

State of California
The Resources Agency
Department of Fish and Game
WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD
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Minutes, Meeting of September 8, 1965

Pursuant to the call of the Chairman, the Wildlife Conservation Board met in the Main Floor Auditorium of the Resources Building, 1416 Ninth Street, Sacramento, California, on September 8, 1965. The meeting was called to order by Chairman T. H. Richards, Jr., at 1:45 p. m.

1. Roll Call

PRESENT: T. H. Richards, Jr. Chairman
W. T. Shannon Member

Senator Robert J. Lagomarsino Joint Interim Committee
Senator Aaron W. Quick " " "
Assemblyman Frank P. Belotti " " "
Assemblywoman Pauline L. Davis " " "

Raymond J. Nesbit Executive Officer
Chester M. Hart Assistant Executive Officer
John Wentzel Field Agent
Alma Koyasako Secretary
June Fisher Account Clerk

ABSENT: Senator John C. Begovich Joint Interim Committee
Assemblyman Wm. E. Dannemeyer " " "
John Sheehan Member

OTHERS PRESENT:

Richard G. Barhite Stanislaus County
Richard L. Smith " "
Don Desrys City Council, Antioch
Leo Fancey City Manager, Antioch
Paul McKeehan ASC, CWF, Salmon Unlimited
Harry H. Burke Monte Rio Recreation District
Peter P. Libonati " " " "
R. J. Comollo " " " "
Al Shipley Supervisor, Lake County
Ernest Draffin State Dept. of Finance
Dave Zebo Humboldt County
A. K. Johnson " "
Ross Bragdon Humboldt Co. F&G Advisory Comm.
Sam S. Mitchell Supervisor, Humboldt County
Joseph A. Rattigan State Senator, 12th District
Alex Calhoun Dept. of Fish and Game
Wallace Macgregor " " " " "
Ray E. Johnson Assemblyman, 4th District
M. C. Mahorney Bureau of Land Management
Myron V. Adams " " "
John F. Lanz " " "

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A. E. Smith	Bureau of Land Management
Jerome Waldie	Assemblyman, 10th District
William T. Jacobson	Division of Forestry
Rudy Brodnansky	Supervisor, Tehama County

2. Approval of Minutes

IT WAS MOVED BY SENATOR QUICK, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, AS A JOINT MOTION, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 4, 1965, AND JUNE 3, 1965, MEETINGS AND APPROVE THE JANUARY 26, 1965, MINUTES WITH THE FOLLOWING CORRECTION ON PAGE 23, ITEM 12:

"The request to discuss and submit for Board consideration an Orange County project proposal was tabled due to the absence of Mr. Warren McCarty, a member of the Orange County Fish and Game Commission."

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Status of Funds. The amount allocated to projects from the Wildlife Restoration Fund as of the close of the meeting on June 3, 1965, aggregated \$19,318,229.69.*

a.	Fish Hatchery and Stocking Projects	\$4,489,499.31
b.	Fish Habitat Development and Improvement Projects	2,650,393.83
	1. Reservoir Construction or Improvement	\$1,491,462.43
	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	5,376,164.79
	1. Coastal Access	660,447.98
	2. River, Stream and Bay Access	1,215,451.97
	3. Lake, Reservoir, and Salton Sea Access	1,755,599.39
	4. Piers	1,744,665.45
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 Wildlife Management Areas	70,081.72
	3. Miscellaneous Game Habitat Development	438,449.12
f.	Hunting Access	358,193.71
g.	Miscellaneous Projects	238,297.08
s.	Special Project Allocations	58,500.00
	Less Reimbursement for two completed APW projects	-23,909.84
	Total Allocated to Projects	\$19,318,229.69

*Includes reimbursement under Federal Accelerated Public Works Program. 50% of APW project costs reimburseable to the State (reimbursements cannot exceed \$334,095).

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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	
FY 65/66 Estimated	89,601.00	
Total Actual and Estimated Operating Costs . . .		\$1,098,686.55

Recapitulation:

Allocations for Projects	\$19,318,229.69
Expenses of Operation	1,098,686.55
Total Expended or Obligated . .	\$20,416,916.24
Total Funds Appropriated	\$19,500,000.00
Approp. made available 7/1/65 . .	750,000.00
Int. on Surplus Money Inv. thru 6/30/65	812,793.40
Miscellaneous Revenue thru 64/65 FY	133,846.79
Total Sum Available	\$21,196,640.19
Total Expended or Obligated . .	20,416,916.24
Available thru June 30, 1966	\$ 779,723.95

4. Recovery of Funds

Mr. Nesbit, the Executive Officer, advised that there were 15 completed projects which were ready for closing and for which a total of \$11,352.18 was available for recovery. These projects are noted below:

Agate Beach Coastal Angling Access

Total allocation	\$20,600.00
Expenditures	16,070.08
Balance for recovery	\$ 4,529.92

Bridge Arbor Inland Angling Access

Total allocation	\$ 3,000.00
Expenditures	2,444.38
Balance for recovery	\$ 555.62

Colorado River - Julian Wash

Total allocation	\$10,880.70
Expenditures	10,880.70
Balance for recovery	\$ 0.00

Delta - Mendota Canal Angling Access, Stanislaus County

Total allocation	\$ 3,500.00
Expenditures	2,936.47
Balance for recovery	\$ 563.53

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Huntington Beach North Reef

Total allocation	\$ 6,600.00
Expenditures	5,903.07
Balance for recovery	\$ 696.93

Huntington Beach South Reef

Total allocation	\$ 6,600.00
Expenditures	5,903.07
Balance for recovery	\$ 696.93

Iron Canyon Barrier Removal

Total allocation	\$12,747.26
Expenditures	12,747.26
Balance for recovery	\$ 0.00

Lake Almanor Angling Access

Total allocation	\$33,100.00
Expenditures	33,031.51
Balance for recovery	\$ 68.49

Lake Level Maintenance Dams

Total allocation	\$22,801.77
Expenditures	22,801.77
Balance for recovery	\$ 0.00

Madera Lake Public Fishing Area

Total allocation	\$341,265.00
Expenditures	337,433.58
Balance for recovery	\$ 3,831.42

Oceanside Reef

Total allocation	\$11,700.00
Expenditures	11,294.67
Balance for recovery	\$ 405.33

Reclamation Board Site #21

Total allocation	\$ 1,250.00
Expenditures	1,250.00
Balance for recovery	\$ 0.00

San Diego City Reservoirs

Total allocation	\$100,000.00
Expenditures	100,000.00
Balance for recovery	\$ 0.00

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Star Bend Site

Total allocation	\$25,620.00
Expenditures	25,615.99
Balance for recovery	\$ 4.01

Vacaville Game Farm

Total allocation	\$41,250.00
Expenditures	41,250.00
Balance for recovery	\$ 0.00

The following projects have been completed under the Accelerated Public Works Program. The Federal Government has reimbursed the State with 50% of the total cost of construction and the balance available for recovery is \$68,696.19. These projects include the following:

San Joaquin Hatchery

Total allocation		\$44,850.00
Total expenditures	\$44,850.00	
Reimbursement - Fed. Govt.	<u>-22,425.00</u>	
WCB expenditures		\$22,425.00
Total recovery		<u>\$22,425.00</u>

Cinder Cone Hunting Access

Total allocation		\$68,500.00
Total expenditures	\$62,135.14	
Reimbursement - Fed. Govt.	<u>-30,953.53</u>	
WCB expenditures		31,181.61*
Total recovery		<u>\$37,318.39</u>

Sheldon Creek Hunting Access

Total allocation		\$18,000.00
Total expenditures	\$17,924.90	
Reimbursement - Fed. Govt.	<u>- 8,877.70</u>	
WCB expenditures		9,047.20*
Total recovery		<u>\$ 8,952.80</u>

*These figures include miscellaneous costs not reimbursable by the Federal Government.

Mr. Nesbit recommended that the 18 projects listed above be closed and the unexpended funds totaling \$80,048.37 be recovered.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYWOMAN DAVIS, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD CLOSE THE EIGHTEEN COMPLETED PROJECTS AND RECOVER THE UNEXPENDED BALANCES AS SET FORTH.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

Agate Beach Coastal Angling Access	\$4,529.92
Bridge Arbor Inland Angling Access	555.62
Colorado River - Julian Wash	0.00
Delta-Mendota Canal Access - Stanislaus Co.	563.53
Huntington Beach North Reef	696.93
Huntington Beach South Reef	696.93
Iron Canyon Barrier Removal	0.00
Lake Almanor Angling Access	68.49
Lake Level Maintenance Dams	0.00
Madera Lake Public Fishing Area	3,831.42
Oceanside Reef	405.33
Reclamation Board Site #21	0.00
San Diego City Reservoirs	0.00
Star Bend Site	4.01
Vacaville Game Farm	0.00
San Joaquin Hatchery	22,425.00
Cinder Cone Hunting Access	37,318.39
Sheldon Creek Hunting Access	8,952.80

ALL OF THE SUMS TOTALING \$80,048.37 ARE TO BE RESTORED TO
THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. Monte Rio Angling Access, Sonoma County \$65,000.00

The Chairman requested consideration at this time of the Monte Rio Angling Access proposal in order that Senator Joseph Rattigan might be allowed the opportunity to be heard early in the program.

Mr. Nesbit related that this proposal is to carry out development of the project approved by the Board on March 12, 1964, at which time land acquisition funds only were allocated.

The project site is in Monte Rio on the Russian River, which is one of the larger coastal streams that has an excellent run of salmon and steelhead and is located near population centers. The popularity of the Russian River as a recreation area has led to extensive development of riverfront property for summer homes and resorts, which has resulted in very limited public access.

Staff has completed purchase of the key parcel of approximately 1 acre as previously authorized. The Monte Rio Recreation and Park District will provide a free lease on its adjoining lands as necessary for the project, and will maintain the completed development for free public access.

Development plans and cost estimates have been prepared by the engineering section of Fish and Game and reviewed and approved by staff and the District.

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Cost estimates are as follows:

Clearing	\$1,500
Excavation and grading	6,000
Base rock, paving and curbs - access road and parking area	18,000
Slope protection	1,500
Launching ramp, single lane, timber and pile	16,200
Restroom, septic tank, utilities and lighting	14,000
Steps, railing and fence	2,000
Subtotal	\$59,000
Signs and contingencies	6,000
TOTAL	\$65,000

In recommending this project, the Department of Fish and Game stated the improved access could lead to a 50 percent increase in fishing use of the Russian River in this area. In addition to providing access facilities primarily for both boat and shore fishing for steelhead and salmon fishing in fall and winter months, the project will provide shad and warmwater fishing in other seasons and will receive heavy general recreational use in summer.

It was Mr. Nesbit's recommendation that \$65,000 be allocated for development and that the staff and the Department of Fish and Game be authorized to proceed with the project substantially as planned.

Senator Joseph Rattigan spoke in support of this proposal and informed the Board that he felt this is a particularly desirable project in that it would provide for recreational needs of people in neighboring metropolitan areas.

IT WAS MOVED BY SENATOR QUICK, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD ALLOCATE \$65,000 FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE MONTE RIO ANGLING ACCESS, SONOMA COUNTY, 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 ALLOCATE \$65,000 FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE MONTE RIO ANGLING ACCESS, SONOMA COUNTY, AND AUTHORIZE THE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. Battle Creek Angling Access, Tehama and Shasta Counties \$1,000.00

Mr. Nesbit advised the Federal Government has declared surplus three parcels of land downstream from the present Coleman Hatchery on Battle Creek. Two of these parcels would be desirable to retain in public ownership for fishing access purposes. The third parcel is not suitable since it has no legal access and is, therefore, not recommended for retention in public ownership.

One surplus parcel is located upstream from the county bridge on the Balls Ferry road where it crosses Battle Creek. It consists of 3.85 acres, much of which is creek bottom. It was proposed that this parcel be purchased from the General Services Administration and retained in its present usage. The land does not lend itself to extensive development. It does not appear suitable for other than minimum fishing access, the purpose which it presently serves. Shasta County officials have expressed approval of retention in public ownership. No facilities or improvements are proposed for the land.

The second surplus parcel consists of 4.58 acres on Battle Creek with access thereto, just south of the Balls Ferry road in Tehama County. This land, the old hatchery site, is presently used for public access. It also contains several old buildings which would probably be torn down, if the property is to be used for fishing access purposes.

Mr. Nesbit related that on September 3, the General Services Administration office in San Francisco telephoned to provide the staff with appraisals for the surplus properties. It was revealed that the 4.58 acre parcel upon which there were some improvements was appraised at \$21,000. Of this figure, a \$4,500 value was placed on the old buildings on the property. Mr. Nesbit further advised that the Division of Forestry had estimated \$1,800 to tear down the buildings in which the State had no interest.

The 3.85 acre parcel was appraised at \$1,500. The State can purchase this at one-half the appraised value, or \$750.

Mr. Nesbit felt that he could not justify purchase of the 4.58 acres at \$21,000. However, he did recommend purchase of the 3.85 acres to be acquired for access to Battle Creek. He mentioned that he had discussed this matter with representatives of Tehama County upon learning of the appraisals, and they too were much surprised at the valuation placed on the larger parcel.

In the discussion it was brought out that although the buildings are of no value to the State for the purposes contemplated, it could be of value to private individuals who might express an interest in this parcel. It was the consensus of the Board that the Executive Officer should negotiate with the Federal Government in an attempt to purchase the 4.58 acres in Tehama County at a more equitable price, and the Chairman so instructed the Executive Officer.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYWOMAN DAVIS, SECONDED BY SENATOR
LAGOMARSINO, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE PURCHASE OF THE 3.85 ACRE SURPLUS PROPERTY ON BATTLE CREEK IN SHASTA AND TEHAMA COUNTIES; ALLOCATE FROM THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND \$1,000 FOR THIS PURPOSE; AND AUTHORIZE THE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED WITH THE ACQUISITION.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE PURCHASE OF THE 3.85 ACRE SURPLUS PROPERTY ON BATTLE CREEK IN SHASTA AND TEHAMA COUNTIES; ALLOCATE FROM THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND \$1,000 FOR THIS PURPOSE; AND AUTHORIZE THE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED WITH THE ACQUISITION.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. Antioch Fishing Pier, Contra Costa County \$40,000.00

At the request of the Chairman, Mr. Nesbit presented next the Antioch Fishing Pier proposal for Board consideration. He advised that this project was proposed by the City of Antioch. It falls within the WCB policy on new fishing piers, which calls for matching funds from local government on a 50-50 basis. The City of Antioch has agreed to match half of the funds necessary for the project.

The proposal is to provide a public fishing pier at the foot of H Street near the center of Antioch - a city of 22,000 people. In addition, it is expected that it will attract usage from large population areas having no public access to waters at the mouth of the San Joaquin River.

The Department of Fish and Game in their favorable recommendation state that there is a great need for public access to the San Joaquin River in the Antioch area and that there is almost a complete lack of publicly owned land along the waterfront. The waters in this area contain primarily striped bass, white catfish and carp with salmon, steelhead, and sturgeon available during certain times of the year.

The plan is to construct a timber structure fishing pier with walk-on access. The pier is designed to accommodate 200 persons at any one time. The City of Antioch will provide a free lease to the State to the land on which the pier will be located.

The pier would be constructed by contract and would be approximately 500 feet in length and 14 feet wide. Restroom facilities would be located at the pier approach. The City has agreed to maintain the pier as a free public fishing facility for 20 years, the term of the agreement. The City has also agreed to hook up the various utilities necessary.

Designs and cost estimates were prepared by the engineering section, Department of Fish and Game, and were reviewed and approved by the City of Antioch officials.

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The items for construction and the estimated costs are as follows:

Main structure, piling, deck, railing	\$49,490
Access Walkway	8,183
Restroom, floor and foundation	10,650
Electrical and sewer	4,000
Contingencies, signs, etc. (Lighting by PG&E and City)	<u>7,677</u>
Total cost	\$80,000

50% City of Antioch \$40,000
50% WCB 40,000

Mr. Nesbit recommended that this project be approved, that the Board allocate \$40,000 for the State's share for the pier and appurtenant facilities, and authorize the staff and Department to proceed with this cooperative project substantially as planned.

Assemblyman Jerome Waldie spoke in support of this project, pointing out the present lack of fishing access in the vicinity of Antioch and Pittsburg. He commended Councilman Don Desrys who was instrumental in promoting this project.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYWOMAN DAVIS, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE ANTIOCH FISHING PIER, CONTRA COSTA COUNTY; ALLOCATE \$40,000 FROM THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND, WHICH SUM IS TO BE MATCHED BY THE CITY OF ANTIOCH, TO PROVIDE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE PIER AND APPURTENANT FACILITIES; AND AUTHORIZE THE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE ANTIOCH FISHING PIER, CONTRA COSTA COUNTY; ALLOCATE \$40,000 FROM THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND, WHICH SUM IS TO BE MATCHED BY THE CITY OF ANTIOCH, TO PROVIDE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE PIER AND APPURTENANT FACILITIES; AND AUTHORIZE THE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Desrys thanked Mr. Nesbit for the help provided in the past two years in developing plans for the proposal, and predicted the pier project would be a success.

8. Walker Ridge Hunting Access Project, Lake and Colusa Counties \$92,000.00

This access project was proposed by the Department of Fish and Game and the Bureau of Land Management with the support and cooperation of Lake County and various sportsmen's organizations.

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Mr. Nesbit reported the Walker Ridge area consists of a block of approximately 20,000 acres of public land located along the Lake-Colusa County boundary, north of Highway 20. It is a portion of the 112,000 acre Clear Lake National Cooperative Land and Wildlife Management Area which was withdrawn and established in 1962 by the Department of Interior at the request of Fish and Game.

The Walker Ridge area offers considerable potential for deer hunting, quail and other small game hunting, and other outdoor recreation. Public use has been limited in the past, however, because of access problems. Use has been primarily by adjoining private landowners and private hunting clubs.

Aimed at solving public access problems, the proposed project includes construction of nearly 15 miles of main access road extending northerly from Highway 20 to the Bartlett Springs (county) road. All of the road would be on public land except for approximately 3/4 miles connecting to Highway 20, where right-of-way over private land is being purchased by Lake County as a contribution to the project.

A spur road and basic public use facilities would be constructed at Cold Spring near the center of the area to meet parking, sanitation and water supply needs for hunters and recreationists who will be utilizing the area.

In addition to enabling public recreational use of the area, the road will provide access for Fish and Game and Bureau of Land Management to carry out planned habitat development projects, including brush manipulation and water supply improvement.

Plans and cost estimates prepared by the Bureau of Land Management have been reviewed and approved by staff and Fish and Game engineering section. Cost estimates are as follows:

Main road clearing and grading, approx. 15 mi. of 16' roadway	\$47,900
Culverts and drainage	20,000
Cattleguards or underpass	1,200
Fencing	2,000
Sanitary facilities, 3 double pit toilets, trash barrels	4,700
Water supply development	5,000
Spur road and parking development; clearing, grading, barriers	3,000
Subtotal	<u>\$83,600</u>
Signs and contingencies	8,400
TOTAL	<u>\$92,000</u>

The U. S. Bureau of Land Management has agreed to assume maintenance of completed developments, as well as to handle engineering design and construction supervision through agreement with the State.

The Bureau also plans to augment the proposed access development as funds become available, including additional facilities for camping and recreation.

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Mr. Nesbit recommended that this project be approved, that \$92,000 be allocated for development, and that the staff and the Department of Fish and Game be authorized to proceed with the project.

Assemblyman Ray Johnson who was in attendance complimented the Board, the Bureau of Land Management, and all other parties participating in this fine project. He advised that as near as he could determine, the people of his district are in strong support of the proposal.

In answer to Assemblyman Belotti's question relative to the type of road to be constructed for this project, Mr. Nesbit advised that it will not be paved. It will be a hunting access road only which is to be maintained so that it would be useable in all seasons. This maintenance, of course, would be by the Bureau of Land Management.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYWOMAN DAVIS, SECONDED BY SENATOR QUICK, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE WALKER RIDGE HUNTING ACCESS PROJECT, LAKE AND COLUSA COUNTIES; ALLOCATE THE SUM OF \$92,000 FOR DEVELOPMENT THEREOF; 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 WALKER RIDGE HUNTING ACCESS PROJECT, LAKE AND COLUSA COUNTIES; ALLOCATE THE SUM OF \$92,000 FOR DEVELOPMENT THEREOF; AND AUTHORIZE THE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Supervisor Al Shipley of Lake County thanked the Board for approval of this project and expressed gratification for the opportunity to improve hunting access in Lake County.

9. Channel Islands Harbor Coastal Access, Ventura County \$8,800.00

Mr. Nesbit reported that this project, which was authorized on March 12, 1964, has been open for nearly one year and is receiving very heavy useage. The vicinity of this harbor is a popular fishing area, both inside the break-water and outside toward Anacapa Island.

When the project was built, a portion of the parking area was left unpaved to be used for overflow parking only. This overflow situation now occurs almost daily and the paving should be extended to provide a finished unit. The proposal is to completely pave all the area under lease to the State.

The Department of Fish and Game engineers have estimated the job and have provided us with the following estimates:

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Pave existing gravel area, 24,000 sq. ft. @25¢ sq. ft.	\$6,000
Lighting of area, extend to cover new area, L.S.	1,500
Contingencies, overhead & profit	1,300
Total	<u>\$8,800</u>

Mr. Nesbit recommended approval of the proposal, but requested authorization to delete lighting if it is deemed unnecessary. He informed the Board that numerous letters have been received in support of this additional paving.

IT WAS MOVED BY SENATOR LAGOMARSINO, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLY-WOMAN DAVIS, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD ALLOCATE \$8,800 FOR ENLARGEMENT OF THE PARKING AREA FOR THE CHANNEL ISLANDS HARBOR COASTAL ACCESS PROJECT, VENTURA COUNTY, AND THE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME IS AUTHORIZED TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT AS OUTLINED BY THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD ALLOCATE \$8,800 FOR ENLARGEMENT OF THE PARKING AREA FOR THE CHANNEL ISLANDS HARBOR COASTAL ACCESS PROJECT, VENTURA COUNTY, AND THE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME IS AUTHORIZED TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT AS OUTLINED BY THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. Samoa Peninsula Coastal Access, Humboldt County \$42,000.00

Mr. Nesbit reported that on July 17, 1964, the WCB allocated \$7,000.00 and instructed staff to purchase the 12.95 acre parcel of land on Samoa Peninsula declared surplus by the General Services Administration. This formerly was the old Humboldt Bay Lifeboat Station and has been abandoned for a number of years. It contains a parking area and launching ramp which was used during World War II to launch and retrieve seaplanes. The WCB has purchased the land for a fishing access site at 50% the appraised value.

This parcel provides the closest and safest boat landing site for public access to the mouth of Humboldt Bay and the excellent salmon and other fishing in the bay and ocean. The property is served by a paved road and is easily accessible from the Eureka-Arcata area and Highways 101 and 299. Presently sportsmen use the area for launching, but much needs to be done to make it safe and acceptable and to protect the area from wave action.

The County of Humboldt has agreed to maintain the project when complete and to keep it open and free to the public.

The Department of Fish and Game engineering staff has prepared preliminary plans and cost estimates for the development of the area. Basically the development would consist of protection of the area from wave action, paving of the parking area, converting the existing seaplane ramp to small boat use, and providing for sanitary facilities.

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The cost estimate of the work required is as follows:

Expanded metal, installed, 60x125 ft. at \$2.00	\$15,000.00
Erosion protection, rock, 980 tons @ \$6.00	5,880.00
Patching ramp area, L.S.	300.00
Paving & seal coat, 120,000 sq. ft.	16,800.00
Signs, fencing, and misc. ramp repair & 2 chemical toilets	2,000.00
Contingencies	2,020.00
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TOTAL	\$42,000.00

Mr. Nesbit recommended allocation of the development funds and authorization to proceed with the project substantially as planned.

Assemblyman Belotti acknowledged the presence of Humboldt County Supervisor Sam Mitchell, Ross Bragdon, Ken Johnson, and Dave Zebo and asked that they be given an opportunity to be heard in this matter.

Supervisor Sam Mitchell urged that this project be given favorable consideration.

Assemblyman Belotti expressed the opinion that this project will provide a recreational facility for a greater number of people than is anticipated at the present time, due to the large number of people that will be employed at new pulp mills in the vicinity.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYWOMAN DAVIS, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD ALLOCATE \$42,000 FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE SAMOA PENINSULA COASTAL ACCESS, HUMBOLDT COUNTY, 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 ALLOCATE \$42,000 FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE SAMOA PENINSULA COASTAL ACCESS, HUMBOLDT COUNTY, AND AUTHORIZE THE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

At Assemblywoman Davis' request, Supervisor Rudy Brodnansky of Tehama County was given a report of Board action on the Battle Creek access project which had taken place prior to his arrival at the meeting. Supervisor Brodnansky commented that he too was surprised at the price quoted for the parcels and expressed the hope that the WCB could negotiate purchase for a lesser amount. Chairman Richards affirmed that the staff had been instructed to continue negotiations and thanked Supervisor Brodnansky for appearing.

11. Fox Grove Angling Access - Tuolumne River, Stanislaus County \$31,000.00

Mr. Nesbit reported that this project was submitted by the County of Stanislaus as a fishing access site for both shore fishing and for boat access. The proposal has received support by fishermen and others who are interested in public access to the Tuolumne River. Very little public access presently exists to the Tuolumne River in this county.

The proposed Fox Grove angling access site lies within 10 miles of three major population centers, mainly Modesto, Oakdale, and Turlock.

The Tuolumne is a rather large river at this point and supports a run of king salmon. There is also fishing for catfish, largemouth bass, crappie, bluegill and carp. The Department of Fish and Game in their fishery evaluation support the project and note lack of public access in this area.

The plan is to purchase a parcel of land which was placed on the open market for sale by a private owner. The present owner has always permitted public use without charge and considerable use of the area has developed. With the sale of the property to another private owner the property would probably be closed to public use.

The legal description of the land indicates a total acreage of 52.48 acres. Since some of this is the river channel, it has been determined that there are 36 usable acres. Of this, 10 acres are on the right bank (north) of the river and 26 acres on the left bank (south). The total river frontage (both sides) is approximately 6,000 feet.

Mr. Edward Kleim, the owner of the property, has agreed to sell the land to the State at the fair market value as determined by qualified appraisers. An appraisal has been made and the value determined at \$30,000. An option to purchase the land at this figure has been signed by the owner. This option expires November 13, 1965. In view of the time factor, it was the staff recommendation that funds be allocated for acquisition. It is proposed that development be done at a later date. A very preliminary estimate of development which would consist of access roads, parking, sanitary facilities, and boat ramp is in the vicinity of \$40,000.

The County of Stanislaus by resolution has expressed a willingness to maintain this access site free and open to the public after it is developed.

Mr. Nesbit recommended that the project be approved, that \$31,000 be allocated and that the staff and the Department be authorized to proceed with the acquisition. He mentioned that a communication from Assemblyman John G. Veneman in support of this project was recently received in the office.

Mr. Richard Barhite, Director of Public Works for Stanislaus County, appeared in support of this project. Chairman Richards, after looking over the photographs of the area, questioned Mr. Barhite as to whether or not it would be better to leave it in its natural state. Mr. Barhite pointed out that unfortunately the parcel under consideration did not have vegetation suitable for wild game habitat, and that in his opinion it would be better to develop it as a fishing access.

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PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE FOX GROVE ANGLING ACCESS, STANISLAUS COUNTY; AUTHORIZE THE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PURCHASE THE LAND UNDER OPTION, FOR WHICH PURPOSE THE SUM OF \$31,000 IS HEREBY ALLOCATED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. North Coast Anadromous Fish Test Hatchery \$20,000.00

Mr. Nesbit advised that at the WCB meeting of January 26, 1965, the Board instructed staff to work with Department of Fish and Game personnel to locate a suitable site for a salmon-steelhead hatchery on the North Coast. Several preliminary investigations to locate possible sites have been made in recent years. This survey was intensified after the December 1964 floods destroyed the Cedar Creek Hatchery in northern Mendocino County. In March of this year the Department released a reconnaissance report at the request of the Legislature which indicated that a site has been located which would justify further investigation and testing. This site is located near Blue Lake on the Mad River in Humboldt County below the confluence of the main river and the north fork, Mad River.

In addition to locating a site the report recommended against rebuilding the Cedar Creek Hatchery for hatchery purposes. It also eliminated all other hatchery sites investigated including many on small streams. If a hatchery is to be built it is recommended that it be large enough for economical operation. The report goes on to recommend a unit with sufficient land and water to raise 1 million silver salmon and steelhead trout yearlings and 5 million king salmon fingerlings. Such a site would require at least 20 acres of land and 30 c.f.s. of water.

The amount or method of financing required for a full scale hatchery is not being determined at this time. The proposal here is to provide funds to the Department of Fish and Game to complete the site selection by establishing a test hatchery such as was done at Bishop (Inyo County) and Pit River (Shasta County) for trout, and in Imperial County for warmwater fish. Unlike the other test hatcheries, however, an anadromous fish test facility would require a full 19 month test to provide a one-year cycle for all three species of fish i.e., kings, silvers, and steelhead.

Approval of this test program at this time would permit it to become operative next summer (1966). This would mean that a new hatchery could be designed starting in 1968 after the 19 month test, provided the necessary additional financing were available.

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Cost estimates for the test hatchery facility have been prepared by the Department of Fish and Game and reviewed by the WCB staff. They are as follows:

1. Test drilling for water collector \$7,000

The surface flow of the Mad River is not suitable for fish culture. However, the subsurface flow should be a good source of water. Department of Water Resources geologists and Ranney Water Collector Company engineers agree that conditions appear favorable for Ranney Collectors. The geologists believe the quantity of the water will be more satisfactory with collectors than with wells. Costs were estimated by Ranney Company engineers. They include drilling seven test wells and test pumping to measure the cone of influence and rate of drawdown.

2. Capital outlay for test hatchery \$10,200

This includes pumps, electricity, rearing tanks, feeders, screens, etc.

3. Contingencies \$2,800

These costs are incidental to the obtaining of rights to use the land, provide access, file for water rights, etc.

Total estimate \$20,000

Mr. Nesbit mentioned that Senator Lagomarsino earlier had raised the question as to whether or not the features to be developed with the \$20,000 could be applicable to the larger permanent hatchery in the event the test is a success. It was believed that most of the items requested herein would in effect be applicable toward the hatchery itself. He pointed out that it will be necessary for the staff and the Department of Fish and Game personnel to negotiate for the land which is owned by the Simpson Timber Company. Assemblyman Belotti had made some contacts, and it was felt that a lease or an option to acquire the necessary lands could be negotiated.

Mr. Nesbit recommended the WCB approve the construction of a test hatchery at the Mad River site, that \$20,000 be allocated therefor, and that the staff and the Department be authorized to proceed with the test facilities and program as outlined. He assured Assemblywoman Davis that there is no serious water right problem involved, since use of water for hatchery purposes would be non-consumptive use. The usual application through the State Water Rights Board would need to be made for use of the water, however. It is not anticipated that there would be any protestant.

Chairman Richards asked if there would be need for an access road to the test site and Mr. Nesbit advised that a minimum standard access road would be necessary for the test operations.

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Mr. Paul McKeehan, Water Projects Chairman for the California Wildlife Federation, and member of the Associated Sportsmen's Club and Salmon Unlimited urged the approval of this item, pointing out the urgency for an anadromous fish hatchery in view of the total loss of Cedar Creek Hatchery.

Mr. A. K. Johnson, who is in charge of the Humboldt County fish hatchery, made known the interest of the county in a hatchery on the North Coast and cited the economic importance of salmon. He pointed out that they did not wish to see this hatchery built merely as a replacement for Cedar Creek but rather as the first step in the reclamation of salmon in the area and that other facilities would follow. Mr. Nesbit assured Mr. Johnson that the hatchery to be constructed upon successful completion of the test would double the present production and stocking on the North Coast of silver salmon and in addition would provide 5 million kings which are not now stocked.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, SECONDED BY SENATOR QUICK, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE NORTH COAST ANADROMOUS FISH TEST HATCHERY, HUMBOLDT COUNTY; ALLOCATE \$20,000 FROM THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND FOR THIS CONSTRUCTION; 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 NORTH COAST ANADROMOUS FISH TEST HATCHERY, HUMBOLDT COUNTY; ALLOCATE \$20,000 FROM THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND FOR THIS CONSTRUCTION; AND AUTHORIZE THE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

13. Policy Relative to Naming WCB Projects

A reaffirmation of the Wildlife Conservation Board policy relative to naming of projects was requested by the Executive Officer. He stated that there was a need for a more concise written Board policy in this regard. The various points of the suggested policy, which included those previously approved by the Board, were discussed.

IT WAS MOVED BY SENATOR QUICK, SECONDED BY SENATOR LAGOMARSINO, AS A JOINT MOTION, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD ADOPT THE FOLLOWING POLICY RELATIVE TO NAMING OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD PROJECTS.

It is the policy of the Wildlife Conservation Board that project names be selected which will best describe the geographical location of the project, avoiding the naming

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of such projects for individuals, either living or dead. The Wildlife Conservation Board may use the name of a donor, or accept his suggested project name, when the donor deeds the land used in the project to the State without cost.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

14. Progress report on flood damage repairs

A progress report of the flood damage repair of WCB projects authorized at the January 26, 1965, meeting of the Board was given by Mr. Nesbit. It was noted that of the \$25,000 allocated for this repair work, approximately \$24,000 was presently obligated. (This report is appended. See pages 19a. & b)

15. Status report of State Beach, Park, Recreational, and Historical Facilities Bond Act Projects.

Mr. Nesbit reviewed the Wildlife Conservation Board program under the Bond Act. This program was presented on January 26, 1965, and approval thereof and authorization to proceed with the various projects in accordance with the established procedures was given by the Wildlife Conservation Board.

1. Purchase of Key Lands for Access and Fish and Game Habitat

A. Tehama Winter Deer Range - Tehama County

The initial proposal was for the purchase of two parcels of private land totaling 3,240 acres. Acquisition was to be accomplished through willing sale and at fair market value. The estimated cost for these two parcels at the time of the meeting was \$140,000. It was possible to successfully conclude negotiations on only one parcel totaling 640 acres. We took an option at the fair market value from Mr. E. Z. Myers for \$22,400. This option was exercised on August 23, 1965.

Negotiations appear futile on the other parcel suggested for acquisition. It is recommended that further negotiations not be carried on at the present time inasmuch as the owner is unwilling to sell within the appraised price.

There remains an excess of approximately \$115,000 assigned to this project from our original estimate. This money should now be made available for use elsewhere since it cannot be used in this area and no alternate acquisitions are recommended.

B. Los Banos and Mendota Waterfowl Management Areas - Merced & Fresno Cos.

We proposed for purchase two parcels of land totaling approximately 675 acres. Our estimate of cost without appraisals was \$250,000. We have been successful in negotiating options within the fair market value on these two parcels.

REPORT - FLOOD DAMAGE REPAIR PROJECTS

<u>Project</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Scope of Work</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Contractor</u>
Chico Landing Angling Access	\$1,361 (Actual)	Dredging and red-wood barriers	Work completed and bill paid	Private contractor through Dept. of Fish and Game
Yuba City Angling Access	\$1,400	Debris clearing, filling erosion holes and channels in parking lot & project area; grade & gravel parking area.	Work completed. Follow-up letter to City requesting billing 8/25/65.	Yuba City
Cedar Creek Fish Hatchery	\$ 345	Debris clearance	Work completed. Agreement to Forestry for signature 8/27/65. Expires Dec. 31, 1965	Division of Forestry
Putah Creek Angling Access	\$2,350	Repair parking area, access roads & replace signs, garbage cans & 2 portable toilets.	This work completed with exception of replacing 2 portable facilities	Yolo County
Smith River Angling Access	\$1,600	Replace fence	Contract approved and County notified to proceed Aug. 24. Expiration date 10/19/65.	Del Norte County
Jorgenson Angling Access	\$ 650	Replace well & pump	Contract approved and County notified to proceed Aug. 24. Expiration Date 11/22/65.	Glenn County

<u>Project</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Scope of Work</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Contractor</u>
Hayfork Falls Fish Ladder	\$1,081	Debris Clearance & repair pools on ladder.	Work about 1/3 complete, Contract expires 12/1/65.	Division of Forestry
Miller Park Angling Access	\$2,500	Repair & replace loading floats, walkway & replace riprap.	Agreement to County for approval 8/18/65. G.S. approval needed.	Marin County
Butte Creek Salmon Barrier	\$7,907	Stream clearing & bank slope protec- tion.	Low bid was \$9,025. Federal Govt. to pay \$1,200. Contract signed by contractor and to G.S. 9/8/65 for approval.	Private contractor through Dept. of F. & G.
Pine Creek Reservoir	\$1,200	Clearing diver- sion ditch & replacing loose rocks in banks; cleaning diversion structure; re-shor- ing pipeline as required.	Agreement to Forestry for approval 9/7/65. Expires 12/31/65.	Division of Forestry
Hammerhorn Lake	\$3,500	Repair water diver- sion and pipeline as required.	Agreement to County for approval 8/27/65. General Services will have to approve	County of Mendocino

\$23,894 - Total estimated cost of projects

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An option within the fair market value for a 208 acre parcel to enlarge the Los Banos WMA was taken. This option for \$46,200 was exercised on July 30, 1965, and purchase is proceeding.

An option for acquisition of 440 acres within the Mendota WMA was taken for \$190,000, which was also within the fair market value. Purchase is being accomplished, the option having been exercised on August 23.

Upon completion of these purchases, we believe the excess funds should be made available as needed elsewhere.

C. Spenceville Wildlife Management Area - Yuba County

Of the 3,085 acres of Beale AFB lands declared surplus by General Services Administration, the WCB approved acquisition of 585 acres which were considered to have high wildlife values. Based on the previous purchase price, but without benefit of appraisals, the cost was estimated at \$33,000. This is the amount approved by the legislature. The actual cost after staff appraisal by GSA was \$40,394. We recommend augmentation of \$7,394 to our estimate of \$33,000 by budget revision from the surplus Tehama account.

II. Modernization, Consolidation and Automation of Fish Hatcheries

A. American River Trout Hatchery - Sacramento County

The preliminary estimate for design and construction of this hatchery was \$1,200,000. The legislature did not approve construction funds but \$120,000 for final designs was appropriated. Currently the Division of Architecture is in the process of designing the facilities. The property, which is downstream from the Nimbus Hatchery, is to be leased from the Bureau of Reclamation. The lease agreement has been approved by the Bureau of Reclamation and is presently being considered by the Department of General Services.

B. Fillmore Fish Hatchery - Ventura County

The estimated cost for land acquisition, design, and construction of a modernized hatchery was \$600,000. The estimated cost of land purchase, which is part of the \$600,000, was \$100,000, the amount approved by the legislature. It later developed that it would be in the best interest of the State to purchase land from the hatchery to the Southern Pacific R.R. right-of-way. This actually would be more land than needed for the hatchery, but we are told will be acquired for freeway purposes within the next three years. The Division of Highways could not tell us the exact location of the freeway and, therefore, it was felt appropriate to purchase the land to the railroad right-of-way. It is anticipated that when Highways buys the land from the State, the net cost of land purchase for hatchery purposes will be approximately \$100,000. The proceeds from the sale to Division of Highways should revert to the project funds for hatchery construction.

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An option which was taken for \$143,400 is being exercised. Augmentation by approximately \$45,000 is necessary to complete this purchase. This can be done by budget revision from funds not used from the Tehama account.

In addition, \$50,000 was allocated by the legislature for design of the hatchery and the Division of Architecture is presently developing plans therefor.

The Assembly members expressed their desire to sell to the Division of Highways any of the property surplus to hatchery needs, and which is needed by the Division of Highways for freeway purposes, at the appraised fair market value at the time of sale.

c. San Joaquin Hatchery - Fresno County

Our estimate for enlargement of the hatchery was \$100,000. This amount was approved by the legislature and design is presently being accomplished by the Division of Architecture.

III. Construction of Artificial Reefs at Piers - San Diego, Orange, and Los Angeles Counties

A total of 7 artificial reefs was approved at an estimated cost of \$177,000. Plans and specifications have been completed for these projects, and it is anticipated that reef construction will take place in late fall. All of these projects will be built within the total amount approved by the legislature.

It was the recommendation of the Executive Officer that the Wildlife Conservation Board concur on the updated program under the State Beach, Park, Recreational and Historical Facilities Bond Act as presented, and approve the fund transfers necessary to purchase the lands at Fillmore Hatchery and the Spenceville Wildlife Management Area. He explained that the Department of Finance had requested Board concurrence on the fund transfers contemplated by staff.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, SECONDED BY SENATOR QUICK, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE OF THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD CONCUR ON THE UPDATED PROGRAM UNDER THE STATE BEACH, PARK, RECREATIONAL AND HISTORICAL FACILITIES BOND ACT AS PRESENTED, AND APPROVE FUND TRANSFERS NECESSARY TO PURCHASE THE LAND AT THE FILLMORE HATCHERY AND THE SPENCEVILLE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD CONCUR ON THE UPDATED PROGRAM UNDER THE STATE BEACH, PARK, RECREATIONAL AND HISTORICAL FACILITIES BOND ACT AS PRESENTED, AND APPROVE FUND TRANSFERS NECESSARY TO PURCHASE THE LAND AT THE FILLMORE HATCHERY AND THE SPENCEVILLE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Assemblywoman Davis stated that in view of the difficulty which was encountered in the last session of the Legislature relative to this type of thing, she wished assurance that this is what is required.

Mr Ernest Draffin from the Department of Finance acknowledged that although he had not been included in the earlier discussions relative to the necessary fund transfers, this action was considered appropriate in order to apprise the Board members of the need to supplement funds for some of the acquisitions.

Assemblywoman Davis requested that if Mr. Bell of Finance is not aware of this that he be made aware of it so that there would be no question in regard to this situation.

16. Black Mountain Stream Clearance Project, Sonoma County \$13,000.00

Mr. Nesbit presented this stream clearance proposal for Board consideration, although it had not been included in the prepared agenda. He explained that a member of his staff, John Mahoney, passed away quite suddenly two months ago. He was carrying on the negotiations on this program as well as a number of other proposals at the time of his demise. It was not possible for the staff to follow up on this project until after the agenda had been prepared. He further explained that the project could have been held off, but the new Division of Forestry Conservation Camp in the area wished to take on this clearance work after the end of the fire season. In order to fund this stream clearance work for this fall, it was deemed advisable to present it at this meeting.

This proposal is a continuation of the ten year stream clearance program to improve salmon and steelhead streams along the North Coast - a program which had been approved by the Wildlife Conservation Board on September 19, 1960.

Project clearance work will be performed on parts of the Wheatfield Fork and Southfork of the Gualala River, two tributaries of the Russian River, and nine small coastal streams. This work would be carried out by inmates of the Division of Forestry's Black Mountain Conservation Camp, near Fort Ross, Sonoma County. Overall supervision of the project will be the responsibility of the Department of Fish and Game. The project area is within a reasonable travel distance of the Black Mountain Camp. Portions of 20 streams consisting of 43 miles of potentially usable areas will be cleared. Thirty-six miles of streams will be improved at an approximate cost of \$357.00 per mile. Past logging damage responsibility cannot be fixed to any of the project streams.

The estimated cost break-down of the project as prepared by the Department of Fish and Game is as follows:

Labor, Equipment, Travel	\$10,872.14
Additional Equipment Rental	250.00
Miscellaneous Supplies	250.00
Contingency	1,627.86
Total	<u>\$13,000.00</u>

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The project drainage area presently supports runs of silver salmon and steelhead, but the carrying capacity of these streams can be substantially improved by stream clearance.

It is estimated the work will be accomplished within three years. The start of this project is rated as a top priority item among stream clearance projects by the Department of Fish and Game.

It was Mr. Nesbit's recommendation that this project be approved, that \$13,000 be allocated for project purposes, and that the staff and the Department be authorized to proceed with the project as planned.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYWOMAN DAVIS, SECONDED BY SENATOR QUICK, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE BLACK MOUNTAIN STREAM CLEARANCE PROJECT, SONOMA COUNTY; ALLOCATE \$13,000 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 BLACK MOUNTAIN STREAM CLEARANCE PROJECT, SONOMA COUNTY; ALLOCATE \$13,000 FOR PROJECT PURPOSES; AND AUTHORIZE THE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

17. Land and Water Conservation Fund Act - Possible reimbursements for WCB Projects

Mr. Nesbit reviewed briefly the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act which is to be administered in California by the Resources Agency Administrator. He expressed hope that we could secure matching funds from this program for WCB projects. He reported that there are some funds available now which can be allocated to public agencies for land acquisitions that have taken place since last September (1964). The projects proposed for inclusion in the list to be submitted for possible reimbursement were as follows, consisting of Bond Act projects except for Kaweah River Access:

<u>Projects</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Tehama Winter Deer Range	\$22,400
Los Banos Waterfowl Management Area	46,200
Fillmore Hatchery	143,400
Mendota Waterfowl Management Area	190,000
Kaweah River Access	2,539
Total	<u>\$404,539</u>

Assemblywoman Davis requested that the Kaweah River project be deleted from the list, in view of this project being funded with regular WCB funds. She asserted that there is a legal question involved. It was her understanding

that the utilization of matching federal funds might involve the submission of projects through budgetary procedures. She felt that this was not the intent of the regular WCB funding and program as presently constituted and did not wish to see this precedent established.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYWOMAN DAVIS, SECONDED BY SENATOR QUICK, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD STAFF DELETE THE KAWEAH RIVER ACCESS PROJECT FROM THE LIST OF PROJECTS PROPOSED TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR POSSIBLE REIMBURSEMENT UNDER THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD STAFF BE AND IS HEREBY INSTRUCTED TO DELETE THE KAWEAH RIVER ACCESS PROJECT FROM THE LIST OF PROJECTS PROPOSED TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR POSSIBLE REIMBURSEMENT UNDER THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

18. Resolution - Senator Sturgeon

IT WAS MOVED BY SENATOR QUICK, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, AS A JOINT MOTION, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF SENATOR VERNON STURGEON.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Resolution Honoring Senator Vernon L. Sturgeon

WHEREAS, Senator Vernon Sturgeon was a member of the Legislative Advisory Committee from February 14, 1963, to July 9, 1965; and

WHEREAS, Senator Sturgeon, through his interest and effort as a member of this Board and the Legislature, has contributed significantly to the improvement of wildlife conservation in California; and

WHEREAS, by his earnest efforts and excellent judgement, Senator Sturgeon has advanced the development of this Board and its programs; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Wildlife Conservation Board, the Joint Interim Committee and the Board staff, convey to Senator Sturgeon our sincere appreciation for his contributions to the work of the Board;

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 Senator Sturgeon.

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19. Proposed Movie - - WCB Program

Mr. Nesbit reported that the Department of Fish and Game has developed movies on a number of subject matters to inform the public of their programs. Although the Board had put together a report of achievements and activities, he felt that a good many people are somewhat confused as to what the Board is and what it has actually accomplished. He stated that if the Board members desired, he could look into the idea of developing a movie, getting together such information as to possible cost, the subject matter and the objectives.

Both Assemblywoman Davis and Senator Lagomarsino felt that the Board programs are so popular and the projects utilized to such an extent that there would not be need for this type of movie.

Assemblyman Belotti assumed that Mr. Nesbit wished to use the film for educational purposes and asked how many of our school children and service clubs have had an opportunity to watch a story in picture showing what is actually being done by the Board. He suggested that Mr. Nesbit study this, and after the Board has all the information, a decision be made at that time.

Senator Quick asked if the Board has the authority to expend funds for such a film. Mr. Nesbit replied that this was checked out at the time the WCB program report was being considered. Mr. Shannon stated that there are provisions in the Government Code which authorize agencies to put out publications, etc., although he was not certain whether this section applied also to the WCB.

The possibility of having the Department of Education or the Department of Fish and Game make this movie was suggested. Mr. Shannon advised that all Fish and Game films are budgeted and funds are available for only one or two films a year. It was mentioned also that one Department film entitled "Wildlife for the Future" has a brief section on the work of the Board.

Senator Quick and Assemblyman Belotti favored making the film suggested.

The Chairman instructed the Executive Officer to report back to the Board on this matter with cost estimates, other facts and concrete suggestions for a film relative to the Wildlife Conservation Board program.

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

Status of Funds.

The amount allocated to projects from the Wildlife Restoration Fund as of the close of the meeting on September 8, 1965, aggregated \$19,550,981.32.*

a. Fish Hatchery and Stocking Projects	4,509,499.31
b. Fish Habitat Development and Improvement Projects	2,657,763.22
1. Reservoir Construction or Improvement	1,487,631.01
2. Stream Clearance and Improvement	208,170.98
3. Stream Flow Maintenance Dams	439,503.32
4. Marine Habitat	84,136.52
5. Fish Screens, Ladders & Weir Projects	438,321.39
c. Angling Access Projects	5,558,243.22
1. Coastal Access	706,718.06
2. River, Stream and Bay Access	1,311,328.81
3. Lake, Reservoir, and Salton Sea Access	1,755,530.90
4. Piers	1,784,665.45
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 Wildlife Management Areas	70,081.72
3. Miscellaneous Game Habitat Development	438,449.12
f. Hunting Access	443,753.75
g. Miscellaneous Projects	238,297.08
s. Special Project Allocations	58,500.00
Less Reimbursement for five completed APW projects	-86,166.07
Total Allocated to Projects	19,550,981.32

*Includes reimbursement under Federal Accelerated Public Works Program. 50% of APW project costs reimbursable to the State (reimbursements cannot exceed \$334,095).

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
FY 65/66 Estimated	89,601.00
Total Actual and Estimated Operating Costs	\$1,098,686.55

Recapitulation:

Allocations for Projects	\$19,550,981.32
Expenses of Operation	1,098,686.55
Total Expended or Obligated	\$20,649,667.87
Total Funds Appropriated	\$19,500,000.00
Approp. made available 7/1/65	750,000.00
Int. on Surplus Money Inv. thru 6/30/65	812,793.40
Miscellaneous Revenue thru 64/65 FY	133,846.79
Total Sum Available	\$21,196,640.19
Total Expended or Obligated	20,649,667.87
Available thru June 30, 1966	\$ 546,972.32