program, Project No. 1013
Lake Tahoe Access, Placer County

\$3,000.00

Mr. Nesbit advised that at the November 9, 1961, meeting the Board allocated \$16,000 to complete the fishing access project at Lake Tahoe. On February 1, 1962, six construction bids were received. They ranged from \$18,740 to \$31,941. The bidding results indicate that the cost estimates made and

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presented to the Board at the November 9, 1961, meeting were too low. An additional \$2,740 will be needed to accept the low bid, which is believed to be a good one. The contractor has agreed to hold this bid open pending action at this meeting.

Since the facilities are already designed at a minimum, Mr. Nesbit felt it should not be redesigned to attempt to reduce costs. He recommended that \$3,000 be allocated for the purpose of accepting the low bid, the additional \$260 to be used for signs and other miscellaneous costs. This will bring the total cost of the project to \$68,300.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, SECONDED BY SENATOR QUICK, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD ACCEPT THE LOW BID RECEIVED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF FACILITIES FOR THE LAKE TAHOE ACCESS, INLAND ANGLING ACCESS PROGRAM, PROJECT NO. 1013; ALLOCATE \$3,000 FROM THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME THEREFOR; AND AUTHORIZE THE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED AS PLANNED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. SHANNON, SECONDED BY MR. ELSER, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD ACCEPT THE LOW BID RECEIVED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF FACILITIES FOR THE LAKE TAHOE ACCESS, INLAND ANGLING ACCESS PROGRAM, PROJECT NO. 1013; ALLOCATE \$3,000 FROM THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME THEREFOR; AND AUTHORIZE THE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED AS PLANNED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

13. Hunting Access Program, Project No. 1017

Cow Mountain Hunting Access Road - Mendocino County

\$25,000.00

Mr. Nesbit presented to the Board the Cow Mountain Hunting Access Road project which was proposed by the County of Mendocino. This proposal would provide access to hunting in a large block of public lands on the western face of Cow Mountain Ridge in Mendocino County.

In 1927 Congress established the Cow Mountain Public Recreation Area consisting of approximately 87,000 acres of Bureau of Land Management lands in several blocks along the common boundary of Lake and Mendocino counties. Management responsibilities were given to the two counties, who in turn, in 1952, signed agreements with the Department of Fish and Game to manage and begin development of the area.

Cow Mountain is a popular and productive deer hunting area, and in addition provides some hunting for small game such as quail and rabbits. In the period 1952 to 1959, after the Department of Fish and Game undertook management of the property, more than 12,000 hunters used the developed area which is accessible through Lake County. An undetermined additional number of hunters with access privileges across private lands also used the area.

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The principal problem to general public use of the recreation area is access. The main block of public land, some 64,000 acres, lies between Highway 20 on the north and Highway 16 on the south, and between Ukiah on the west and Lakeport on the east. The only developed public access into this public recreational area consists of a county road running westerly from Lakeport, which the Department of Fish and Game has extended by truck and jeep trails. However, this road system provides access only to part of the southeastern portion of this large block of land.

The Cow Mountain public lands are surrounded by private lands that control access, other than the one road described above. Several adjacent landowners have built jeep roads into the public lands, which are used essentially as private roads. Such landowners limit access across their property to friends and guests, or to members of the public who are willing to pay a fee.

This public access problem has been long recognized, and for several years means of solving it have been under consideration. In 1959 several members of the WCB toured this area in company with Mendocino County officials and local representatives. There appeared to be a good potential for a cooperative WCB and county hunting access project, which the Board staff and county were to develop into a specific and feasible proposal to present for WCB consideration.

Mendocino County explored possibilities of access routes across private lands but was unable to obtain rights-of-way where road construction was feasible.

In 1961 the Board staff began negotiations with the Department of Mental Hygiene for possible use of outlying lands of Talmadge State Hospital for an access route to the Cow Mountain area. A parcel of approximately 20 acres of watershed land surplus to hospital needs provided a connecting link and feasible road route between Mill Creek county road and the public lands. Mental Hygiene was willing to grant transfer of control and possession of this parcel without cost.

The Mendocino County Surveyor's office made field surveys of a road route and provided cost estimates. From the starting point on Mill Creek county road, the proposed access would extend approximately $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles in a northeasterly direction, terminating about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile west of the Mendocino County line. Some short spurs or loops are planned into desirable camping areas. The objective of the road is to get people into the public lands for sufficient distance to give them room to park or camp and to disperse for hunting.

The cost estimates and plans prepared by Mendocino County have been reviewed by the staff and by the Department of Fish and Game Engineering Section.

The plans and cost estimates are as follows:

Grading, 14 ft. roadway - $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles @ \$4,600 per mi.	\$11,500
Culverts and drains - 25 @ \$200	5,000
Base rock, selected native material - 6,600 yds. @ \$1.00	6,600
Subtotal	\$23,100
Contingencies, signs, etc.	1,900
TOTAL	\$25,000

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The county has agreed to maintain the road if developed, and also would construct the road under provisions of Section 1350 of the Fish and Game Code.

The Department of Fish and Game recommended this project.

Mr. Nesbit recommended this project be approved, that \$25,000 be allocated from the Wildlife Restoration Fund for this development, and that the staff and the Department be authorized to proceed with the project. He advised that there are many people in attendance who have an interest in the project.

Assemblyman Belotti read a telegram he received from the Committee for Improvement of California Deer Herds which supported the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors' attempt to gain access to Cow Mountain and urged the WCB speed access into this area.

Chairman Elser inquired if there was anyone in attendance who wished to speak in opposition to the project. There was no one. He requested those who wished to be heard in behalf of the project to introduce themselves.

Supervisor J. Harvey Sawyers, Chairman of the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors, introduced members of his Board, Supervisors Hartley and Wener; County Surveyor Kemp Richardson; Mr. Penner of the Izaak Walton League; and others representing the County planning department, and other County agencies and sportsmen's groups.

Assemblywoman Davis asked if the reason for this request by the county was one of economy. The county representative agreed that it would be helpful to the economy of Mendocino County to provide more access into the Cow Mountain area.

Mr. George Difani, representing the Associated Sportsmen of California, and Mr. Peirce of the Mt. Ralston Fish Planting Club, spoke in favor of the project.

Mr. Luevano inquired as to the nature of the opposition. Mr. Nesbit revealed that several land owners who have built jeep roads into public lands collected fees from hunters and others for the use of these roads. It was this group that was alluded to as being in opposition to a public road into the area.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, SECONDED BY SENATOR QUICK, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE COW MOUNTAIN HUNTING ACCESS ROAD, MENDOCINO COUNTY, HUNTING ACCESS PROGRAM, PROJECT NO. 1017; ALLOCATE \$25,000 FROM THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FOR THE DEVELOPMENT; AND AUTHORIZE THE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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IT WAS MOVED BY MR. SHANNON, SECONDED BY MR. LUEVANO, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE COW MOUNTAIN HUNTING ACCESS ROAD, MENDOCINO COUNTY, HUNTING ACCESS PROGRAM, PROJECT NO. 1017; ALLOCATE \$25,000 FROM THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FOR THE DEVELOPMENT; AND AUTHORIZE THE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Luevano and Assemblyman Belotti, noting that Mendocino County qualifies as a redevelopment area, suggested the Board staff be instructed to give this project top priority. Mr. Elser inquired of the staff and the county engineer the probable completion date of the road. Mr. Nesbit and Mr. Richardson, Mendocino County Surveyor, both felt hopeful that the road would be constructed this summer and available to the deer hunters this fall.

Mr. George Cornell of the Sacramento-Sierra Sportsmen's Council expressed a desire to see this project pushed to completion so that the area could be opened this year. He asked if it would be possible to have the area well marked so that there would be no trespassing the first year it is used.

There was discussion on the question of responsibility for marking boundaries. Mr. Nesbit advised that the WCB would supply signs indicating the project and its purpose; however, it would not be possible for the Board to mark the entire boundary. Mr. Shannon stated that, insofar as administering and patrolling the area, the Department is responsible; however, private property owners are required to post signs, three to the mile, to mark their property.

In response to Mr. Elser's question as to whether the county would be able to take on this responsibility, Supervisor Sawyers stated he is not prepared to answer this question - he would have to submit it to the Board of Supervisors.

Discussion was had as to whether the WCB has the right to request this of the county, but it was the consensus of the members that the Board is only interested in determining what the county is willing to do in this respect.

Mr. Elser suggested that Mendocino County look into this request, investigate it, and see if they can solve the problem.

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

Mr. Nesbit reviewed that at the November 9, 1961, meeting, the Board instructed staff to hire two qualified appraisers to make independent appraisals of the 5.94 acres of Division of Highways property on Highway 1 at the mouth of Gazos Creek and the ocean. The property was staked out by the Division of Highways. A previous appraisal had been made by the Department of Finance. The appraisals were as follows:

Department of Finance appraisal	- \$24,000
Mr. Fox's appraisal	- \$22,500
Mr. Lowery's appraisal	- \$15,000

Mr. Fox was unable to attend the meeting, but Mr. Lowery was present and supported his appraisal report.

The Legislative Counsel's opinion requested by Assemblyman Lowrey stated the Division of Highways is not prohibited from selling surplus Division of Highways property at the price offered by the Board. The Attorney General was of the opinion it is unconstitutional for the Division to sell below the fair market value. Mr. Nesbit asserted that this is a good project and expressed the hope that the Board can buy the land. In answer to a question regarding the spread of the appraisals, Mr. Nesbit said there is some uncertainty that the Department of Finance appraiser located the correct northerly property line.

Mr. Lowery gave a detailed report of his appraisal. He also said that the first time he went over the property he was unable to locate the northerly boundary. He then contacted Mr. Daniels, Division of Highways, Right-of-Way, in San Francisco, and got the correct property boundary. He continued to present to the Board his findings which was broken down as follows: 1.8 acres of good land suitable for building lots; 1.4 acres of lower land, or a total of 3.2 acres that could be used for development; and 2.2 acres of sandy beach. On these bases, he appraised the property at \$15,000.

The legislative members discussed the possibility of placing this matter on special call before the legislature or putting through a concurrent resolution through both houses to assist in solving this problem. It was their contention that this is a matter of principle - to force one state agency to buy at the appraised price rather than on the actual cost. They suggested this matter be deferred by the Board and that this matter be placed on special call before the two houses of the legislature.

Mr. Elser ordered that action on this project be postponed and requested the staff to be in touch with the legislators.

Mr. Luevano asked if it would be possible to try to reconcile the boundary of the project as appraised by Mr. Lowery and the Department of Finance appraiser. Mr. Lowery agreed to meet with the Finance appraiser to do this.

Senator Johnson requested that no more funds be incurred for further surveys or appraisals for this project. Other members concurred with this suggestion.

Assemblyman Lowrey, in behalf of the Board members, thanked Mr. Lowery for his attendance at the meeting and for his cooperation in agreeing to meet with the Department of Finance appraiser.

✓15. Delta-Mendota Canal - Central Valley Project

Mr. Nesbit reported that for several years fishermen have been interested in fishing in this canal. This interest was greatly stimulated in 1960 when it became necessary to drain the upper 35 miles of the canal for repairs. The Department of Fish and Game rescued more than 70,000 pounds of fish from this reach of the canal, mostly white catfish with some channel catfish and striped bass.

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The Delta-Mendota Canal is one of the largest "rivers" in the state. It runs from the edge of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta to the Mendota Pool on the San Joaquin River 117 miles to the south. Ninety five miles is concrete lined and the most southerly 18 miles is earth lined.

The proposal is to open portions of the canal for public fishing. The preliminary proposal is to have the U.S.B.R. provide the necessary safety devices, the WCB to provide sanitary facilities, waste cans and signs, with maintenance to be by the counties. Two counties have been contacted and have expressed their interest. The U.S.B.R. has not granted permission for public use of the canal, but they have agreed to work with us toward that end.

Mr. Nesbit informed the Board that this proposal is different than the standard fishing access projects. The necessary proprietary interest in the project would have to be worked out with the Department of Finance. It will probably be necessary for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to get congressional approval of non-reimbursable funds for the purpose of this development. He requested Board permission to proceed with a study of this proposal.

It was the consensus of the Board members that developing such an access on the Canal would open up a great amount of fishing, and Mr. Elser instructed the Board staff to continue to work with the various counties and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to develop such fishing areas.

15. Resolution Honoring Jamie Smith

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN LOWREY, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, AS A JOINT MOTION, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION, AND THE COORDINATOR IS HEREBY INSTRUCTED TO FORWARD A COPY TO MR. JAMIE SMITH.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

WHEREAS, Mr. Jamie Smith retired as Chairman of the Wildlife Conservation Board on January 14, 1962; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith has throughout the years made significant contributions to the betterment of wildlife conservation in California; and

WHEREAS, By his diligent efforts and judgment in exercising the duties and responsibilities of Chairman of the Wildlife Conservation Board, Mr. Smith has substantially advanced 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. Smith our sincere appreciation; and

RESOLVED, 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. Smith.

17. Resolution Relative to the performance by Mr. Ray J. Nesbit of his duties as Coordinator of the Wildlife Conservation Board

A resolution prepared by the legislative advisory committee was circulated to all Board members for their consideration. Chairman Elser read the resolution as follows:

WHEREAS, It has come to the attention of this board that Mr. Ray J. Nesbit, coordinator of this board, has been criticized for allegedly acting in excess of his authority in appearing before other state agencies to present the position of this board with respect to the retention in public ownership of certain lands; and

WHEREAS, It was, at the time of said appearance by Mr. Nesbit, and still is, the policy of this board to retain in public ownership land which has significant potential value for development for wildlife restoration and recreational purposes; and

WHEREAS, This board has vested in Mr. Nesbit, as the coordinator of the board, the authority and duty to appear before federal, state, and private agencies and organizations to present to such agencies and organizations the established position or policy of this board with respect to particular matters which may be before such agencies and organizations; and

WHEREAS, It was pursuant to this authorization that Mr. Nesbit has appeared before the other state agencies to present the position of this board with respect to the retention in public ownership of certain lands; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Wildlife Conservation Board, That the members of this board hereby find and declare that the appearances by Mr. Ray J. Nesbit, coordinator of this board, before other state agencies to present the position of this board with respect to the retention in public ownership of certain lands were acts within the authority vested in Mr. Nesbit by this board; and that Mr. Nesbit, in making said appearances from time to time, has always faithfully, diligently, and ably carried out the duties and responsibilities of his office, as said duties and responsibilities have been established by this board.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYWOMAN DAVIS, THAT THE LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS OF THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD ADOPT THE AFOREMENTIONED RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO THE PERFORMANCE BY MR. RAY J. NESBIT OF HIS DUTIES AS COORDINATOR OF THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. SHANNON, SECONDED BY MR. LUEVANO, THAT
THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS
PRESENTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Attached to the resolution and made a part by reference was the following job description which was previously approved by the Wildlife Conservation Board on November 28, 1951:

WILDLIFE PROJECTS COORDINATOR

Under the direction and supervision of the Wildlife Conservation Board, the Chairman or a designated member thereof to serve in such supervisory capacity for the Board, the above employee shall:

1. Generally supervise and administer the operations of the Board; coordinate and expedite the wildlife and recreational projects approved and financed by it; and supervise and direct the work of the Board's several employees, as well as any short-term consultants who may be employed.
2. Receive, in behalf of the Board, all proposed wildlife and recreational projects; survey or direct investigations of proposed projects, including such technical studies as may be necessary; and prepare, or supervise the preparation of written reports and recommendations for the consideration of the Board.
3. Aid public agencies and interested groups in the preparation of proposed projects for submission in the form specified by the Board, as may be required; also on the basis of field studies initiate new projects as may be necessary to round out facilities and programs for the production and management of the fish and game supply of this State, and the development of opportunities for recreation in the harvesting and enjoyment thereof.
4. Contact sportsmen's organizations and other civic groups, as well as individuals, as required, to obtain information concerning the fish and game needs throughout the State, and report his findings or those of his aides to the Board for use in its deliberations.
5. Contact State and Federal agencies as required to obtain maximum cooperation in the development of plans for improving wildlife conditions and to expedite completion of approved Board projects.
6. Participate in interagency (Federal and State) studies of land and water uses which have significant wildlife restoration and recreational potentials, and supervise the work of subordinates in connection with such surveys.
7. Aid and assist subordinates in the preparation of agendas and reports for the consideration of the Board, and handle such correspondence, records, etc., as may be required.
8. Perform such other duties as may from time to time be assigned.

18. Proposed Pt. Loma Pier, San Diego

Mr. Nesbit advised the City of San Diego is constructing an outfall pipe several miles into the ocean off Pt. Loma. It terminates at an ocean depth of 200 feet. To lay the initial 2,000 feet of pipeline, the contractor is constructing a steel pier. Actually, it is two parallel piers, each 12 feet wide with a 30' spacing between them.

The City of San Diego has obtained permits from the Department of Defense (Navy) who owns the land at the pier site and a road right-of-way from the Department of Interior. The permits require that the pier be removed after the outfall pipe is placed in the ocean floor.

This is a heavy-duty, well-constructed pier which would easily convert to public fishing use. Parking areas could be made available. The pier extends into some of the finest offshore fishing waters in southern California. It terminates in the well known Pt. Loma kelp beds and could receive heavy utilization.

The City Manager of San Diego has expressed an interest in an attempt to convert this pier to public use. They will gladly cooperate with the WCB in this regard. They point out, however, that their permits were negotiated with the Department of Defense and the Department of Interior with considerable difficulty, that these agencies were reluctant to allow a permanent structure, and that further negotiations could best be carried out by the State at a high level.

On March 7, 1962, Chairman Elser invited the Governor to meet with the City of San Diego officials and to inspect this pier during his attendance at the dedication of the sea water conversion plant nearby. After the dedication, Governor Brown, City Manager Fletcher, Mr. Elser, and Mr. Nesbit visited the site. There were also several other interested persons in attendance. Mr. Walter Trepte, the contractor who is building and will own the pier, met us and showed us around. Mr. Trepte has agreed to sell the pier to the State at salvage value if permits can be arranged to legalize its use for public fishing. Governor Brown expressed a keen interest and has offered the services of his office to assist in obtaining these permits.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN LOWREY, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, AS A JOINT MOTION, THAT THE COORDINATOR IS HEREBY INSTRUCTED TO PROCEED WITHOUT DELAY WITH NECESSARY NEGOTIATIONS TO ATTEMPT TO DEVELOP A FISHING PIER PROJECT AT PT. LOMA, SAN DIEGO.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

19. Fishing Access Proposal, Merced River near Snelling

Mr. Nesbit advised that he has received a letter from Assemblyman Gordon Winton requesting the Wildlife Conservation Board authorize the staff to make preliminary appraisals and studies with Merced Irrigation District and Merced County officials for coordinating plans for the reservoir proposed to be located between Snelling and Merced Falls.

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IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN LOWREY, AS A JOINT MOTION, THAT THE COORDINATOR IS HEREBY INSTRUCTED TO MAKE PRELIMINARY APPRAISALS AND STUDIES OF THE PROPOSED RESERVOIR BETWEEN SNELLING AND MERCED FALLS, AS A POTENTIAL WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD PROJECT.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

20. Monterey Public Fishing Pier, Project No. 146

Mr. Luevano asked the Board to consider taking necessary action to change the period of the lease of the Monterey Public Fishing Pier property which was mentioned in the minutes of the June 8 meeting as 25 years, and for which the staff has secured a 20 year free lease. This matter was brought to his attention only yesterday when a letter was received from an Assemblymen .

Mr. Nesbit elaborated on this item by stating that at the June 8, 1961, meeting, the Board approved the Monterey Public Fishing Pier and instructed the staff to proceed with the project as planned. The term of the easement has been questioned by the Department of Finance Acquisition Section. During the meeting, and in the minutes, it was mentioned that the lease or other proprietary interest in the pier would probably be for a 25 year period. It developed after study that this pier should be amortized at the usual 20 year period, and an easement for a 20 year period was negotiated.

Mr. Nesbit contended that the intent of the Board is in the motion, and that it has never been the desire of the Board to have the staff go back repeatedly for board action to approve such minor changes.

Mr. Luevano felt that the term of a lease is not a minor aspect of a project, and since the motion was silent in this respect, he suggested that the term be specified at this time.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN LOWREY, SECONDED BY SENATOR JOHNSON, AS A JOINT MOTION, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD SECURE AN EASEMENT FOR A PERIOD OF 20 YEARS FOR THE MONTEREY PUBLIC FISHING PIER PROPERTY, PROJECT NO. 146.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

21. Proposed State Bond Issue

Assemblyman Belotti advised that the legislature is studying a bill for a bond issue of 100 or 150 million dollars for acquisition and other purposes for the next election. This Board is interested in the probability that this money can go into the type of projects financed and promoted by this Board. He stated he believed the Coordinator has already been requested to express himself in connection with what, if any, amount should be earmarked for purposes within the jurisdiction of the Board. He felt this was a matter that should be discussed and asked for comments on it.

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Senator Quick commented that he is on that committee and that the study is not yet completed. However, at the present time an amendment to earmark 10% or \$10,000,000 to the WCB is included in the resolution to the committee. This appropriation would be over a period of years.

Mr. Nesbit supplied members of the Board with a preliminary draft of the projected program and activities developed by the Board staff and requested comments from the Board members. It was felt that a request for such a projected program would be forthcoming from members of the committee studying this bill.

22. Highway 48 Bridge, Vallejo, Solano County

Assemblyman Lowrey requested of the Coordinator a report of the status of the progress on the negotiations relative to the conversion of this bridge to a fishing pier.

Mr. Nesbit stated that he had met with City of Vallejo, the California Bridge Department, and the California Division of Highways officials to discuss this matter. All agencies were cooperative, and he stated he was very hopeful that the bridge could be converted to that use.

The Bridge Department furnished Mr. Nesbit with a report of the condition of the bridge structure which will be reviewed by the Engineering Section, Department of Fish and Game. The next item under consideration is the availability of parking for this project.

Assemblyman Lowrey thanked the Coordinator and expressed his hopes that this project could become a reality, since it is located in a fine fishing area.

23. Area Redevelopment Program

Mr. Luevano advised that he is Coordinator of the Area Redevelopment Program for the State of California. There are in the state 7 counties which have been designated redevelopment areas -- these are areas which show substantial and persistent unemployment. Such a designation triggers a federal program. He wondered if the Board would be interested or willing to participate in this program by placing high priority on those projects which are located within any particular county designated as a redevelopment area.

There was some discussion relative to this proposal. It was pointed out that the Board has at this meeting approved projects in two counties designated as redevelopment areas; further, that the staff cannot move projects any faster at this point, except by receiving accelerated Department of Finance approvals on project documents.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Status of Funds

The amount allocated to projects as of the close of the meeting on March 15, 1962, aggregated \$16,725,460.68.

a. Fish Hatchery and Stocking Projects	\$4,318,170.38
b. Warmwater and Other Fish Projects	3,811,350.13
1. Warmwater Projects	\$2,434,151.81
2. Other Fish Projects	1,377,198.32
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	5,539,864.83
h. General Projects	1,593,099.17
1. Coastal Angling Access Projects	518,500.91
2. Inland Angling Access Projects	861,953.40
3. Hunting Access Projects	53,000.00
4. Other General Projects	159,644.86
Total Allocated to Specific Projects	\$16,700,460.68

Special Project Allocations:

Project Evaluation, Property Acquisition and Engineering studies	25,000.00
Total Allocated	\$16,725,460.68

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 60/61 Actual	\$679,240.39
FY 61/62 Estimated	78,275.00
Total Actual and Estimated Operating Costs	\$757,515.39

Recapitulation:

Allocations for Projects	\$16,700,460.68
Special Project Allocations	25,000.00
Reserves Established	123,219.30
Expenses of Operation	757,515.39
Total Expended or Obligated	\$17,606,195.37
 Total Funds Appropriated	\$16,500,000.00
Appropriation Available thru 61/62 FY	750,000.00
Int. on Surplus Money Inv. thru 12/31/61	538,086.60
Miscellaneous Revenue thru 60/61 FY	65,957.76
Miscellaneous Revenue 61/62 FY	6,992.60
Total Sum Available	\$17,861,036.96
Total Expended or Obligated	17,606,195.87
 Available thru June 30, 1962	\$ 254,841.59