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WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD

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Pursuant to the call of the Acting Chairman, the Wildlife Conservation Board met in the first floor auditorium of the Human Resources Development Building, 722 Capitol Mall, Sacramento, California, on March 23, 1971. The meeting was called to order by Acting Chairman Sherman Chickering at 1:35 p.m.

1. Election of Chairman

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. ARNETT, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, AS A JOINT MOTION, THAT MR. SHERMAN CHICKERING BE ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. Roll Call

PRESENT: Sherman Chickering  
G. Ray Arnett

Chairman  
Member

Senator Robert J. Lagomarsino  
Senator Fred W. Marler  
Senator Lawrence E. Walsh  
Assemblywoman Pauline L. Davis  
Assemblyman Larry Townsend  
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

Member, vice Mr. Orr, Dir. of Finance

OTHERS PRESENT:

Eugene A. Chappie  
Ken Milam  
Dick Heikka  
Wm. Collins  
Jim Swayne

Assemblyman, 6th District  
Placer County Parks Comm.  
Placer County Planning Director  
Tahoe City  
City Manager, Pacifica

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Calvin Hinton	City Manager, Pacifica
Richard L. Burton	Dir. Parks, Beaches & Rec., Pacifica
Charles F. Gierau	Georgetown Divide PUD
H. D. Price	" " "
D. Nann	" " "
Ray Lawyer	Supervisor, El Dorado County
Kermit E. Vangene	S. Mateo Co. Parks & Recreation Dept.
John A. Suhr	Red Bluff Parks and Recreation Dept.
Harlan E. Warwick	Public Works Director, Red Bluff
Herbert E. Nelson	City Manager, Red Bluff
Bill Schaefer	Dept. of Fish and Game
Bob Barrett	" " " "
R. L. Wilde	" " " "
Emil Seifert	Dir. of Parks & Recreation, Stockton
A. J. Bart Dentoni	Stockton Parks and Rec. Dept.
Angel G. Cruz	Stockton Parks and Rec. Dept.
Chuck McCormack	Assist. City Mgr., Berkeley
C. Paul Sutterley	Marina Superintendent, Berkeley
Walter Toney	Dir. of Parks and Rec., Berkeley
William J. Dabel	City Engineer, Berkeley
Shigeru Akagi	East Bay Sportsmen Club
D. Chapin	Berkeley Rod & Gun Club
Melvyn H. Mark	Ferver Engineering Company
David Thompson	Dir. of Public Works, Pacifica
Greer W. Ferver	Ferver Engineering Company
Nick Gust	Mayor, City of Pacifica
John R. Sherman	City Attorney, Pacifica
Patrick Lynn	Pacifica Tribune
James Golder	Pacifica Chamber of Commerce
Larry McLaughlin	City of Pacifica
Herbert C. Kohlwes	Coastside Sportsmen Club
Michael Riley	City of Pacifica
Siebert Mayfield	City of Pacifica
Tomasito Garcia	City of Pacifica
Edward J. Martin	City of Pacifica
Elmo J. DeDeaux	United San Mateo Co. Sportsmens Association
William J. Stephens	EBMUD
Georgine Stewart	Administrative Assistant to Assemblywoman Davis
Barbra Lewis	Lake Tahoe
Tom Crandall	Santa Clara Co. Parks Department
Wm. P. Mott	Director, Dept. of Parks and Recreation
Bob Meyer	Dept. of Parks and Recreation
Russ Porter	Dept. of Parks and Recreation

3. Approval of Minutes

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 20, 1970, MEETING.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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4. Status of Funds

Mr. Ray Nesbit, the Executive Officer, reported available funds as of the date of this meeting is as follows:

Unallocated balance at close of previous meeting	\$463,545.38
Interest on surplus money invested	<u>85,104.84</u>

Available as of 3/23/71 \$548,650.22

5. Recovery of Funds

Mr. Nesbit reported the following eight projects have been completed and there is a balance of funds totaling \$21,905.72 that can be recovered and returned to the Wildlife Restoration Fund and the project accounts can be closed.

Lake Cuyamaca

Allocation	\$219,500.00
Expenditures	<u>218,255.70</u>
Balance for Recovery	\$ <u>1,244.30</u>

Black Mountain Stream Clearance

Allocation	\$13,000.00
Expenditures	<u>12,752.41</u>
Balance for Recovery	\$ <u>247.59</u>

Butano and Gazos Creeks Stream Clearance

Allocation	\$3,000.00
Expenditures	<u>2,998.21</u>
Balance for Recovery	\$ <u>1.79</u>

Keswick Lake Fishing Access

Allocation	\$96,900.00
Expenditures	\$77,718.76
Fed. Land & Water	
Cons. Reimb. -	<u>37,063.10</u>
WCB Expenditure	- 40,655.66
Previously recovered	- <u>37,063.10</u>
Balance for Recovery	\$19,181.24

Hogback Island Fishing Access

Allocation	\$5,000.00
Expenditures	<u>5,000.00</u>
Balance for Recovery	0.00



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Casitas Reservoir Fishing Access

Allocation	\$115,000.00
Expenditures	114,100.00
Balance for Recovery	\$ 900.00

Imperial Beach Fishing Pier - Reconstruction

Allocation	\$70,000.00
Expenditures	69,669.20
Balance for Recovery	\$ 330.80

Central California Guzzler Project

Allocation	\$36,000.00
Expenditures	36,000.00
Balance for Recovery	0.00

SUBTOTAL -- \$21,905.72

In addition, the following amounts totaling \$469,827.48 can be recovered from four projects, but project accounts should remain open.

Banta Carbona Fish Screen

Partial Federal Anadromous Fish Reim-	
bursement - Recovery	\$66,367.17

Cabrillo Fishing Pier

Allocation	\$420,000.00
Expenditures	\$366,722.99
Partial L&W Reimbursement	-9,830.00
WCB Expenditures	- 356,892.99
Balance for Recovery	\$63,107.01

Mouth of Mad River Access

Partial L&W Reimbursement-Recovery	\$38,039.65
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Gray Lodge Wildlife Area

Federal Pittman-Robertson Reimburse-	
ment - Recovery	\$302,313.65

SUBTOTAL -- \$469,827.48

Mr. Nesbit recommended that the total amount of \$491,733.20 be recovered and returned to the Wildlife Restoration Fund and the accounts of the completed projects as noted above be closed. In answer to Assemblyman Townsend's question, Mr. Nesbit responded that the federal monies being recovered consist of 50% reimbursements on projects which qualified under

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the Land and Water Conservation Fund Program or the Anadromous Fish Program, and 75% reimbursement on projects which qualified under the Pittman-Robertson Program.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN TOWNSEND, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, 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. ALL OF THE SUMS TOTALING \$491,733.20 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 UNEXPENDED BALANCES AS FOLLOWS:

Lake Cuyamaca	\$1,244.30
Black Mountain Stream Clearance	247.59
Butano and Gazos Creeks Stream Clearance	1.79
Keswick Lake Fishing Access	19,181.24
Hogback Island Fishing Access	0.00
Casitas Reservoir Fishing Access	900.00
Imperial Beach Fishing Pier-Reconstruction	330.80
Central California Guzzler Project	0.00

ALSO, THAT THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS BE RECOVERED AT THIS TIME:

Banta Carbona Fish Screen	\$66,367.17
Cabrillo Fishing Pier	63,107.01
Mouth of Mad River Access	38,039.65
Gray Lodge Wildlife Area	302,313.65

ALL OF THE SUMS TOTALING \$491,733.20 SHOULD BE RECOVERED AND RETURNED TO THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

With the recovery of \$491,733.20 a balance of \$1,040,383.42 is now available in the Wildlife Restoration Fund. A total of \$1,012,400 is proposed for allocation to projects at this meeting.

Assemblyman Eugene Chappie requested, and Chairman Chickering approved, consideration of the Lake Tahoe and Lake Edson projects at this time.

6. Lake Tahoe Fishing Access Improvements, Placer County \$48,300.00

The Lake Tahoe public fishing access project was developed by the Board in 1961 and 1962 at a cost of \$73,800 for the construction of a boat launching ramp, parking area, a restroom, loading dock, a float, and drainage improvements.

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The project is located approximately one mile east of Tahoe City on a parcel of land purchased by the Board in 1951 for the planned expansion of the later abandoned Tahoe fish hatchery. The facilities have been maintained and operated by the County of Placer by a cooperative agreement with the State. A county-developed overnight and day-use campground on a portion of the state property has added to the public use of this facility.

Fishing activity at Lake Tahoe has also increased since the project was constructed 10 years ago. The success of the Department's Tahoe kokanee trout program has largely been responsible for this, and heavy use is made of the boat ramp during the summer, particularly on weekends.

Since the completion of the project in 1963 staff has had reports of problems at the ramp at times when rough water makes launching or retrieving of boats hazardous. The County as early as 1965 requested that the feasibility of a breakwater to provide protection to the fishermen and the ramp be considered, but the relatively high cost of such protection has thus far precluded serious consideration of this proposal. However, there has never been any question that it would be a very worthwhile improvement.

An opportunity now exists to construct a breakwater at a fraction of the cost first proposed. A private development is being constructed on adjacent property to the west and plans for this development include a breakwater for boat moorings. This will provide partial protection to the public access facility. The County recommends that when the adjacent breakwater is completed, an extension be constructed projecting easterly across the state property in front of the ramp. Wave force and direction studies have been made which indicate that a length of breakwater of approximately 100 feet from the boundary of the existing state lands easement would be adequate.

Considerable review of the adjacent private development by the Placer County planning department, health department, and public works department, the Lake Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, the Lahonton Regional Water Quality Control Board, and the Department of Fish and Game has been made. The result of these reviews was approval by the California Tahoe Regional Planning Agency on October 16, 1968, which included at that time a projection of this facility as now recommended by staff for the protection of the Tahoe Fishing Access. The proposed private breakwater has been designed so as to meet or exceed all the required standards and criteria for such structures established by the above agencies. The WCB breakwater will be of similar construction. Applications for permits from the U.S. Corps of Engineers and the State Lands Commission must also be made, but it is expected that these will be granted upon final approval of all other agencies having jurisdiction.

It is the opinion of WCB staff that no irretrievable or irreversible commitments of resources or curtailment of beneficial uses of the environment would result from this project.

The fact that this project can be constructed as an extension of the adjacent breakwater instead of an independent isolated structure is seen as a considerable cost benefit to the State. The cost of a breakwater extending

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to the shoreline would be at least three times the estimated cost of the proposed facility. An additional savings to the State will be realized by the fact that engineering design for the breakwater has already been completed by the adjacent developer.

If approved, the Board would enter into a construction agreement with the County for the work which would be bid out and constructed under normal procedures as authorized by Section 1350 of the Fish and Game Code. The County will provide construction inspection of the State's portion of the breakwater. Preliminary legal review by the Department of General Services has been made, and it has been determined by this counsel that the improvements can be accomplished with full compliance with state law governing WCB projects.

It is expected that with the construction of a breakwater, the use of this access would increase and expansion of the ramp will become necessary. The County has estimated that a ten foot width extension of the boat ramp which would expand the use to three 15-foot lanes should be adequate. In addition, public access and a float anchorage along the west side of the ramp will probably be needed as the use increases. However, it was staff recommendation that no allocation for these on-shore improvements be made at the present time but be deferred until a later date when definite plans have been developed by the County.

Cost estimates for the WCB breakwater have been provided by the engineers who designed the planned adjacent breakwater, and these have been reviewed by the County and staff. The estimate is believed to be realistic and adequate to do the work as proposed. The estimated cost breakdown of the project is as follows:

Sheet piling, 4,000 sq. ft. @ \$3.00/sq. ft.	\$27,000.00
Driving piling, whalers, fill & cap, 250 l.f. @ \$60/l.f.	15,000.00
Subtotal	\$42,000.00
Contingency factor, 15%	6,300.00
Total Estimated Project Cost	\$48,300.00

It was Mr. Nesbit's recommendation that the proposed breakwater be approved, that the Board allocate \$48,300.00 for this purpose, and that staff and the Department of Fish and Game be authorized to proceed with the project substantially as proposed. It was his further recommendation that staff be authorized to make application for reimbursement of 50 per cent of the construction costs under the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN TOWNSEND, SECONDED BY SENATOR LAGOMARSINO, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE LAKE TAHOE FISHING ACCESS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT; ALLOCATE \$48,300 THEREFOR; AND AUTHORIZE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED. STAFF IS TO BE FURTHER AUTHORIZED TO APPLY FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF 50 PER CENT OF THE ACTUAL COSTS OF THE PROJECT UNDER THE FEDERAL LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.



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IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE LAKE TAHOE FISHING ACCESS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT; ALLOCATE \$48,300 THEREFOR; AND AUTHORIZE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED. STAFF IS FURTHER AUTHORIZED TO APPLY FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF 50 PER CENT OF THE ACTUAL COSTS OF THE PROJECT UNDER THE FEDERAL LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Chairman introduced Senator Lawrence Walsh, 30th District, a newly appointed member of the Joint Interim Committee, who had just arrived.

7. Lake Edson Fishing Access, El Dorado County \$45,000.00

The Georgetown Divide Public Utility District has requested the Wildlife Conservation Board consider a project to provide a boat launching ramp and parking area at Lake Edson, a water supply reservoir, approximately 15 miles east of Georgetown.

Lake Edson is owned and operated by the district and the district also owns the property on which the project will be located. In addition to the district property, U.S. Forest Service lands and some smaller parcels of private property surround the lake. Access directly to this 3,500 feet elevation lake is possible by way of all-weather county roads.

The development of public use facilities at Lake Edson to achieve the full recreational potential of the lake is being accomplished through the joint efforts of several agencies. The State Department of Water Resources in 1962 provided a Davis-Grunsky recreation grant to the district for certain developments at the lake including access roads, parking areas, campgrounds, picnic areas, water systems, and sanitary facilities. The U.S. Forest Service provided land use and engineering services for some of these developments and is maintaining the campgrounds and picnic areas. The County of El Dorado constructed the public use facilities and access roads and is maintaining the roads.

All of the agencies named have made certain special contributions at Lake Edson in recognition of the valuable recreational asset that it is. The development of a boat launching ramp by the WCB in cooperation with the district would provide a much needed facility for the boat fisherman and would complete the full utilization of these waters for the benefit of the public. No adverse environmental effects are expected to result from this project.

The Department of Fish and Game has evaluated this proposal from a fisheries standpoint and reports favorably. The Department comments that the resident fishery is largely rainbow trout with some browns. The reservoir is stocked by the Department, and if a boat ramp is constructed the number of catchable trout planted here would be increased.

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According to the Forest Service an estimated 28,000 people use the overnight, group and picnic facilities at the lake each year. Approximately 3,500 boat user days were reported for the lake last year, with the fishermen launching boats directly from the bank without benefit of a ramp. With the construction of a boat ramp, this use will be substantially increased.

A resolution submitted by the District Board of Directors declares that the district will provide a free long term lease of the project lands and waters to the State and will operate and maintain the project as a free public fishing access during the term specified. About 3 acres of land is required for this development.

The plans for a single lane concrete boat launching ramp and a paved parking area prepared jointly by the district and the Forest Service have been reviewed by staff and found to be satisfactory and in accord with the WCB standards of construction. The site selected for the ramp and parking area was partially cleared and graded during the course of other construction in the vicinity and therefore much excavation or fill in an otherwise hilly area will not be necessary. The cost estimate submitted by the district for the proposed development is as follows:

Earthwork; excavation, fill, grading	\$7,100
Launching ramp; base rock, concrete, riprap	11,500
Parking area; base rock, paving, curbs, striping	19,000
Miscellaneous; culverts, floats, move in & move out	4,900
Subtotal	<u>\$42,500</u>
Contingencies, 5%	2,000
Total Estimated Construction Cost	<u>44,500</u>
Title insurance, signs	500
Total Estimated Project Cost	<u>\$45,000</u>

Mr. Nesbit stated that in the judgment of the staff, the construction of this facility at Lake Edson would be in accord with the Board's policy of improving fishing access to the waters of the state and it meets all the criteria normally used to evaluate a proposed project. It was his recommendation that the Board approve the project, allocate \$45,000 for the construction thereof, and authorize staff and the Department of Fish and Game to proceed substantially as planned. It was his further recommendation that the staff be authorized to apply for reimbursement of one-half of the costs of the project under the Land and Water Conservation Fund program.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN TOWNSEND, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE LAKE EDSON FISHING ACCESS PROJECT; ALLOCATE \$45,000 THEREFOR; AND AUTHORIZE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED. IT IS FURTHER RECOMMENDED THAT STAFF BE AUTHORIZED TO APPLY FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF 50 PER CENT OF THE ACTUAL COSTS OF THE PROJECT UNDER THE FEDERAL LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE LAKE EDSON FISHING ACCESS PROJECT; ALLOCATE \$45,000 THEREFOR; AND AUTHORIZE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED. STAFF IS FURTHER AUTHORIZED TO APPLY FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF 50 PER CENT OF THE ACTUAL COSTS OF THE PROJECT UNDER THE FEDERAL LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Assemblyman Chappie thanked the Board for the action taken for the two proposals.

8. Gazos Creek Fishing Access Improvements, San Mateo County \$13,600.00

On June 8, 1961, and August 10, 1962, the Board approved the Gazos Creek project and expended \$36,310 for the purchase and development of the property. The project provides public access to the ocean and has a short access road from State Highway No. 1, the coast highway. A parking area and sanitary facilities are also provided.

About 500 feet of the property fronts on the ocean. From this access the public can range far north along several miles of state-owned beach. Surf fishing for perch is a very popular activity at this spot, as well as fishing for a variety of the rock fish that abound in this area.

The project has provided considerable use for the intended purpose of the project and some 14,400 visitor days were reported last year. A problem of increasing concern, however, is the encroachment of the beach and headland areas by off-road vehicles, such as motorcycles, trail bikes, and dune buggys. These threaten the full use and enjoyment of the area by the fishermen and have caused destruction of the native vegetation on the property.

The County of San Mateo Parks and Recreation Department operates and maintains the project under a cooperative agreement with the WCB and the Department of Fish and Game. The County recommends that improvements be made so as to confine all vehicles to the areas designed for their use and thereby permit only pedestrian access to the beach areas. This was the intent of the project when it was first designed, and wheel curbs and guard rails were installed along the access road and around the paved parking area. A barbed wire fence was also constructed along the northerly boundary of the property. However, these have not been adequate. It is felt that unless physical barriers are extended and increased in height, the relatively unrestricted movement of the bikes and buggys from the access road or parking area will wreak greater havoc in the area, as well as discourage use by those who come to enjoy the area for its fishing and scenic opportunities.

One of the adjoining land owners visited the staff to explain the problems of trespass that have occurred on his property. Trail bikes have rutted the hills and dunes, knocked down fences, native bushes and succulents, and have left debris scattered about. It is believed the barriers proposed to be constructed would largely eliminate these problems.



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Plans and cost estimate for the work have been prepared by the County and reviewed by staff. The proposal presented is considered to be the most effective measures that can be taken within reasonable cost. The following breakdown lists the proposed improvements:

Remove and Reconstruct Parking Lot Barriers	\$3,600.00
Modify Existing and Construct New Guard Rail	5,600.00
Install New Barbed Wire Fence	1,200.00
Miscellaneous, Painting, Signs	2,000.00
Subtotal	\$12,400.00
Contingencies, 10%	1,200.00
Total Estimated Project Cost	\$13,600.00

The County has agreed to maintain these improvements if constructed and to extend the term of the lease for an additional period. Contract administration and construction inspection will be handled by the County. It is expected that Land and Water Conservation Funds would be approved for reimbursement of one-half of the costs of this project and staff will make application for such federal funds upon approval of the Board.

The environment of the area is now endangered and an adverse impact on the resources can be averted by the construction of the project as planned.

It was Mr. Nesbit's recommendation that the Board approve the improvements to the Gazos Creek Fishing Access, allocate \$13,600 therefor, and authorize staff and the Department of Fish and Game to proceed with the work substantially as planned. It was his further recommendation that the staff be authorized to apply for reimbursement of 50 per cent of the actual costs of the project under the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN TOWNSEND, SECONDED BY SENATOR LAGOMARSINO, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE GAZOS CREEK FISHING ACCESS PROJECT; ALLOCATE \$13,600 THEREFOR; AND AUTHORIZE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED WITH THE WORK SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED. IT IS FURTHER RECOMMENDED THAT STAFF BE AUTHORIZED TO APPLY FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF 50 PER CENT OF THE ACTUAL COSTS OF THE PROJECT UNDER THE FEDERAL LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE GAZOS CREEK FISHING ACCESS PROJECT; ALLOCATE \$13,600 THEREFOR; AND AUTHORIZE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED WITH THE WORK SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED. STAFF IS FURTHER AUTHORIZED TO APPLY FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF 50 PER CENT OF THE ACTUAL COST OF THE PROJECT UNDER THE FEDERAL LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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9. Mendota Pool Fishing Access Expansion, Fresno County \$2,500.00

At the August 25, 1966, meeting, the Wildlife Conservation Board allocated \$20,000 for development of a fishing access at Mendota Pool on the San Joaquin River near Mendota. Facilities developed include an access road, parking, boat launching ramp, floats, and sanitary facilities. The Fresno County Parks and Recreation Department is maintaining the development which during 1970 had 4,500 visitor days of use.

The County has proposed that an area adjacent to Mendota Dam be added to the Mendota Access. The only development necessary would be parking, fencing, and chemical toilets. Although not contiguous to the property, the dam is but a few hundred feet up the road from the launching ramp. County personnel now servicing the access site could include this area with little additional effort.

The Department of Fish and Game has reported that tail waters at the dam are extremely popular with fishermen and produce striped bass, largemouth bass, catfish, and crappie. Because of the lack of facilities, however, a litter and sanitation problem has been created. The dam owner, Central California Irrigation District, has agreed to a free lease for recreational purposes. The County has provided a cost estimate that has been reviewed by staff. The work will be performed by County forces.

The cost:

Base rock and grading	\$ 800.00
Chain link fencing	600.00
Chemical toilets (4)	1,000.00
Signs and miscellaneous	100.00

TOTAL \$2,500.00

Mr. Nesbit recommended that this project be approved, that \$2,500 be allocated for development and related costs and that staff and the Department be authorized to proceed substantially as planned.

IT WAS MOVED BY SENATOR LAGOMARSINO, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN TOWNSEND, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE MENDOTA POOL FISHING ACCESS EXPANSION PROJECT; ALLOCATE \$2,500 THEREFOR; AND AUTHORIZE 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 MENDOTA POOL FISHING ACCESS EXPANSION PROJECT; ALLOCATE \$2,500 THEREFOR; AND AUTHORIZE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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10. Berkeley Fishing Pier Improvements, Alameda County \$40,000.00

For many years the Berkeley Pier has been an attraction to thousands for pier fishing in San Francisco Bay. The first 2000 feet of the pier was completely rehabilitated by the Wildlife Conservation Board in 1957 and extended 1000 feet in 1961. A permanent pre-cast concrete deck was installed and a new handrail constructed. The City of Berkeley has been maintaining and operating the pier exclusively for public fishing purposes and has reported that it continues to receive a high level of public use year after year. In 1970 the pier received over 154,000 fisherman days of use, and an estimated total of 437,000 visitors, according to figures supplied by the City.

The City has reported that additional facilities are now required in order to bring the pier up to a standard commensurate with its use. An observation deck is to be constructed over the pier at the shore end, the railing is to be modified, benches and lights are to be installed, and other minor improvements made. The City has requested WCB assistance in financing these improvements and is prepared to pay one-half of the costs of the project.

Mr. Nesbit reported that staff has visited the pier and discussed the proposed work with City officials and agreed that there is a need for certain additions and improvements to the pier. The Board has previously recognized the need on other projects to allocate funds to enhance older projects that, because of increased use, have become inadequate. In addition, an attempt has been made to upgrade the quality of WCB structures and public use facilities to keep pace with surrounding improvements where this can be achieved at reasonable cost.

The benefits of the proposed project are that the observation deck would provide for a needed increase in security at the pier and in addition would enhance the appearance of the pier approach. The benches are needed for fishermen or others who spend several hours out on the pier. These are standard equipment on almost all of the WCB piers. Pier lighting will provide an essential safety and security measure and will be a distinct convenience to the early morning or late evening anglers. Railing modifications are necessary as a safety measure and devices will be installed to support fishing rods on the rail.

A resolution adopted by the Berkeley City Council affirms the City's intent to participate in the proposed work, and to extend the term of the agreement for use of the fishing pier by the public to March, 1991.

Preliminary plans and cost estimate prepared by the city engineer have been reviewed by staff. The estimate is considered adequate to do the work as proposed. As usual, any balance remaining from the allocation approved by the Board after the completion of the project would be available for recovery and return to the Wildlife Restoration Fund.

If approved by the Board, final plans and specifications will be prepared by the City subject to review and approval of staff. The City will bid the job and provide construction inspection.



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WCB piers have consistently qualified for reimbursement of one-half of the costs of construction under the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Act. Although this is an improvement to an existing facility rather than a new project, staff believes that it will qualify for federal funds and will submit an application for 50 per cent reimbursement under the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act if the project is approved.

The cost estimate as submitted by the city engineer is as follows:

Security observation platform	\$15,000
Railing, add cap and side rail	15,000
Lighting; ducts, luminaires and standards	22,000
Benches	6,000
Miscellaneous; drinking fountain, sanitation	3,300
Subtotal	\$61,300
Contingencies, 20%	12,000
Plans, construction supervision, 10%	6,700
Total Estimated Project Cost	\$80,000
WCB - 50 per cent	40,000

In reviewing this proposal, staff found that no adverse environmental effect would result from this project, either in the immediate future or during the life of the structure.

It was Mr. Nesbit's recommendation that this project be approved, that the Board allocate \$40,000 for the construction of the project essentially as presented and that staff and the Department of Fish and Game be authorized to proceed substantially as planned. It was his further recommendation that staff be authorized to apply for reimbursement of one-half of the costs of the project under the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund program. He informed the Board that Mr. Jim McCormick, a sportsman from Berkeley and one of the strongest supporters of the original pier proposal, called earlier to advise that he was unable to be present at the meeting due to illness, but requested that his support be recorded. Mr. Nesbit also advised that Senator Nicholas Petris had also supported the proposal.

Mr. Chuck McCormack, Assistant City Manager, was introduced. He testified that the City considers the pier the single most important recreational facility in the East Bay and that the proposal would substantially increase the pleasurability of the pier. It is a year-round fishing pier, permit free, and attracts a steady succession of successful fishermen. He introduced representatives from the City of Berkeley -- the Director of Recreation and Parks, the City Engineer, and the Marina Superintendent -- and the Berkeley Rod and Gun Club and the East Bay Sportsmen's Club which sponsors an annual kids fishing derby which attracts 2,000 children.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN TOWNSEND, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE BERKELEY FISHING PIER IMPROVEMENTS AS A MATCHING FUND PROJECT WITH THE CITY OF BERKELEY; ALLOCATE \$40,000 FOR THE STATE'S SHARE OF CONSTRUCTION COSTS; AND AUTHORIZE THE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED. IT IS FURTHER RECOMMENDED

THAT STAFF BE AUTHORIZED TO APPLY FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF 50 PER CENT OF ACTUAL COSTS OF THE PROJECT UNDER THE FEDERAL LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM, SUCH REIMBURSEMENT TO BE DIVIDED EQUALLY BETWEEN THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD AND THE CITY OF BERKELEY.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE BERKELEY FISHING PIER IMPROVEMENTS AS A MATCHING FUND PROJECT WITH THE CITY OF BERKELEY; ALLOCATE \$40,000 FOR THE STATE'S SHARE OF CONSTRUCTION COSTS; AND AUTHORIZE THE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED. STAFF IS FURTHER AUTHORIZED TO APPLY FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF 50 PER CENT OF ACTUAL COSTS OF THE PROJECT UNDER THE FEDERAL LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM, SUCH REIMBURSEMENT TO BE DIVIDED EQUALLY BETWEEN THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD AND THE CITY OF BERKELEY.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. Pacifica Fishing Pier, San Mateo County \$500,000.00

On February 17, 1970, the proposal for a major ocean fishing pier off the San Mateo coast south of San Francisco was presented to the Wildlife Conservation Board. The Board, at that meeting, expressed an interest in this project and instructed the staff to proceed with the planning effort and submit the project with a cost estimate for the Board's consideration at a future meeting.

During the past year the City of Pacifica, the cooperating agency in this project, has hired a consulting engineering firm which has largely completed the engineering for the project, consisting of soils investigations, oceanography studies, structural design, construction drawings, and cost estimates. As a result of these studies, the engineering and economic feasibility of a fishing pier structure has been established.

It will be recalled that the proposed pier is to perform a dual function. The City of Pacifica, with the assistance of a State of California Clean Water Grant and a Federal Assistance P.L. 660 Grant, is constructing a new sewage treatment plant for Pacifica and vicinity. A part of this facility will be a sanitary marine outfall pipe on the ocean floor to extend 2,500 feet from the westerly extension of Santa Rosa Avenue in the Sharp Park area of the City of Pacifica. The 30 inch diameter pipe is to be installed on the pier structure for the entire length of the pier, then dropped to the ocean floor at the terminal end to continue on the ocean bottom to its discharge.

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The cost of the pipe, its installation on the pier, or any structural variations of the pier required to accommodate the pipe are not included in the cost of this project. These costs have been identified by the consulting engineers and the City of Pacifica will finance them independently. In addition, the City will pay for all engineering costs in connection with the project, including the design fees. The City will also provide a parking area near the pier for public use. The regular fishing pier policy of matching funds would prevail in financing this project, with the City and WCB sharing equally the costs not specifically excepted.

The City's consulting firm, Ferver Engineering Company, has designed a structure 1,140 feet long and 19½ feet wide, with options to add or deduct length in 60 foot segments, depending on bids received. The overall cost of the project is estimated at \$1,000,000. Mr. Greer Ferver, President of Ferver Engineering, was present to elaborate on the cost breakdown or pier design if needed.

The pier has been designed to achieve a maximum in railing space and a minimum in pier piling. The clean lines and long spans are not only esthetically pleasing, they serve to reduce wave impact forces acting on the pier. Pre-stressed concrete construction is specified to further maximize strength and reduce concrete dimensions. Uniform deck and rail sections will permit most of the superstructure to be of either pre-cast or slip-form construction. Seismic forces have been considered and provided for in the design also.

A restroom-concession building is to be constructed as part of the project at the foot of the pier. The shape of this structure is determined by the configuration of the sea-wall which acts as an energy absorbing wave deflector, and which surrounds the foundation of the building. As in the Cabrillo and Aliso Beach Pier projects, the concession area is to be enclosed and painted, but not equipped.

The pier will have benches, lights, fish cleaning sinks, drinking fountains, and trash receptacles. Access for maintenance vehicles on the pier will be provided. The experience of Ferver Engineering Company in their design of the Aliso Beach Fishing Pier, just successfully completed, has been very valuable in selecting the proper materials and equipment for this project.

As required by statutes, the WCB will obtain a lease of the lands involved from the City. A cooperative agreement with the City will be executed to provide for the operation and maintenance of the project if approved. The City has adopted a resolution declaring their intent to meet these requirements. The City is obtaining a possessory land interest from the State Department of Parks and Recreation and a State Lands easement for those lands not owned by the City. Preliminary approval of these land transfers has been received.

It was noted at the February, 1970, meeting that this proposal has considerable merit. It will serve the more than one million San Francisco, Peninsula, and South Bay residents, providing a recreation and ocean fishing



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facility within a short drive from their homes. It will also attract many fishermen from more distant points, as well as tourists and travelers along the scenic coast highway, since it is at one of the best fishing locations along the coast and the only ocean pier along this stretch of coastline.

The Department of Fish and Game fisheries evaluation states that fishing off a pier in this location should be good to excellent. In addition to the most commonly caught species of surf perch, jacksmelt, white croaker, sand sole, starry flounder, skates, rays, and crabs, an occasional run of striped bass or salmon in the summer months should provide plenty of action for the fisherman on the pier.

The proposal has received the endorsement of the Association of Bay Area Governments, the County of San Mateo, the Regional Water Quality Control Board, and the Coastside Sportsmen Club. The people of the City of Pacifica have overwhelmingly supported the project by approving the issuance of general obligation bonds for the City's cost of the project by a 70 per cent vote of the electorate on July 28, 1970.

Applications have been made for permits from the U.S. Corps of Engineers and the State Lands Commission. If approved and recommended by the Board, an application for participating Land and Water Conservation Funds would be made for a 50 per cent reimbursement of the costs assigned to the fishing pier.

Staff study and review of all aspects of this proposal reveals nothing which may threaten the environment or cause an adverse impact on the resources of the sea or tidelands to occur as a result of this project. An ecological benefit is seen in that with the construction of the fishing pier and new outfall line, two existing shorter marine sewer outfall conduits will be abandoned -- a 24 inch diameter pipe outfall at Linda Mar, and a 20 inch diameter outfall at Sharp Park.

The Executive Officer recommended the Board approve the Pacifica Fishing Pier as a matching fund project with the City of Pacifica, allocate \$500,000 for the construction thereof, and authorize the staff and the Department of Fish and Game to proceed with the project substantially as planned, including the authorization to make application for reimbursement of one-half of the total costs of the project under the Land and Water Conservation Fund Program.

Questions raised by Assemblyman Townsend included whether the Board would share in the costs of the sewer outfall pipe and who would build the concession building and how it would be constructed. Mr. Nesbit responded that as indicated in the agenda the pier will carry the sewer outfall pipe through the surf zone, but the cost of the sewer pipeline and installation and structural costs relating to the pipe would be funded by the City through bonds approved by the City. Mr. Dave Thompson, City Director of Public Works, indicated the concession building would be 1300 square feet which would include restrooms and janitorial and storage facilities.



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A space in the building will be reserved for a bait and tackle shop which will be completed by a concessionaire. The cost of the building will be shared by WCB and City. Mr. John Sherman, City Attorney, acknowledged Assemblyman Townsend's concern in regard to the concession building construction, and assured him that the work would be bid out.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN TOWNSEND, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE PACIFICA FISHING PIER AS A MATCHING FUND PROJECT WITH THE CITY OF PACIFICA; ALLOCATE \$500,000 FOR THE STATE'S SHARE OF CONSTRUCTION COSTS; AND AUTHORIZE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED. IT IS FURTHER RECOMMENDED THAT STAFF BE AUTHORIZED TO APPLY FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF 50 PER CENT OF ACTUAL COSTS OF THE PROJECT UNDER THE FEDERAL LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM, SUCH REIMBURSEMENT TO BE DIVIDED EQUALLY BETWEEN THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD AND THE CITY OF PACIFICA. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE PACIFICA FISHING PIER AS A MATCHING FUND PROJECT WITH THE CITY OF PACIFICA; ALLOCATE \$500,000 FOR THE STATE'S SHARE OF CONSTRUCTION COSTS; AND AUTHORIZE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED. STAFF IS FURTHER AUTHORIZED TO APPLY FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF 50 PER CENT OF ACTUAL COSTS OF THE PROJECT UNDER THE FEDERAL LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM, SUCH REIMBURSEMENT TO BE DIVIDED EQUALLY BETWEEN THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD AND THE CITY OF PACIFICA. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

All the sportsmen and City of Pacifica representatives attending the meeting were asked to stand and be recognized, and Mr. Arnett commended the group for their support and interest in this project.

12. Dog Island Fishing Access, Tehama County \$13,000.00

On September 26, 1967, the WCB approved the Dog Island Fishing Access project and allocated \$47,700 in development funds. Development was to include parking, lighting, restroom, and a footbridge to the island. Subsequently the project was submitted and qualified for one-half reimbursement under the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Act.

Project location is a 13-acre island 100 feet offshore from the right bank of the Sacramento River and the adjacent shoreline property in the City of Red Bluff. The Red Bluff Diversion Dam has created an impoundment in this area called Lake Red Bluff.

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Development of the project was held up pending a change in ownership of the island from State Lands Commission to the Bureau of Reclamation. Further, the federal government was reluctant to lease the island to the WCB until a recreational management plan could be agreed upon for the entire lake Red Bluff area. These problems have now been resolved.

The City of Red Bluff, our partner in this project, opened construction bids on January 26, 1971, and the low bid was \$13,000 in excess of the 1967 allocation. This is considered a very favorable bid, however, since it reflects only a 27% increase over the 1967 estimate, whereas the construction index has increased 33% during this period.

The application for federal reimbursement will not be amended to request additional funds, since there is a three-year time limit for this action and that period has now elapsed.

Mr. Nesbit recommended that the Board approve this allocation of \$13,000 and that staff and the Department be authorized to proceed with the project substantially as planned.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN TOWNSEND, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD ALLOCATE THE ADDITIONAL SUM OF \$13,000 TO COVER THE LOW BID RECEIVED FOR THE DOG ISLAND FISHING ACCESS PROJECT AND AUTHORIZE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT AS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD ALLOCATE THE ADDITIONAL SUM OF \$13,000 TO COVER THE LOW BID RECEIVED FOR THE DOG ISLAND FISHING ACCESS PROJECT AND AUTHORIZE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT AS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

(Assemblyman Belotti was excused from the meeting and Assemblywoman Davis who joined the Joint Interim Committee at this time was introduced.)

13. Buckley Cove Fishing Access, San Joaquin County \$126,000.00

The City Council of Stockton, recognizing the need to improve facilities for boat fishing access to the deep water channel and other delta waterways, has requested WCB assistance for expanding boat launching facilities at Buckley Cove.

Buckley Cove is approximately eight miles northwesterly from the center of Stockton, on City property and is within 1/4 mile of the deep water channel and near the heart of the delta area. The area is being developed by the City as a marina and public park under a Master Development Plan adopted by the City.

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An existing boat ramp constructed here by the City nearly 20 years ago has become inadequate for present needs. The City reports that this ramp is the most heavily used of all ramps in the Stockton metropolitan area and on an average Saturday or Sunday 400 to 500 boat launchings are made. Because of the limited parking and launching space, considerable congestion and long waits are normal on these heavy use days. The construction of Interstate Highway 5 with an off-ramp on March Lane, less than two miles from Buckley Cove, will encourage even greater use.

The use of the small boat ramp at the Buckley Cove area is by general recreationists as well as fishermen, but the primary use is for fishing access purposes. The Department of Fish and Game recommends the project and has submitted an evaluation of the fisheries. Striped bass, shad, and occasional salmon are the principal species of fish caught in this vicinity, but boat fishermen range throughout the delta from here to catch catfish, steelhead, salmon, and other species.

The Stockton City Council has submitted an endorsing resolution which provides that the City will lease the project lands to the State and will maintain and operate the project upon completion. Agreements for a free 25-year lease to the State and for the operation and maintenance of the facility as a free fishing access will be entered into after the approval of the Board is given to the project.

This project consists of Phase 1 of a larger development planned by the City Parks and Recreation and Public Works Departments. The project will include a four-lane concrete launching ramp, constructed either on compacted earth fill or supported on pressure treated timber piling and a paved parking area with a capacity for 43 cars and trailers and with low intensity lighting to facilitate night use and assist in surveillance. Bidders on the project will be given an option as to the method selected for construction of the ramp.

The City will contribute to the project by assuming the cost of a public restroom and additional parking. The construction of these facilities, shown as Phase 2 on the Development Plan, will be accomplished by the City following completion of the Phase 1 or WCB portion of the project.

The project design has been developed with close cooperation between staff and City personnel and is believed to be one which can be constructed with a maximum of efficiency and will provide a long, low maintenance service life. The cost estimate of the project as submitted by the City has been reviewed by staff and is considered to be realistic. Any funds remaining in the project after completion of the construction may be recovered by the Board. It is expected that the project will qualify for reimbursement under the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act, and if approved by the Board an application for such reimbursement will be made.

The breakdown of the project costs is as follows:

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Launching ramp, concrete, earth fill or pile supported	\$68,000
Floats, gangways and anchors	17,000
Parking area	30,000
Area lighting	5,000
Subtotal	<u>\$120,000</u>
Contingency	5,000
Total Estimated Construction Cost	<u>\$125,000</u>
Miscellaneous, title costs, signs, etc.	1,000
Total Estimated Project Cost	<u>\$126,000</u>

The staff has reviewed this proposal from the standpoint of its environmental effects and has determined that there will be no short term or lasting adverse environmental impact on the resources from these improvements.

Mr. Nesbit recommended that the Board approve the Buckley Cove Fishing Access project, allocate \$126,000 for the construction of the facilities as detailed above, and authorize staff and the Department of Fish and Game to proceed with the project substantially as planned, including the authorization to make application for reimbursement of 50 per cent of the cost of the project under the Land and water Conservation Fund program.

Assemblyman Townsend asked if the WCB has a commitment from the City as to their contribution in this project. Mr. Emil Seifert, Stockton Director of Parks and Recreation, replied that Phase 2 which is itemized in the Project Report at \$105,000, and Phase 3 will provide for the development of the balance of city-owned property of 21 acres as a public recreation facility. This will include a restroom and 148 additional car and trailer parking spaces which will be needed to serve the public using the launching ramp. This is in the 5-year improvement program approved by the City Council, Mr. Seifert said, and the City must set aside funds each year for this purpose. Mr. Seifert assured the Assemblyman that although he cannot speak for the City Council he is confident that Phase 2 and 3 will be completed since the additional parking will definitely be needed. For this coming year \$12,500 is to be used to clear the Phase 2 parking area and make temporary additional parking available.

Assemblyman Townsend moved for the denial of this request, since it appeared there is no definite commitment from the City Council. Senator Lagomarsino questioned the denial on the basis of previous Board policy relative to this type of project. He said he is familiar with many Board projects which were approved where the only commitment required of the local agency was that of operation and maintenance. Assemblywoman Davis agreed with the Senator that the Board does not have a policy requiring matching or participating funds on this type of project.

Mr. Nesbit stated that this project does not come under the policy for matching funds for construction as required for piers. The WCB has built 90 such access projects in various locations throughout the state, he said, and this proposal would be similar. However, participation from local government in some form or other is always required and in this instance the City of Stockton has agreed to participation in the form of additional parking and restrooms at an estimated cost of \$105,000, as well as leasing the area to the state and picking up the operation and maintenance obligations for the completed project. This is more financial participation than is normal for projects of this type.



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Assemblywoman Davis, noting the fact that cities are experiencing difficult fiscal situations, suggested that it might be well for the Board to have some statement from the city officials as to projection of annual expenditures on an estimate basis which they plan to propose during their budgetary meetings each year until this entire proposed development is completed. This should alleviate the concern expressed by Assemblyman Townsend and will give the Board an indication of the expected timetable for completion of all the facilities. Since there are fiscal problems at all levels of government, the review of such a schedule of proposed expenditures would give the Board a better understanding and appreciation of the city's contribution to this project.

Senator Walsh indicated that regardless of what the Board's policy has been in the past the city must commit themselves, possibly in the form of a letter setting forth this commitment.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN TOWNSEND, SECONDED BY SENATOR WALSH, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE DENIAL OF THIS PROJECT UNTIL THERE IS A COMMITMENT FROM THE CITY OF STOCKTON.

AYES: Assemblyman Townsend, Senator Walsh

NOES: Senator Marler, Senator Lagomarsino, Assemblywoman Davis

Assemblywoman Davis asked Mr. Seifert to what degree would the City be inconvenienced in postponing this project until the next Board meeting. Mr. Seifert replied that with approval at this time the City could go into planning and be able to bid early in the fall, since this would be the best time for construction. To Assemblywoman Davis' question as to what he believed would be the feeling of the City Council if the Board were to require a fiscal commitment in the form of a document, allowing that perhaps the Board could approve it with this embodied in the motion, Mr. Seifert replied that he could not speak for the City Council, but he does know that they are most interested in the project and are anxious to proceed.

Senator Marler cautioned that the present city council may not be here the next year and that one council cannot commit another; that there will be a precedent set in this practice and that if there is even a small amount of local financial participation the project should be considered. He declared this has been an extremely successful program with capital outlay by this Board and operation and maintenance by the local agencies.

Assemblyman Townsend and Senator Walsh both expressed their desire to get from the local agency a commitment of their fiscal participation.

Mr. Nesbit asked if the Board desired to have the City Council give us an assurance and a projected break-down for each year until the project is completed and that if it were their desire the staff could make this a requirement in the future. He agreed with Senator Lagomarsino and Assemblywoman Davis that the Board's policy has been not to require financial commitments for projects such as this. In this instance the staff

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recommendation for an allocation of \$126,000 was predicated on the City's plans to make additional improvements to complete the project, but it was not staff's intention to convey the impression that the City was committed to do so. He stated he was remiss in not spelling out in the agenda the value of the City's planned contribution in dollars and cents. The City did, however, provide Phase 2 cost detail in their report to the WCB. Mr. Nesbit's main concern was that a postponement would mean an escalation of costs such as was experienced in the Dog Island project which escalated 27 per cent while a problem in securing proprietary interest in the land was worked out. He did not feel there was any concern that we would not get good cooperation from the City of Stockton. A fishing access constructed at Louis Park by the Wildlife Conservation Board in 1959 in cooperation with the City of Stockton has been maintained, improved, and operated in a very satisfactory manner by the City and he felt certain this project would be no different. He said a statement to satisfy the Board members as to the proposed future city expenditures for the additional parking area and restroom could be obtained.

IT WAS MOVED BY SENATOR LAGOMARSINO, SECONDED BY SENATOR MARLER, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE BUCKLEY COVE FISHING ACCESS PROJECT; ALLOCATE \$126,000 THEREFOR, AND AUTHORIZE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED, INCLUDING THE RECEIPT FROM THE CITY OF STOCKTON OF PROJECTIONS OF CITY EXPENDITURES FOR PHASE 2 OF THE PROJECT ON AN ESTIMATE BASIS. IT IS FURTHER RECOMMENDED THAT STAFF BE AUTHORIZED TO APPLY FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF 50 PER CENT OF THE ACTUAL COSTS OF THE PROJECT UNDER THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM.

AYES: Senator Marler, Senator Lagomarsino, Senator Walsh,  
Assemblywoman Davis

NOES: Assemblyman Townsend

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE BUCKLEY COVE FISHING ACCESS PROJECT; ALLOCATE \$126,000 THEREFOR; AND AUTHORIZE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED, INCLUDING THE RECEIPT FROM THE CITY OF STOCKTON OF PROJECTIONS OF ANNUAL CITY EXPENDITURES FOR PHASE 2 OF THE PROJECT ON AN ESTIMATE BASIS. STAFF IS FURTHER AUTHORIZED TO APPLY FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF 50 PER CENT OF THE ACTUAL COSTS OF THE PROJECT UNDER THE FEDERAL LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

14. Coyote Lake Fishing Access, Santa Clara County \$174,000.00

Mr. Nesbit presented the proposal by the County of Santa Clara which would provide a boat fishing access to the 688 acre Coyote Lake. This water supply reservoir, owned by the Santa Clara County Flood Control and

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Water District is located in the Mt. Hamilton range, about 6 miles north-east of Gilroy.

The lake is nearly 5 miles long, averages 1500 feet in width and has a capacity of 24,510 acre feet. It has long been a favorite spot for local fishermen and since its completion in 1936 it has been stocked regularly by the Department of Fish and Game. Widespread public use of the lake by boat fishermen has not been made, however, because of the inadequate facilities for boat launching. At present, the only boat access to the water is from a dirt ramp. Frequently, fishermen get their vehicles stuck when attempting to launch or retrieve their boats. Also, the existing ramp becomes unuseable with a relatively small drop in the water elevation. The lake is subject to the variable flows of the Coyote River, but its level is expected to stabilize somewhat with the importation of water from the San Luis Reservoir, by way of the San Felipe Project in the mid-1970's.

The proposal for a WCB project here is in keeping with the Board's program of improving public access to inland waters for fishing recreation. Coyote Reservoir is in the southern end of a fast growing county and is one of the better fishing lakes in the area. The Department of Fish and Game evaluation of the fisheries states in part:

"Coyote Reservoir supports a fair-to-good warmwater sport fishery consisting of largemouth black bass, various sunfish and catfish. During late winter and early spring water conditions are suitable for trout and the department stocks considerable numbers of trout in the reservoir."

In recommending the project, the Department estimates that there are about 2500 angler days of use annually and that with a boat ramp, this use could be expected to increase at least five-fold.

The entire shoreline of the lake is in public ownership. The district has leased several cabin sites along the northwestern side of the lake on a year-to-year basis but has a planned program of clearing these and developing public recreational facilities in their place.

The County has a temporary 100 unit campground, picnic area and swimming beach on the western shore just south of the proposed WCB access and will improve this campground and develop an additional one north of the proposed project site as funds become available. Thus, in addition to making access to the water available to the fisherman and others, the ultimate development of Coyote Lake will provide facilities for the hiker, camper, boater, picnicker, swimmer, and sight-seer. The full recreational potential of the lake has been recognized by the County of Santa Clara as is evidenced by the inclusion of Coyote Lake in the County's Master Plan for Parks, Recreation and Open Space.

The district has leased the water surface and lands to the county for purposes of these planned and proposed recreational facilities. This lease has been amended to allow for subleasing the project lands to the State.



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The Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors have submitted a resolution to formalize their request. The resolution declares that the County will give the State a long term free lease of the project land and will assume the operation and maintenance responsibilities of the project.

The County Departments of Park and Recreation and Public Works have selected an 11-acre site for this project on the west side of the lake adjacent to Coyote Reservoir Road. The location is near the center of the lake at a point having both flat terrain suitable for parking facilities and a good site for a launching ramp. Also there is a source of power at the site from which electric service for the restroom and well pump will be run underground. The plans prepared by the County include a paved parking area, a two-lane boat launching ramp, boarding floats, a water supply well and restroom facility.

The County is prepared to contribute to the development of the project by undertaking all engineering work, including the preparation of final plans and specifications, contract administration and construction inspection. In addition, the County will demolish or otherwise clear the site of several existing buildings prior to advertising the project out for construction bids.

In its review of this proposal, staff has concluded that there will be no detrimental environmental effects resulting from this project. In reaching this conclusion staff has considered not only the environmental impact of the project but also any alternatives which might be feasible. In evaluating the effects of construction of facilities against the public benefits to be gained in recreational use of this resource, the overall significant effect is beneficial to the environment.

The plans and cost estimate submitted by county engineers have been reviewed by staff and appear acceptable. The costs are in line with generally prevailing construction costs in the County. If approved by the Board, an application for reimbursement of one-half of the costs of the project under the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Act will be made.

The estimated cost breakdown is as follows:

Earthwork - excavation, clearing and grubbing	\$19,000
Parking area - base, paving, curbing, drainage	61,300
Boat launching ramp - reinforced concrete	30,100
Restroom - structure, water supply, sewerage	41,200
Electric service	4,100
Floats and Anchors	7,000
Subtotal	<u>\$162,700</u>
Contingency, 6%	10,300
Total Estimated Construction Cost	<u>\$173,000</u>
Miscellaneous, title insurance, signs, etc.	1,000
Total Estimated Project Cost	<u>\$174,000</u>

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It was Mr. Nesbit's recommendation that the Board approve this project and allocate \$174,000 for the development substantially as planned. It was his further recommendation that staff be authorized to apply for reimbursement of 50 per cent of the construction costs of the project under the Land and Water Conservation Fund program.

Assemblyman Townsend asked if the County planned to pay 50 per cent of the cost on this particular project. Mr. Nesbit responded that the County would not participate 50 per cent in the cost and this was corroborated by Mr. Tom Crandall, Assistant Director of Parks, Santa Clara County. However, Mr. Crandall declared that the County will undertake all engineering design work and will bid out all of the work with the exception of the demolition or site clearing which has already been accomplished.

In answer to Assemblywoman Davis' question as to whether there will be a leach line for the restroom facilities, Mr. Crandall responded that this is what is provided in the working drawings and that the leach field will be located a considerable distance from the lake shore.

Assemblywoman Davis called the Board's attention to the fact that the regional water quality control boards are considering not permitting leach lines on lake shore developments, and she suggested the County consider relocation of this facility at the outset before it finds itself in the posture of making the change after construction and upon request by the water quality control board. Senator Lagomarsino suggested that this could be accomplished by requiring specifically that any leach line in connection with this project or any other be subject to express approval of the regional control board, that the regional board approval be required prior to construction. It was Mrs. Davis' belief that having another state agency approve any projects of the WCB would create problems and that the Board should therefore have Santa Clara County re-evaluate the leach line for this development. The Board should also instruct the staff to resolve this with Santa Clara County by finding another method of sewage disposal rather than leach lines.

Assemblywoman Davis made a motion that the WCB accept this project with the understanding that staff and officials of Santa Clara County resolve the question of another method of disposal rather than through leach lines and that when this is resolved that it be submitted to the Board for re-evaluation. She clarified for Senator Walsh that the Executive Officer could contact the individual Board members for their approval rather than to hold it over to the next meeting. This motion was seconded by Assemblyman Townsend.

Upon questioning Mr. Crandall, Senator Walsh was informed that the alternative to a leach line would be a hook-up to a sewage line some 5 miles distant. Mr. Crandall elaborated that other methods for disposal were investigated, that the proposed disposal method was typical of the type used statewide and that the County did not anticipate problems because of soils condition at Coyote Reservoir, even though there have been problems from time to time in other areas of the state.

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Senator Walsh stated he did not believe the Board should go on record of making this type of demand for sewage disposal by means not readily available and thereby hold up a project subject to later approval.

Assemblywoman Davis related that her concern is based on the fact that the Davis Lake development, a state project, has been provided with a leach line system which is contaminating the lake. The WCB is a state body and we cannot approve the Coyote Lake development if another state body rules that it is not all right. We must be consistent with these proposals. Senator Lagomarsino declared that this is the reason the WCB must get approval of the regional board. Mr. Nesbit confirmed that this project is a proposed Land and Water Conservation Fund project and that as such it would require approval of both the State and Regional Water Quality Control Board.

Mr. Chickering observed that the leach field appeared to be a sufficient distance away from the lake and that leach fields per se cannot be considered contaminating. He wondered if the problem could not be resolved by going to the regional control board. Mr. Crandall asked if it would be satisfactory to the Board if the County could provide assurance that alternative measures for sewage disposal would be developed if public health and regional board approval is not received. The Board concurred and Assemblywoman Davis then withdrew her earlier motion.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN TOWNSEND, SECONDED BY SENATOR WALSH, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE COYOTE LAKE FISHING ACCESS PROJECT; ALLOCATE \$174,000 THEREFOR; AND AUTHORIZE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED, INCLUDING THE RECEIPT OF ASSURANCE FROM THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA THAT IN THE EVENT APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT FROM PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES OR THE REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD IS NOT RECEIVED, ALTERNATIVE MEASURES FOR SEWAGE DISPOSAL WOULD BE DEVELOPED. IT IS FURTHER RECOMMENDED THAT STAFF BE AUTHORIZED TO APPLY FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF 50 PER CENT OF THE ACTUAL COSTS OF THE PROJECT UNDER THE FEDERAL LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE COYOTE LAKE FISHING ACCESS PROJECT; ALLOCATE \$174,000 THEREFOR; AND AUTHORIZE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED, INCLUDING THE RECEIPT OF ASSURANCE FROM THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA THAT IN THE EVENT APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT FROM PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES OR THE REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD IS NOT RECEIVED, ALTERNATIVE MEASURES FOR SEWAGE DISPOSAL WOULD BE DEVELOPED. STAFF IS FURTHER AUTHORIZED TO APPLY FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF 50 PER CENT OF THE ACTUAL COSTS OF THE PROJECT UNDER THE FEDERAL LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.



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15. Land and Water Conservation Fund Distribution Formula

Assemblywoman Davis requested the Executive Officer's viewpoints in regard to the distribution formula provided in AB 156. Mr. Nesbit stated that in his review his principal concern had been the 10 per cent proposed for retention by the Department of Parks and Recreation, but that Director Mott had adequately explained the need for this contingency fund. Director of Parks and Recreation, Mr. William Penn Mott, testified that in Title 14 of the Administrative Code this 10 per cent is provided for a contingency fund to be used by the liaison officer for stimulating local agencies to work in areas of need. Presently there is need for stimulating local agencies to work within the cities and in particular to look at impacted urban areas. He stated that after studies were made, it was found that there were older parks requiring improvement and repair and by this technique of providing this fund for such work, the Department could get interest in developing projects in impacted areas where there is a great need.

Mr. Nesbit reported that the program has been operating under a formula on a trial basis whereby the WCB receives 30 per cent of the Land and Water Funds allocated to State agencies. California's share of the federal funds is divided 50-50 between State and local government after the State Liaison Officer deducts the 10 per cent for a contingency fund. The formula as far as staff is concerned is equitable and has worked well.

The bill proposed by Assemblywoman Davis would, by statute, establish the same formula and thereby permit better planning and program budgeting. Her bill also provides that money not used by state agencies is available to the State Liaison Officer for redistribution to other projects.

Mr. Mott related that California has unique problems and that the federal government must be shown that this is the case. One of the areas requiring attention are those parks in rural areas but which serve urban populations. These areas have limited funds but must take care of the needs of the urban population, and it is a problem the State should recognize. With the 10 per cent contingency fund withheld, extra money and extra incentive could be provided. In response to Assemblyman Townsend's question, Mr. Mott replied that there is no existing legislation which ties down the distribution of funds, but it is part of the Administrative Code by which the Department of Parks and Recreation administers these funds. He reviewed the distribution formula which, as presently set up, provides for flexibility in the distribution of funds according to needs. Mr. Mott reported that this year \$13,000,000 was made available to California, a considerable increase over previous years. Some state agencies, he said, were unable to use all of their allotted share and he was redistributing it to local government projects. With this flexibility available, monies not being matched can revert either to projects proposed by State or local agencies. He reiterated that his problem is to see that there is flexibility in the distribution so that funds allocated to California would not revert to the federal government.

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Assemblywoman Davis requested Mr. Mott's interpretation of a local project. Mr. Mott stated that any project proposed by a city, county, or local jurisdiction, or any project proposed by other than a state organization would be considered local. These entities include park districts, cities, counties, regional authorities, etc. Her question related to a hearing where there was a misunderstanding of the concept of regional parks. Mr. Mott responded that the Department receives more applications for projects from cities and counties than there are funds available. In order to give staff a criteria, a committee was established to determine what is regional use. If the project is less than 15 acres in size, but its projected use is regional, then it is considered regional. Assemblyman Townsend's district has a project which was 11 acres. Because of its size, it was looked at critically, not because it would be regional in nature, but because it was less than 15 acres.

Following this explanation, Assemblywoman Davis told Director Mott that she had amended the bill so as to retain flexibility in the distribution of funds by the State Liaison Officer. The bill also includes the provision of a 10 per cent contingency fund.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. ARNETT, SECONDED BY SENATOR LAGOMARSINO, AS A JOINT MOTION, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD SUPPORTS THE DISTRIBUTION FORMULA FOR LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUNDS AS PROPOSED IN AB 156 WITH THE AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION, WHICH PROVIDES FLEXIBILITY IN THE DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS BY THE STATE LIAISON OFFICER, AND INCLUDES THEREIN A 10 PER CENT CONTINGENCY FUND FOR URGENT PROJECTS.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Speaking on the question of contamination of Davis Lake, Mr. Mott stated he was not aware that the leach fields were contaminating the lake, but he assured Assemblywoman Davis that his Department would look into it and take corrective measures if needed. His Department will apply for Proposition 1 or 20 funds, either of which could be used, to correct it as was suggested by the Forest Service.

16. San Pablo Reservoir Fishing Access, Contra Costa County - A Preview

The East Bay Municipal Utility District has five major terminal domestic water supply reservoirs. Three of these have not yet been opened to public use -- San Pablo, Briones, and Upper San Leandro -- each approximately 750 acres in size. In addition to the terminal reservoirs, the district has two reservoirs on the Mokelumne River in the Sierra foothills -- Pardee and Camanche -- both open to public use.

The opening of Pardee Reservoir in 1958 marked the first of the district's reservoirs to be made available to the public for recreation purposes. The Wildlife Conservation Board in 1957, leased district lands and allocated funds for the development of public use facilities which are being

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maintained and operated by the district under a cooperative agreement with the Department of Fish and Game. Pardee Reservoir's primary recreational use is as a fishing area, with kokanee salmon being the principal attraction.

In response to the increased public demand for recreation, the district opened additional reservoirs for public use after Pardee Reservoir, such as the Lafayette, Chabot, and Camanche Reservoirs. In 1969 the District recognized that a master plan was needed to assure the continued orderly opening and development of the lands and waters of the district. A comprehensive Land Use Master Plan has now been adopted by the district. It provides for the opening of these last three reservoirs, San Pablo Reservoir first and Briones and Upper San Leandro in later years, on a staged basis.

The district has proposed the Wildlife Conservation Board cooperate with the district in recreational developments for fishing at San Pablo Reservoir, and possibly the other two reservoirs as well. Plans are being prepared for an access road, parking area, restrooms, and boat concession facilities at San Pablo Reservoir. A sail boat launching ramp is planned but no power boat launching is to be permitted. Picnic areas will be developed also. To date the district has expended about \$128,000 for design, site preparation, and construction of a turnout to the proposed access road from San Pablo Dam Road.

Staff intends to present a detailed plan of the proposed construction together with cost estimates for Board consideration at the next meeting. The scope of the WCB development would consist primarily of the access road, parking area, and restroom. Boat rental concession facilities and sailboat ramp are to be developed by others.

The Department of Fish and Game recommends this as a WCB fishing access project and plans to stock trout in the reservoir when it is opened to public use. The Department reports that native game fishes in the reservoir include largemouth bass, black crappie, bluegill, sunfish, catfish, and a small self-sustaining population of rainbow trout.

The open space and potential recreation resources which the district's watershed lands and reservoirs in Alameda and Contra Costa counties offer are without equal in the San Francisco Bay Area. The lands are located adjacent to areas of existing and potential urban and suburban development. San Pablo and Briones Reservoirs are particularly well located to serve the recreational needs of the central and northeast Bay Area and are within an hour's drive of several million people in the Bay Area. Upper San Leandro Reservoir in Alameda County is slightly farther from the metropolitan complex, but offers good potential for recreation. It is in the most rugged and ecologically the most diverse of all the district lands, being located in narrow, steep-walled canyons. Suitable sites for boat launching ramps and other public access facilities exist here, easily accessible by freeway from Oakland.



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Mr. Nesbit recommended that the Board approve in concept the cooperative development of the three remaining district reservoirs and authorize staff to proceed with the preparation of a detailed proposal for the San Pablo project as the first of these developments for Board consideration at the next meeting. It is expected that the other reservoirs will be opened at two or three year intervals, and if approved by the Board, staff will evaluate the proposals for possible participation in these when requested by the district to do so.

Assemblyman Townsend declared that he is in favor of helping private as well as public utility companies. He felt we should get an opinion as to whether the Board can provide assistance to private utilities before we give go-ahead to this project. Mr. Nesbit responded that PG&E, a private utility, has opened to fishing its reservoirs on their own, but that these reservoirs are usually power supply rather than water supply. He mentioned that the Board has cooperated in projects where a private utility had provided land to the Board such as for the Hat Creek project.

Senator Lagomarsino mentioned that the private companies have not asked for help in opening their reservoirs to fishing. Assemblyman Townsend thought we should let private people know this is available and that if we can do this for public utilities, we should give the same consideration to private utilities. Mr. Nesbit reported that the WCB contracts for operation and maintenance must be with state, federal, or local political subdivisions of government.

Senator Lagomarsino suggested that staff get a legal opinion in regard to the question of whether or not the Board can provide funds for projects proposed by private utilities.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN TOWNSEND, SECONDED BY SENATOR LAGOMARSINO, AS A JOINT MOTION, THAT THE CONCEPT OF A WCB PROJECT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT'S SAN PABLO, BRIONES, AND UPPER SAN LEANDRO RESERVOIRS FOR PUBLIC FISHING BE APPROVED, AND THE STAFF IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO PROCEED WITH PLANNING AND TO PRESENT THE SAN PABLO RESERVOIR AS THE FIRST OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION AT A FUTURE MEETING.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

17. 1964 Bond Act Program Report

The following report was submitted by the Executive Officer for recording into the minutes of this meeting. Mr. Arnett thanked the Board staff for their good work in seeing to completion this bond program.

The State Beach, Park, Recreational, and Historical Facilities Bond Act provided \$5 million to the WCB for a program to (1) upgrade the fish hatchery system, (2) acquire key wildlife areas, and (3) construct artificial reefs around selected piers. Although a final accounting will not be available for some time, the following report summarizes WCB expenditures on this program.



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HATCHERIES . . . . . \$4,126,118

Fillmore Hatchery . . . . . \$726,738

Modernization of the existing hatchery and purchase of equipment brought this facility up to modern production standards. Expectations have been exceeded and production has doubled to over 1,000,000 catchable trout annually. Expenditures include \$144,000 for acquisition of the formerly leased hatchery site.

San Joaquin Hatchery . . . . . \$85,641

Enlargement of the existing hatchery to include a broodstock facility with a capacity of 10,000,000 eggs was accomplished with bond funds in 1967.

American River Hatchery . . . . . \$976,120

A new modern trout hatchery, adjacent to the Nimbus salmon-steelhead hatchery, this project included construction of the hatchery, two residences and purchase of equipment. Production is 6,000,000 fingerling and 1,000,000 catchable trout annually.

Mad River Hatchery . . . . . \$1,146,500

This new and completely modern salmon-steelhead hatchery for the North Coast region has just been completed and dedication is scheduled for sometime this spring. Production estimates for this hatchery are 1,000,000 yearling silver salmon and steelhead and 5,000,000 king salmon annually.

The hatchery, which cost nearly \$2 $\frac{1}{2}$  million, was financed not only by the WCB but also under the Federal Anadromous Fish Act which matched the WCB Bond Fund expenditures.

Imperial Valley Warmwater Hatchery . . . . . \$1,191,119

Construction of this warmwater hatchery with an estimated production of one-half million catchable size channel catfish annually is nearing completion and the facility is to be dedicated in April of this year.

WILDLIFE AREAS . . . . . \$687,883

Los Banos Wildlife Area . . . . . \$46,506

Acquisition of this 208 acre parcel contiguous to the existing wildlife area in Merced County, has preserved additional waterfowl habitat and allowed for more efficient area management.

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Mendota Wildlife Area . . . . . \$188,877

The 9,000 acre Mendota Wildlife Area in Fresno County was one of the Board's key acquisition projects in the 1950's. Under the Bond Act program, an additional 440 acre parcel was acquired in 1966.

Visitor use figures show that nearly 25,000 persons used the area last year.

Tehama Wildlife Area . . . . . \$22,976

In 1965 a 640 acre parcel within the existing management area was acquired with Bond monies to preserve additional key winter deer range, making the total unit more manageable, and providing better public access to fishermen, hunters, and other recreationists.

Spenceville Wildlife Area . . . . . \$40,394

This acquisition of 585 acres of federal surplus lands adjoining an existing wildlife area, preserved the area's high wildlife and recreational values. Almost 40,000 people visited the area in 1970.

Mojave River Wildlife Area . . . . . \$389,130

Under the Land and Water Conservation Act the federal government matched the Board's commitment of Bond monies to acquire 800 acres in the Mojave desert -- a unique area supporting a wide variety of trees and shrubs, with lakes ranging up to 50 acres in size. After selective development by San Bernardino County, the area will provide recreational opportunities for hunters and fishermen, while preserving wildlife habitat.

REEFS . . . . . \$161,026

A significant project to enhance fishing from public piers by improving adjacent habitat for fish and other marine organisms. Rock reefs were constructed at seven piers which receive thousands of visitor days use each year -- Los Angeles (Venice) Pier, Manhattan Pier, Hermosa Beach Pier, Seal Beach Pier, Huntington Beach Pier, San Clemente Municipal Pier, and Oceanside Municipal Pier.

PROJECT ASSISTANCE - (Surveys, staff help) . . . . . \$24,973

TOTAL EXPENDITURES, 1964 Bond Fund Program -- \$5,000,000

18. Recreation and Fish and Wildlife Enhancement Bond Act

The following report was submitted by the Executive Officer for recording into the minutes of this meeting. No action by the Board was required.

Proposition 20 on the November, 1970, ballot was passed by the electorate with a sizeable majority. It authorized legislation to provide recreational facilities and fish and wildlife enhancement at the waters of the State Water Project. This act, called the Recreation and Fish and Wildlife Enhancement Bond Act, provides 54 million dollars to the Department of Parks and Recreation for parks and 6 million dollars to the WCB and Department of Fish and Game for fish and wildlife projects. Those projects which are historically in the area of responsibility of the WCB, such as fish hatcheries, will be carried in the WCB budget. The act provided that those projects operated by local government, such as fishing access projects along the State Canals, would be directly funded through WCB action.

About 3.5 million dollars is needed to rebuild or expand hatchery facilities to increase production of catchable trout by 4 million annually to stock the vast State Water Project reservoirs and canals.

The remaining 2.5 million dollars is scheduled for fishing access to reservoirs, canals, and flow-enhanced streams of the State Water Project, and for a wildlife habitat development program on state lands adjacent to various project facilities -- especially the aqueduct.

The State Water Project on which this bond act money may be expended includes 54,000 surface acres of water in 17 reservoirs, 444 miles of open aqueducts, and 102 miles of streams improved by enhanced flows below dams. Recreation facilities developed under this act could eventually be located in 17 counties.

The first bond sales, expected to be made this summer, will provide 1/2 million dollars for the fish and wildlife enhancement program. The 1971-72 budget breakdown for the first funds available is as follows:

\$180,000 - to Office of Architecture and Construction for designs for modernizing fish hatcheries.

\$120,000 - for additional pond construction at Fillmore Hatchery. The preliminary plans are available.

\$150,000 - for construction at Black Rock Hatchery ponds, Inyo County. Preliminary plans are available.

\$450,000

In addition, \$50,000 of the first bond sold is earmarked for fishing access along the aqueducts in the southern San Joaquin Valley and south of the Tehachapi Range.

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Budgeted projects are approved by the legislative process and are carried in the State budget. Other projects such as those operated by local government will require the same approval of the Wildlife Conservation Board as is required by its regularly funded projects.

19. Imperial Warmwater Hatchery, Imperial County \$50,000.00

Mr. Nesbit reported that this hatchery has been completed and dedication has tentatively been set for Sunday, April 25. It was found, however, that the banks of the ponds were being severely eroded by wind action. He stated that photographs of the bank erosion were available and that corrective work must be accomplished or the banks would be lost. It was his recommendation that \$50,000 be allocated to allow the Department of Fish and Game to take corrective action.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN TOWNSEND, SECONDED BY SENATOR LAGOMARSINO, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE EROSION CONTROL WORK AT THE IMPERIAL WARMWATER HATCHERY BE UNDERTAKEN AND THAT \$50,000 BE ALLOCATED THEREFOR.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD ALLOCATE \$50,000 FOR EROSION CONTROL WORK AT THE IMPERIAL WARMWATER HATCHERY AND THE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME ARE AUTHORIZED TO PROCEED WITH THE CORRECTIVE WORK.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

20. Resolutions

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. ARNETT, SECONDED BY SENATOR LAGOMARSINO, THAT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS HONORING C. RANS PEARMAN, SENATOR LEWIS F. SHERMAN, AND ASSEMBLYMAN EARLE P. CRANDALL BE ADOPTED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Resolution Honoring C. Rans Pearman

WHEREAS, Mr. C. Rans Pearman retired as President of the Fish and Game Commission and Chairman of the Wildlife Conservation Board on January 15, 1971; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pearman, with his many years' experience as a sportsman and interest in the conservation of California's wildlife, willingly gave his time and talent to further this cause for the benefit of the people of this state; and



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WHEREAS, during his term as Chairman of the Wildlife Conservation Board, Mr. Pearman conscientiously devoted his efforts to advance the program of the Board; Now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we, the members of the Wildlife Conservation Board, the Joint Interim Committee and the Board staff convey our sincere appreciation to Mr. Pearman for his dedicated work and the contribution he made while chairman; 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 given to Mr. Pearman.

Resolution Honoring Senator Lewis F. Sherman

WHEREAS, Senator Sherman has served as a member of the Joint Interim Committee of the Wildlife Conservation Board since 1968; and

WHEREAS, Senator Sherman, because of his love for the out-of-doors and his concern for the conservation of the fish and wildlife resources of the state, served well the causes and purposes of the Wildlife Conservation Board during his years as a member; and

WHEREAS, his able leadership and wise counsel will be missed both in the legislature and in the deliberations of the Board; Now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we, the members of the Wildlife Conservation Board, the Joint Interim Committee and Board staff, convey to Senator Sherman our sincere thanks and appreciation for his guidance and contribution to the work of the Board; 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 Senator Sherman.

Resolution Honoring Assemblyman Earle P. Crandall

WHEREAS, Assemblyman Crandall has served as a member of the Joint Interim Committee of the Wildlife Conservation Board since February, 1969; and

WHEREAS, the Board benefited greatly by the endeavors of Assemblyman Crandall on behalf of wildlife conservation during his term on the Committee, to the lasting benefit of the people of this state; and

WHEREAS, the judgement, leadership, and guidance of Assemblyman Crandall will be missed in the legislature, as well as by the Committee and the Board as they continue to carry out their responsibilities in this trust; Now, therefore be it

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RESOLVED, that we, the members of the Wildlife Conservation Board, the Joint Interim Committee, and the Board staff, express our sincere appreciation to Assemblyman Crandall for the contribution he made in the interest of wildlife conservation and the work of the Board; and be it further

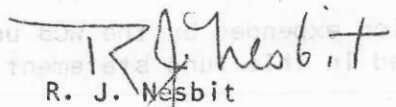
RESOLVED, that this resolution be made a part of the official minutes of this Board and that a copy of this resolution be furnished Assemblyman Crandall.

21. Dedication - Aliso Beach Pier, Orange County

Mr. Nesbit announced that the Aliso Beach Fishing Pier in South Laguna has been set for Saturday, April 24, 1971. Invitations will be sent out very shortly and he expressed the hope that the members of the Board would be able to attend.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
R. J. Nesbit  
Executive Officer

## Status of Funds

As of the close of the meeting on March 23, 1971, the amount allocated to projects from the Wildlife Restoration Fund, since the Board's inception in 1947, totaled \$25,581,661.08\*.

a.	Fish Hatchery and Stocking Projects . . . . .	\$4,807,339.76
b.	Fish Habitat Development and Improvement Projects . . . . .	3,539,524.76
1.	Reservoir Construction or Improvement . . . . .	\$1,950,838.63
2.	Stream Clearance and Improvement . . . . .	227,747.56
3.	Stream Flow Maintenance Dams . . . . .	439,503.32
4.	Marine Habitat . . . . .	83,753.36
5.	Fish Screens, Ladders and Weir Projects . . . . .	837,681.89
c.	Fishing Access Projects . . . . .	9,368,076.10
1.	Coastal Access . . . . .	892,973.23
2.	River, Stream and Bay Access . . . . .	2,498,199.70
3.	Lake, Reservoir & Salton Sea Access . . . . .	2,401,444.87
4.	Piers . . . . .	3,575,458.30
d.	Game Farm Projects . . . . .	146,894.49
e.	Game Habitat Development and Improvement Projects . . . . .	6,962,732.08
1.	Wildlife Areas . . . . .	6,524,282.96
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 . . . . .	\$25,581,661.08

\*Includes \$1,574,820.60 reimbursed by the Federal Government under their Accelerated Public Works Program completed in 1965-66 F.Y., Land and Water Conservation Fund Program, Anadromous Fish Act Program, and Pittman-Robertson Program.

The \$5 million expended by the WCB under the 1964 Recreation Bond Act is not reflected in this fund statement.

## Operating Costs:

FY 47/48 thru 67/68 Actual . . . . .	\$1,261,725.23
FY 68/69 Estimated . . . . .	104,027.00
FY 69/70 Estimated . . . . .	120,410.00
FY 70/71 Estimated . . . . .	124,247.00
Total Actual and Estimated Operating Costs . . . . .	\$1,610,409.23

## SUMMARY:

Allocations for Projects . . . . .	\$25,581,661.08
Expenses of Operation . . . . .	1,610,409.23
Total Expended or Obligated . . . . .	\$27,192,070.31
Total Funds Appropriated . . . . .	\$23,250,000.00
Approp. made available 7/1/70 . . . . .	750,000.00
Int. on Surplus Money Inv. thru 69/70 FY . . . . .	1,324,692.80
Int. on Surplus Money Inv. thru 70/71 FY . . . . .	85,104.84
Miscellaneous Revenue thru 69/70 FY . . . . .	235,832.89
Reimbursement under Federal Programs . . . . .	1,574,820.60
Less Prior Year Adjustment . . . . .	- 397.40
Total Accountability . . . . .	\$27,220,053.73
Total Expended or Obligated . . . . .	27,192,070.31
Available thru 6/30/71 . . . . .	\$27,983.42