

The Resources Agency of California
WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD
Minutes, Meeting of December 8, 1964

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Pursuant to the call of the Chairman, the Wildlife Conservation Board met in Room 1131, Resources Building, 1416 Ninth Street, Sacramento, California, on December 8, 1964. The meeting was called to order by acting Chairman Walter Shannon at 2:00 p.m.

1. Roll Call

PRESENT: W. T. Shannon Acting Chairman
 Jack Halpin Member, Vice Hale Champion

Senator John C. Begovich Joint Interim Committee
 Senator Vernon L. Sturgeon " " "
 Senator Aaron W. Quick " " "
 Assemblyman Wm. E. Dannemeyer " " "
 Assemblywoman Pauline Davis " " "

Raymond J. Nesbit Executive Officer
 John Mahoney Field Agent
 Alma Koyasako Secretary
 June Fisher Account Clerk

ABSENT: Henry Clineschmidt Chairman
 Assemblyman Frank P. Belotti Joint Interim Committee

OTHERS PRESENT:

S. C. Jackson Supervisor, Siskiyou Co.
 Jess O'Roke Siskiyou Co. Administrator
 A. A. Powers Siskiyou Co. Road Commissioner
 Tom Honeycutt Div. of Forestry
 Doyle E. Gates Dept. of Fish and Game
 Alex Calhoun " " " "
 Glenn Allen Legislative Analyst's Office
 James G. Ford City Attorney, Red Bluff
 Herbert E. Nelson City Manager, Red Bluff
 W. S. Fleharty Mayor, Red Bluff
 Harlan E. Warwick City Engineer, Red Bluff
 D. E. Nemetz Comm. on Organization & Economy
 A. R. Todd P.G.&E., San Francisco

2. Approval of Minutes

IT WAS MOVED BY SENATOR BEGOVICH, SECONDED BY MR. HALPIN, AS A JOINT MOTION, THAT THE MINUTES OF THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING OF JULY 17, 1964, BE APPROVED AS WRITTEN.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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3. Status of Funds. The amount allocated to projects as of the close of the meeting on July 17, 1964, aggregated \$19,108,184.00.*

a. Fish Hatchery and Stocking Projects		\$4,434,499.31
b. Fish Habitat Development and Improvement Projects		2,593,932.73
1. Reservoir Construction or Improvement	\$1,434,608.19	
2. Stream Clearance and Improvement	192,170.98	
3. Stream Flow Maintenance Dams	439,503.32	
4. Marine Habitat	86,697.09	
5. Fish Screens, Ladders, & Weir Projects	440,953.15	
c. Angling Access Projects		5,278,731.34
1. Coastal Access	654,240.86	
2. River, Stream & Bay Access	1,158,189.28	
3. Lake, Reservoir & Salton Sea Access	1,755,945.94	
4. Piers	1,710,355.26	
d. Game Farm Projects		146,894.49
e. Game Habitat Development and Improvement Projects		6,024,135.34
1. Waterfowl Areas	5,515,604.50	
2. Other Game	452,530.84	
3. Wildlife Management Areas	56,000.00	
f. Hunting Access		358,193.71
g. Miscellaneous Projects		238,297.08
Total Allocated to Specific Projects		<u>\$19,074,684.00</u>

Special Project Allocations		33,500.00
Project. Evaluation, Prop. Acq. & Engrg. Studies	\$25,000.00	
Program Report	8,500.00	
Total Allocated		<u>\$19,108,184.00</u>

*WCB allocated \$668,190.00 under Public Works Acceleration Program-50% reimbursable to State from the Federal Government. (\$334,095.00)
(Two projects have been completed and closed leaving \$612,790 allocated; \$306,395 reimbursable as expended.)

Operating Costs:

FY 47/48 thru 62/63 Actual	\$830,842.55
FY 63/64 Estimated	87,143.00
FY 64/65 Estimated	91,100.00
Total Actual and Estimated Operating Costs	<u>\$1,009,085.55</u>

Recapitulation:

Allocations for Projects	\$19,074,684.00
Special Project Allocations	33,500.00
Expenses of Operation	1,009,085.55
Total Expended or Obligated	<u>\$20,117,269.55</u>
Total Funds Appropriated	\$18,750,000.00
Approp. made available 7/1/64	750,000.00
Int. on Surplus Money Inv. thru 6/30/64	734,232.77
Miscellaneous Revenue thru 63/64	132,201.36
Miscellaneous Revenue 64/65 FY	22.67
Total Sum Available	<u>\$20,366,456.80</u>
Total Expended or Obligated	<u>20,117,269.55</u>
Available thru June 30, 1965	<u>\$249,187.25</u>

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Executive Officer Ray J. Nesbit announced the completion of a record 38 WCB projects during 1964. Twenty-two additional projects are under construction or in various planning stages.

4. Recovery of Funds and Cancellation of Project

Mr. Nesbit advised that the nine projects listed below have been completed and the unused balances totaling \$6,308.51 are available for recovery.

Pine Creek Reservoir

Total Allocation	\$ 5,000.00
Expenditures	4,761.02
Balance for Recovery	\$ 238.98

Torrey Pines Reef

Total Allocation	\$ 6,600.00
Expenditures	5,838.62
Balance for Recovery	\$ 761.38

Bogus Creek Fish Ladder

Total Allocation	\$ 16,000.00
Expenditures	13,368.24
Balance for Recovery	\$ 2,631.76

Delta-Mendota Canal Angling Access - Fresno County

Total Allocation	\$ 8,000.00
Expenditures	6,538.01
Balance for Recovery	\$ 1,461.99

Eagle Lake Angling Access

Total Allocation	\$ 41,000.00
Expenditures	40,653.45
Balance for Recovery	\$ 346.55

Imperial Beach Public Fishing Pier

Total Allocation	\$154,000.00
Expenditures	153,452.71
Balance for Recovery	\$ 547.29

Santa Cruz Public Fishing Pier

Total Allocation	\$ 49,550.00
Expenditures	49,407.48
Balance for Recovery	\$ 142.52

Discovery Park Angling Access

Total Allocation	\$165,000.00
Expenditures	164,821.96
Balance for Recovery	\$ 178.04

Salton Sea, Frink Access (Niland Marina)

Total Allocation	\$ 80,600.00
Expenditures	80,600.00
Balance for Recovery	\$ 0.00

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The following project was recommended for cancellation:

Smith Lake Public Fishing Area, Plumas County

The Board on December 11, 1958, approved this project to rebuild a breached earthfill dam and construct a spillway to maintain and improve this small warmwater fish lake in the national forest near Quincy. The project was to be constructed and maintained by the U.S. Forest Service on a cooperative basis with the State.

In attempting to carry out the project as approved, legal problems developed that could not feasibly be reconciled regarding State proprietary interest and Safety of Dams requirements as related to Federal requirements for construction and maintenance of the project.

The Forest Service has proceeded with its own funds to carry out alternate development of the nature proposed, so that the WCB project now is not appropriate.

Mr. Nesbit recommended that this project be cancelled and the unexpended funds be recovered. Of the \$14,300 allocation, \$1,175.45 was expended for surveys, engineering and other work preparatory to attempting to proceed with development. This leaves a balance of \$13,128.55 for recovery.

IT WAS MOVED BY SENATOR QUICK, SECONDED BY SENATOR BEGOVICH, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD CLOSE THE ACCOUNTS OF THE NINE COMPLETED PROJECTS AND CANCEL WITHOUT PREJUDICE THE ONE PROJECT, AND RECOVER UNEXPENDED BALANCES AS SET FORTH ABOVE.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD CLOSE THE ACCOUNTS OF THE FOLLOWING COMPLETED PROJECTS AND RECOVER THE UNEXPENDED BALANCES AS FOLLOWS:

Pine Creek Reservoir	\$ 238.98
Torrey Pines Reef	761.38
Bogus Creek Fish Ladder	2,631.76
Delta-Mendota Canal Angling Access	1,461.99
Eagle Lake Angling Access	346.55
Imperial Beach Public Fishing Pier	547.29
Santa Cruz Public Fishing Pier	142.52
Discovery Park Angling Access	178.04
Salton Sea, Frink Access (Niland Marina)	0.00

AND CANCEL WITHOUT PREJUDICE THE FOLLOWING PROJECT AND RECOVER THE UNEXPENDED BALANCE:

Smith Lake Public Fishing Area \$13,128.55

ALL OF THE SUMS TOTALING \$19,437.06 ARE TO BE RESTORED TO THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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5. Lower Butte Creek Waterfowl Management Area \$60.98

Mr. Nesbit reported that subsequent to the closing and recovery of funds for this project at the November 15, 1963, meeting, the State Controller's office requested an adjustment of a prior year expenditure against this account. This adjustment is in the amount of \$60.98, and it will be necessary that the Board approve the additional allocation of this amount to cover this adjusted expenditure.

It was Mr. Nesbit's recommendation that the amount of \$60.98 be allocated for the Lower Butte Creek Waterfowl Management Area so this account may be cleared and closed.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN DANNEMEYER, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLY-WOMAN DAVIS, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD ALLOCATE THE SUM OF \$60.98 TO COVER THE ADJUSTED EXPENDITURE AGAINST THE ACCOUNT OF THE LOWER BUTTE CREEK WATERFOWL MANAGEMENT AREA, AND THAT THE ACCOUNT THEN BE CLOSED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD ALLOCATE THE SUM OF \$60.98 TO COVER THE ADJUSTED EXPENDITURE AGAINST THE ACCOUNT OF THE LOWER BUTTE CREEK WATERFOWL MANAGEMENT AREA, AND THAT THE ACCOUNT THEN BE CLOSED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. Juanita Lake Public Fishing Area, Siskiyou County \$42,520.00

Mr. Nesbit reviewed that this lake construction project was approved and funds in the amount of \$60,000 were allocated by the WCB on March 15, 1962. The project which is in cooperation with Siskiyou County includes a dam, saddle dam, water diversion structures, and a 6,000 foot water supply ditch to create a 55 surface acre fishing lake eight miles west of Macdoel. The project is now substantially complete. The lake is filling and will be stocked and ready for fishing next spring. The U.S. Forest Service, with available federal funds, has under construction a large campground development adjacent to the lake which will accommodate the large numbers of people expected to use the area. The lake is in a beautiful setting, the fishery is expected to be very good, and it is believed that the development is a credit to the WCB.

During the course of construction the County, which provided the design and constructed the project, encountered several major problems which added to construction costs. These included considerable additional excavation at the dam site and a long distance haul of suitable dam material which was necessary to meet the requirements of Safety of Dams Section, Department of Water Resources. The project has now been approved by the Department of Water Resources.

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At the March 12, 1964, meeting the matter of additional funds was discussed and staff was advised to proceed with the completion of the project. The County, which was doing the work under a reimbursement contract, was then advised that the necessary funds for payment of additional work would be requested of the WCB upon project completion.

The project has been completed with the exception of the small weirs to divert water from two creeks into the supply ditch and thence into the lake. Temporary weirs are presently being used. The additional project costs are as follows:

Dam construction	\$40,255.00
Diversion weirs and controls	752.50
Department of Water Resources fees	1,512.50
TOTAL	\$42,520.00

Mr. Nesbit recommended that \$42,520.00 be allocated from the Wildlife Restoration Fund for completion of the project.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYWOMAN DAVIS, SECONDED BY SENATOR BEGOVICH, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD ALLOCATE \$42,520 TO COVER THE ADDITIONAL CONSTRUCTION COSTS FOR THE JUANITA LAKE PUBLIC FISHING AREA, AND AUTHORIZE THE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT AS OUTLINED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD ALLOCATE \$42,520 TO COVER THE ADDITIONAL CONSTRUCTION COSTS FOR THE JUANITA LAKE PUBLIC FISHING AREA, AND AUTHORIZE THE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT AS OUTLINED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Supervisor "Clint" Jackson thanked the Wildlife Conservation Board on behalf of Siskiyou County for the financial aid received for construction of Juanita Lake. Mr. Jess O'Roke, County Administrator, and Mr. Al Powers, County Road Commissioner, were introduced by Supervisor Jackson. Mr. Nesbit advised that the County plans to hold a dedication next spring after the lake has been stocked and opened to fishing. It was the County's hope that the Board would participate at that time in the dedication ceremonies.

7. Lake Level Maintenance Dams, Amador County \$4,701.77

The WCB on March 21, 1963, allocated \$18,100 for a project to improve four lakes located in the Silver Lake area of the Eldorado National Forest. The project has been completed by Youth Authority wards under the supervision of the Division of Forestry. The four lakes are: Pardoe, which previously did not support fish life because of shallowness, and Long, Black Rock, and Shriner lakes which were subject to winter kill of fish because of shallowness. All four lakes were enlarged and deepened by construction of rock masonry dams. Winter kill of fish in these lakes will be reduced or eliminated, thus providing better fishing opportunities to the many people using this area. The lakes have been planted with fingerling trout and are scheduled for additional fish plants in 1965.

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The Board was advised at the meeting of March 12, 1964, that it appeared at that time the cost of the dams would exceed the allocation. Estimation of costs by the Division of Forestry was difficult because construction of the rock masonry dams is entirely hand work. Costs exceeded the allocation in the amount of \$4,701.77.

It was Mr. Nesbit's recommendation that allocation be made of additional funds to meet actual construction costs incurred by the Division of Forestry.

IT WAS MOVED BY SENATOR BEGOVICH, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN DANNEMEYER, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD ALLOCATE FROM THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND THE AMOUNT OF \$4,701.77 TO COVER ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION COSTS INCURRED BY THE DIVISION OF FORESTRY IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE LAKE LEVEL MAINTENANCE DAMS, AMADOR COUNTY.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD ALLOCATE FROM THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND THE AMOUNT OF \$4,701.77 TO COVER ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION COSTS INCURRED BY THE DIVISION OF FORESTRY IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE LAKE LEVEL MAINTENANCE DAMS, AMADOR COUNTY.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. Red Bluff River Park Angling Access, Tehama County \$41,200.00

The Wildlife Conservation Board in 1958 allocated \$25,000 for construction of angling access facilities, which included a boat ramp, on the Sacramento River in Red Bluff. The development was completed at a cost of \$23,233 and dedicated in January, 1960. It has been maintained by the City of Red Bluff, and has received considerable use in the 5 years since completion.

Recently the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation completed the Red Bluff Diversion Dam on the Sacramento River. This dam is located a short distance downstream from the WCB facility. Its purpose is to divert irrigation water to the Corning Canal and the Tehama-Colusa Canal service areas.

When the dam impounds water, which will be within the next 12 to 18 months, it will flood out and make unusable the WCB access facility. The City has negotiated with the Bureau of Reclamation for monetary compensation for loss of the facility and the Bureau has agreed to pay the City which in turn will reimburse the State. Upon the receipt of the payment for the present WCB project, the money will be credited to the Wildlife Restoration Fund.

The Red Bluff Diversion Dam will create a lake of about 530 surface acres which will provide a considerable attraction for fishermen and other recreationists. The City has proposed a new WCB access development to be located at the mouth of Reed's Creek just downstream from the existing project.

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The proposed project would be located nearby on City-owned land. The City has agreed to provide the State with a long term free lease to the site and has further agreed to keep the area open and free to the public.

In anticipation of increased use the proposed development would be larger than the existing facility. It would include a two lane boat ramp with float, permanent sanitary facilities, lighting, and parking.

Plans and cost estimates for the project have been prepared by the Fish and Game engineering section and have been reviewed and approved by staff and the City.

Cost estimates are as follows:

Development	
Site preparation	\$ 811.00
Parking area - grading, base rock, paving and curbs	13,155.00
Restroom	12,500.00
Ramp, 2 lane, floats and walkway	8,600.00
Area lighting, electric service	2,800.00
Subtotal	<u>\$37,866.00</u>
Contingencies and signs	3,334.00
TOTAL	<u>\$41,200.00</u>

Mr. Nesbit expressed the belief that construction of the diversion dam would provide improved fishing opportunities in the vicinity and recommended approval of this project. He further recommended that the original project be canceled upon reimbursement of actual project costs by the Bureau of Reclamation.

Mayor Fleharty of Red Bluff introduced Mr. Herbert Nelson, City Manager; Mr. Harlan Warwick, City Engineer; and Mr. James Ford, City Attorney. Mayor Fleharty advised that the original project has become overcrowded and felt the new project will get a great deal of use.

Assemblyman Dannemeyer asked about the Board's policy with regard to building WCB projects on property not owned in fee. Mr. Nesbit advised that the Board must secure sufficient proprietary interest in the land to amortize the cost of the project. Generally this means a lease of 20 years or more.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYWOMAN DAVIS, SECONDED BY SENATOR BEGOVICH, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE NEW SITE FOR THE RED BLUFF RIVER PARK ANGLING ACCESS, TEHAMA COUNTY; ALLOCATE FROM THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND \$41,200.00 FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT AND AUTHORIZE THE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED, AND TO CANCEL THE SUPERSEDED PROJECT UPON RECEIPT OF REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE CITY OF RED BLUFF.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE NEW SITE FOR THE RED BLUFF RIVER PARK ANGLING ACCESS, TEHAMA COUNTY; ALLOCATE FROM THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND \$41,200.00 FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT; AND AUTHORIZE THE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED; AND TO CANCEL THE SUPERSEDED PROJECT UPON RECEIPT OF REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE CITY OF RED BLUFF.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. Bucks Creek Egg Collecting Facility, Plumas County \$17,300.00

Mr. Nesbit next presented plans for the Bucks Creek Egg Collecting Facility in Plumas County which was proposed by the Department of Fish and Game. He stated that kokanee salmon are important to the fishery of many lakes and reservoirs throughout the state. In 1964 over 4,000,000 eggs were needed to meet management needs. Most of these eggs were acquired through exchange of domestic trout eggs for kokanee eggs with other states. However, kokanee eggs are always in short supply and at times the Department is unable to obtain a sufficient number to meet requirements.

Since 1961 kokanee egg taking operations have taken place on Bucks Creek, tributary to Bucks Lake, utilizing temporary facilities. These temporary facilities have been difficult to construct and maintain during periods of high stream flow following fall storms. In all seasons of trapping operations large parts of the spawning runs have escaped due to the inadequacy of the facilities. It is estimated that with the proposed facilities the annual egg take would exceed 1,000,000 and in addition would provide a more efficient operation resulting in reduced operational costs.

Proposed facilities include a barrier in the stream, fish ladder, spawning house, and ancillary facilities and parking. The land on which the proposed facility would be located is owned by the Pacific Gas & Electric Company which has agreed to give the state a long term free lease of the site.

Plans and cost estimates for the project have been prepared by the Fish and Game engineering section and have been reviewed and approved by staff and the Department.

Cost estimates are as follows:

Site preparation, clearing and excavation	\$3,800
Parking area, gravel	400
Fish barrier, concrete	6,525
Spawning house, roof and fishway	1,200
Gates and hoist	1,400
Fish trap, slide gate and flapgate	800
Electrical	300
	Subtotal
	\$14,425
Contingencies and signs	2,875

TOTAL \$17,300

IT WAS MOVED BY SENATOR QUICK, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYWOMAN DAVIS, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE BUCKS CREEK EGG COLLECTING FACILITY, PLUMAS COUNTY; ALLOCATE FROM THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND \$17,300 FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT; AND AUTHORIZE THE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE BUCKS CREEK EGG COLLECTING FACILITY, PLUMAS COUNTY; ALLOCATE FROM THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND \$17,300 FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT; AND AUTHORIZE THE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. San Mateo County Stream Clearance \$3,000.00

Mr. Nesbit presented the San Mateo County Stream Clearance project as part of the Wildlife Conservation Board stream clearance program approved by the Board in September 1960. This ten year program, he advised, is progressing on schedule.

The eight streams proposed for clearance are located between Half-Moon Bay on the north and the Santa Cruz County line on the south. They are: Alpine Creek, Gazos Creek, Harrington Creek, La Honda Creek, Mindego Creek, Old Womans Creek, Tunitas Creek, and East Branch of Tunitas Creek. The project would include removal of 115 log jams. This would improve 16 miles of stream and make available a total of 22 miles of these streams suitable for use by salmon and steelhead.

Detailed investigations made by the Department indicate that responsibility cannot be determined for clean up of logging debris in the areas proposed for clearance.

Clearance work would be carried out by wards of the Youth Authority from Camp Ben Lomond under the supervision of the Division of Forestry.

Cost estimates prepared by the Department of Fish and Game are as follows:

Labor and travel	\$2,180.00
Equipment rental	592.00
Materials & supplies	50.00
Contingencies	178.00
TOTAL	\$3,000.00

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Mr. Nesbit recommended that the project be approved, that \$3,000 be allocated from the Wildlife Restoration Fund and that the Department and staff be authorized to proceed with the project. He reiterated that responsibility for clearance of these streams could not be determined.

IT WAS MOVED BY SENATOR BEGOVICH, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN DANNEMEYER, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE SAN MATEO COUNTY STREAM CLEARANCE PROJECT; ALLOCATE FROM THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND \$3,000 FOR PROJECT PURPOSES; AND AUTHORIZE THE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE SAN MATEO COUNTY STREAM CLEARANCE PROJECT; ALLOCATE FROM THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND \$3,000 FOR PROJECT PURPOSES; AND AUTHORIZE THE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Senator Sturgeon who entered the meeting at this time was introduced by acting Chairman Shannon.

11. State Beach, Park, Recreational, and Historical Facilities Bond Act of 1964 - Procedures and Plans

Mr. Nesbit reviewed that at the July 17, 1964, meeting, the Board approved the proposed WCB program under the Bond Act. The staff was directed to proceed with any studies necessary and to present specific project proposals for Board consideration at the next meeting in anticipation of the Bond Act passing.

The three major Bond Act programs approved in July by the Board are state-wide in scope, and include:

- I. Modernization, consolidation, and automation of existing hatchery facilities.
- II. Purchase of key lands for access and fish and game habitat.
- III. Placement of artificial reefs at piers.

Specific procedures have been established for processing projects under the Bond Act and appropriating funds therefor. All proposed projects must be included as separate items in a specific section of the Budget Bill for each fiscal year. No Bond Act funds may be expended pursuant to an appropriation not contained in that section of the Budget Act.

Five million dollars is available for the acquisition and/or development of real property in accordance with the Wildlife Conservation Law of 1947 and the State Development Plan.

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WCB projects under the Bond Act must be submitted to the office of the Resources Agency Administrator for review. The Administrator, as part of the review process, refers the projects to the State Office of Planning for the purpose of determining general compliance with the State Development Plan.

The Administrator, after completing his review, forwards projects recommended by the Board, together with his comments thereon and additional information required by the Bond Act to the Governor for inclusion in the Budget Bill.

In summary, WCB projects carried out with Bond Act funds must be handled through entirely separate procedures from the Board's normal program. Under the Bond Act procedures, the Board considers and recommends projects which then are processed through the Resources Agency Administrator for inclusion in the annual Budget Bill.

WCB projects contained in the Budget approved by the Legislature and the Governor would be implemented by staff in the usual manner, it is assumed.

Since the July 17, 1964, meeting of the WCB and the subsequent November approval of Proposition 1 by the voters, there has been some clarification of timing required for initial implementation of this program. The time available has not been adequate for staff to complete necessary planning and coordination. A number of projects proposed for Bond Act funding in the first year involve statutory responsibilities of the Fish and Game Commission, which requires opportunity for consideration by the Commission.

Staff has been informed that the Governor plans to present a Budget Bill supplement to the Legislature about March 1, 1965, which will contain the first Bond Act projects. Final reviews and processing of projects for inclusion in the Budget Bill supplement would require the month of February. On the basis of this timing, a meeting in late January for WCB action on proposed Bond Act projects would be most appropriate and desirable.

Mr. Nesbit recommended the scheduling of a WCB meeting for late January so the Bond Act projects could be submitted to the Governor in his special budget in March. He expressed the hope that as much as 50% of the five million dollars could be presented in the first budget. This would allow adequate time for completion of projects within the five years allotted for completion of the Bond Act program.

With respect to the review by the State Office of Planning, Mr. Halpin advised that the State Development Plan is not scheduled for completion until November of 1965. Therefore, it was his opinion that the review would be routine to determine that the projects are in general compliance with existing policies.

Tuesday, January 26, 1965, at 1:30 p.m. was the date tentatively set for the Board meeting to consider the various Bond Act projects. The Executive Officer is to confirm this date early in January.

12. Additional Staff Position

Mr. Nesbit advised that the WCB staff for several years has totaled 5 permanent positions. Organization essentially consists of a 3-man staff headed by the executive officer, with 2 positions in the secretarial-clerical category.

In recent years the growth of the conservation and outdoor recreation movement has added considerably to the staff workload. Closer coordination and cooperative planning with other components of the Resources Agency, and with other State, Federal and local agencies, has occupied increasing amounts of staff time. However, we feel that staff participation in such activities is essential and beneficial to the WCB program as well as to wildlife conservation and related recreation generally.

Recent events that will further increase the WCB program and workloads make addition of staff personnel essential. The \$5 million under the "Parks and Recreation" Bond Act will more than double WCB expenditures over the next five years. The Land and Water Conservation Fund Act also will be implemented in the next fiscal year. It is anticipated that federal matching monies from this source will further increase funds available to the WCB.

Mr. Nesbit explained that the expanded program would be conducted in the most desirable manner by the existing 3-man staff continuing to handle all of the evaluating, planning, negotiating, contacting other agencies, and similar staff work as in the past. However, this will require relieving these three staff members of some of the more routine work.

The main problem will be to handle the increased paperwork such as the more routine procedures in preparing and processing leases, agreements, contracts and various other documents. Accounting work for the greater expenditures also will increase markedly.

Mr. Nesbit expressed the hope that the expanded program can be handled by the addition of one staff position in the clerical category. This position would assist in preparing and processing paperwork and in other routine duties. He felt that this is the most economical and desirable approach to attempt to handle the additional workload.

It was the recommendation of the Executive Officer that the Board authorize the addition to its staff of one position in the clerical category with the level to be determined as appropriate by the staff.

During discussion of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act, Mr. Nesbit expressed the hope that the WCB would be able to secure some of these federal matching funds. He added that the Administrator has appointed a committee, of which he is a member, to work out the division of funds available to the states under this act.

In answer to Senator Quick's question regarding the anticipated payroll increase, Mr. Nesbit replied that the range for an intermediate typist is \$371-\$450.

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Mr. Dannemeyer asked if the position would be retained after completion of the Bond Act program. Mr. Nesbit pointed out that staff work of the WCB has increased considerably in recent years and that it was his plan to keep this position permanently. As it was related earlier, closer coordination and planning with other components of the Resources Agency has added to the workload of the staff. In addition, the WCB has over 200 projects on which we retain residual responsibility. The cooperating agencies call on the staff for working out problems of maintenance or want to adjust contracts, all of which require staff time. It was Mr. Nesbit's hope that the Board staff could be increased so that it would not be necessary to lean too much on the Department for clerical help through its typing pool.

IT WAS MOVED BY SENATOR BEGOVICH, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYWOMAN DAVIS, AS A JOINT MOTION, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD AUTHORIZE THE ADDITION TO ITS STAFF OF A PERMANENT CLERICAL POSITION.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

13. Election of Chairman, 1965

Mr. Nesbit requested action of the Board to elect a chairman for the year 1965.

IT WAS MOVED BY SENATOR QUICK, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN DANNEMEYER, AS A JOINT MOTION, THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH PREVIOUS PRACTICE OF THE BOARD, MR. T. H. RICHARDS BE ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD AT THE TIME HE BECOMES PRESIDENT OF THE FISH AND GAME COMMISSION.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY SENATOR STURGEON, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN DANNEMEYER, THAT SENATOR AARON W. QUICK BE ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

14. Los Angeles Public Fishing Pier Dedication

Mr. Nesbit advised that the City of Los Angeles, which is cooperating with the WCB in the L.A. Pier project has tentatively set Saturday, February 27, 1965, for dedication of the project.

The Board members, although they could not commit themselves at this time, expressed an interest in attending. The Executive Officer is to provide additional information and notify the Board members of final plans for the dedication.

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15. Request for Staff Investigation

Senator Begovich requested the Executive Officer to investigate the feasibility of access facilities for Salt Springs Reservoir and Bear River Reservoir in Amador County and Grass Lake in El Dorado and Alpine counties, and to report back at a subsequent meeting of the Board.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

1. Miscellaneous Projects	358,193.71
2. Wildlife Management Areas	75,000.00
3. Other Game	482,730.84
4. Wetland Areas	7,212,662.45
5. Game Habitat Development and Improvement Projects	6,084,198.32
6. Game Farm Projects	125,801.49
7. Special Project Allocations	33,500.00
8. Total Allocated to Specific Projects	12,027,397.72
9. Program Report	8,500.00
10. Proj. Evaluation, Prop. Acq. & Eng'ing Studies	\$25,000.00
11. Total Allocated	12,140,897.72

*WCB allocated \$600,100.00 under Public Works Acceleration Program - 50% reimbursable to State from the Federal Government. (\$300,050.00) (Two projects have been completed and closed leaving \$215,700 allocated; \$384,350 reimbursable as expended.)

Operating Costs:	
FY 64/65 Estimated	97,143.00
FY 65/66 Estimated	97,143.00
FY 66/67 Actual	\$280,812.52
Total Actual and Estimated Operating Costs	\$1,009,082.52

Residual:	
Allocations for Projects	\$19,164,022.69
Special Project Allocations	33,500.00
Expenses of Operation	1,009,082.52
Total Expended or Obligated	\$20,206,605.21
Total Funds Appropriated	\$18,750,000.00
Group Funds Available 7/1/64	750,000.00
Fed. on Budget Money Inv. thru 6/30/64	1,24,828.77
Miscellaneous Revenue thru 6/30/64	133,801.32
Miscellaneous Revenue 6/30/64	22.67
Total Funds Available	1,208,652.76
Total Expended or Obligated	20,206,605.21
Funds Available thru 6/30/64	\$19,077,947.55

Status of Funds

The amount allocated to projects as of the close of the meeting on December 8, 1964, aggregated \$19,197,529.69.*

a.	Fish Hatchery and Stocking Projects		\$4,451,799.31
b.	Fish Habitat Development and Improvement Projects		2,627,393.83
	1. Reservoir Construction or Improvement	\$1,468,462.43	
	2. Stream Clearance and Improvement	195,170.98	
	3. Stream Flow Maintenance Dams	439,503.32	
	4. Marine Habitat	85,935.71	
	5. Fish Screens, Ladders, & Weir Projects	438,321.39	
c.	Angling Access Projects		5,317,254.95
	1. Coastal Access	654,240.86	
	2. River, Stream and Bay Access	1,197,749.25	
	3. Lake, Reservoir, and Salton Sea Access	1,755,599.39	
	4. Piers	1,709,665.45	
d.	Game Farm Projects		146,894.49
e.	Game Habitat Development and Improvement Projects		6,024,196.32
	1. Waterfowl Areas	5,515,665.48	
	2. Other Game	452,530.84	
	3. Wildlife Management Areas	56,000.00	
f.	Hunting Access		358,193.71
g.	Miscellaneous Projects		238,297.08
	Total Allocated to Specific Projects		<u>\$19,164,029.69</u>

Special Project Allocations		33,500.00
Proj. Evaluation, Prop. Acq. & Eng'ing Studies	\$25,000.00	
Program Report	8,500.00	
Total Allocated		<u>\$19,197,529.69</u>

*WCB allocated \$668,190.00 under Public Works Acceleration Program - 50% reimbursable to State from the Federal Government. (\$334,095.00) (Two projects have been completed and closed leaving \$612,790 allocated; \$306,395 reimbursable as expended.)

Operating Costs:

FY 47/48 thru 62/63 Actual	\$830,842.55
FY 63/64 Estimated	87,143.00
FY 64/65 Estimated	91,100.00
Total Actual and Estimated Operating Costs	<u>\$1,009,085.55</u>

Recapitulation:

Allocations for Projects	\$19,164,029.69
Special Project Allocations	33,500.00
Expenses of Operation	<u>1,009,085.55</u>
Total Expended or Obligated	<u>\$20,206,615.24</u>
Total Funds Appropriated	\$18,750,000.00
Approp. made available 7/1/64	750,000.00
Int. on Surplus Money Inv. thru 6/30/64	734,232.77
Miscellaneous Revenue thru 63/64	132,201.36
Miscellaneous Revenue 64/65 FY	22.67
Total Sum Available	<u>\$20,366,456.80</u>
Total Expended or Obligated	<u>20,206,615.24</u>
Available thru June 30, 1965	<u>\$159,841.56</u>