

The Resources Agency of California
WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD
Minutes, Meeting of March 12, 1964

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Pursuant to the call of the Chairman, the Wildlife Conservation Board met in Room 4061, Employment Building, 722 Capitol Mall, Sacramento, California, on March 12, 1964. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Henry Clineschmidt at 1:33 p.m.

1. Roll Call

PRESENT: Henry Clineschmidt
 W. T. Shannon

Chairman
 Member

Senator John C. Begovich
 Senator Aaron W. Quick
 Assemblyman Frank P. Belotti
 Assemblyman Wm. E. Dannemyer
 Assemblywoman Pauline Davis

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

Executive Officer
 Assistant Executive Officer
 Field Agent
 Secretary
 Account Clerk

ABSENT: Senator Vernon L. Sturgeon
 Daniel M. Luevano

Joint Interim Committee
 Member

OTHERS PRESENT:

Peter P. Libonati
 J. E. Pellerin
 Lee O. Torr, III
 Joseph A. Rattigan
 A. R. Sitton
 Harold P. Bowhay
 Reginald J. Comollo
 Harry Anderson
 Edward D. Davis
 Harold A. Meserve
 Paul Brace
 Alex Bigler
 Wm. P. Elser
 Leslie F. Edgerton
 Wilson K. Lythgoe
 Thomas M. Volk
 Joseph W. Rom
 Jean M. Rom
 H. W. Young
 Arnold S. Rummelsburg
 Alex Calhoun
 W. Macgregor

Monte Rio Recreation & Park District
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 Senator, 12th District
 Monte Rio Recreation & Park District
 California Disaster Office
 Monte Rio Park Commissioner
 Dept. of Fish & Game
 Fresno Co. Park & Rec. Commission
 Dir. of Parks & Rec., Fresno Co.
 Resources Agency
 Office of Planning
 Fish & Game Commissioner
 Fish & Game Commission
 Sacramento Bee
 Ventura Co. Harbor Department
 Council of Ventura Co. Boat Clubs
 Ventura County
 Bureau of Land Management
 Shasta County
 Dept. of Fish & Game
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Floyd H. Morgan	Shasta Co. Bd. of Supervisor
Dale Hanner	Dept. of Finance
Mel Pierson	L.A. Recreation & Parks Commission
Wm. Frederickson, Jr.	General Manager, Dept. of Recreation and Parks, City of Los Angeles
Edward Niciesewski	San Diego Union
Leonard Fisk	Dept. of Fish and Game
Ray Chapman	" " "
Ed Kammerer	" " "
H. Russo	" " "
Robert D. Montgomery	" " "
E. P. Hughes	" " "
L. T. Petersen	Division of Forestry
Wm. C. Dillinger	Dept. of Fish and Game
Willard Hansen	Lake County
Tom Fletcher	City Manager, San Diego
Charles E. Porter	City of San Diego
Kelvin Nelson	Marin Co. Parks & Rec. Division
Helen Newman	Marin Co. Parks & Rec. Commission
Alex Pesonen	Bureau of Reclamation
A. D. Shipley	Supervisor, Lake County

2. Approval of Minutes

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, SECONDED BY SENATOR QUICK, AS A JOINT MOTION, THAT THE MINUTES OF THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING OF NOVEMBER 15, 1963, BE APPROVED AS WRITTEN.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Status of Funds

The amount allocated to projects as of the close of the meeting on November 15, 1963, aggregated \$18,463,220.13.*

a. Fish Hatchery and Stocking Projects	\$4,445,849.60
b. Fish Habitat Development and Improvement Projects	2,487,742.77
1. Reservoir Construction or Improvement	\$1,416,508.19
2. Stream Clearance and Improvement	172,926.98
3. Stream Flow Maintenance Dams	457,603.32
4. Marine Habitat	62,498.39
5. Fish Screens and Ladder Projects	378,205.89
c. Angling Access Projects	4,734,607.14
1. Coastal Access	619,173.74
2. River, Stream and Bay Access	1,046,662.32
3. Lake, Reservoir and Salton Sea Access	1,696,255.64
4. Piers	1,372,515.44
d. Game Farm Projects	146,894.49
e. Game Habitat Development and Improvement Projects	5,968,135.34
1. Waterfowl Areas	5,515,604.50
2. Other Game	452,530.84

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f. Hunting Access	\$358,193.71
g. Miscellaneous Projects	288,297.08
Total Allocated to Specific Projects	<u>\$18,429,720.13</u>

Special Project Allocations:

Proj. Evaluation, Property Acquisition & Eng'ing Studies	\$25,000.00
Program Report	8,500.00
Total Allocated	<u>\$18,463,220.13</u>

*\$668,190.00 allocated under Public Works Acceleration Program -
 50% reimbursable to State. (\$334,095.00)

Operating Costs:

FY 47/48 thru 61/62 Actual	\$746,856.86
FY 62/63 Estimated	86,654.72
FY 63/64 Estimated	87,143.00
Total Actual and Estimated Operating Costs	<u>\$920,654.58</u>

Recapitulation:

Allocations for Projects	\$18,429,720.13
Special Project Allocations	33,500.00
Expenses of Operation	920,654.58
Total Expended or Obligated	<u>\$19,383,874.71</u>

Total Funds Appropriated	\$18,000,000.00
Approp. made available 7/1/63	750,000.00
Int. on Surplus Money Inv. thru 12/31/63	697,771.95
Miscellaneous Revenue thru 62/63	130,297.04
Miscellaneous Revenue thru 63/64	885.00
Total Sum Available	<u>\$19,578,953.99</u>
Total Expended or Obligated	19,383,874.71
Available thru June 30, 1964	<u>\$195,079.28</u>

4. Recovery of Funds

Mr. Nesbit advised that twelve projects have been completed and the unused balances totaling \$52,978.53 are available for recovery. The last two projects listed were undertaken through the Accelerated Public Works Program in which the Federal Government reimbursed the State with 50% of the total cost of construction.

Silver Salmon Trapping Facility (Noyo River)

Total allocation	\$49,000.00
Expenditures	47,867.31
Balance for recovery	<u>\$ 1,132.69</u>

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Upper Truckee River Stream Improvement

Total allocation	\$ 6,500.00
Expenditures	5,804.59
Balance for recovery	<u>695.41</u>

Lower Klamath Tributaries Stream Clearance

Total allocation	\$ 8,700.00
Expenditures	8,686.67
Balance for recovery	<u>\$ 13.33</u>

Imperial Beach Artificial Reef

Total allocation	\$25,000.00
Expenditures	24,998.70
Balance for recovery	<u>\$ 1.30</u>

Hudeman Slough Angling Access

Total allocation	\$41,100.00
Expenditures	40,294.56
Balance for recovery	<u>\$ 805.44</u>

Rio Vista Access

Total allocation	\$56,800.00
Expenditures	50,889.57
Balance for recovery	<u>\$ 5,910.43</u>

Woodward Reservoir Public Fishing Area

Total allocation	\$105,000.00
Expenditures	95,190.30
Balance for recovery	<u>\$ 9,809.70</u>

Tulloch Reservoir Public Fishing Area

Total allocation	\$125,800.00
Expenditures	125,800.00
Balance for recovery	<u>\$ 0.00</u>

Paradise Beach Public Fishing Pier

Total allocation	\$34,000.00
Expenditures	31,238.86
Balance for recovery	<u>\$ 2,761.14</u>

San Leandro Fishing Platform

Total allocation	\$15,000.00
Expenditures	14,600.96
Balance for recovery	<u>\$ 399.04</u>

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Heeser Drive Coastal Access

Allocation		\$15,400.00
Total expenditures	\$12,414.24	
Reimbursement - Federal Government	<u>- 6,207.12</u>	
WCB expenditures		<u>6,207.12</u>
Total recovery		\$ 9,192.88

Fresno Slough Angling Access

Allocation		\$40,000.00
Total expenditures	\$35,445.55	
Reimbursement - Federal Government	<u>-17,702.72</u>	
WCB expenditures		<u>17,742.83*</u>
Total recovery		\$22,257.17

*This figure includes cost of project sign not reimbursable by Federal Government.

The following two projects were recommended by Mr. Nesbit for cancellation:

American River Hatchery

The Wildlife Conservation Board allocated \$40,000 on August 24, 1952, for purchase of a trout hatchery site to be selected by the Department of Fish and Game. A site next to the Nimbus Salmon and Steelhead Hatchery was subsequently provided without cost by the Bureau of Reclamation. The WCB, on March 24, 1954, authorized use of \$10,000 of the allocation for enlargement of the outlet and pipeline from Nimbus dam to the salmon and steelhead hatchery to carry the additional water which would be required by construction of a trout hatchery. On March 24, 1955, \$28,500 was recovered and sufficient funds were left to cover the pipeline construction. The outlet and pipeline was enlarged by the Bureau of Reclamation at no cost to the State except for engineering.

Cancellation of this project without prejudice and the recovery of \$10,217.60 remaining in the allocation was recommended by Mr. Nesbit.

Shelter Cove, Humboldt County

On September 19, 1960, the Board approved a coastal access project at Shelter Cove in Humboldt County. The total allocation for the project was \$59,000. The owners of the land had agreed to deed the necessary rights-of-way free of charge to either the State or the County.

After long months of negotiation, the owners have decided against deeding the rights-of-way and no project appears possible in the near future.

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Cancellation of this project without prejudice and the recovery of \$59,000 was recommended by Mr. Nesbit.

The total sum to be recovered upon closure or cancellation of the above projects was \$122,196.13.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, SECONDED BY SENATOR BEGOVICH, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD CLOSE THE TWELVE COMPLETED PROJECTS AND CANCEL WITHOUT PREJUDICE THE TWO PROJECTS AND RECOVER THE UNEXPENDED BALANCES AS SET FORTH.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. SHANNON, SECONDED BY MR. CLINESCHMIDT, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD CLOSE THE FOLLOWING COMPLETED PROJECTS AND RECOVER THE UNEXPENDED BALANCES AS FOLLOWS:

Silver Salmon Trapping Facility (Noyo River)	\$1,132.69
Upper Truckee River Stream Improvement	695.41
Lower Klamath Tributaries Stream Clearance	13.33
Imperial Beach Artificial Reef	1.30
Hudeman Slough Angling Access	805.44
Rio Vista Access	5,910.43
Woodward Reservoir Public Fishing Area	9,809.70
Tulloch Reservoir Public Fishing Area	0.00
Paradise Beach Public Fishing Pier	2,761.14
San Leandro Fishing Platform	399.04
Heeser Drive Coastal Access	9,192.88
Fresno Slough Angling Access	22,257.17

AND CANCEL WITHOUT PREJUDICE THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS AND RECOVER THE UNEXPENDED BALANCES:

American River Hatchery	\$10,217.60
Shelter Cove Coastal Access	59,000.00

ALL OF THE SUMS TOTALING \$122,196.13 ARE TO BE RESTORED TO THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chairman Clineschmidt explained that since Mr. Luevano, the third member of the Board, is not present, he would relinquish the chair whenever it was necessary for him to make or second a motion.

5. Monte Rio Angling Access, Sonoma County \$16,000.00

Senator Joseph A. Rattigan requested and was granted permission to have early consideration of the Monte Rio Access project.

The Executive Officer, Mr. Nesbit, advised that this project for access to the Russian River was proposed by the Monte Rio Recreation and Park District with the support of sportsmen and other local organizations.

The Russian River is one of the larger coastal streams with an excellent run of steelhead and salmon. Located within one hour's driving time from the Bay area, the river offers considerable opportunity for fishing but is lacking in public access.

The Lower Russian River runs almost entirely through private lands. Long-standing popularity as a recreational area has led to extensive development of riverfront property for summer homes and resorts. This has resulted in very limited public access and in high land values.

The proposed project is located in the center of the town of Monte Rio, about 9 miles upstream from the ocean. The District owns approximately 10 acres on the north bank of the river which it will make available for cooperative project purposes. However, State purchase of an adjacent key 0.82 acres is necessary for a launching ramp site and to locate other facilities above the normal flood plain of the river. A short-term option was obtained in January for State purchase of this parcel at the fair market value which had been determined by appraisal.

In view of the limited WCB funds available for the balance of this fiscal year and the fact that final designs have not been completed, the staff recommended proceeding with purchase of the land now, but holding a development allocation in abeyance until after July 1 when additional funds are available. Development plans and costs would be typical of other WCB river access projects where surfaced road and parking area, launching ramp, and permanent sanitary facilities have been constructed.

The Monte Rio Recreation and Park District would provide a free lease on its lands necessary for the project and would maintain the completed development for free public access. The project is aimed primarily at providing access facilities for both boat and shore fishing for steelhead and salmon in fall and winter, but will provide shad and warmwater fishing in other seasons and will receive heavy general recreational use in summer.

It was reported that the Department of Fish and Game favorably recommends this project, and states that the improved access could lead to a 50 percent increase in fishing use of the Russian River in this area.

Land acquisition costs are as follows:

Land purchase - to exercise option	\$15,000
Appraisals, title insurance, escrow fees, etc.	<u>1,000</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$16,000</u>

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Mr. Nesbit recommended the staff be authorized to exercise the option for land purchase and that \$16,000 be allocated for this purpose.

Senator Rattigan introduced the delegation from the Monte Rio Recreation and Park District. Mr. Sitton, General Manager of the District, requested favorable action by the Board. He emphasized there is no access to the river for boats in this area; access is limited to that which the recreation district has available at the present time.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, SECONDED BY SENATOR QUICK, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE MONTE RIO ANGLING ACCESS PROJECT, SONOMA COUNTY, AND AUTHORIZE THE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PURCHASE THE LAND UNDER OPTION, FOR WHICH PURPOSE THE SUM OF \$16,000 IS HEREBY ALLOCATED.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. SHANNON, SECONDED BY MR. CLINESCHMIDT, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE MONTE RIO ANGLING ACCESS PROJECT, SONOMA COUNTY, AND AUTHORIZE THE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PURCHASE THE LAND UNDER OPTION, FOR WHICH PURPOSE THE SUM OF \$16,000 IS HEREBY ALLOCATED.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Senator Rattigan expressed his thanks, as well as those of the Monte Rio Recreation and Park District, for approval of this project.

6. Los Angeles Public Fishing Pier, Los Angeles \$65,000.00

Mr. Nesbit reviewed actions taken by the Board to date on this project. He related that at the November 9, 1961, meeting of the Wildlife Conservation Board, the Board approved a project which called for the construction of a fishing pier in Santa Monica Bay. The cost was estimated at \$800,000 with each agency allocating \$400,000.

The engineering firm of Daniel, Mann, Johnson, and Mendenhall was selected to design the pier and to provide the construction engineering. Total costs for these services and some miscellaneous costs have totaled approximately \$55,000. Designs were accomplished, plans and specifications were provided and the job was advertised for bid. Bids were opened on October 3, 1963. No acceptable bids were received, the lowest bidder being more than \$400,000 above the estimated cost. The contract with the engineering firm provided that a redesign was to be made without further cost to the State and City if the original plans and specifications did not produce favorable bidders.

The project was redesigned to cut cost, and the bid opening on January 16, 1964, produced two bids as follows:

Peter Kiewit, Arcadia - \$874,000
Ben Gerwick, San Francisco - \$977,291

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It was the position of the Los Angeles Parks and Recreation Commission that the project could not be further reduced and that rebidding the project would not provide more favorable bids. Your staff concurs with their position.

By telephone solicitation all members of the Board expressed approval of the idea of acceptance of the low bid and the allocation of the necessary additional funds by each agency.

It was Mr. Nesbit's recommendation that the Board confirm its telephonic vote with regard to this project and allocate the necessary \$65,000 to match an equal amount made available by the City of Los Angeles to carry out the previously authorized construction.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, SECONDED BY SENATOR QUICK, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD ALLOCATE THE ADDITIONAL \$65,000 NECESSARY TO CONSTRUCT THE LOS ANGELES PUBLIC FISHING PIER, AND AUTHORIZE THE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT AS PLANNED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. SHANNON, SECONDED BY MR. CLINESCHMIDT, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD ALLOCATE THE ADDITIONAL \$65,000 NECESSARY TO CONSTRUCT THE LOS ANGELES PUBLIC FISHING PIER, AND AUTHORIZE THE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT AS PLANNED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Nesbit introduced Mr. Mel Pierson, a member of the Los Angeles Recreation and Parks Commission, and Mr. Wm. Frederickson from the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks.

Mr. Pierson thanked the Board for the allocation of funds, and invited all members to the Los Angeles Pier pile driving ceremonies to be held at 2:00 p.m. on March 18.

(Because of legislative duties, it was necessary for Senator Begovich to leave. Assemblywoman Davis and Assemblyman Dannemeyer entered at this time.)

7. Channel Islands Harbor Coastal Access (Oxnard) Ventura County \$52,500.00

Mr. Nesbit reported that this project was presented to the Board at the November 15, 1963, meeting. At the request of the Chairman of the Small Craft Harbors Commission and Administrator of the Resources Agency, the project was held over for a later meeting. This request was made so that the relationship, if any, between this proposal and the Ventura Marina could be further studied.

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Board action at the November 15 meeting was to have "a special meeting within thirty days from this date in the City of Ventura. The County of Ventura in the interim is to meet with the various agencies involved in an attempt to resolve any differences." In accordance with this action, a meeting was scheduled for December 9 in Ventura to hear from proponents or opponents for this project. Chairman Jamie Smith, after consultation with Ventura County Supervisor, J. K. MacDonald, called off the scheduled meeting since it was Mr. MacDonald's belief that no opposition existed and that the project could be considered at the next regular WCB meeting. In confirmation of this, Mr. Nesbit noted that over 400 names in the form of petitions and letters were received in support of the project. In addition, Senator Robert Lagomarsino and Assemblyman Burt Henson have also added their support to this fine proposal.

The proposed project would provide coastal angling access in conjunction with the county harbor being developed near Oxnard. The County of Ventura has spent \$3,000,000 for land acquisitions, engineering, shoreline protection, harbor roads and utilities. The County plans future development on a pay-as-you-go basis, primarily on a lease concessionaire arrangement.

Because of the sport fishing potential for small boats, the County has proposed that development include public launching facilities under the WCB program. In addition to the harbor waters themselves, the development offers more than a mile of rock jetties and breakwater for reef-type inshore fishing. This location also provides the shortest passage to Anacapa Island, approximately 11 miles offshore, and thence to the other Santa Barbara Channel Islands, which have a practically unexploited sport fishing potential.

For the proposed WCB project, the County has provided a free lease to the State on a site of approximately 2.6 acres and is carrying out initial site preparation at an estimated cost of \$10,000. The WCB facilities would replace a free public ramp that the new harbor development has made inoperative. The County will maintain the project and keep it free to the public.

The nearest existing launching ramp is at the Ventura Marina 7 miles to the north. The distance from this harbor to Anacapa Island is nearly 50% greater than from the proposed WCB site.

The proposed project is within easy driving distance, mostly less than an hour, of an estimated 7,000,000 people in the counties of Ventura, Santa Barbara, and Los Angeles. More than 65,000 boats are registered in these three counties, of which a high percentage are trailerable.

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

Cost estimates are as follows:

Excavation and grading	\$3,000.00
Launching ramps	16,170.00
4 lane concrete, loading floats, and riprap	

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Parking area and roadway Approx. 2 acres	\$12,240.00
Sanitary Facilities Restroom, septic tank, water and electric service, lighting	15,450.00
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Subtotal	\$46,860.00
Contingencies, signs	5,640.00
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TOTAL	\$52,500.00

Mr. Nesbit recommended this project be approved, that \$52,500 be allocated from the Wildlife Restoration Fund for development, and that the Department and staff be authorized to proceed with the project.

Mr. Joseph Rom, Chairman, Council of Ventura County Boat Clubs, which represents seven boat clubs in the area, reported he has no knowledge of opposition to this proposal and urged approval of the request.

IT WAS MOVED BY SENATOR QUICK, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE CHANNEL ISLANDS HARBOR COASTAL ACCESS, VENTURA COUNTY; ALLOCATE FROM THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND \$52,500 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 MOVED BY MR. SHANNON, SECONDED BY MR. CLINESCHMIDT, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE CHANNEL ISLANDS HARBOR COASTAL ACCESS, VENTURA COUNTY; ALLOCATE FROM THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND \$52,500 FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT; AND AUTHORIZE THE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. Reading Island Public Fishing Access, Shasta County -- A Preview

In keeping with the usual policy of presenting larger projects to the Board for preview, Mr. Nesbit presented this proposal. He advised that no allocation is requested since project designs and costs have not been finalized, but that it is hoped project design will be completed and ready for Board consideration at the next meeting.

Mr. Nesbit reported that in 1956 the WCB had a survey made of various waters in the State to determine the need for public access. One of the sites selected was Reading Island (formerly Goat Island) adjoining the west bank of the Sacramento River in Shasta County just north of the Shasta-Tehama county lines. The 60 acre parcel of land on the southern end of this island is

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government-owned and under control of the Bureau of Land Management. During 1956, County of Shasta officials informally expressed interest in working with staff toward making Reading Island a public fishing access project. On May 3, 1956, we applied for withdrawal of this land for public fishing and wildlife management. We received government approval on July 13, 1962.

Shasta County has again expressed their desire to work cooperatively with the Board to develop this area and make it available as a public fishing and recreational area.

Mr. Floyd Morgan of the Shasta County Board of Supervisors mentioned the cities of Redding and Anderson have endorsed this access proposal. Other groups endorsing access to Reading Island mentioned were Shasta-Cascade Wonderland Association and the Anderson-Cottonwood Chamber of Commerce. Senator Edwin Regan has also gone on record as approving the project.

Mr. Arnold Rummelsburg of Shasta County, who is handling this project, mentioned that they propose to consider minimum facilities, or first stage development at the present time. The Bureau of Land Management agrees that Reading Island has a tremendous recreational potential and in the future either the Bureau of Land Management or Shasta County could develop additional facilities on the site.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYWOMAN DAVIS, SECONDED BY SENATOR QUICK, AS A JOINT MOTION, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD DIRECT THE STAFF TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS WITH SHASTA COUNTY, DEVELOP FINAL PLANS AND COST ESTIMATES, AND PRESENT THIS PROPOSAL FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE BOARD AT A FUTURE MEETING.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. Silver Strand Reef, San Diego County \$500.00

Mr. Nesbit related that on January 7, 1964, during construction of the artificial reef at the Imperial Beach Pier, the contractor had the misfortune of having a barge capsize which was carrying approximately 2,000 tons of reef rock. This rock was dumped in 40' of water off the Silver Strand State Beach in southern San Diego County.

The contractor has informed us that the rock is not salvageable and will be left in place. The County of San Diego has agreed to accept the maintenance of a buoy system to mark the reef for fishermen.

Mr. Nesbit recommended the allocation \$500 to provide the purchase and placement of buoys, chains and anchors to mark this "accidental reef". He assured the Board members that this reef would not constitute a navigational hazard. In order that fishermen may take advantage of this artificial reef, however, it would be necessary to mark it.

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IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYWOMAN DAVIS, SECONDED BY SENATOR QUICK, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD ALLOCATE \$500 FROM THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND TO PROVIDE BUOYS TO MARK THE SILVER STRAND REEF, SAN DIEGO COUNTY; AND THAT STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME IS AUTHORIZED TO PROCEED AS PLANNED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. SHANNON, SECONDED BY MR. CLINESCHMIDT, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD ALLOCATE \$500 FROM THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND TO PROVIDE BUOYS TO MARK THE SILVER STRAND REEF, SAN DIEGO COUNTY; AND THAT THE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME IS AUTHORIZED TO PROCEED AS PLANNED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. Juanita Lake Public Fishing Area, Siskiyou County - Information Item

This project for the construction of a dam, a saddle dam and a water diversion to create a 55 surface acre fishing lake near Dorris in Siskiyou County, was approved March 15, 1962, and \$60,000 allocated.

Design of the structure was provided by the County and the County agreed to do the construction on a reimbursement basis.

Mr. Nesbit advised that various factors affecting construction were encountered which prohibited the dam from being completed during the summer of 1963. Construction will continue as weather permits this spring, and all construction can be completed during 1964. The water should be impounded during the fall of 1964 and the lake will be stocked and ready for fishing and recreational use in 1965.

Because of various construction problems, it is almost a certainty that construction costs will exceed the WCB allocation. The County plans to complete the project and will ask the WCB to supplement the allocation to cover the actual costs of the project. Allocation of funds was not requested at this time.

Assemblywoman Davis asked if the County of Siskiyou would be able to justify the expenditure of \$60,000 and the necessity for additional funds when they come before the Board for augmentation of funds. Mr. Nesbit advised that their books, as in all WCB projects, will be audited. This will be done prior to a determination of the need for additional funds.

Mr. Clineschmidt asked the Executive Officer how much more additional would be needed to completed the project. Mr. Nesbit made a rough estimate that it might be another \$10,000, but emphasized that no detailed estimates have been made.

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11. Agate Beach Coastal Angling Access, Marin County \$20,600.00

Mr. Nesbit presented this project which was proposed by the County of Marin. He advised that a preliminary presentation of the proposal was made to the WCB by county representatives on August 8, 1963.

Agate Beach, also known as the Bolinas Tidepools area, is located on the ocean within the town of Bolinas. Access to the ocean is controlled by a 6.6 acre parcel of land owned by the Bolinas Beach Public Utility District. The District is in the process of turning this parcel over to the county so that it can be developed as an angling access and recreational area.

Agate Beach is used extensively at present by anglers, clambers, rock collectors and by biology students from the colleges and universities in the bay area who come there to study marine fauna. At low tide this site provides access to over two miles of beach area. Access to the beach has been by trespass although the utility district has not restricted public entry.

The Department of Fish and Game, in its favorable recommendation, states that this area provides fishing for rockfish, greenling, perch and ling cod, as well as abalone picking and clamming. The Department further points out that the area is one of the most outstanding for marine invertebrates along the coast.

The greatest public need in the area is for adequate parking. At present users park along and on the county road which results in congestion and traffic problems. The proposed development is to provide parking for approximately 60 cars and includes drainage control as well as erosion control features. The County of Marin will provide sanitary facilities and has agreed through a resolution of the Board of Supervisors to maintain the development.

Plans and cost estimates have been prepared by the Department's engineering staff and have been reviewed and approved by the county and staff.

Cost estimates are as follows:

Excavation - cut and fill	\$ 3,900
Road rock	2,500
Asphalt - 20,150 sq. ft. @ 30¢ sq. ft.	6,045
Curbs and culverts	2,980
Ditch paving	1,296
Erosion control - plantings	1,200
Painting	300
Posts and chains	35
Contingencies and signs	<u>2,344</u>

TOTAL \$20,600

Mr. Nesbit recommended that the project be approved and that \$20,600 be allocated from the Wildlife Restoration Fund to the Department of Fish and Game and that the Department and staff be authorized to proceed with the project.

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PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. SHANNON, SECONDED BY MR. CLINESCHMIDT, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE AGATE BEACH COASTAL ACCESS, MARIN COUNTY; ALLOCATE FROM THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND \$20,600 FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT; AND AUTHORIZE THE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. Oceanside Reef, San Diego County \$11,700.00

Mr. Nesbit informed the Board that the Oceanside-Carlsbad Sportsmen's Club requested the WCB staff to investigate the feasibility of establishment of an artificial reef in the Oceanside harbor area. This request was turned over to the Department of Fish and Game Marine Resources Operation for their investigation.

The Department of Fish and Game has researched the area and recommends a reef be located about $1\frac{1}{4}$ miles southwest of the Oceanside pier and 2 miles from the harbor. It would be in 78 feet of water. In their favorable recommendation they say: "The coastal waters within safe reach of small boats from the new Oceanside Harbor are almost devoid of good natural fish habitat and should be an ideal location for an artificial reef. From our research findings we know that artificial reefs are most effective when placed on barren bottom a considerable distance from good natural habitat."

The Department recommends a 2,000 ton quarry rock reef (2 barge loads).

Cost estimates are as follows:

Quarry rock, 2,000 tons	\$11,000
Buoys, chains, anchors	500
Contingencies, Dept. of General Services costs	200
TOTAL	\$11,700

The County of San Diego has agreed to maintain the markers for this reef. Mr. Nesbit reported that artificial reefs when properly located have proven to be a real enhancement to fishing. He recommended approval of this project.

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IT WAS MOVED BY SENATOR QUICK, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE OCEANSIDE REEF, SAN DIEGO COUNTY; ALLOCATE \$11,700 FROM THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT; AND AUTHORIZE THE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED AS OUTLINED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. SHANNON, SECONDED BY MR. CLINESCHMIDT, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE OCEANSIDE REEF, SAN DIEGO COUNTY; ALLOCATE \$11,700 FROM THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT; AND AUTHORIZE THE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED AS OUTLINED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

13. Bridge Arbor Inland Angling Access, Lake County \$3,000.00

Mr. Nesbit advised that the Department of Fish and Game acquired from the State Reclamation Board, without cost, a two acre parcel of land at the confluence of Scott and Middle creeks near Clear Lake. This site located $6\frac{1}{2}$ miles north of Lakeport, has long been a popular shore fishing spot for warmwater fish and has provided some boat launching of car top boats at suitable water levels as well. Proposed upstream water developments would provide additional flows which would enhance the site and make it increasingly desirable for development.

The Department of Fish and Game has provided a favorable recommendation for the development.

The proposed development would include sanitary facilities, fencing, parking area, vehicular ramp off the highway and clean up of the area.

The Lake County Board of Supervisors has agreed to County maintenance of the development and has further agreed to undertake construction of the project with County forces on a reimbursement basis.

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

Cost estimates are as follows:

Locate and stake property lines	\$ 300.00
Construct 5-strand barbed wire fence along southerly property line	300.00
Grade and gravel parking area and access road - 10,000 sq. ft. @ \$0.10	1,000.00
Clean up concrete slabs and area	200.00

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Purchase and erect sanitary facilities, 2 only @ \$300.00	600.00
Subtotal	\$2,400.00
Contingencies and signs	600.00
TOTAL	\$3,000.00

Mr. Nesbit recommended that this project be approved, that \$3,000 be allocated from the Wildlife Restoration Fund for development, and that the Department and staff be authorized to proceed with the project.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, SECONDED BY SENATOR QUICK, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE BRIDGE ARBOR INLAND ANGLING ACCESS, LAKE COUNTY; ALLOCATE FROM THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND \$3,000 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 MOVED BY MR. SHANNON, SECONDED BY MR. CLINESCHMIDT, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE BRIDGE ARBOR INLAND ANGLING ACCESS, LAKE COUNTY; ALLOCATE FROM THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND \$3,000 FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT; AND AUTHORIZE THE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

14. Delta-Mendota Canal Angling Access, Fresno County \$8,000.00

Mr. Nesbit stated the Delta-Mendota Canal is one of the largest "rivers" in the State. It runs from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta to the Mendota Pool on the San Joaquin River 117 miles to the south. The Canal is owned and operated by the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation. Fishing in the Canal is presently prohibited but considerable trespassing prevails.

For the past several years, the Executive Officer has been a member of the Delta-Mendota Canal Access Committee, along with representatives of the Department of Fish and Game and Bureau of Reclamation. The purpose of this committee has been to seek ways and means for opening parts of the Canal to angling. Last year the committee completed its study and its recommendations were included in the report "A Plan for Opening Parts of the Delta-Mendota Canal for Public Angling". This report was presented to the WCB at its meeting of August 8, 1963.

The report recommends opening of 5 areas which include 50 miles of the Canal. Recommended for initial opening with top priority is a 12½ mile unlined section of the Canal in Fresno County.

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The proposed project is for development and opening of this 12½ miles of the Canal. The Bureau of Reclamation will provide the necessary safety devices and will install steps from the levees to the berms where required. The WCB will provide the sanitary facilities, trash receptacles, and signs. Fresno County has agreed, through a resolution of the Board of Supervisors, to the maintenance of the development. The Bureau of Reclamation has agreed to provide the State with a lease of the area to be developed.

The Potential Fishery

Since by policy the Canal has not been open to the public for angling, little was known about the quality of the fishery except through reports of trespassers who gave the impression that it was generally quite good for catfish and small striped bass. In 1960 a 35 mile portion of the Canal was drained for maintenance purposes. Because of the huge numbers of fish noted, it was necessary for the Department of Fish and Game and the Bureau of Reclamation to conduct rescue operations. A total of 70,000 lbs. (1 ton per mile) of game fish was rescued. These fish were about 95% white catfish with the remainder being channel catfish and striped bass.

The Department of Fish and Game's favorable fisheries recommendation states that "this project will provide a large amount of fishing in the western portion of Fresno County where it is greatly needed."

Cost estimates prepared by the Department's Engineering Section and staff are as follows:

Sanitary facilities, pit type, 24 @ \$212 each, plus tax and freight	\$6,000
Trash receptacles, 24 @ \$10 each	240
Signs, 156 redwood directional and location	1,200
Contingencies	<u>560</u>
TOTAL	\$8,000

Mr. Nesbit recommended that the project be approved and that \$8,000 be allocated from the Wildlife Restoration Fund to the Department and that the Department and staff be authorized to proceed with the project.

There was considerable discussion on Assemblywoman Davis's question relative to the State liability on this or other WCB projects. It was both Mr. Shannon's and Mr. Nesbit's opinion that there would be no additional liability over that incurred on all WCB projects. Mr. Nesbit stated that there has been no formal opinion rendered in this regard.

It was Assemblywoman Davis's request that the Executive Officer secure an opinion to determine what the State's liability is on this and other WCB projects.

Mr. Pesonen of the Bureau of Reclamation felt that the public will be on the Canal, whether at the invitation of the County, State or the Bureau, and all will have some responsibility.

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Assemblywoman Davis reasoned that if the State is assuming this responsibility, we should know to what extent. Although it was pointed out that each public use project constructed by the Board carries this same liability, it was felt that access to a canal was a new venture and that the members should be adequately aware of the responsibilities connected thereto. However, everyone concurred that approval of the Delta-Mendota Canal access project should not be made contingent upon an attorney general's opinion.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYWOMAN DAVIS, AS A JOINT MOTION, THAT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER BE DIRECTED TO SECURE AN ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OPINION RELATIVE TO THE STATE'S LIABILITY, AND EXTENT OF LIABILITY, ATTACHED TO FISHING ACCESS PROJECTS OF THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYWOMAN DAVIS, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE DELTA-MENDOTA CANAL ANGLING ACCESS, FRESNO COUNTY; ALLOCATE FROM THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND \$8,000 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 MOVED BY MR. SHANNON, SECONDED BY MR. CLINESCHMIDT, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE DELTA-MENDOTA CANAL ANGLING ACCESS, FRESNO COUNTY; ALLOCATE FROM THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND \$8,000 FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT; AND AUTHORIZE THE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Nesbit introduced Mr. Harold Meserve, Director of Parks and Recreation, Fresno County, and Mr. Edward Davis, Chairman of the Fresno County Recreation Commission. Mr. Meserve expressed his appreciation for the approval of the project, and the fine cooperation Fresno County has received from the Board staff, the Department of Fish and Game, and the Bureau of Reclamation in making this project a reality.

Mrs. Helen Newman, Chairman of the Marin County Recreation Commission, and Mr. Kelvin Nelson, Director of Parks and Recreation, also of Marin County took this opportunity to thank the Board for its favorable action on the Agate Beach Coastal Access project, and added that they look forward to early completion of this fine project.

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15. Spenceville Wildlife Management Area (Beale Air Force Base), \$56,000.00
Yuba County

At the August 8, 1963, meeting the staff was instructed to investigate the Department of Fish and Game proposal to purchase all or a part of 6,521.48 surplus acres at Beale Air Force Base.

Mr. Nesbit related that Director Shannon, members of his staff, and he made a field inspection on the ground and by air on October 1. The result of this trip was the recommendation that the major portion of this land should not be proposed for Department of Fish and Game ownership and management. It was our recommendation that the easterly portion where there are high wild-life and access values be considered for purchase. The proposed purchase would make contiguous the existing Department area and the Beale Air Force Base lands now being managed for public hunting by cooperative agreement.

The area proposed for purchase consists of 1,177.87 acres along the westerly side of the present Department of Fish and Game area. Interest in the remaining 5,343.61 acres has already been disclaimed by DFG and General Services Administration has sold it at a public sale.

This item was held over from the last meeting because the G.S.A. appraisals were not available. The G.S.A. has now provided us with the appraised price. It is approximately \$93.72 per acre, or a total of \$110,400.

The Wildlife Conservation Board can purchase this property under the Surplus Property Act of 1944 (50 U.S.C. App. 1622 (h)) for half price or \$55,200.

It was Mr. Nesbit's recommendation that this purchase be approved and that \$56,000 be allocated for acquisition and related costs. He believed the price quoted by the Federal government is a firm one and that \$93.72 per acre is a very good price.

In answer to Senator Quick's question regarding the proposed use of the area, Mr. Shannon advised the area is open for hunting, and eventually, with the impoundment of water in the natural lake sites, will provide fishing lakes for public use. As funds become available, additional developments would be made, including picnic facilities where desirable. He added that this 1100+ acre parcel follows a water course and is, therefore, particularly valuable. The improvement of habitat for all kinds of birds could be accomplished with the placement of catchment basins and the planting of shrubs.

Comment was made by Mr. Clineschmidt relative to the program instituted by the Department of Defense Directive which opened lands on military bases to public fishing and hunting. It was his belief that the bases have been very cooperative in this program which was started two or three years ago.

Assemblyman Dannemeyer inquired if the proposed development for the Department's Spenceville area would be frustrated because we do not have the additional land. Mr. Wallace Macgregor of the Department of Fish and Game commented that the proposed acquisition is a key parcel for the 9,400 acres previously acquired, for it consolidates the area. This was indicated on the

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map and confirmed by Mr. Shannon, who added that the area is extremely valuable because of the water course which runs through it. This area also contains four wells which will enable the Department to improve habitat.

In answer to Assemblyman Belotti's question, Mr. Shannon affirmed that General Services Administration would consider selling the parcels to private individuals if the Department is not interested in acquiring it. The parcels recently sold to the general public were indicated on the map.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, SECONDED BY SENATOR QUICK, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE PURCHASE OF SURPLUS PROPERTIES AT BEALE AIR FORCE BASE, YUBA COUNTY, AS AN ADDITION TO THE PRESENT SPENCEVILLE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA; ALLOCATE FROM THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND \$56,000 FOR THIS PURPOSE; AND AUTHORIZE THE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED AS OUTLINED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. SHANNON, SECONDED BY MR. CLINESCHMIDT, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE PURCHASE OF SURPLUS PROPERTIES AT BEALE AIR FORCE BASE, YUBA COUNTY, AS AN ADDITION TO THE PRESENT SPENCEVILLE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA; ALLOCATE FROM THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND \$56,000 FOR THIS PURPOSE; AND AUTHORIZE THE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED AS OUTLINED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

(Mrs. Davis was excused from the meeting because of a legislative committee hearing.)

16. Kaweah River Angling Access, Tulare County \$3,000.00

Mr. Nesbit stated this proposal is to purchase a 47 acre parcel from the State Lands Commission. This purchase will provide public access to trout fishing in the Kaweah River and to hunting in adjacent public lands.

This parcel is located on the north fork of the Kaweah River approximately 8 miles upstream from Three Rivers, near the boundary of Sequoia National Park. Access is by county road from Three Rivers.

The southerly portion of this parcel is an old CCC camp site which has been used by the public for fishing and general recreation for a number of years. The parcel extends across the river and adjoins approximately 5,000 acres of BLM lands which is not readily accessible from other points.

The Kaweah River at this elevation sustains a brown trout population and is stocked with catchable rainbow trout by the Department of Fish and Game. The Department recommends retention of the land in public ownership for its value for fishing, as well as providing the only feasible access to adjoining public lands.

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This parcel, consisting of lots 2 and 3, Section 12, T. 16 S., R. 28 E., MDM, was included in a listing circularized by the State Lands Division on October 24, 1963. Through this procedure, agencies of State government were notified of their preferential rights to purchase this area and other listed lands pursuant to Section 6223 of the Public Resources Code and new policies of the State Lands Commission.

This particular parcel has been withheld from sale for nearly two years at the request of the Department of Fish and Game, pending its evaluation for fish, game and associated recreational uses. A recent notice from the State Lands Division stated there must be immediate action for purchase by a public agency or the parcel will be made available for sale to a private applicant.

Estimates provided by State Lands indicate \$3,000 will cover costs of the land and processing for sale. Under State Lands Division procedures, the actual land value will be determined by their subsequent staff appraisal and any surplus funds will be returned to the WCB.

Mr. Nesbit reported that the staff has examined this parcel and considers it highly desirable and valuable for fishing and hunting access. No development is necessary at present, but was recommended held in abeyance until such time as future use warrants. He further recommended that staff be authorized to make formal application to State Lands Commission for purchase of this parcel, and that an allocation of \$3,000 for land purchase and processing costs be made at this time.

IT WAS MOVED BY SENATOR QUICK, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN DANNEMEYER, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE PURCHASE OF APPROXIMATELY 47 ACRES OF STATE LANDS TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO THE KAWEAH RIVER IN TULARE COUNTY; ALLOCATE FROM THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND \$3,000 FOR THIS PURCHASE; AND AUTHORIZE THE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO FILE AN APPLICATION WITH THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION FOR THE PURCHASE OF THIS LAND.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. SHANNON, SECONDED BY MR. CLINESCHMIDT, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE PURCHASE OF APPROXIMATELY 47 ACRES OF STATE LANDS TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO THE KAWEAH RIVER IN TULARE COUNTY; ALLOCATE FROM THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND \$3,000 FOR THIS PURCHASE; AND AUTHORIZE THE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO FILE AN APPLICATION WITH THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION FOR THE PURCHASE OF THIS LAND.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

17. Cliff House Angling Access, Sacramento County Change in Scope

Mr. Nesbit recommended that a change in scope be considered for this access project which was approved February 14, 1961, and for which \$23,800 was allocated for development. This project is along the Sacramento River on the east bank north of Rio Vista. Use of the area is principally by shore fishermen. All work has been completed except the single lane ramp which was authorized but does not now seem advisable because of the new WCB ramp at Rio Vista and the fact that the Corps of Engineers have changed their channel dredging program because of the Sacramento deep water channel. This channel change makes boat access from this area difficult at low flows of the river.

It was considered that the fishermen could be better served by a fishing platform extending into the deeper water. This platform, Mr. Nesbit advised, can be provided from funds already allocated.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN DANNEMEYER, SECONDED BY SENATOR QUICK, AS A JOINT MOTION, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE CHANGE IN SCOPE OF THE CLIFF HOUSE ANGLING ACCESS PROJECT, SACRAMENTO COUNTY, TO INCLUDE A FISHING PLATFORM FOR BANK FISHERMEN AND ELIMINATE THE BOAT RAMP, AND THE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME IS AUTHORIZED TO PROCEED SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

18. Ocean Beach Public Fishing Pier (Pt. Loma Pier), San Diego

Mr. Nesbit gave a status report of the fishing pier project at Pt. Loma and assessed the desirability of a substitute site at Ocean Beach in San Diego. He related that two years ago Mr. Wm. Elser, then chairman of the Wildlife Conservation Board, called the staff's attention to the temporary outfall trestle being constructed into the ocean at Pt. Loma within the City of San Diego. He arranged an inspection tour of the trestle following the dedication of the sea water conversion plant on March 7, 1962. Among those on this tour were City Manager Fletcher, Under Secretary of Interior James Carr, Governor Brown, Mr. Elser, Mayor Curran, and Mr. Walter Trepte, the contractor-owner.

There was considerable interest expressed in the idea of converting this steel trestle to a public fishing pier. As the pier was constructed farther and farther out into the fine fishing waters off Pt. Loma, more widespread interest developed. Many sportsmen of this area expressed such interest to the staff.

After a discussion at the WCB meeting on March 15, 1962, it was decided that the pier be studied further to determine the feasibility of conversion. Preliminary engineering designs indicated the pier could be converted to public use.

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Navy officials were contacted to obtain their release on the land needed for access. After many negotiations the official Navy view was that the structure could be made into a public use pier but that certain restrictions would be necessary to protect the Navy's existing research and development program at the Naval Electronics Laboratory. Governor Brown, Mr. Elser, and City Manager Fletcher all made contacts with high Navy and other government officials regarding this proposal. Under Secretary of the Navy Paul B. Fay, Jr., visited San Diego on January 18, 1963, to discuss this matter.

A long delay was encountered when the Navy revealed plans to place another pier at the Naval Electronics Laboratory and to permit limited fishing use if constructed. Budgetary limitations prevented the Navy plan from proceeding. Mr. Elser again contacted Under Secretary of the Navy Fay and he agreed to the conversion plans subject to certain construction, maintenance, and use limitations. These restrictions would limit use of the pier to Saturdays, Sundays and holidays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. In addition the Navy would require additional structural devices to reduce electro-magnetic interference caused by the steel trestle. Their maintenance requirements were such that the City refused to accept this obligation.

City officials expressed the thought that an alternate site should be explored. They suggested a study be made of the feasibility of constructing an entirely new pier to be built only for fishing and they expressed interest in providing one-half the construction funds under the WCB pier policy. Several sites were investigated but the vicinity of Ocean Beach appeared to offer the best location for a pier. This is still on Pt. Loma, about 3 miles north of the trestle. Preliminary designs and cost estimates have been made and biologists have commented on the fishery available at this location. A pier can be built at this site for about \$750,000 to \$800,000. This site was made available only last July when the State delivered title to the City of San Diego five acres of land adjoining the beach at Ocean Beach. This will provide pier and beach access totaling more than 35 acres.

When the pros and cons of both sites are considered, the Ocean Beach site advantages far outweigh the Pt. Loma site. It was originally believed the Pt. Loma trestle could be converted for a relatively small amount of money, but as engineering designs complied with Navy requirements the cost increased considerably. City engineers also expressed concern over maintenance costs.

A pier at Ocean Beach has the advantage of being designed for low maintenance costs and for high safety factors. It can be constructed with more durable materials than steel, hence have a longer life. An Ocean Beach pier would have 24 hour day, year-round use. It would be available to public transportation and would receive intensive use by children and older persons who live in the vicinity, as well as the many sportsmen and tourists who go there to fish.

It would have a considerable favorable economic impact on the community of Ocean Beach.

Other advantages of the Ocean Beach site are afforded by the fact that adequate parking either already exists or is planned for the near future. Public utilities and restrooms are available nearby.

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The fishing, while perhaps not reaching the quality of fish found in the Pt. Loma kelp beds, could nevertheless be very good. We have found ways to improve fishing by placing rock reefs around the piers. This would be considered.

At the request of the City of San Diego officials, Mr. Elser and Mr. Nesbit appeared before the City Council on February 27 and explained the WCB policy on fishing piers and suggested how we should proceed to develop a project for a fishing pier at Ocean Beach.

The City Council expressed unanimous approval, agreed by resolution their intent to match funds with the WCB for such a project. They agreed to maintain the project when completed and allocated \$20,000 to match with WCB funds for the engineering design.

It was Mr. Nesbit's recommendation that the Board approve in principle the development of a pier at Ocean Beach and that the entire allocation of \$145,000 for the Pt. Loma Pier be transferred to the proposed Ocean Beach Pier. He further recommended that the sum of \$20,000, which is to be matched by the City of San Diego, be authorized for use from the \$145,000 to obtain engineering plans and cost estimates for a pier at Ocean Beach.

Assemblyman Dannemeyer expressed concern that the Board must consider expending \$800,000 for construction of a new pier only three miles from an existing trestle and felt that perhaps negotiations with the Navy people were not undertaken to the extent that they could have been.

In answer to Mr. Shannon's question, Mr. Nesbit explained that the cost to the WCB of a new pier at Ocean Beach would be only 60% of the cost of converting the pier at Pt. Loma to comply with Navy requirements.

Mr. Elser testified that negotiations with the Navy were undertaken through Under Secretary of the Navy Paul Fay, and that the Governor, as well as the late President Kennedy has had contacts with us in regard to this conversion. Mr. Elser felt that the Navy's work at the Naval Electronics Laboratory at Pt. Loma was such that public use for extended periods could not be tolerated. However, the decision to locate the fishing pier three miles to the north was a decision based largely on economic reasons. Although it was originally estimated the conversion cost would be in the neighborhood of \$250,000, the Navy requirements for conversion changed the estimate to almost \$700,000. The pier then, for this cost, would be opened only on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., when the reservation would be closed for the night. The City of San Diego, who would be the cooperating agency, could not handle the exorbitant maintenance cost. Mr. Elser added that he had talked to Governor Brown today regarding the negotiations and was asked to express the Governor's feelings that this alternate site was a happy solution. The City of San Diego, through Mayor Curran, has expressed this same thought.

Mr. Elser pointed out that although the quality of fishing at Ocean Beach would be approximately 80% of that found at Pt. Loma, the advantages of the public's being able to use it 24 hours a day, everyday, with public transportation available would more than compensate for the fishing.

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Mr. Thomas Fletcher, City Manager of San Diego, confirmed Mr. Elser's testimony and added that because of the advantages enumerated, the Ocean Beach proposal would be in the best interest of the public and has the endorsement of the City Council of San Diego. It was his feeling that this pier would be one of the finest fishing piers on the west coast.

Chairman Clineschmidt asked Mr. Fletcher to express to the City Council the thanks of the WCB for the fine cooperation of the City of San Diego.

Assemblyman Belotti and Mr. Shannon commended Mr. Elser for his untiring efforts in behalf of this project.

IT WAS MOVED BY SENATOR QUICK, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE IN PRINCIPLE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PIER UNDER THE WCB PIER POLICY AT OCEAN BEACH, SAN DIEGO, IN LIEU OF THE PT. LOMA PIER, AND THAT THE ENTIRE ALLOCATION OF \$145,000 FOR THE PT. LOMA PIER BE TRANSFERRED TO THE PROPOSED OCEAN BEACH PIER. THE SUM OF \$20,000, WHICH IS TO BE MATCHED BY THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO, IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED FOR USE FROM THE \$145,000 TO OBTAIN ENGINEERING PLANS AND COST ESTIMATES FOR A PIER AT OCEAN BEACH.

AYES: Senator Quick
Assemblyman Belotti

NOES: Assemblyman Dannemeyer

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. SHANNON, SECONDED BY MR. CLINESCHMIDT, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE IN PRINCIPLE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PIER UNDER THE WCB PIER POLICY AT OCEAN BEACH, SAN DIEGO, IN LIEU OF THE PT. LOMA PIER, AND THAT THE ENTIRE ALLOCATION OF \$145,000 FOR THE PT. LOMA PIER BE TRANSFERRED TO THE PROPOSED OCEAN BEACH PIER. THE SUM OF \$20,000, WHICH IS TO BE MATCHED BY THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO, IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED FOR USE FROM THE \$145,000 TO OBTAIN ENGINEERING PLANS AND COST ESTIMATES FOR A PIER AT OCEAN BEACH.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Elser stated he was glad this project can now be started. He related that in his talk with the Governor he mentioned the important job done by the Board, the benefits of which will extend far into the future. He felt that the funds expended each year were probably spent more economically than any other Board, due in part to the matching funds concept of the Board and by taking advantage of available federal funds for public works projects.

19. Cedar Creek Hatchery, Mendocino County

Assemblyman Belotti explained that his request to place this item on the agenda was predicated by a report by the Department of Fish and Game dealing with the desirability of augmentation of facilities at Cedar Creek Hatchery.

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The Senate and Assembly budget committees have approved an augmentation in the Department of Fish and Game budget in the amount of \$30,000 for planning and necessary work in the preparation of plans for the eventual construction of facilities at the hatchery. He pointed out that this hatchery was originally constructed out of WCB funds and was a responsibility of the Board. He asked for Mr. Shannon's views with regard to the expenditure of one-half million dollars out of the Preservation Fund for this construction.

Mr. Shannon advised that the Department has considered enlargement of Cedar Creek Hatchery for a long time but that there has been no money to implement this plan. The Department is in favor of the project, but the question remains as to the proper source of money. He agreed that it is a logical expenditure of the WCB, since it was originally a Board project, but felt that it would be up to the Board. He mentioned that the Department is running in the red for fiscal year 64-65 and securing funds from the WCB for this construction would help in stalling time the Department has to seek money from other sources. He stated this project is a good one -- the work at the hatchery has increased the silver salmon program favorably. However, the people on the North Coast are extremely interested in seeing more work done in this respect.

Mr. Shannon agreed with Assemblyman Belotti that sportsmen would have no objection to financing the proposed construction with WCB funds. Mr. Nesbit added that there might be a possibility of securing additional Accelerated Public Works funds for which this county would be eligible and for which WCB funds may be used on a matching fund basis.

In the discussion it was brought out that APW funds, if made available, must be matched with funds not previously budgeted. Should the Legislature include the enlargement of facilities at the hatchery in the Fish and Game budget, this would constitute budgeted monies and could not be considered in the matching fund basis in the APW program. It was mentioned too that \$5,000,000 are earmarked for Board use when and if the bond issue is approved by the people.

The plan which was developed two years ago was merely a feasibility report for the proposed enlargement at Cedar Creek, Mr. Shannon advised, and at that time \$473,000 was the estimated cost. It was now believed \$50,000 additional would be needed in view of increased costs. There are no final designs and the appropriation of \$30,000 by the Legislature is for this purpose.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, SECONDED BY MR. SHANNON, AS A JOINT MOTION, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE IN PRINCIPLE THE PROPOSAL TO ENLARGE THE CEDAR CREEK HATCHERY AND INSTRUCT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO BRING BACK TO THE BOARD FOR ITS CONSIDERATION THE PLANS AND COST ESTIMATES WHEN THEY HAVE BEEN PREPARED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

20. Resolutions

IT WAS MOVED BY SENATOR QUICK, SECONDED BY MR. SHANNON, AS A JOINT MOTION, THAT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS HONORING FORMER CHAIRMAN, JAMIE H. SMITH, AND MEMBER, MR. DANIEL M. LUEVANO, BE ADOPTED AND MADE PART OF THE MINUTES OF THIS MEETING.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Resolution Honoring Jamie H. Smith

WHEREAS, Mr. Jamie Smith retired as Chairman of the Wildlife Conservation Board on January 14, 1964; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith has, by his dedicated efforts throughout the years, furthered the cause and principles of wildlife conservation in California; and

WHEREAS, By his judgment and efforts 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 be it

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.

Resolution Honoring Daniel M. Luevano

WHEREAS, Mr. Daniel Luevano is resigning from State service; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Luevano, as Chief Deputy Director of the Department of Finance and a member of the Board, has materially advanced the program of the State and the Board; and

WHEREAS, By his judgment in the administration of his responsibilities as a member of this Board, Mr. Luevano has contributed greatly to the purposes of wildlife conservation; 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. Luevano our sincere appreciation for his contributions and our congratulations and best wishes to him in his new position as Assistant Secretary of the Army; and be it

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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. Luevano.

21. Lake Level Maintenance Dams, Amador County

Mr. Nesbit reported that the Wildlife Conservation Board on March 21, 1963, allocated \$18,100 for construction of lake level maintenance dams on Pardoe, Black Rock, Shriner and Long Lakes, Amador County. The purpose of the project was to eliminate or reduce winter kill of fish in three of the lakes and create a fishery in the fourth.

Construction began last summer. Work is being done by inmate labor under the supervision of the Division of Forestry. The Pardoe Lake dam and saddle dams have been completed and will begin to store water this spring. Fish will be stocked early this summer. Long Lake is approximately 90% complete and will be completed this summer. Completion of Black Rock and Shriner Lakes is also expected this summer.

All of the dams are of rock masonry construction, which of course is entirely hand work and as such presents difficulties in estimation of costs. It appears that the cost of the dams will exceed available funds. An additional allocation is not requested at this time, but may be requested at the next WCB meeting when we are better able to estimate completion costs.

Mr. Nesbit advised there was no action necessary at this time, since this was merely an informational item.

Mr. Clineschmidt thanked those attending the meeting. Since there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:42 p.m.

Status of Funds

The amount allocated to projects as of the close of the meeting on March 12, 1964, aggregated \$18,577,324.00*

a.	Fish Hatchery and Stocking Projects	\$4,434,499.31	
b.	Fish Habitat Development and Improvement Projects	2,499,232.73	
	1. Reservoir Construction or Improvement	\$1,416,508.19	
	2. Stream Clearance and Improvement	172,218.24	
	3. Stream Flow Maintenance Dams	457,603.32	
	4. Marine Habitat	74,697.09	
	5. Fish Screens and Ladder Projects	378,205.89	
c.	Angling Access Projects		4,792,571.34
	1. Coastal Access	624,080.86	
	2. River, Stream and Bay Access	1,047,689.28	
	3. Lake, Reservoir and Salton Sea Access	1,686,445.94	
	4. Piers	1,434,355.26	
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		288,297.08
	Total Allocated to Specific Projects	\$18,543,824.00	

Special Project Allocations:

Proj. Evaluation, Property Acq. & Eng'ing Studies	\$25,000.00
Program Report	8,500.00
Total Allocated	\$18,577,324.00

*\$612,790.00 allocated under Public Works Acceleration Program -
50% reimbursable to State. (\$306,395.00)

Operating Costs:

FY 47/48 thru 61/62 Actual	\$746,856.86	
FY 62/63 Estimated	83,985.69	
FY 63/64 Estimated	87,143.00	
Total Actual and Estimated Operating Costs		\$917,985.55

Recapitulation:

Allocations for Projects	\$18,543,824.00
Special Project Allocations	33,500.00
Expenses of Operation	917,985.55
Total Expended or Obligated	\$19,495,309.55
Total Funds Appropriated	\$18,000,000.00
Approp. made available 7/1/63	750,000.00
Int. on Surplus Money Inv. thru 12/31/63	697,771.95
Miscellaneous Revenue thru 62/63	130,297.04
Miscellaneous Revenue thru 63/64	1,355.00
Total Sum Available	\$19,579,423.99
Total Expended or Obligated	19,495,309.55
	84,114.44
Adjustment pending in 1962-63	21.66
Available thru June 30, 1964	\$84,092.78