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Pursuant to the call of the Acting Chairman, the Wildlife Conservation Board met in the main floor auditorium of the Resources Building, 1416 Ninth Street, in Sacramento, California, on February 17, 1970. The meeting was called to order by Mr. C. Rans Pearman at 1:35 p.m.

1. Election of Chairman

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT MR. C. RANS PEARMAN
BE ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. Roll Call

PRESENT: C. Rans Pearman
G. Ray Arnett

Chairman
Member

Senator Robert J. Lagomarsino
Senator Fred W. Marler, Jr.
Assemblyman Frank P. Belotti

Joint Interim Committee
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Raymond J. Nesbit
Alvin G. Rutsch
John Wentzel
Alma Koyasako
Bella Applebaum

Executive Officer
Assistant Executive Officer
Field Agent
Secretary
Accounting Technician

ABSENT: James S. Dwight
Senator Lewis F. Sherman
Assemblywoman Pauline Davis
Assemblyman Earle P. Crandall

Member
Joint Interim Committee
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OTHERS PRESENT:

George Fracchia
Joseph Cuccia
Walter F. Anton
H. E. Tucker

Dept. of Finance, Audits Division
" " " "
Tudor Engineering Company
Humboldt Co. Parks & Recreation
Commission
County of Humboldt
Chairman, Humboldt Co. Board of
Supervisors

Dave Zebo
Donald Peterson

Department of Parks & Recreation

John Hightower

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C. W. Masonheimer	City Manager, Pacifica
Robert Toole	Director of Parks, Beaches and Recreation, Pacifica
James Swayne	Assistant City Manager, Pacifica
Kenneth L. Addleman	Junior Chamber of Commerce, Pacifica
Siebert S. Mayfield	United San Mateo Co. Sportsmen's Association
Elmo J. DeDeaux	Pres., United San Mateo Co. Sportsmen's Association
Ray Ashwill	Senator Dolwig's Office
Nick Gust	Mayor, Pacifica
John R. Sherman	City Attorney, Pacifica
Grace McCarthy	Councilwoman, Pacifica
Dave Thompson	City Engineer, Pacifica
Dave Zeiner	Dept. of Fish and Game
Trev Wright	" " "
Bob Macklin	" " "
John Reginato	Shasta Cascade Wonderland Assn.
Paul Morrisson	Stanislaus County
Bob Cowden	City Manager, Redding
Joe Ely	Mendocino National Forest
Jerry Harrell	Dept. of Fish and Game
Donna Anderson	Wildlife Conservation Board
Doug Martin	Dept. of Fish and Game
Bob Calkins	" " "

3. Approval of Minutes

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. ARNETT, SECONDED BY SENATOR LAGOMARSINO, AS A JOINT MOTION, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 9, 1969, MEETING.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Status of Funds

As of the close of the meeting on October 9, 1969, the amount allocated to projects from the Wildlife Restoration Fund, since the Board's inception in 1947, totaled \$23,644,202.14.*

a. Fish Hatchery and Stocking Projects	\$4,726,356.12
b. Fish Habitat Development and Improvement Projects	3,463,726.73
1. Reservoir Construction or Improvement	\$1,762,082.93
2. Stream Clearance and Improvement	227,996.94
3. Stream Flow Maintenance Dams	439,503.32
4. Marine Habitat	83,753.36
5. Fish Screens, Ladders and Weir Projects	950,390.18

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c. Fishing Access Projects	\$8,110,717.33
1. Coastal Access	885,194.04
2. River, Stream and Bay Access	2,163,528.05
3. Lake, Reservoir & Salton Sea Access	2,155,780.22
4. Piers	2,906,215.02
d. Game Farm Projects	146,894.49
e. Game Habitat Development and Improvement Projects	6,439,413.58
1. Wildlife Areas	6,000,964.46
2. Miscellaneous Game Habitat Development	438,449.12
f. Hunting Access	473,096.81
g. Miscellaneous Projects	250,497.08
s. Special Project Allocations	33,500.00
Total Allocated to Projects	\$23,644,202.14

*Includes \$312,859.57 reimbursed under Federal Accelerated Public Works Program completed in 1965-66 F.Y.; \$331,971.44 reimbursed under Land and Water Conservation Fund Program; and \$129,180.37 reimbursed under Anadromous Fish Act Program.

Operating Costs:

FY 47/48 thru 65/66 Actual	\$1,084,839.35
FY 66/67 Estimated	100,217.00
FY 67/68 Estimated	101,294.00
FY 68/69 Estimated	104,027.00
FY 69/70 Estimated	120,959.00
Total Actual and Estimated Operating Costs	\$1,511,336.35

SUMMARY

Allocations for Projects	\$23,644,202.14
Expenses of Operation	1,511,336.35
Total Expended or Obligated	\$25,155,538.49
Total Funds Appropriated	\$22,500,000.00
Approp. made available 7/1/69	750,000.00
Int. on Surplus Money Inv. thru 6/30/69	1,197,983.21
Int. on Surplus Money Inv. 69/70 FY	5,360.09
Miscellaneous Revenue thru 68/69 FY	202,299.17
Miscellaneous Revenue, 69/70 FY	33,392.72
Reimbursement from Accelerated Pub. Wks. Prog.	312,859.57
Reimbursement from Land & Water Cons. Fund	331,971.44
Reimbursement from Anadromous Fish Act Program	129,180.37
Total Accountability	\$25,463,046.57
Total Expended or Obligated	25,155,538.49
Available thru 6/30/70	\$307,508.08

5. Recovery of Funds

The Executive Officer, Mr. Ray Nesbit, explained that the following projects have now been completed and there is a balance of funds totaling \$16,069.23 that can be recovered and returned to the Wildlife Restoration Fund and the project accounts can be closed.

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Port San Luis Fishing Access

Allocation	\$47,125.00
Expenditures	- 42,731.14
Balance for Recovery	<u>4,393.86</u>

Big Sage Reservoir

Allocation	\$16,100.00
Expenditures	- 14,545.89
Balance for Recovery	<u>1,554.11</u>

San Simeon Fishing Pier

Allocation	\$70,000.00
Expenditures	- 64,851.09
Balance for Recovery	<u>5,148.91</u>

American River Fishing Access

(This is one of three projects that qualified for 100% reimbursement under the initial allotment of Land and Water Conservation Funds made available to the Board.)

Allocation	\$185,000.00
Land & Water Reimbursement previously recovered	- 180,027.65
Land & Water Reimbursement recovery	<u>4,972.35</u>

(Amount to be recovered from completed project accounts - \$16,069.23.)

A partial reimbursement from the Federal Anadromous Fish Act in the amount of \$31,051.65 has been received for the following project. This amount can be recovered and restored to the Wildlife Restoration Fund but the project account should remain open.

Mad River Test Hatchery

Allocation	\$82,500.00
Expenditures	- 45,918.05
Unexpended Balance	- 5,530.30
Anadromous Fish Reimbursement recovery	<u>\$31,051.65</u>

The Executive Officer recommended that the total amount of \$47,120.88 be recovered and returned to the Wildlife Restoration Fund and the accounts of the completed projects as noted above be closed.

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IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, SECONDED BY SENATOR LAGOMARSINO, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD CLOSE THE ACCOUNTS OF THE PROJECTS AND RECOVER THE REIMBURSEMENTS AND UNEXPENDED BALANCES AS REQUESTED. ALSO, THAT THE \$31,051.65 REIMBURSEMENT RECEIVED THUS FAR FOR THE MAD RIVER TEST HATCHERY BE RECOVERED AT THIS TIME. ALL OF THE SUMS TOTALING \$47,120.88 ARE TO BE RESTORED TO THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

Port San Luis Fishing Access	\$4,393.86
Big Sage Reservoir	1,554.11
San Simeon Fishing Pier	5,148.91
American River Fishing Access	4,972.35

ALSO, THAT THE \$31,051.65 REIMBURSEMENT RECEIVED THUS FAR FOR THE MAD RIVER TEST HATCHERY BE RECOVERED AT THIS TIME. ALL OF THE SUMS TOTALING \$47,120.88 ARE TO BE RESTORED TO THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. Hammerhorn Lake, Mendocino County - Change of maintenance obligation

This project was approved by the Board in 1962 and completed in 1964. A lake of 10 surface acres was developed by providing a diversion structure on Hammerhorn Creek and a ditch and pipeline to the natural depression which became Hammerhorn Lake.

Hammerhorn Lake is located in the Mendocino National Forest near the very northern tip of Mendocino County at 3,600 feet elevation and near the Yolla Bolly Wilderness Area. It is in an area with very few natural lakes and is therefore highly used. The trout fishery established by the Department of Fish and Game has been outstanding. Total expenditures of the Board were \$20,088.89.

The County of Mendocino has a cooperative agreement with the Wildlife Conservation Board to maintain the project. Each year Hammerhorn Creek has high water conditions which necessitate careful maintenance of the diversion structure and pipeline. Because this is a high mountain lake, many miles from county equipment, the county has been unable to satisfactorily do the maintenance necessary at the right time.

The Mendocino National Forest with a ranger station nearby and with equipment, personnel, and good access has agreed to provide maintenance with its own forces and to replace the structure which was severely damaged in last year's flood.

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An agreement to transfer the repair and maintenance obligation from Mendocino County to the U.S. Forest Service has been prepared and agreed to in principle by both the U.S.F.S. and the County. Staff believes this arrangement would better protect the public interest. The County has expressed a willingness to dedicate some of their fish and game county fine money to the Forest Service for the initial repair work.

The Executive Officer recommended that the necessary documents to cancel the County operation and maintenance agreement and to turn the project over to the U.S.F.S. be authorized. Since the lake is already owned by the Forest Service, the use permit would be cancelled concurrent with the acceptance by the U.S.F.S. of the repair and maintenance obligation.

Mr. Arnett asked if the fishery in the lake had been adversely affected because of the damage to the diversion structure, and Mr. Nesbit replied that it had been affected only to the extent that the lake size was decreased.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. ARNETT, SECONDED BY SENATOR LAGOMARSINO, AS A JOINT MOTION, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE CANCELLATION BY THE STATE OF ITS AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF MENDOCINO FOR OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF HAMMERHORN LAKE, CONTINGENT UPON EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE WHICH WOULD CARRY OUT THE OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSES OF THE PROJECT.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Chairman, after a phone call from Assemblywoman Davis, announced that Mrs. Davis had some important legislation being heard today and would be late for this meeting. She wanted the Chairman to advise everyone present that she voiced approval of all agenda items, but especially agenda items 6, Mouth of Mad River Fishing Access; 7, Turtle Bay East Fishing Access, Redding; and 9, Honey Lake Wildlife Area.

7. Honey Lake Wildlife Area - Additional Land, Lassen County \$120,000.00

Because Mr. Arnett had another commitment at 2:00 p.m., he requested, and the Chairman ordered, that the Board consider the Honey Lake Wildlife Area land acquisition proposal at this time.

Mr. Nesbit reported that the Department of Fish and Game has proposed the acquisition of 491 acres of land contiguous to the western boundary of the Honey Lake Wildlife Area, about 20 miles east of Susanville.

The Honey Lake Wildlife Area was first established in 1942 with the acquisition of the 2,100 acre Fleming Ranch. The area was acquired to preserve habitat for nesting waterfowl, primarily for California's only resident goose, the Great Basin Canada goose. Other objectives included producing feed to control waterfowl crop depredations and to provide hunting for the public. In 1950 the acquisition of the Dakin Ranch and public land

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withdrawals increased the area to its present 5,678 acres. During the '40's about 500 hunters used the area each season, but this has now increased to 3,500 hunters annually. As wetlands in California continue to disappear under the economic pressures of industry, urbanization, and agriculture, the habitat being maintained on the Honey Lake area becomes increasingly more important to the wildlife resource.

Acquisition of the property would permit more efficient operation of the area without an increase in personnel. Moving the present farming operations onto the more productive soils of subject property and returning the less productive state land to native pasture and marsh would accomplish this.

The property has an adjudicated water right for the irrigation of 412 acres. It also receives additional water (irrigation tail water and other drainage water from adjacent ranches) without cost.

Additional opportunities for hunting and waterfowl observation would be provided by this acquisition. Of more importance, however, is the preservation of nesting habitat the area would provide for waterfowl and other water-associated birds. Further, the greater crop production along with the increased habitat will reduce crop depredation in Honey Lake Valley. It will also delay some of the fall waterfowl migration into the Central Valley, thereby helping to reduce damage to rice crops in that area.

It is estimated that management of this land for wildlife purposes would result in production of 1500 ducks, 240 Canada geese, and 300 pheasants annually, in addition to sandhill cranes, other water-associated birds, and other wildlife.

Fair market value of the land has been determined by private appraisal. A signed option to sell at the appraised price has been received from Mr. Theodore, owner of 437.4 acres. The executor of the Brown estate (owners of the adjoining 53.6 acres) has also provided a signed option. The Theodore property could be acquired immediately, while title to the Brown property would be taken after the estate is settled in the very near future.

Land costs total \$116,000. An additional \$4,000 is being requested to cover the appraisal, appraisal review, title and escrow costs. Although the allocation requested is \$120,000, 75% of this will be returned from the Federal Pittman-Robertson funds. The actual state cost will be approximately \$30,000. Development cost would also come from P-R funds.

Mr. Nesbit recommended that the Board approve this project, that \$120,000 be allocated for acquisition and related costs, and that staff and the Department be authorized to proceed with the project, including authorization to apply for Pittman-Robertson funds. He advised that a communication had been received from a Professor Graf from the San Jose State College Department of Biological Sciences, who supported this acquisition. The Shasta-Cascade Wonderland Association also had written in strong support of this proposal to acquire additional lands.

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IT WAS MOVED BY SENATOR MARLER, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE ACQUISITION OF ADDITIONAL LANDS FOR THE HONEY LAKE WILDLIFE AREA, LASSEN COUNTY; AUTHORIZE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT TO PURCHASE THE LANDS UNDER OPTION, FOR WHICH PURPOSE THE SUM OF \$120,000 IS TO BE ALLOCATED. THE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT IS FURTHER AUTHORIZED TO APPLY FOR PITTMAN-ROBERTSON FUNDS.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE ACQUISITION OF ADDITIONAL LANDS FOR THE HONEY LAKE WILDLIFE AREA, LASSEN COUNTY; AUTHORIZE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT TO PURCHASE THE LANDS UNDER OPTION, FOR WHICH PURPOSE THE SUM OF \$120,000 IS HEREBY ALLOCATED. THE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT IS FURTHER AUTHORIZED TO APPLY FOR PITTMAN-ROBERTSON FUNDS.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Chairman was pleased to see the acquisition of additional lands at Honey Lake which he felt deserved expansion, in view of the great number of birds the area attracts.

(At this point Board member Ray Arnett was called away from the meeting and, therefore, no quorum was available after this time. The Executive Officer requested the Board consider all projects, including those requiring allocation of funds, and Mr. Arnett's vote taken upon his return, provided that Mr. Arnett is apprised of the action of the Joint Interim Committee. It was so ordered. Subsequent to adjournment of the public meeting, Mr. Pearman along with the Executive Officer met with Mr. Arnett and reviewed action taken by the Joint Interim Committee and took action at that time. Consequently, minutes of this meeting will reflect action of the Board as though they were concurrent with the action of the Joint Interim Committee.)

8. Mouth of Mad River Fishing Access, Humboldt County \$19,000.00

On July 20, 1968, the Board approved the Mouth of Mad River Fishing Access project and allocated \$60,180.00 for the development consisting of a boat launching ramp, parking area, and public restroom facility.

During the completion of final design following the allocation by the Board, the County found it necessary to make certain changes, principally in upgrading the type of sanitary facilities proposed for the project. In an effort to stay within the allocation, some of the other basic features were redesigned, but are still adequate to serve the public need projected for this area.

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While the original allocation was \$60,180, this figure included engineering costs and a 2 percent assessment for overhead because of the Land and Water Conservation Fund participation. The actual amount available for construction is \$55,575.

The County recently opened bids for the project and five bids were received, the low being \$73,918 - a difference of \$18,343. With minor contingencies added a total augmentation of \$19,000 is needed to accept the low bid.

Inasmuch as the project has been reduced to the basic essentials and the County and staff believe the present low bid reflects the prevailing costs for such work, it seems advisable to augment funding and accept the low bid.

It was Mr. Nesbit's recommendation that the Board approve this augmentation, allocate \$19,000 therefor, and authorize staff and the Department to proceed with the project essentially as planned. It was his further recommendation that staff be authorized to amend the application for 50% reimbursement of the additional costs under the Land and Water Conservation Fund program.

IT WAS MOVED BY SENATOR LAGOMARSINO, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE AUGMENTATION OF FUNDS TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID FOR THE MOUTH OF MAD RIVER FISHING ACCESS PROJECT, HUMBOLDT COUNTY; ALLOCATE \$19,000 THEREFOR; AND AUTHORIZE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT ESSENTIALLY AS PLANNED, INCLUDING APPLICATION FOR 50% REIMBURSEMENT OF THE ADDITIONAL COSTS UNDER THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE AUGMENTATION OF FUNDS TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID FOR THE MOUTH OF MAD RIVER FISHING ACCESS PROJECT, HUMBOLDT COUNTY; ALLOCATE \$19,000 THEREFOR; AND AUTHORIZE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT ESSENTIALLY AS PLANNED, INCLUDING APPLICATION FOR 50% REIMBURSEMENT OF THE ADDITIONAL COSTS UNDER THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Assemblyman Belotti asked Mr. Peterson, Chairman of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, to stand and be recognized. Mr. Peterson thanked the Board for the action taken and verified that the 5 bids received were good bids and believed the additional funding was warranted to enable the project to be completed.

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9. Turtle Bay East Fishing Access, Redding, Shasta County \$42,500.00

The City of Redding has proposed a Wildlife Conservation Board project to provide public access to the left bank of the Sacramento River at the Interstate 5 freeway and State Highway 299 interchange in Redding. The property was surplus Division of Highways land and has recently been acquired by the city.

The property extends from high bluff land adjacent to the highway right-of-way down to the flood plain along the river, a drop of over 100 feet. Once access from the top of the bluff is provided, easy access to nearly one mile of river bank on both sides of the Highway 299 bridge can be had. Located as it is, adjacent to two major highways and within the city limits, this project will make some fine steelhead and trout fishing conveniently available to a growing metropolitan area.

This project is basically one of road construction, so as to provide safe vehicular access to the river for the fishing public. The main access road leading down off the bluff is 850 feet long with a turn-around area located at the end. Grading or blading of approximately 4200 feet of minor access roadways through the flood plain and along the river bank would be done by the city as needed. The city would also provide movable chemical toilets on the area on a rental basis. No improvements, clearing or grading will be done in the area so as to preserve as much as possible the natural character of the area as now exists. A gate will be provided so as to close the area to vehicular travel at night.

The Department of Fish and Game has evaluated the fisheries aspects of this proposed access and fully recommends the project. The city has indicated their willingness to lease the project to the State at no cost and to assume the operation and maintenance responsibilities of the area when the road has been constructed and the area has been opened to public use.

The cost estimate shown below has been prepared by the city planning and public works departments, has been reviewed by staff, and is considered to be reasonable and sufficient to do the required work. The city public works department will do the engineering, bid out the project, and supervise construction all at city cost.

The development consists of only basic facilities. It is expected that as use increases a second stage development to include restrooms, water supply, additional roads and fencing will be requested by the city.

Road construction - Site preparation, excavation, embank., paving	\$24,200
Drainage structures, culverts	3,000
Guard rail barrier, gate, and fencing	5,700
Minor roads - blade & shape, water well	5,900
Subtotal	\$38,800
Contingencies and signs	3,700
Total estimated construction costs	\$42,500

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A generous contingency allowance is included because of recent experience of rapidly increasing construction costs and unpredictable bidding. As usual, any unused funds not required for the project as described would revert to the Board.

The Executive Officer recommended the Board approve this project, allocate \$42,500 therefor, and authorize staff and the Department to proceed substantially as planned. He further recommended that staff be authorized to make application for 50% reimbursement of costs under the Land and Water Conservation Fund program. The Executive Officer advised that there were people from Redding in attendance to speak in behalf of the project. Mr. Nesbit noted that Senator Marler had played an important role in the city's acquisition of these surplus lands from the Division of Highways.

Senator Marler felt many people would be made happy with this development which would provide sport fishing for many years. Prior to construction of Interstate 5 and the interchange, this area was inaccessible. With the construction of the road across the river connecting with Interstate 5, fishermen somehow got over there. They were parking on the right-of-way and were getting tickets, Senator Marler said. We started discussion with Highways staff, he said, and it is through their cooperation that Redding was able to acquire the surplus property. He commended the City of Redding for their far-sightedness in picking up this property for the recreational opportunities it would provide. He then recommended approval of this proposal.

IT WAS MOVED BY SENATOR LAGOMARSINO, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE TURTLE BAY EAST FISHING ACCESS, REDDING, SHASTA COUNTY; ALLOCATE \$42,500 FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT; AND AUTHORIZE THE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED. FURTHER THAT STAFF BE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR MATCHING FUNDS UNDER THE FEDERAL LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE TURTLE BAY EAST FISHING ACCESS, REDDING, SHASTA COUNTY; ALLOCATE \$42,500 FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT; AND AUTHORIZE THE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED. STAFF IS AUTHORIZED TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR MATCHING FUNDS UNDER THE FEDERAL LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Bob Cowden, City Manager of Redding, expressed his appreciation for the Board's favorable consideration of the project. He advised that it will be necessary for city to acquire a right-of-way across private land to gain access to the project property. These negotiations, since it may entail condemnation, may take some time, but would be consummated hopefully by late fall. Funds are included in the 70-71 budget, but he assured the Board that the City will proceed as rapidly as possible with the acquisition.

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Mr. John Reginato of the Shasta-Cascade Wonderland Association expressed the opinion that this project is a very worthwhile one. He stated that with this project fishermen will have approximately $7\frac{1}{2}$ miles of WCB provided fishing access to the Sacramento River in Shasta County.

10. San Simeon Fishing Pier, San Luis Obispo County
Change of operation and maintenance obligation

The fishing pier at San Simeon was built as a joint venture between the County of San Luis Obispo and the Wildlife Conservation Board and completed in 1968. The pier is located in a small county park at the entrance to the State Department of Parks and Recreation's Hearst Castle. To provide more convenient management for both the State and the County, an agreement has been reached whereby the State will turn over beach areas at Avila and Cayucos and the County will deed the county park, including the pier, to the State Department of Parks and Recreation.

Parks and Recreation has agreed to maintain and operate the fishing pier under the same terms and conditions as contained in the present County operation and maintenance agreement. The pier will be identified as a cooperative project between the Wildlife Conservation Board and Parks and Recreation.

Mr. Nesbit observed that it would be in the best public interest to transfer the present county agreement to Parks and Recreation and requested authority to write such an agreement for the transfer.

Senator Lagomarsino noted that there is a pier proposal for Pacifica on this agenda which will require staff negotiation with Parks and Recreation, since the pier will be placed on lands under the control of the Department of Parks and Recreation. He thought it would be well to tie these two projects together. Mr. Nesbit agreed that it would be necessary for the WCB to have proprietary interest in the lands for the Pacifica pier prior to construction. He questioned Senator Lagomarsino if it was his contention that authority for the transfer agreement should be made contingent upon transfer of the necessary proprietary interest to the WCB for the Pacifica Pier proposal. The Senator stated it was.

Assemblyman Belotti inquired if this was the first time the WCB is turning over one of its projects to the Department of Parks and Recreation and Mr. Nesbit advised that it was and explained that this area would make a convenient organizational unit for that department since it is adjacent to their Hearst Castle complex. Parks and Recreation will assume the operation and maintenance obligation of San Luis Obispo County for the next 20-year period. Although this would mean additional O&M costs for Parks and Recreation, it was pointed out by Senator Marler that they will have savings in O&M costs by turning over 2 other beach areas to the County. It was the consensus of the Board members present that this should not set the precedence of turning over WCB projects to the Department of Parks and Recreation, unless it was in the best public interest.

Mr. Nesbit advised that Mr. John Hightower from the Department of Parks and Recreation was in attendance and asked if he could see any problems in the stipulation made that transfer of this fishing pier to Parks and Recreation be accomplished concurrently with negotiations for securing adequate area for the Pacifica Pier to be located on Parks and Recreation property. Mr. Hightower expressed the opinion that everything we are doing is in the public interest. If we keep following that principle, he said, he must agree that the negotiations be tied together so that we proceed in the correct direction.

IT WAS MOVED BY SENATOR LAGOMARSINO, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE CANCELLATION BY THE STATE OF ITS AGREEMENTS WITH THE COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO FOR LEASE OF THE PREMISES AND FOR OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE SAN SIMEON FISHING PIER AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO TRANSFER SUCH OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION WITH THE STIPULATION THAT THIS ACTION IS CONTINGENT UPON STAFF BEING ABLE TO TIE THIS IN WITH NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE PACIFICA PIER, IF IT IS APPROVED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE CANCELLATION BY THE STATE OF ITS AGREEMENTS WITH THE COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO FOR LEASE OF THE PREMISES AND FOR OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE SAN SIMEON FISHING PIER AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO TRANSFER SUCH OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION, CONTINGENT UPON STAFF BEING ABLE TO TIE THIS IN WITH NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE PACIFICA PIER, IF IT IS APPROVED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. Pacifica Fishing Pier - San Mateo County

The City of Pacifica is located along the coast, 5 miles south of San Francisco. For several years the people who use this coastal area have been interested in an ocean fishing pier.

Recently an opportunity has arisen for the City to finance their part of a fishing pier if the pier can perform a dual function. It is necessary that the City place a 30" outfall line from the disposal plant seaward to carry treated effluent to a depth of 35 feet. A fishing pier could, with only minor conversion, support this outfall pipe through the surf line, the critical area for any ocean structure. If this procedure is possible, it would assist the City to provide the necessary matching fund to build a fishing pier.

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The City has engaged the firm of Ferver Engineering Company to do a preliminary design for a pier. Staff and city officials met in Pacifica on January 19, 1970, and went over in detail the proposed plans and the possible state participation. Tentatively, a pier about 1200 feet long, terminating in water 22 feet in depth, appears feasible. At the meeting were also two representatives of the U.S. Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, the agency which administers the Land and Water Conservation Fund. The WCB has qualified for and used this fund for the financing of a pier at Orange County and Los Angeles and the same possibility exists here.

It has been determined from an engineering standpoint that for a small additional cost, the City could place the outfall line under the pier. All such additional costs as well as all engineering and design costs would be borne by the City. The regular fishing pier policy of matching funds with the WCB would prevail.

Staff has investigated pier proposals for the Pacifica area on several previous occasions, Mr. Nesbit reported, and has found this one to be feasible and adequate to meet the demands of the area it will serve. There are more than one million people in the San Francisco and South Bay area within easy driving distance of this pier site.

A fishery evaluation has been obtained from the Department of Fish and Game. This site is known to be one of the fine fishing locations along the coast, and the Department states fishing should be good to excellent.

Mr. Nesbit advised that the purpose of this agenda item is to give the Board a preview. The cost of the fishing pier would be commensurate with other major piers such as Ocean Beach in San Diego and Venice in Los Angeles. The pier could be designed and ready for WCB consideration sometime this summer. Presumably it would be built by the summer of 1971.

It was reported by Mr. Nesbit that from all indications to date, this proposal appears to be a good one and recommended that staff be authorized to proceed with the planning so as to have detailed plans and cost estimates ready for consideration at the next WCB meeting.

The following letter from Senator Richard J. Dolwig was read by Mr. Nesbit:

"I wish to take this opportunity to strongly endorse the proposed construction of a fishing pier within the Sharp Park area of the City of Pacifica.

"This project is typical of the sound and efficient planning which is a trademark of the officials of this city.

"The fishing pier would provide a recreational facility which would serve sportsmen within a demographic area of over one million persons, its location is known to be and recognized as one of the finest fishing locations along the coast of the state of California.

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"The efficacy of the pier would be an asset not only to the San Francisco Bay Area, but also focus state and national attention on San Mateo County.

"Being aware of the fine and invaluable counsel and assistance your department is noted for, I urge your support and endorsement."

Senator Marler noted that the effluent has to be carried to 35 feet of water and the end of the fishing pier will terminate in 22 feet of water, and asked how this would be accomplished -- how far from the end of the fishing pier will the end of the disposal pipe be located? Mr. Dave Thompson, City Engineer, advised that the proposed fishing pier will be between 1,000 and 1,200 feet. The sewer main will go at least twice that far, approximately 2,500 feet.

Mayor Nick Gust of Pacifica oriented the group as to the location of the City of Pacifica and in particular the area proposed for the pier. He pointed out the fact that there are 7 miles of open shoreline with no recreational development such as this and the fishing potential at this location, he felt, was greatest of any point between San Francisco and Santa Cruz. This was attested to by a display and photographs of actual catches from that area. The following officials from Pacifica were in attendance: Councilwoman Grace McCarthy; City Manager C. W. Masonheimer; Assistant City Manager James Swayne; City Attorney John Sherman; Director of Public Works Dave Thompson; Director of Parks, Beaches and Recreation Robert Toole; representatives from the Chamber of Commerce; and the United San Mateo County Sportsmen's Association. The Mayor requested endorsement of the proposal so that the City may move along with their planning.

Mr. Dave Thompson declared that the presentations do not begin to reflect the enthusiasm there is in this proposal. He believed it is a practical project from a recreational aspect in that it is being combined with a remodeling of the sewage treatment plant and facilities. He advised that the State Water Resources Control Board is in concurrence with this project.

In answer to Assemblyman Belotti's question as to the effect the discharge of effluent might have on the fishing potential, both Mr. Thompson and Mr. Nesbit pointed out there could be an enhancement of the fishery because of the temperature differential of the water. Mr. Thompson added that because of the geographic layout of the city which makes it a comparatively isolated residential community, there would be no fear of added toxicity being discharged, although such toxicity tests will be done.

Mr. Thompson informed the Board that in contacting the Department of Parks and Recreation regarding its property at the pier site, he was assured by the Director that the Department will help the project along, but was advised that the City should secure the approval or have authorization

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from the Department of Navigation and Ocean Development. He stated it may be that the City will have to deal with this agency at a later date.

The Executive Officer commented it has been proposed that this or any other ocean project be submitted for review and approval to the new Department of Navigation and Ocean Development. He wanted the Board to be aware of this proposal, since this would affect Board procedures and possibly delay construction, and requested Board instruction in this regard.

Mr. Thompson did not believe it was being construed by anyone that the new Department had authority over this agency, but that a navigation permit must be secured from them. Senator Lagomarsino stated that this is presently being provided through the Corps of Engineers and State Lands permits and he was not aware of any new statutes requiring this added procedural review nor that there is any change in the Board's having final authority over projects within their purview. Assemblyman Belotti expressed his opposition to any change in the present procedures which give this body the final authority for approval of a project.

Mr. John Sherman, City Attorney, stated that until someone advises the City definitely of this additional requirement that he would like to follow Assemblyman Belotti's stated procedures.

IT WAS MOVED BY SENATOR MARLER, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD, AS A JOINT MOTION, EXPRESS ITS INTEREST IN PARTICIPATION IN THE PROPOSED PACIFICA FISHING PIER, SAN MATEO COUNTY; AND THE STAFF IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO STUDY THE PROPOSAL WITHIN THE EXISTING STATUTES, AND PRESENT THE PROJECT FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION AT A FUTURE MEETING.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. Imperial Valley Warmwater Hatchery - Housing, Imperial Co. \$41,000.00

The Imperial Valley Warmwater Fish Hatchery is under construction and will be completed and in operation next year. The only future work remaining to be done by Office of Architecture and Construction is the construction of three residences and their appurtenant facilities for the operating personnel. The OAC has estimated these three structures at a total of \$80,000. It was necessary to use some of the money earmarked for houses in order to accept the low bid for the major hatchery construction. This left a shortage of \$41,000 to complete the hatchery.

This \$41,000 has been requested by OAC and will be added to the project account to provide the total estimated funds needed for hatchery construction, including the houses.

OAC plans to call for house construction bids in the near future. The houses would then be completed at about the same time the hatchery construction is complete.

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It was Mr. Nesbit's recommendation that the Board allocate \$41,000 from the Wildlife Restoration Fund to be transferred to OAC to augment bond funds budgeted for this construction. Any unused project funds would be returned to the Wildlife Restoration Fund.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, SECONDED BY SENATOR LAGOMARSINO, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE AUGMENTATION OF PROJECT FUNDS IN ORDER TO COMPLETE THE IMPERIAL VALLEY WARMWATER HATCHERY, IMPERIAL COUNTY; ALLOCATE \$41,000 THEREFOR; AND AUTHORIZE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED. ANY UNUSED PROJECT FUNDS ARE TO BE RESTORED TO THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE AUGMENTATION OF PROJECT FUNDS IN ORDER TO COMPLETE THE IMPERIAL VALLEY WARMWATER HATCHERY, IMPERIAL COUNTY; ALLOCATE \$41,000 THEREFOR; AND AUTHORIZE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED. ANY UNUSED PROJECT FUNDS ARE TO BE RESTORED TO THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Senator Marler mentioned that a commercial catfish raiser had expressed concern that the State might prove to be in competition with his operations. Mr. Robert Macklin, Fisheries Management Supervisor for the Department of Fish and Game, assured Senator Marler that in no way would the State be in competition with the commercial catfish farmer, since the State does not sell fish and would plant its fish only in public waters. He compared it to the trout hatchery operations of the State which started some 30 years ago.

Mr. Pearman stated he was aware of only two catfish farms in Anderson and Mecca, and he believed the catfish farmers can sell all they can raise.

13. Fall River

Senator Marler asked for and was granted permission to bring up an item not on the agenda. He reported that they have in Shasta County a very fine fishing stream called Fall River. There is litigation under way at the present time to determine whether or not it is to be considered a navigable stream. He wanted to bring it to the attention of the Board members and to request that staff be instructed to watch the outcome of this litigation and the plans being proposed for the river, in the event the WCB can be of service in any development on this river. Senator Lagomarsino brought up the Waterways Protection Act which would consider this river. Mr. Nesbit stated there is excellent fishing, and he compared it to the Hat Creek project where the WCB, Trout Unlimited, PG&E, and the Department had cooperated to develop a fishery.

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The Chairman ordered that the Executive Officer follow the pending litigation and consider the proposal as a WCB fishing access project, should Fall River be declared a navigable stream.

Assemblyman Belotti asked Senator Marler about the outcome of the Pit River rearing ponds which were threatened by flood during the last rain-storms. At the time he had stopped by the installation, Fish and Game personnel were working hard to avoid any damage to the ponds. Mr. Reginato advised there was no damage to the ponds and Mr. Nesbit added that there was automatic stocking of fish in Lake Britton during the high waters. Assemblyman Belotti expressed the opinion this type of operation was an inexpensive way to raise trout and asked how many other areas are being developed for such activities. Mr. Bob Macklin advised that the Department proposes this type of operation wherever the conditions are right, i.e., the river or stream has a steady flow of at least 40 c.f.s. with constant temperatures of about 54°. He stated the conditions at Pit River are outstanding. He added that when the flood waters receded at Pit River there were left in the ponds 130,000 fish out of a total of 750,000.

14. Niels Hansen Road Fishing Access, Stanislaus County \$9,000.00

The State Water Project will eventually include 15 new reservoirs and an aqueduct 444 miles in length. The Department of Parks and Recreation is developing the major recreation facilities in the Project, primarily at reservoirs, while the Wildlife Conservation Board, by legislation enacted in 1968, has the responsibility for providing the fishing access along the aqueduct. The Department of Water Resources is providing land needed for the projects, and is installing safety devices as needed. Department of Water Resources is also allowing use of some of its service roads.

At the meeting on March 27, 1969, the WCB allocated funds for development of the first fishing sites on the aqueduct. Merced County was chosen because it was known that a fishery was established in that reach of the aqueduct. One of these sites, Cottonwood Road, was opened to public fishing on August 28, 1969. The other two developments are fishing platforms attached to county road bridges. It is anticipated they will be opened the early part of next month.

The County of Stanislaus has requested development of a fishing access at Niels Hansen Road on the aqueduct, and by resolution has agreed to maintain the project open and free to the public.

The Department of Fish and Game has conducted net samplings and determined that striped bass of catchable size, catfish, and other species are established in the area. They recommend that a fishing access be constructed at this site.

Development will consist of a graded berm to fish from along the bank, rails and stairs into an overchute to be used as a fishing bridge, parking, sanitary facilities, and safety devices. The latter would be furnished by the Department of Water Resources.

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DWR has designed the project and will perform the construction, the same as on the three Merced County sites.

The cost estimate as prepared by DWR and reviewed by staff is as follows:

Parking and fencing	\$3,300.00
Berm grading	3,000.00
Rails, stairs, and platform	1,700.00
Sanitary facilities, trash receptacles	700.00
Signs & contingencies	300.00
TOTAL	\$9,000.00

The Executive Officer reported that a communication had been received from Assemblyman Clare Berryhill which recommended approval of this proposal. It was Mr. Nesbit's recommendation that this project be approved, that \$9,000.00 be allocated for development and related costs, and that staff and the Department be authorized to proceed substantially as planned.

The Chairman was pleased to see the State Water Project reservoirs being provided with recreational facilities and that the WCB is providing fishing access points on the Aqueduct.

IT WAS MOVED BY SENATOR LAGOMARSINO, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE NIELS HANSEN ROAD FISHING ACCESS, STANISLAUS COUNTY; ALLOCATE \$9,000.00 FOR DEVELOPMENT; AND AUTHORIZE THE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE NIELS HANSEN ROAD FISHING ACCESS, STANISLAUS COUNTY; ALLOCATE \$9,000.00 FOR DEVELOPMENT; AND AUTHORIZE THE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

15. Resolution Honoring James Y. Camp

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. PEARMAN, SECONDED BY SENATOR MARLER, AS A JOINT MOTION, THAT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION HONORING MR. JAMES Y. CAMP BE ADOPTED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Resolution Honoring James Y. Camp

WHEREAS, Mr. James Y. Camp retired as President of the Fish and Game Commission and Chairman of the Wildlife Conservation Board on January 15, 1970; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Camp, as an agriculturalist and sportsman, has filled a unique need and position on the Board; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Camp has always graciously provided excellent counsel which is hereby gratefully acknowledged by staff; and

WHEREAS, It is the desire of this Board to convey to Mr. Camp its hope that he will continue his leadership in the field of conservation and wise use of our wildlife resources; Now, therefore, be it

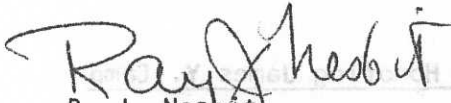
RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Wildlife Conservation Board, the Joint Interim Committee, and the Board staff convey to Mr. Camp our appreciation for his guidance, fine counsel, and leadership; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we express our very best wishes for a happy and fruitful retirement, coupled with good health and good fishing and hunting; and be it further

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


R. J. Nesbitt
Executive Officer

Status of Funds

As of the close of the meeting on February 17, 1970, the amount allocated to projects from the Wildlife Restoration Fund, since the Board's inception in 1947, totaled \$23,864,605.26.*

a.	Fish Hatchery and Stocking Projects	\$4,767,356.12
b.	Fish Habitat Development and Improvement Projects	3,463,726.73
1.	Reservoir Construction or Improvement	\$1,762,082.93
2.	Stream Clearance and Improvement	227,996.94
3.	Stream Flow Maintenance Dams	439,503.32
4.	Marine Habitat	83,753.36
5.	Fish Screens, Ladders and Weir Projects	950,390.18
c.	Fishing Access Projects	8,170,120.45
1.	Coastal Access	880,800.18
2.	River, Stream and Bay Access	2,234,028.05
3.	Lake, Reservoir & Salton Sea Access	2,154,226.11
4.	Piers	2,901,066.11
d.	Game Farm Projects	146,894.49
e.	Game Habitat Development and Improvement Projects	6,559,413.58
1.	Wildlife Areas	6,120,964.46
2.	Miscellaneous Game Habitat Development	438,449.12
f.	Hunting Access	473,096.81
g.	Miscellaneous Projects	250,497.08
s.	Special Project Allocations	33,500.00
	Total Allocated to Projects	\$23,864,605.26

*Includes \$312,859.57 reimbursed under Federal Accelerated Public Works Program completed in 1965-66 F.Y.; \$336,943.79 reimbursed under Land and Water Conservation Fund Program; and \$160,232.02 reimbursed under Anadromous Fish Act Program.

Operating Costs:

FY 47/48 thru 66/67 Actual	\$1,171,508.31
FY 67/68 Estimated	101,294.00
FY 68/69 Estimated	104,027.00
FY 69/70 Estimated	120,410.00
Total Actual and Estimated Operating Costs	\$1,497,239.31

SUMMARY:

Allocations for Projects	\$23,864,605.26
Expenses of Operation	1,497,239.31
Total Expended or Obligated	\$25,361,844.57

Total Funds Appropriated	\$22,500,000.00
Approp. made available 7/1/69	750,000.00
Int. on Surplus Money Inv. thru 6/30/69	1,197,983.21
Int. on Surplus Money Inv. thru 69/70 FY	68,275.46
Miscellaneous Revenue thru 68/69 FY	202,299.17
Miscellaneous Revenue, 69/70 FY	33,533.72
Reimbursement from Accel. Pub. Wks. Prog.	312,859.57
Reimbursement from Land & Water Cons. Fund	336,943.79
Reimbursement from Anadromous Fish Act Prog.	160,232.02
Total Accountability	\$25,562,126.94
Total Expended or Obligated	-25,361,844.57
Available thru 6/30/70	\$200,282.37