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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 December 13, 1965. The meeting was called to order by Chairman T. H. Richards, Jr., at 2:20 p.m.

1. Roll Call

<u>PRESENT:</u>	T. H. Richards, Jr.	Chairman
	W. T. Shannon	Member
	Senator Robert J. Lagomarsino	Joint Interim Committee
	Senator Aaron W. Quick	" " "
	Assemblywoman Pauline L. Davis	" " "
	Assemblyman Frank P. Belotti	" " "
	Assemblyman Wm. E. Dannemeyer	" " "
	Raymond J. Nesbit	Executive Officer
	Chester M. Hart	Assistant Executive Officer
	John Wentzel	Field Agent
	Alma Koyasako	Secretary
	June Fisher	Account Clerk
<u>ABSENT:</u>	Senator John C. Begovich	Joint Interim Committee
	John Sheehan	Member
<u>OTHERS PRESENT:</u>		
	W. K. Lythgoe	Sacramento Bee
	Jack Germain	Department of Fish and Game
	Leonard Fisk	" " "
	Robert McKechnie	Sacramento
	Wm. B. Pond	Sacramento Co. Parks & Rec.
	Geo. H. Winter	Department of Corrections
	Ted Fourkas	Assembly Committee, Conservation and Wildlife
	Tom Ham	Peninsula Chamber of Commerce
	Susan Ham	San Diego
	H. Bissell	Department of Fish and Game
	C. Moss	" " "
	Dave Ward	" " "
	Robert Macklin	" " "
	Alex Calhoun	" " "
	Shirley Atkinson	" " "
	Robert D. Montgomery	Region 2, Dept. of Fish & Game
	Earl D. Fraser	Sacramento County Planning
	Glenn Y. Allen	Office of Legislative Analyst

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Les Edgerton	Fish and Game Commission
G. Midwinter	Department of General Services
Wm. Dillinger	Department of Fish and Game
Donna Anderson	Wildlife Conservation Board

2. Approval of Minutes

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. SHANNON, SECONDED BY SENATOR QUICK, AS A JOINT MOTION, THAT THE MINUTES OF THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 8, 1965, BE APPROVED AS WRITTEN.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. 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 (reimbursement 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	95,806.00
Total Actual and Estimated Operating Costs	\$1,104,891.55

Recapitulation:

Allocations for Projects	\$19,550,981.32
Expenses of Operation	1,104,891.55
Total Expended or Obligated . .	<u>\$20,655,872.87</u>

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
Misc. Revenue 65/66 FY	24,048.98
Total Sum Available	<u>\$21,220,689.17</u>
Total Expended or Obligated . .	<u>20,655,872.87</u>
Available thru June 30, 1966 .	<u>\$ 564,816.30</u>

Mr. Nesbit mentioned that the figure shown as being available through June 30, 1966, included the \$23,233.97 reimbursement from the Bureau of Reclamation for the Red Bluff Angling Access. This access project which was inundated with construction of the Red Bluff Diversion Dam on the Sacramento River has now been replaced with a new enlarged access facility.

4. State Beach, Park, Recreational and Historical Facilities Bond Act Projects

Mr. Nesbit related one purpose of this meeting was to provide the Board members with a status report of the projects approved under this Act and to request authorization for submission of Bond Act projects for the 1966-67 fiscal year. The deadline for submission of such projects is December 15.

A. Status of Approved Projects

The Wildlife Conservation Board on January 26, 1965, approved a program under the Bond Act and authorized proceeding with several projects in accordance with provisions of the Act and established procedures. At the September 8, 1965, meeting, the WCB concurred with an updated program under the Bond Act and approved fund transfers necessary to purchase the land at the Fillmore Hatchery and the Spenceville Wildlife Management Area.

A brief review of the approved projects and their current status is as follows:

1. Modernization, Consolidation, and Automation of Fish Hatcheries

American River Trout Hatchery, Sacramento County

This project consists of a modern trout hatchery adjacent to the existing salmon-steelhead hatchery at Nimbus dam near Folsom, Sacramento County. Planned production is 6,000,000 fingerlings and 1,000,000 catchable rainbow trout annually.

The 1965 legislature approved \$120,000 for preliminary plans, working drawings and other Office of Architecture and Construction costs, but did not approve construction funds.

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Preliminary plans and cost estimates have been completed by the O.A.C. and reviewed by staff and the Department of Fish and Game. Final working drawings are in process.

O.A.C.'s estimate of \$1,007,300 for construction costs and Department of Fish and Game's estimate of \$23,000 for initial equipment indicates total costs of the hatchery should be approximately \$170,000 less than the initial estimate of \$1,200,000.

The lease agreement with the Bureau of Reclamation is in final stages of negotiation.

Fillmore Trout Hatchery, Ventura County

This project is to purchase the site of the existing outmoded hatchery and double catchable trout production through modernization and expansion of facilities. The planned production of 200,000 pounds of catchable trout annually would be planted in southern California waters.

WCB and legislative action have made \$145,000 available for land acquisition and \$50,000 for Office of Architecture and Construction costs for design and construction supervision. Construction funds were not approved by the 1965 legislature.

The option for purchase of the property has been exercised and the seller is in the process of clearing title to the State's satisfaction.

Preliminary designs and cost estimates prepared by O.A.C. have been reviewed by staff and the Department. Final working drawings are being prepared.

The costs of development are estimated by O.A.C. to be \$526,800, which with initial equipment estimates by Department of Fish and Game of \$4,200 bring the total estimated cost to \$531,000, or \$31,000 more than the initial estimate of \$500,000.

San Joaquin Hatchery, Fresno County

This project is to provide broodstock facilities for necessary increased egg production for the expanded trout program. Design and construction funds totaling \$100,000 were approved by the WCB and the 1965 legislature.

Preliminary plans and cost estimates by O.A.C. have been reviewed by staff and Fish and Game. Final working drawings are in process and construction should be carried out in 1966. Project costs should not exceed the \$100,000 preliminary estimate.

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

Tehama Winter Deer Range, Tehama County

The original proposal was for purchase of two parcels of private land totaling 3,240 acres at an estimated cost of \$140,000.

Escrow was completed in the past week for the 640 acre E.Z. Myers parcel. Purchase was made at the fair market value of \$22,400.

The owners of the other parcel are unwilling to sell within the appraised value, and negotiations have been suspended. However, it now appears there is a possibility of negotiating for an alternate parcel of similar habitat and access values.

Some of the Tehama Winter Deer Range acquisition funds (\$52,394) were transferred to other land acquisitions where needed with WCB approval. Approximately \$64,000 remains unencumbered for this project from our original estimate. Mr. Nesbit recommended that these funds be retained for possible alternate acquisition.

Spenceville Wildlife Management Area, Yuba County

The augmented allocation for purchase of 585 acres of surplus Beale A.F.B. lands for this project totals \$40,394, or half of the fair market value. Acquisition from the federal government is in the final stages.

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

Seven artificial reefs were approved at an estimated cost of \$177,000. The reefs would be placed to improve fishing from public piers at Oceanside, San Clemente, Huntington Beach, Seal Beach, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, and the Los Angeles public fishing pier at Venice.

Necessary permits for construction have been obtained from the State Lands Commission and the Corps of Engineers. Review and concurrence on plans and specifications by the various cities cooperating is complete. Construction is anticipated in late winter and early spring.

B. Status of Test Hatchery Operations for Possible Bond Act Projects

Bishop Creek Test Hatchery, Inyo County

This pilot trout hatchery funded by the WCB on January 26, 1965, has been in operation since May 10th. The Department of Fish and Game reports "The first phase of production testing for the Bishop Creek Hatchery site has been completed with satisfactory results . . . We believe that favorable results obtained so far justify beginning preliminary planning for construction of the hatchery."

On the basis of the successful tests to date at this site, your staff recommends proceeding with proposed hatchery design in the 1966-67 fiscal year.

The hatchery would be planned to produce 1,000,000 catchable trout, 2,000,000 fingerlings, and 16,000,000 eggs annually. This would be double the production of catchable trout from the existing Mt. Whitney-Black Rock hatchery unit in Inyo County, and an increase of 3,500,000 in eggs.

The facility would occupy about 80 acres of land owned by the City of Los Angeles, which has indicated its cooperation for a state proprietary interest in the land.

Total development costs of the new hatchery are estimated at \$1,000,000. It is estimated that the increased production would be attained at no increase in operating costs with closure of the outmoded Mt. Whitney-Black Rock hatchery unit.

Trout produced would be planted primarily in Inyo and Mono counties, which receive very heavy recreational pressure from the southern California area.

Mad River (North Coast) Anadromous Fish Test Hatchery, Humboldt County
At the September 8, 1965, meeting, the Board allocated \$20,000 for feasibility studies of this site, including test drilling for a Ranney water collector system. The test drilling has been negotiated and will be carried out next spring.

Preliminary negotiations with the Simpson Timber Company indicate that the proposed hatchery site will be available to the State on acceptable terms. Certain access rights of way are yet to be negotiated.

Passage of the Anadromous Fish Bill (PL 89-304) which makes available possible federal matching funds, indicates full consideration should be given to accelerating the proposed schedule for this hatchery. Proceeding with the original schedule calling for hatchery design in 1968 might find the limited federal funds committed otherwise.

On the basis of studies of the proposed site made by staff, hatchery specialists, and engineers for the Department, there appears to be practically no doubt that the site conditions will prove excellent for the proposed silver salmon, king salmon, and steelhead hatchery.

Mr. Nesbit recommended that design funds be made available for the 1966-67 fiscal year. Upon completion of satisfactory tests for quantity and quality of the water supply, preparation of preliminary plans could proceed concurrently with such additional testing as may be necessary.

Other Test Hatchery Operations

The test ponds for the proposed warmwater hatchery on the Imperial Waterfowl Management Area were completed in early summer. Initial operational problems delayed stocking with fingerling channel catfish and starting test operations until November 4th. To date the fish appear to be in good condition and growing.

A critical factor here will be survival of the fish through the extreme temperatures of the summer season. For this reason no evaluation and recommendations can be made before the fall of 1966, after the test fish have experienced the summer temperatures.

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Test facilities at the Pit River site (Sucker Springs) are substantially completed and the test operation will get under way in the near future. Although the site may prove to be an excellent one to be secured for future hatchery expansion, it will not fulfill the present priority needs that the other proposed hatcheries do. Tests should proceed through full fish rearing cycles before any final recommendations are made on this site.

C. Proposed Bond Act Projects for 1966-67 Budget

Mr. Nesbit recommended the following items for submission through the required Bond Act procedures for inclusion in the 1966-67 budget. The allocations represent the additional funds needed for construction of the American River and Fillmore hatcheries and to carry out planning for the Bishop Creek and Mad River hatcheries.

American River Trout Hatchery, Sacramento County	
Construction and initial equipment funds	\$910,300
Fillmore Trout Hatchery, Ventura County	
Construction and initial equipment funds	481,000
Bishop Creek Trout Hatchery, Inyo County	
Preliminary plans, surveys and working drawings . . .	81,500
Mad River Anadromous Fish Hatchery, Humboldt County	
Preliminary plans, surveys, and working drawings . .	<u>138,000</u>
TOTAL	\$1,610,800

Allocation of these funds by the Board and the legislature would bring the total WCB Bond Act allocations to \$2,590,800.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, SECONDED BY SENATOR LAGOMARSINO, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE INCLUSION OF THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS IN THE BUDGET BILL FOR 1966-67 UNDER THE "STATE BEACH, PARK, RECREATIONAL, AND HISTORICAL FACILITIES BOND ACT PROGRAM", AND AUTHORIZE THE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECTS SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED UPON FINAL APPROVAL OF THE BUDGET BILL.

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Mad River Anadromous Fish Hatchery, Humboldt Co.
Preliminary plans, surveys & working drawings \$138,000

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE INCLUSION OF THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS IN THE BUDGET BILL FOR 1966-67 UNDER THE "STATE BEACH, PARK, RECREATIONAL, AND HISTORICAL FACILITIES BOND ACT PROGRAM", AND AUTHORIZE THE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECTS SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED UPON FINAL APPROVAL OF THE BUDGET BILL.

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Preliminary plans, surveys & working drawings 138,000

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. San Diego (Ocean Beach) Public Fishing Pier \$30,000.00

Mr. Nesbit reported that the San Diego Pier at Ocean Beach is about 60% complete. It is being built on a matching fund basis with the City of San Diego.

The original pier design called for a larger wing area at the terminal end of the pier and a somewhat longer main stem or approach. Some of this had to be deleted when the pier construction job was originally bid and no bids were received within the funds available. It was decided that the pier alignment be changed and the "wings" shortened. The next bids were within the allocation and the award went to Teyssier & Teyssier of San Diego.

Intense public interest in this project has developed in San Diego and especially in the Ocean Beach community. Several weeks ago WCB staff was contacted by both City officials and representatives from the Ocean Beach community and asked if the WCB would be interested in joining with the community and the City in providing funds to extend the pier wing southward to project it into some especially fine fishing area. After checking informally with several members they were told that we would present this proposal at our next meeting.

The local fund drive has been one of the greatest expressions of community spirit I have ever witnessed. Thousands of individuals, small businesses, community groups, school children, service organizations and others have contributed funds -- both large and small -- and to date have raised nearly \$30,000. The City of San Diego has agreed to match \$30,000. If the WCB matches another \$30,000 it will permit the construction of a \$90,000 addition or 200 lineal feet of pier (400 ft. of rail space) in fine fishing water. It will afford an opportunity for up to 100,000 man days of additional use.

The total WCB allocation to date for this project is \$455,000 with an equal amount from the City of San Diego. An additional \$90,000 would make the project an even 1 million dollars. When completed this fishing pier will be one of the finest in the United States and certainly the best fishing. It is located in an area where boat fishermen presently make fine catches of halibut, bonito, barracuda, kelp and sand bass, and at times catch such trophy species as yellowtail and white sea bass.

With the pier extended Mr. Nesbit forecast between 400,000 to $\frac{1}{2}$ million man days of use annually.

Mr. Nesbit recommended that \$30,000 be allocated to this project to be matched with an equal amount put up by the City of San Diego and a like amount by public subscription. He introduced Mr. Tom Ham of the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce in San Diego, which organization has been instrumental in the drive to secure additional rail space for the fishing pier.

Mr. Tom Ham disclosed his long interest and involvement in the San Diego fishing pier. He pointed out the vast user potential within a three mile radius of the pier which did not take into account the U. S. Navy and Army recruitment depots. He advised that as late as October there was in the community a negative attitude about the pier. This was probably due to lack of communication and it was evident there was need for better public relations.

One arm of the pier extension, Mr. Ham found, terminates on the edge of a natural reef. It was his thought that if the community could become involved in the project of raising funds to extend one arm of the "Y" the people would become interested in their pier and the plan to put that many more fishermen on the pier. Mr. Ham pointed out that \$600 was the amount raised in the city during the last fund raising campaign. However, with the coverage received from the news media -- television, radio, and newspapers, including the L. A. Times -- the community became very interested and excited in being contributors to this campaign. The people were told that the City of San Diego would match what funds were raised and that the State Wildlife Conservation Board might match funds. This, he said, was the purpose of his trip to Sacramento today.

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Mr. Ham displayed a listing of the thousands of contributors to this campaign which included names of retired people, school children, service organizations and clubs. The fund as of December 13 totaled in excess of \$26,000. He also related that the community entered a float in a recent parade which was entitled "A Gift to the World" which depicted the San Diego Pier. This won the sweepstakes award.

He concluded that in an area where 40 business failures were experienced in a year and a half period, this campaign has brought about a positive attitude to the community.

Mr. Nesbit read a telegram from Assemblyman E. Richard Barnes which stated, "...Strongly support your recommendation Item #5 today's agenda. I personally will contribute \$100 toward San Diego's public subscription of \$30,000."

In the discussion it was brought out by Mr. Nesbit that the bid for the pier construction included an option to extend the pier, should additional funds be available for such extension. Therefore, it is reasonably firm that approximately 200 feet of pier could be built for the \$90,000.

IT WAS MOVED BY SENATOR QUICK, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD ALLOCATE THE SUM OF \$30,000 FOR THE SAN DIEGO (OCEAN BEACH) PUBLIC FISHING PIER, AND THE STAFF IS AUTHORIZED TO PROCEED WITH THE EXTENSION OF THE PIER AS PLANNED.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD ALLOCATE THE SUM OF \$30,000 FOR THE SAN DIEGO (OCEAN BEACH) PUBLIC FISHING PIER, AND THE STAFF IS AUTHORIZED TO PROCEED WITH THE EXTENSION OF THE PIER AS PLANNED.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chairman Richards thanked Mr. Tom Ham and his daughter, Susan, for attending the meeting.

6. The Federal Land and Water Conservation Act

The Land and Water Conservation Act (PL 88-578) provides for federal matching funds for outdoor recreation projects. California has been qualified to participate in this program. The Wildlife Conservation Board is likewise qualified to participate under the present statutes.

Many of the groups who were active in the promotion of this federal legislation such as the National Wildlife Federation, the Izaak Walton League, the Sport Fishing Institute are also backers of the type of program carried out by the WCB.

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Mr. Nesbit advised there was real concern that the WCB might not be able to participate in this program. However, in a meeting which Mr. Shannon and Assemblywoman Davis also attended, the committee which reviews the proposed applications recommended the submission of WCB projects amounting to approximately \$450,000. At the time of agenda preparation, the staff believed the procedures and criteria set up were a real problem insofar as WCB projects were concerned. Mr. Nesbit believed that these problems are now being ironed out.

Assemblywoman Davis affirmed that she is optimistic about the future participation of the WCB in this program. She advised that the committee this morning had stipulated that the WCB can keep intact the \$450,000 and can follow the usual procedures under its program. She advised that the main objective of the Assembly Committee on Wildlife and Conservation was to see that the procedural steps were not changed in the WCB program, since it could slow up the program for a year or two.

Mr. Shannon commended Mrs. Davis and Mr. Nesbit for their efforts in seeing that the WCB can participate in this program. He informed the members that the committee, of which he is a member, makes recommendations to the Administrator on procedures. Mr. Shannon felt confident that the Administrator will give very serious consideration to the committee recommendations.

Mr. Nesbit advised that the 50% reimbursement from the Federal government will free \$450,000 for other very worthwhile WCB projects which have had to be held back because of insufficient funds.

Assemblywoman Davis commented that she felt it would be in order for the Wildlife Conservation Board to go on record as commending the action of the committee in the change of policy and the allocation of funds to the WCB.

In answer to Assemblyman Dannemeyer's request for clarification of the foregoing, Mr. Nesbit explained that the Land and Water Conservation Fund this year will provide \$4.8 million to the State. The plan is to give 50% to local government and 50% to the State. The WCB staff presented 14 projects under this program. The people who were to determine priorities of State projects practically eliminated all of our projects except possibly one. The reason was that they had used for their criteria the man days use rather than types of projects. The Act runs for 25 years and if this criteria were to be used, no WCB projects would be eligible except possibly the large fishing pier projects.

The responsibility to determine the eligible projects has been delegated to the Resources Agency Administrator. He has appointed a committee which provides him with recommendations as to how this money will be spent.

Assemblywoman Davis stated that all the projects of State agencies coming under budgetary process will receive the scrutiny of the Finance Committee so that these projects will have legislative review. The policy change which was adopted at the committee meeting this morning was that the WCB projects would not go through the budgetary process but will be reviewed

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and approved by the legislative advisory committee and the Wildlife Conservation Board as in other projects of the Board.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYWOMAN DAVIS, SECONDED BY SENATOR QUICK, AS A JOINT MOTION, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD HEREBY ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE ACTION OF THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Resolution Commending the Land and Water Conservation Fund Committee

WHEREAS, the Land and Water Conservation Fund Committee at its meeting on December 13, 1965, approved policy and procedural changes which will enable the Wildlife Conservation Board to participate in the Land and Water Conservation Fund program in the Wildlife Conservation Board's normal operating manner; and

WHEREAS, the Committee also reserved \$450,000 of the Land and Water Conservation Fund monies presently available to the State to be utilized as matching funds for appropriate Wildlife Conservation Board projects upon their submission to and approval by the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation; Now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Wildlife Conservation Board and its Legislative Interim Advisory Committee hereby commends the Land and Water Conservation Fund Committee for the above actions which enable and facilitate the Wildlife Conservation Board to participate in this program and ensure that a reasonable share of these federal grant funds will be made available for acquisition and development of appropriate projects for fish and wildlife conservation and associated outdoor recreation throughout the State of California.

7. American River Angling Access Proposal, Sacramento County

Mr. Nesbit announced that this proposal was being presented today to give the Board members a preview of the project and to secure instructions therefor. It is an access project and will entail purchase of approximately 1½ miles of river frontage on the south bank of the American River. The Natomas Company contacted the County of Sacramento and advised that they would be willing to sell this parcel at fair market value. The County plans to purchase half of the lands needed for a park development and has asked for WCB participation in securing the needed lands for a fishing access project. Present use by fishermen along this stretch of the river is by trespass, and Mr. Nesbit stated that we are fortunate in being able to secure river frontage for use by future generations.

Assemblyman Dannemeyer was advised that the take line being considered presently is approximately 300 feet from the river. Mr. Nesbit stated that an access road is on the bluff area and that it was felt the acquisition should include this. The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors is in favor of this acquisition and proposes to purchase half of the acreage for park development. About \$250,000 would be needed for acquisition and it is anticipated funds returned to us from the Federal government under the Land and Water Conservation Act program would be utilized.

It was the consensus of the Board that opportunities to purchase river frontage for use by future generations are few and that a delay could mean later attempts at purchasing parcels when the cost would be prohibitive.

IT WAS MOVED BY SENATOR QUICK, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, AS A JOINT MOTION THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD STAFF BE AUTHORIZED TO PROCEED WITH NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE PROPERTY NEEDED FOR THE AMERICAN RIVER ANGLING ACCESS PROJECT, SACRAMENTO COUNTY.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Chairman introduced Mr. William Pond, Director of Parks and Recreation for the County of Sacramento.

Mr. Pond advised that the County would acquire 8 miles of river frontage in addition to the State acquisition to make a total of approximately 10 miles of river which will be available for fisherman use. Mr. Earl Fraser of the County Planning Department was introduced by Mr. Pond.

Chairman Richards noted that this project is located in one of the finest fishing areas on the American River and thanked both Mr. Pond and Mr. Fraser for their attendance at this meeting.

8. Election of Chairman, 1966

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

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. Resolution Honoring Mr. T. H. Richards, Jr.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. SHANNON, SECONDED BY SENATOR QUICK, AS A JOINT MOTION, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD STAFF BE AND IS HEREBY REQUESTED TO PREPARE AN APPROPRIATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR THE FINE JOB DONE BY THE CHAIRMAN, THOMAS H. RICHARDS, JR.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Resolution Honoring Mr. T. H. Richards, Jr.

WHEREAS, Mr. T. H. Richards, Jr., will retire as Chairman of the Wildlife Conservation Board on January 14, 1966; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Richards through sound judgment and ability both as an administrator and sportsman has furthered the cause of wildlife conservation in California; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Richards by his efforts and leadership as Chairman, has made an outstanding contribution to the program of this Board; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Wildlife Conservation Board and Joint Interim Committee, and the Board staff convey to Mr. Richards our appreciation for his contributions; and

FURTHER, That this resolution be made a part of the official minutes of this Board and that a copy of this resolution be furnished Mr. Richards.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

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The amount allocated to projects from the Wildlife Restoration Fund as of the close of the meeting on December 13, 1965, aggregated \$19,580,981.32.*

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	5,588,243.22
	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	1,814,665.45
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	\$19,580,981.32

*Includes reimbursement under Federal Accelerated Public Works Program. 50% of APW project costs reimburseable to the State (reimbursement 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	95,806.00
Total Actual and Estimated Operating Costs	\$1,104,891.55

Recapitulation:

Allocations for Projects	\$19,580,981.32
Expenses of Operation	1,104,891.55
Total Expended or Obligated	\$20,685,872.87
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
Misc. Revenue 65/66 FY	24,048.98
Total Sum Available	\$21,220,689.17
Total Expended or Obligated	20,685,872.87
Available thru June 30, 1966	\$ 534,816.30