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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 April 21, 1967. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Thomas H. Richards, Jr., at 9:10 a.m.

1. Roll Call

<u>PRESENT:</u>	Thomas H. Richards, Jr.	Chairman
	W. T. Shannon	Member
	Senator Robert J. Lagomarsino	Joint Interim Committee
	Senator Fred W. Marler, Jr.	" " "
	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
<u>ABSENT:</u>	Gordon P. Smith	Member
	Senator Albert S. Rodda	Joint Interim Committee

OTHERS PRESENT:

J. R. Penny	Bureau of Land Management
Everett W. Caldwell	Supervisor, Modoc County
John A. Joines	Modoc Co. Road Commissioner
Jerry K. Grove	Modoc Co. Public Works Director
James G. Smith	Pres., Lodi Sportsmen's Club
Ed Hague	Associated Sportsmen of California
Al Rutsch	Department of Fish & Game
George Warner	" " " "
John Radovich	" " " "
Bill Dillinger	" " " "
Les Edgerton	Fish and Game Commission
Jim Leiby	Department of Fish and Game
Roland Rossman	" " " "
Lawrence Wilson	Lodi Sportsman's Club
George Powers	" " "
Harold Kayl	" " "
John Stirm	" " "
Arthur Ripkin	" " "
John Habeck	" " "
Ray D. Prueter	Mayor, City of Port Hueneme
Walter B. Moranda	City Mgr., City of Port Hueneme
Jim McCormick	Department of Fish & Game
Trev. Wright	" " " "

Ernie Clark	Department of Fish and Game
Stan Clark	" " "
Leonard Fisk	" " "
Alex Calhoun	" " "
Smith Falconer	San Bernardino County
Wallace Dry	Department of Fish and Game
Robert N. Lea	" " "
John W. Ewing	" " "
Jerry Harrell	" " "
Chuck Selden	" " "

2. Approval of Minutes

IT WAS MOVED BY SENATOR LAGOMARSINO, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, AS A JOINT MOTION, THAT THE MINUTES OF THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING OF DECEMBER 16, 1966, 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 December 16, 1966, aggregated \$20,786,804.81.*

a. Fish Hatchery and Stocking Projects	\$4,597,341.88
b. Fish Habitat Development and Improvement Projects	2,936,897.41
1. Reservoir Construction or Improvement	\$1,685,700.00
2. Stream Clearance and Improvement	229,082.69
3. Stream Flow Maintenance Dams	439,503.32
4. Marine Habitat	83,913.10
5. Fish Screens, Ladders and Weir Projects	498,698.30
c. Angling Access Projects	6,336,618.65
1. Coastal Access	727,819.43
2. River, Stream and Bay Access	1,866,964.42
3. Lake, Reservoir, and Salton Sea Access	1,832,567.65
4. Piers	1,909,267.15
d. Game Farm Projects	146,894.49
e. Game Habitat Development and Improvement Projects	6,023,543.58
1. Waterfowl Areas	5,515,665.48
2. Other Wildlife Management Areas	69,428.98
3. Miscellaneous Game Habitat Development	438,449.12
f. Hunting Access	473,711.72
g. Miscellaneous Projects	238,297.08
s. Special Project Allocations	33,500.00
Total Allocated to Projects	\$20,786,804.81

*Includes \$312,859.57 reimbursed under Federal Accelerated Public Works Program completed in 1965-66 F.Y.

Operating Costs:

FY 47/48 thru 63/64 Actual	\$914,239.62
FY 64/65 Estimated	91,100.00
FY 65/66 Estimated	95,881.00
FY 66/67 Estimated	100,217.00
Total Actual and Estimated Operating Costs	\$1,201,437.62

Recapitulation:

Allocations for Projects	\$20,786,804.81
Expenses of Operation	1,201,437.62
Total Expended or Obligated	<u>\$21,988,242.43</u>
Total Funds Appropriated	\$20,250,000.00
Approp. made available 7/1/66	750,000.00
Int. on Surplus Money Inv. thru 12/31/66	947,685.81
Miscellaneous Revenue thru 65/66 FY	158,159.77
Miscellaneous Revenue 66/67 FY	725.00
Reimbursement from Accelerated Pub. Wks. Program	312,859.57
Total Sum	<u>\$22,419,430.15</u>
Total Expended or Obligated	<u>21,988,242.43</u>
Available thru 6/30/67	\$431,188.72

4. Recovery of Funds

The Executive Officer, Raymond J. Nesbit, recommended the following project for cancellation and recovery of the \$17,300 project allocation.

Bucks Creek Egg Collecting Station, Plumas County

The Board on December 8, 1964, approved this project to build a permanent kokanee egg collecting facility on Bucks Creek, a tributary to Bucks Lake. The Department with temporary facilities had been taking kokanee eggs at this location since 1961, and in 1964 considered the site suitable for a permanent station.

However, the Department recently notified staff that severe storm and flood conditions in recent years have limited or prevented kokanee spawning operations on Bucks Creek. For this reason, a decision had been made not to proceed with construction of the egg collecting facility.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, SECONDED BY SENATOR LAGOMARSINO, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD CANCEL WITHOUT PREJUDICE THE BUCKS CREEK EGG COLLECTING STATION, PLUMAS COUNTY, AND RECOVER THE SUM OF \$17,300 WHICH IS TO BE RESTORED TO THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD CANCEL WITHOUT PREJUDICE THE BUCKS CREEK EGG COLLECTING STATION, PLUMAS COUNTY, AND RECOVER THE SUM OF \$17,300 WHICH IS TO BE RESTORED TO THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. Monte Rio Angling Access, Sonoma County \$1,000.00

Mr. Nesbit advised that this project was completed and dedicated last summer on August 27, 1966, as a cooperative project of the WCB and the Monte Rio Recreation and Park District. It provides the only fishing access and boat launching facility operated by a public agency on the Russian River.

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Project facilities have withstood the test of the first winter's flood flows in the river and heavy rains in good condition, except for damage from a previously undetected drainage problem.

Following heavy rains, there was an upwelling of water through the parking area pavement and a slip-out of the adjacent bank. This caused a collapse of the upper section of the concrete stairway leading down the bank from the parking area to the launching ramp.

Investigation disclosed a buried drain pipe discharging water under the paved parking area. There was no record or local knowledge of a drain in this location, nor any indication thereof during project construction.

The \$592.79 balance of funds remaining from the \$81,000 acquisition and development allocation was insufficient to correct this problem. Emergency work was carried out by the Monte Rio Recreation and Park District to prevent possible serious damage to the project through erosion from high river flows on the bank slip-out area.

Cost estimates to correct the problem total \$1,575, including \$1,325 to restore the bank and concrete stairway, and \$250 for drainage works to intercept and disperse water from the buried drain.

The staff has felt that correction of the drainage problem and restoration of the damage, including reimbursement to the District for its direct costs in restoration of State-owned facilities, is properly an obligation of the State in connection with initial construction, rather than a normal maintenance obligation of the District.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYWOMAN DAVIS, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD ALLOCATE \$1,000 FOR PROJECT RESTORATION WORK AT MONTE RIO ANGLING ACCESS PROJECT, SONOMA COUNTY; AUTHORIZE USE OF ANY REMAINING FUNDS IN THIS PROJECT ACCOUNT TO AUGMENT ALLOCATION TO REIMBURSE THE DISTRICT FOR COST OF THE RESTORATION WORK; AND AUTHORIZE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT TO PROCEED WITH RESTORATION WORK AS REQUIRED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD ALLOCATE \$1,000 FOR PROJECT RESTORATION WORK AT THE MONTE RIO ANGLING ACCESS PROJECT, SOMOMA COUNTY; AUTHORIZE USE OF ANY REMAINING FUNDS IN THIS PROJECT ACCOUNT TO AUGMENT ALLOCATION TO REIMBURSE THE DISTRICT FOR COST OF THE RESTORATION WORK; AND AUTHORIZE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT TO PROCEED WITH RESTORATION WORK AS REQUIRED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. Land and Water Conservation Fund

Mr. Nesbit related that the Land and Water Conservation Fund program for federal aid in outdoor recreation and Wildlife Conservation Board participation therein had been discussed at several Board meetings (9/8/65, 12/13/65, 4/15/66, 8/25/66, and 12/16/66). The Board authorized staff to submit projects in order to qualify WCB for an allocation of the available funds and to determine eligibility of projects by the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation under the program. Approximately 10% of the State's apportionment of these funds has been allocated to WCB projects in the first two years of the program, including \$462,370 from the 1965-66 apportionment and \$459,000 in 1966-67.

Procedures followed to date in State administration of the program have caused considerable delay in funds actually becoming available. The formal agreement providing the initial \$462,370 to the WCB was prepared last year by the Resources Agency Administrator's office and is just now being finally processed. Staff recently was notified that the Department of General Services has interpreted that an authorizing resolution from the WCB is necessary to execute the agreement.

This document provides that the \$426,370 be utilized for three projects as follows:

<u>American River Fishing Access, Sacramento County,</u> for acquisition of 1 mile of river front land (68 acres) and initial access development.	\$185,000
<u>Sacramento River (Anderson) Fishing Access, Shasta County,</u> for acquisition of 1½ miles of river front (130 acres) and initial access development.	\$135,000
<u>Spenceville Wildlife Management Area, Yuba County,</u> for development of basic access facilities on this 11,162 acre area previously acquired by the WCB and Department of Fish and Game.	\$142,370

The Board has already authorized and funded the American River and Anderson projects, so that funds received therefor would constitute reimbursement. The Spenceville project is being planned for presentation to the Board.

Mr. Nesbit asked that an appropriate resolution be adopted by the Board authorizing the Executive Officer to execute this agreement with the Resources Agency for receipt of the \$462,370 in Land and Water Conservation Fund monies.

The Board was advised that staff is currently working with the Resources Agency Administrator's office and an interagency committee to streamline and improve State procedures for administration of this program. In addition to reducing unnecessary overhead and time involved in processing WCB and many other projects under present procedures, it is hoped that an allocation system will be established which will ensure WCB receiving a definite share of the available funds annually to permit better planning and programming of eligible projects.

Assemblywoman Davis advised that she has introduced a bill to clarify provisions relative to reimbursements from the federal government under this program and to provide for transfer of certain funds to the Wildlife Conservation Board.

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IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYWOMAN DAVIS, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE RESOURCES AGENCY FOR SECURING FOR THE AMERICAN RIVER, SACRAMENTO RIVER (ANDERSON), AND SPENCEVILLE WCB PROJECTS, CERTAIN FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THROUGH THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM, AND FURTHER RECOMMENDED THAT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER BE AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE SUCH AN AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD, AND TO DO AND PERFORM EVERYTHING NECESSARY TO OBTAIN THESE FUNDS.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE RESOURCES AGENCY FOR SECURING FOR THE AMERICAN RIVER, SACRAMENTO RIVER (ANDERSON), AND SPENCEVILLE WCB PROJECTS, CERTAIN FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THROUGH THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM, AND THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE SUCH AN AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD, AND TO DO AND PERFORM EVERYTHING NECESSARY TO OBTAIN THESE FUNDS.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. West Valley Reservoir Fishing Access, Modoc County \$35,700.00

This project, Mr. Nesbit advised, was proposed by the County of Modoc, with support by the Shasta-Cascade Wonderland Association and other local organizations.

West Valley Reservoir is a 970 surface acre lake approximately seven miles east of Likely. It is reached by a good, secondary county road, but lacks other access and public use facilities. The County of Modoc has recently acquired title to 120 acres of land at the reservoir, and has assured continued public use of the lake.

The Department of Fish and Game, in its fishery evaluation, supports the project. The Department currently is managing the reservoir for a rainbow trout fishery. The reservoir was treated in the fall of 1966 to remove a heavy population of rough fish. Following treatment, 200,000 fingerling rainbow trout were planted. These are expected to be of catchable size in late summer of 1967. In addition, a plant of sub-catchable rainbows will be planted soon to provide an interim fishery. Reservoirs in this area are rich in feed and provide excellent fish growth. The lake is open to year-around angling.

Hunting for ducks and honker geese is also popular at the lake. In addition to its primary use for hunting and fishing purposes, it is anticipated the project will receive considerable general recreational use, primarily in summer.

The County of modoc, by resolution, has agreed to operate and maintain the area and facilities free of charge to the public. In addition, the County plans to add picnic and camping facilities. Use after development is expected to increase from 20,000 to 60,000 man days annually.

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Development planned will include a launching ramp, parking area, access road, well and hand pump, sanitary facilities, and signs. Plans and specifications have been prepared by Department engineers and reviewed by WCB staff.

Cost estimates are as follows:

Road and parking area	
Grading	\$8,000
Base rock	5,700
Surfacing	4,700
Single lane concrete ramp	11,100
Water supply and sanitary facilities	1,600
subtotal	\$31,100
Contingencies and signs	3,900
Land and Water Conservation Fund	700
Program overhead assessment	
TOTAL	\$35,700

This project has been submitted by staff as a proposed WCB project under the Land and Water Conservation Fund Program and has been preliminarily qualified by the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation.

Mr. Nesbit recommended the project be approved, that \$35,700 be allocated for development and related costs, and that staff and the Department be authorized to proceed substantially as planned, including application for 50% reimbursement under the Land and Water Conservation Fund Program.

In view of the size of the lake, Mr. Richards asked if there would be any way to limit the size of motors allowed on the lake, thereby restricting use by speedboaters who may interfere with fishermen. Supervisor E. W. Caldwell advised that presently Modoc County does not have such an ordinance restricting size of motors, but stated that if a any time such a need is indicated, the County would designate the areas of use to protect fishermen.

Mr. J. Russell Penny, State Director, Bureau of Land Management, took this opportunity to present to the County of Modoc the patent for the West Valley Reservoir area granted under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act. He was pleased that the County has adopted this area for development as a Wildlife Conservation Board project, for it assures the Bureau of Land Management that the land is being used for the purposes for which the patent was granted.

Supervisor Caldwell accepted the land patent on behalf of the County and thanked everyone concerned.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYWOMAN DAVIS, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE WEST VALLEY RESERVOIR FISHING ACCESS, MODOC COUNTY; ALLOCATE \$35,700 FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT; AND AUTHORIZE THE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED. STAFF IS INSTRUCTED TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR REIMBURSEMENT BY FEDERAL MATCHING FUNDS UNDER THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE WEST VALLEY RESERVOIR FISHING ACCESS, MODOC COUNTY; ALLOCATE \$35,700 FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT; AND AUTHORIZE THE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED. STAFF IS INSTRUCTED TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR REIMBURSEMENT BY FEDERAL MATCHING FUNDS UNDER THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Nesbit related that Congressman "Bizz" Johnson's office in Washington, D. C. called to express the Congressman's appreciation for the cooperation shown on this project by the Wildlife Conservation Board, Modoc County, and the Bureau of Land Management. During the meeting a telegram was received from Congressman "Bizz" Johnson which also commended the three agencies involved in cooperatively developing this recreational area in Modoc County.

Senator Fred Marler who had just come to the meeting, was introduced by the Chairman.

8. Port Hueneme Fishing Pier, Ventura County

170,000
\$151,000

The City of Port Hueneme and the County of Ventura have proposed a fishing pier in the City of Port Hueneme. The proposal would comply with the matching fund policy of the Wildlife Conservation Board with local government providing one-half the construction cost. Staff has met with city and county officials and with Senator Robert Lagomarsino several times to study and develop this proposal.

The pier would extend in the ocean just off Willard Way in the downtown section of Port Hueneme. Port Hueneme has long had a history of fishing piers dating back nearly 100 years. These coastal waters have proven to be quite productive of fish. Previous pier structures provided fine fishing, and it is expected the proposed pier will be the best ever and will be a more permanent structure than previous piers.

The pier would serve a large regional population as well as be easily available to the many Los Angeles area people who use this area. Because of the ideal climate many retired persons live in the vicinity, and it is expected the pier would receive considerable use from this group. Two military establishments nearby assure heavy use by their personnel. We forecast a visitor day usage of 400,000 persons annually.

The pier would be open and free to the public with the City of Port Hueneme providing the operation and maintenance. Parking areas are to be provided by the city at their cost. Concessions compatible to public fishing piers are expected to be permitted by the city.

To meet the WCB requirement of 50% matching funds from local government, the city and county have joined forces to raise their part of the money. The city has called a bond election for May 9, 1967. The approval of the project by the WCB would be a showing of intent on the part of the State and should have a favorable impact on assisting the city to raise their share.

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The Department of Fish and Game has reported a good fishery in the area and expect the most common species to be caught to be halibut and barred surf perch, but also with other perch species, bonito, croakers, and white sea bass entering the catch.

Preliminary plans and cost estimates have been prepared by the Fish and Game Engineering Section and have been reviewed by the city. These plans call for revising an existing pier structure to serve as an approach for the new pier and adding an extension approximately 1,000 feet in length and 16 feet in width of timber construction. It would provide 1,800 feet of rail space for fishing. Finalized plans may vary somewhat, but would be substantially that type of structure. The City will engage an engineering firm experienced in pier design to provide the plans and specifications and to supervise the construction.

The cost estimates are as follows:

Engineering design, plans, specs & supervision	\$24,000
Repair of existing pier to be used as approach	40,000
Basic pier structure, timber 1000'x 16' with expanded terminal end	192,000
Lighting standards and wiring	7,200
Sanitary facility, inc. sewer and water connection	12,000
Fish cleaning tables and benches	2,500
Water supply system for cleaning and fire protection	16,000
Contingencies and signs	6,300
Total	<u>300,000</u>
One-half =	150,000
Project costs without matched funds, for title reports, leasehold insurance, and other misc. State costs	<u>119,000</u>
	<u>1,000</u>
	<u>170,000</u>
Total WCB cost	<u>\$151,000</u>

Mr. Nesbit recommended approval of the project, allocation of ~~\$151,000~~^{170,000} for State costs of development, and authorization for the staff and Department to proceed substantially as planned, contingent upon the City of Port Hueneme and County of Ventura providing matching funds in accordance with the WCB pier policy.

Senator Lagomarsino stated that the Board has indicated a general interest in this proposal, and he felt it was a very good project which would warrant consideration of an allocation of \$151,000 at this time.

The adequacy of funds for the design and construction of this pier was questioned by Mr. Shannon who indicated that possibly we could assure the local agencies that the Board will give consideration to the project even though the bids are somewhat higher than the estimate. He thought it might be well to authorize the staff to proceed with the project in that event and secure the necessary additional funding.

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Mayor Ray Prueter of Port Hueneme advised that the bond issue is for \$85,000 and the County of Ventura is supplying an equal amount. He felt confident that the bond issue vote would be overwhelmingly in favor of it.

There was consensus that the Board should allocate sufficient funds to match the amount raised by local government. Senator Lagomarsino offered the following amended motion in order to provide funds to match the amount put up by local government.

IT WAS MOVED BY SENATOR LAGOMARSINO, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE PORT HUENEME FISHING PIER, VENTURA COUNTY; ALLOCATE THE SUM OF \$170,000 TO PROVIDE FOR ONE-HALF THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION COST 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. THIS ALLOCATION IS CONTINGENT UPON THE CITY OF PORT HUENEME AND THE COUNTY OF VENTURA TOGETHER PROVIDING MATCHING FUNDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WCB PIER POLICY.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE PORT HUENEME FISHING PIER, VENTURA COUNTY; ALLOCATE THE SUM OF \$170,000 TO PROVIDE FOR ONE-HALF THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION COST 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. THIS ALLOCATION IS CONTINGENT UPON THE CITY OF PORT HUENEME AND THE COUNTY OF VENTURA TOGETHER PROVIDING MATCHING FUNDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WCB PIER POLICY.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. Woodbridge Fish Screen Construction, San Joaquin County \$189,000

Mr. Nesbit related that at the April 15, 1966, meeting, the Board allocated \$12,000 to prepare plans for screening the diversion of the Woodbridge Irrigation District on the Mokelumne River. Construction of the screen is now proposed by the Department of Fish and Game with support of sportsmen's organizations.

The proposed screen is for a gravity type irrigation diversion on the Mokelumne River near Lodi. Diversion of large quantities of water into this unscreened canal during spring and early summer in some years has caused losses of up to 90% of the juvenile salmon and steelhead migrating downstream. The continued loss of these fish over a period of years has contributed to the decline of salmon runs. The Department of Fish and Game reports that the run dwindled to a low of about 100 adult salmon in 1961, and consisted of only 1200 adult salmon in 1965 and 635 in 1966.

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A steelhead hatchery and an artificial salmon spawning channel have been built as part of the Camanche Dam project, which also has produced stabilized flows in the river. These developments provide a potential for restoring former excellent salmon runs and developing a steelhead fishery in the Mokelumne River. However, the success of this fisheries program is dependent upon eliminating the high losses of downstream migrants at Woodbridge diversion.

Plans for a horizontal drum type screen have been prepared by the Office of Architecture and Construction with the assistance of the Department of Fish and Game. The Department with the aid of the Attorney General's office has followed the statutory provisions in Sections 5980-5993 of the Fish and Game Code in notifying the District of intent to install the screen, and in reaching preliminary agreement with the District on screen plans and on operation and maintenance.

The District has confirmed that it plans to continue operation of facilities capable of diverting as much as 350 c.f.s. Diversion of 250 c.f.s. or more makes the District legally responsible for half of the screen construction, operation and maintenance costs.

The Board of Directors of the Woodbridge Irrigation District has met on this subject on several occasions and has authorized its attorney and engineer to negotiate an agreement with the Department. This agreement for easements, construction, operation and maintenance of the screen was signed by the Woodbridge Irrigation District on April 17, 1967.

The \$12,000 WCB project for planning this screen has been approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as eligible for federal matching funds under the Anadromous Fish Act (P.L. 89-304). It is proposed that the screen construction also be submitted for 50% federal reimbursement under this program. Approval would mean that the major costs of construction would be finally shared 25% by WCB, 25% by Woodbridge Irrigation District, and 50% by the federal government, with the WCB being reimbursed by the other agencies after construction is complete.

Construction plans call for a pipe bypass which will return screened fish to the river below the dam for the District's diversion system. In very dry years, river flows below this point may be insufficient to ensure safe migration of the young salmonids downstream into the Delta waters. Trapping facilities are planned at the discharge of the pipe bypass to enable the young fish to be collected and hauled by tank truck when necessary. Releases will be made at a point downstream where flows are adequate for continued migration. These trapping facilities would not be part of the District's cost-sharing obligation under the statutes, and are planned to be constructed separately by the Department of Fish and Game.

Plans and cost estimates are summarized as follows:

Site Investigations	\$3,500
Site Development	7,300
Construction	146,100
General	57,000
Mechanical	87,300
Electrical	1,800

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Utilities	1,500
Services	
Office of Architecture & Construction	18,600
Contingency, title reports, signs . . .	17,700
	Subtotal \$194,700
Trapping Facilities	6,300
	TOTAL \$201,000
Less funds allocated by WCB on 4/15/66	<u>-12,000</u>
Balance of funds required	\$189,000

Mr. Nesbit recommended that this project be approved, that \$189,000 be allocated for development, and that the Department and staff be authorized to proceed with the project substantially as planned and in accordance with appropriate provisions of the Fish and Game Code, including application for federal matching funds under the Anadromous Fish Program and obtaining reimbursement as legally appropriate from the Woodbridge Irrigation District.

Mr. Ed Hague, representing the Associated Sportsmen of California, the California Wildlife Federation, and the Lodi Sportsmen, supported the request of the Department of Fish and Game in seeking Board allocation for construction of this fish screen with the stipulation that the irrigation district repay one-half the cost thereof. It was his further request that federal funds to help defray cost of the screen construction be solicited.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYWOMAN DAVIS, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE WOODBRIDGE FISH SCREEN CONSTRUCTION IN SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY; ALLOCATE AN ADDITIONAL \$189,000 FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT; AND AUTHORIZE THE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED. IT IS FURTHER RECOMMENDED THAT STAFF BE INSTRUCTED TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL MATCHING FUNDS UNDER THE ANADROMOUS FISH PROGRAM AND OBTAINING REIMBURSEMENT AS LEGALLY APPROPRIATE FROM THE WOODBRIDGE IRRIGATION DISTRICT.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE WOODBRIDGE FISH SCREEN CONSTRUCTION IN SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY; ALLOCATE AN ADDITIONAL \$189,000 FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT; AND AUTHORIZE THE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED. STAFF IS INSTRUCTED TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL MATCHING FUNDS UNDER THE ANADROMOUS FISH PROGRAM AND OBTAINING REIMBURSEMENT AS LEGALLY APPROPRIATE FROM THE WOODBRIDGE IRRIGATION DISTRICT.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. Mojave River Wildlife and Recreation Area - A preview

Mr. Nesbit presented this agenda item as a preview of the proposal and to secure Board instruction on how to proceed with regard to this proposed project.

County officials of San Bernardino County have asked the WCB to work with them toward acquiring and developing a large wildlife, fishing, and recreational area near Victorville.

The proposed property is the 763 acre Kemper-Campbell ranch along the Mojave River just south of Victorville.

In February, Mr. Ben Glading, Chief of Wildlife Management, and Dr. Alex Calhoun, Chief of Inland Fisheries, and Mr. Nesbit went over this property. We were guided by Mr. Smith Falconer, Jr., Director of Parks for San Bernardino County.

After this inspection it was deemed worthy of further investigation and on April 10, Assemblyman Belotti and Senator Marler, representing the Board, made an inspection of the property and discussed the development plans with county officials.

The participants in this inspection trip were all impressed with the fish, wildlife, and recreational potential of this property. It is one of the most unusual areas in Southern California, due largely to the abundance of water on the property. The Mojave River is unique in this area since it has a large year around flow. Both surface and ground waters are abundant. The property has a 50 acre lake and 12 smaller ones, which support fish as well as abundant wildlife species.

In addition to the surface water rights, the ranch has both pump wells and artesian. The pump wells are of large production and are ideal temperature for fish hatchery production, i.e., between 58° to 60° F.

Department of Fish and Game representatives have expressed the opinion that controlled waterfowl hunting could be supported on the property. They also pointed out that year around use of the property would be enjoyed by bird watchers because of the large populations of non-game species. Dr. Calhoun was impressed with the fishery possibilities as well as the potential as a fish hatchery site.

County officials are enthusiastic about the property but point out the County is not financially able to both acquire and develop. They would agree to develop the property if acquired - except, of course, the fish hatchery.

The owners have agreed to sell the land if it is preserved for public enjoyment. Their price is below what they could sell it for to developers.

This property could be developed into one of the outstanding WCB projects in California. It would be located in populous Southern California and would receive heavy year around use. If a fish hatchery is developed in the future, the water could be diverted from the hatchery through many ponds and lakes. The area is of sufficient size to provide multiple use.

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The problem is one of financing. The land has been offered for \$1,000 per acre or \$763,000 for the property. It is staff's opinion that this property would qualify under the Land and Water Conservation program and therefore could be obtained by using only 50% WCB funds. The owners have expressed willingness to extend the sale over a two or more year period to ease the financing problem. It appears this would be necessary for WCB consideration.

Prior to leaving the meeting, Assemblyman Belotti favorably commented on his impressions of the area and stated he felt the staff should definitely be authorized to investigate the project.

Mr. Smith Falconer, Director of Regional Parks, related that the county feels this 760 acre area is one of the few opportunities available to them to develop a recreation and wildlife area in the county. Because of the costs involved in property acquisition (in the order of \$763,000) he felt only by cooperation between the county and the state would this project be possible. Slides depicting the type of terrain and wildlife of the area were shown and commented on by Mr. Falconer. His presentation ended with the request that authorization be given to the staff to investigate this proposal, which he was confident would prove to be a feasible project.

Mr. Shannon was concerned that the county might raise questions as to the suitability of including a fish hatchery site in this area, but Mr. Falconer thought that such a facility would integrate very well with the use of the area. Such an assurance from the county would be forthcoming, he advised Mr. Shannon.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. SHANNON, SECONDED BY SENATOR MARLER, AS A JOINT MOTION, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD INSTRUCT STAFF TO PROCEED WITH A FEASIBILITY STUDY OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT, AND TO REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD AT A FUTURE MEETING.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. Other Business

Mr. Nesbit reported that this is the last meeting for the Assistant Executive Officer, Mr. Chester M. Hart, who has been promoted to Regional Manager for the Department of Fish and Game with headquarters in Fresno. Mr. Richards commended Mr. Hart for his fine work with the Board and wished him well in his new job. Mr. Hart thanked the members of the Wildlife Conservation Board and wished the Board continued success.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Executive Officer

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Status of Funds

The amount allocated to projects from the Wildlife Restoration Fund as of the close of the meeting on April 21, 1967, aggregated \$21,165,204.81*

a.	Fish Hatchery and Stocking Projects	\$4,580,041.88
b.	Fish Habitat Development and Improvement Projects	3,125,897.41
	1. Reservoir Construction or Improvement . . \$1,685,700.00	
	2. Stream Clearance and Improvement	229,082.69
	3. Stream Flow Maintenance Dams	439,503.32
	4. Marine Habitat	83,913.10
	5. Fish Screens, Ladders and Weir Projects	687,698.30
c.	Angling Access Projects	6,543,318.65
	1. Coastal Access	727,819.43
	2. River, Stream and Bay Access	1,867,964.42
	3. Lake, Reservoir, and Salton Sea Access	1,868,267.65
	4. Piers	2,079,267.15
d.	Game Farm Projects	146,894.49
e.	Game Habitat Development and Improvement Projects	6,023,543.58
	1. Waterfowl Areas	5,515,665.48
	2. Other Wildlife Management Areas	69,428.98
	3. Miscellaneous Game Habitat Development	438,449.12
f.	Hunting Access	473,711.72
g.	Miscellaneous Projects	238,297.08
s.	Special Project Allocations	<u>33,500.00</u>
	Total Allocated to Projects	\$21,165,204.81

*Includes \$312,859.57 reimbursed under Federal Accelerated Public Works Program completed in 1965-66 F.Y.

Operating Costs:

FY 47/48 thru 63/64 Actual	\$914,239.62
FY 64/65 Estimated	91,100.00
FY 65/66 Estimated	95,881.00
FY 66/67 Estimated	100,217.00
Total Actual and Estimated Operating Costs	<u>\$1,201,437.62</u>

Recapitulation:

Allocations for Projects	\$21,165,204.81
Expenses of Operation	<u>1,201,437.62</u>
Total Expended or Obligated	\$22,366,642.43
Total Funds Appropriated	\$20,250,000.00
Approp. made available 7/1/66	750,000.00
Int. on Surplus Money Inv. thru 12/31/66	947,685.81
Miscellaneous Revenue thru 65/66 FY	158,159.77
Miscellaneous Revenue 66/67 FY	725.00
Reimbursement from Accelerated Pub. Wks. Program 312,859.57	
Total Sum	<u>\$22,419,430.15</u>
Total Expended or Obligated	<u>22,366,642.43</u>
Available thru 6/30/67	\$52,787.72