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WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD

Minutes, Meeting of May 1, 1973

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Pursuant to the call of the Acting Chairman, the Wildlife Conservation Board met in Room 2117 of the State Capitol Building, Sacramento, California, on May 1, 1973. The meeting was called to order by Acting Chairman Sherman Chickering at 1:37 p.m.

1. Roll Call

<u>PRESENT:</u>	Sherman Chickering	Acting Chairman
	G. Ray Arnett	Member
	Edward M. Fryer	Member
	Assemblywoman Pauline L. Davis	Joint Interim Committee
	Assemblyman Barry Keene	" " "
	Assemblyman Walter W. Powers	" " "
	Senator Robert J. Lagomarsino	" " "
	Raymond J. Nesbit	Executive Officer
	Alvin G. Rutsch	Assistant Executive Officer
	John Wentzel	Field Agent
	Alma Koyasako	Secretary
	Bella Applebaum	Accountant
<u>ABSENT:</u>	Senator Fred W. Marler	Joint Interim Committee
	Senator Lawrence E. Walsh	" " "
<u>OTHERS PRESENT:</u>		
	John B. Cowan	Dept. of Fish & Game
	Les Edgerton	Fish & Game Commission
	A. M. McClure	Dept. of Water Resources
	Mr. and Mrs. Dick Cassady	Cassady Ranch
	D. H. Babbitt	Dept. of Water Resources
	Mark Cooper	Student
	W. E. Schafer	Dept. of Fish & Game
	Susan Kato	Student
	D. E. Beauchamp	Dept. of Fish & Game
	Marvin Eckels	Student
	Larry Linser	Red Bluff Parks & Rec. Comm.
	Herbert E. Nelson	City Manager, Red Bluff
	Morris J. Fruitman	San Joaquin Co. Parks & Rec.
	Joe Sheehan	Dept. of Fish & Game
	George O. Phibbs	Div. of Forestry
	Hal Nixon	Div. of Forestry
	Ron Leri	Yuba Co. Board of Supervisors

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Mary Chessher
Don Frost
Burnard Taylor
Milton Skaggs
Hamilton McCaughey
Chet Hart
Pete Dangermond
Ted M. Kidder
Lowell Bunn
Jim Derr

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Dept. of Fish & Game
Riverside County Parks
Greater Vallejo Rec. Dist.
Vallejo Rod & Gun Club
Greater Vallejo Rec. Dist.

2. Election of Chairman

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

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Approval of Minutes

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. ARNETT, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYWOMAN DAVIS, AS A JOINT MOTION, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 13, 1972, MEETING.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Status of Funds

Mr. Raymond J. Nesbit, the Executive Officer, reported available funds as of the date of this meeting are as follows:

Unallocated balance at close of 11/13/72 meeting . .	\$284,206.05
Plus miscellaneous revenue	200.00
Plus interest on surplus money invested	<u>74,932.80</u>

Unallocated balance - May 1, 1973 \$359,338.85

5. Recovery of Funds

Mr. Nesbit reported that four projects have been completed and there is a balance of funds totaling \$253,743.03 that can be recovered and returned to the Wildlife Restoration Fund and the project accounts can be closed.

Buckley Cove Fishing Access

Allocation	\$126,000.00
Expenditures	\$125,113.04
Fed. L&W Reimbursement -	61,165.39
WCB Expenditures	<u>-63,947.65</u>
Balance for Recovery	\$62,052.35

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Coyote Lake Access

Allocation		\$174,000.00
Expenditures	\$159,750.49	
Fed. L&W Reimbursement	-78,098.98	
WCB Expenditures		-81,651.51
Previously Recovered		-67,277.69
Balance for Recovery		<u>\$25,070.80</u>

Aliso Fishing Pier

Allocation		\$360,000.00
Expenditures	\$359,000.00	
Fed. L&W Reimbursement -	<u>175,910.00</u>	
WCB Expenditures		-183,090.00
Previously Recovered		-100,992.95
Balance for Recovery		<u>\$75,917.05</u>

Tehama Wildlife Area

Allocation		\$100,000.00
Expenditures	\$35,288.77	
Fed. Pitt-Rob.	<u>-25,991.60</u>	
WCB Expenditures		- 9,297.17
Balance for Recovery		<u>\$90,702.83</u>

Mr. Nesbit explained that the amount set up for this project by the WCB was for a one-year period and that work at the Tehama Wildlife Area is continuing with Department budgeted funds.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYWOMAN DAVIS, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN KEENE, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD CLOSE THE ACCOUNTS OF THE PROJECTS AND RECOVER THE UNEXPENDED BALANCES AS REQUESTED. ALL OF THE SUMS TOTALING \$253,743.03 CAN BE RECOVERED AND RETURNED TO THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. ARNETT, SECONDED BY MR. FRYER, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD RECOVER FUNDS FROM THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS AND CLOSE THE PROJECT ACCOUNTS AS INDICATED.

Buckley Cove Fishing Access	\$62,052.35
Coyote Lake Access	\$25,070.80
Aliso Fishing Pier	\$75,917.05
Tehama Wildlife Area	\$90,702.83

ALL OF THE SUMS TOTALING \$253,743.03 ARE TO BE RECOVERED AND RETURNED TO THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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6. Finnon Dam Exploration, El Dorado County

\$6,000.00

Mr. Nesbit reported that the Wildlife Conservation Board purchased Finnion Dam and Reservoir in El Dorado County in 1956 and developed it as a warmwater fishing lake. The dam is a hydraulic fill structure constructed by PG&E in 1905 and impounds a 35-acre lake. Located approximately 12 miles northeast of Placerville at the 2,000 foot elevation, it gets local and regional use. 7,000 visitor days of use were counted last year. El Dorado County maintains the project and has a permanent concessionaire-caretaker on the premises.

The Division of Safety of Dams, Department of Water Resources, is reviewing all hydraulic fill dams in the State to determine their stability to withstand earthquake stresses. In this connection, they have determined that an initial exploratory program for Finnion Dam will be necessary to yield data so as to evaluate the potential hazard of this dam.

The estimated cost of this initial exploration is \$6,000. It will provide for the drilling of one exploratory hole into the dam, taking undisturbed soil samples from within the dam, and performing several laboratory tests. It is expected that the conclusions drawn from this exploration will show the dam to be safe. However, the possibility exists that further exploration, tests, or perhaps even corrective reconstruction may be required.

In the event that further exploration and reconstruction is indicated, a decision must then be made as to the feasibility of expending additional funds or, failing this, to abandon the fishing access project.

The WCB investment in the project is \$30,000 in land and \$60,000 in improvements. The value of the project to the public as a delightful fishing lake is considerably greater. However, since the dam is under the jurisdiction of the Division of Safety of Dams, compliance with the safety standards is required, however remote the possibility of failure.

Mr. Nesbit reported that the staff has carefully considered the alternatives and recommended the Board approve this initial exploration work and allocate \$6,000 therefor. The work would be undertaken by the Department of Water Resources by an interagency agreement.

Assemblywoman Davis questioned the amount requested by the Department of Water Resources for this exploratory work and asked for justification of the amount. Mr. Babbitt with the Department of Water Resources, Division of Design and Construction, gave a breakdown of the \$6,000 estimate as follows:

Drilling (one core hole)	\$3,500
Soil testing (includes classification, field density, maximum-minimum density)	1,400
Engineering and geological review and report	1,100
	<u>\$6,000</u>

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It was explained that it is sometimes difficult, for example, to recover a 3" diameter core sample and that this was considered to be a necessary step in the evaluation. In response to Mr. Chickering's question about outside bids, Mr. Nesbit responded that there were estimates from private bidders which were for a much greater amount, in the neighborhood of \$10,000 and \$50,000, but not for precisely the same work as now proposed. In further discussions with the Department of Water Resources engineers, it was brought out that the work as described is the minimum that is needed for this investigation and they assured the Board they would do this work for the \$6,000 requested, with an accounting of the actual charges upon completion of the work.

IT WAS MOVED BY SENATOR LAGOMARSINO, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYWOMAN DAVIS, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE INITIAL EXPLORATION WORK AT FINNON DAM TO EVALUATE ITS STABILITY RELATIVE TO EARTHQUAKE STRESSES, AND ALLOCATE \$6,000 THEREFOR.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. ARNETT, SECONDED BY MR. FRYER, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE INITIAL EXPLORATION WORK AT FINNON DAM TO EVALUATE ITS STABILITY RELATIVE TO EARTHQUAKE STRESSES, AND ALLOCATE \$6,000 THEREFOR.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. Dog Island Fishing Access, Tehama County

\$78,500.00

Mr. Nesbit reviewed the Dog Island Fishing Access project which was developed and opened to the public in 1971. The project is located in a beautiful setting along the Sacramento River, north of the central business district.

The City is now proposing to expand the existing project by providing access to nine acres of City-owned land, northerly of the existing area. This would provide an additional 1,000 feet of bank fishing access along the slough between the island and mainland and along the main river.

The fishery in the main river is primarily for resident trout, steelhead and salmon. Good populations of catfish and black bass are found in the slough. The property is bordered by a dense growth of large trees, willows, blackberries, and other native plants. Quail, gray squirrels, raccoons, and various song birds are plentiful on the property. An occasional deer is also seen on the area.

Development would include a bridge across Brewery Creek -- a wet weather stream separating the existing facilities from the nine acre parcel -- a one lane, one way road around the perimeter of the area with turnouts to fifteen fishing access sites scattered along the river bank complete with parking spaces, a restroom, and water supply. The City will install picnic

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facilities at each of the fifteen individual sites at their cost and will design, bid out and supervise the construction.

An environmental impact statement had been prepared and made available for Board review. Staff review of the environmental report indicated there will be no significant adverse environmental impact caused by project development.

Preliminary plans and cost estimate proposed by the City of Red Bluff were reviewed by staff and found to be acceptable. The estimate is as follows:

Bridge	\$24,000
Roadway	20,000
Fishing access sites	5,250
Restroom	10,000
Water and power	11,500
Signs and contingencies	<u>7,750</u>

TOTAL \$78,500

It was Mr. Nesbit's recommendation the Board approve the expansion of facilities at Dog Island, allocate \$78,500 therefor, and authorize staff to proceed with the project substantially as planned. It was his further recommendation that staff be authorized to apply for reimbursement of one-half of the project costs under the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund program.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYWOMAN DAVIS, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN POWERS, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE EXPANSION OF FACILITIES AT DOG ISLAND; ALLOCATE \$78,500 THEREFOR; AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO PROCEED SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED. THE STAFF IS FURTHER AUTHORIZED TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUNDS.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. ARNETT, SECONDED BY MR. FRYER, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE EXPANSION OF FACILITIES AT DOG ISLAND FISHING ACCESS, TEHAMA COUNTY; ALLOCATE \$78,500 THEREFOR; AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO PROCEED SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED. THE STAFF IS FURTHER AUTHORIZED TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUNDS.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The presence of Mr. Herb Nelson, City Manager of Red Bluff, was acknowledged.

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8. South Fork Eel River Fishing Access, Humboldt County \$2,400.00

Mr. Nesbit reported that the Department of Fish and Game recommends WCB acquisition of a 7.35 acre parcel of Division of Highways land along the South Fork of the Eel River, between Phillipsville and Garberville. The property has almost 1,800 feet of frontage on the river and is reached via a nearby freeway interchange and a two-lane county road. The property has been appraised at \$2,200.

The South Fork Eel is a major salmon and steelhead stream, but access is quite limited between Humboldt Redwoods State Park near the mouth and Benbow Lake State Recreation Area above Garberville, because of private ownership. Further, improvements to and realignment of Highway 101 has blocked additional river access.

The Department of Fish and Game has recently reached agreement with the Department of Parks and Recreation to replace Benbow Dam with a structure that will permit free passage of adult fish on their way to upstream spawning areas. In addition, the Department is stocking significant numbers of fish in the South Fork to hasten the rebuilding of the famed anadromous fish runs.

Acquisition only is suggested at this time. Fishermen could continue using the river on an interim basis pending development of parking and sanitary facilities at a future date.

No significant environmental impact is foreseen in the purchase since no development at this time is proposed. Use of the area will be unchanged from past use since title will merely change from one public agency to another.

It was Mr. Nesbit's recommendation that the Board approve this project, allocate \$2,400 to cover acquisition and related costs, and authorize staff and the Department of Fish and Game to proceed with the project substantially as planned.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN KEENE, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYWOMAN DAVIS, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE SOUTH FORK EEL RIVER FISHING ACCESS, HUMBOLDT COUNTY; AND ALLOCATE \$2,400 TO COVER ACQUISITION AND RELATED COSTS; AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. ARNETT, SECONDED BY MR. FRYER, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE SOUTH FORK EEL RIVER FISHING ACCESS, HUMBOLDT COUNTY; AND ALLOCATE \$2,400 TO COVER ACQUISITION AND RELATED COSTS; AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. Feather River Parkway Fishing Access, Sutter County \$150,000.00
(Fish and Wildlife Enhancement Bond Act Funds)

It was reported by Mr. Nesbit that this project is proposed for Fish and Wildlife Enhancement Bond Act funding out of the 1972-73 budgeted item for fishing access at State Water Project facilities.

Last November Mr. Robert Steel, Attorney at Law of Marysville, contacted WCB staff through his representative and asked staff to look at Feather River property that he and his family owned at Shanghai Bend, about three miles downstream from Yuba City. He expressed a willingness to deed this approximately 1 mile of river frontage, and some land behind the levee as well for public access and for preservation of riparian habitat.

The property Mr. Steel proposed to dedicate to public ownership and use -- roughly 108 acres -- will not only make an important contribution to the preservation of riparian habitat but will provide public access where it is badly needed. The Shanghai Bend site is among the best shad and striped bass fishing waters on the entire Feather River and increasing runs of salmon and steelhead utilize the area.

In the four years since the completion of Oroville dam upstream, the run of king salmon past this site has averaged 49,000 spawners, according to Department of Fish and Game sources. This is approximately a 20% increase over pre-dam conditions and was largely caused by controlled flows and more favorable water temperatures. The impact of the 3.2 million dollar salmon-steelhead hatchery below this dam is yet to be felt, but the stocked fish returns should start this year. This large hatchery produces for stocking nearly 9 million king salmon fingerlings and over 800,000 steelhead yearlings.

Mr. Steel was interested in completing transfer of his lands by December 31, 1972. To implement this property transfer during calendar 1972, it was necessary to have immediate response from an agency or organization providing tax exemption, and the National Wildlife Federation agreed to accept the property to hold on an interim basis until it can be turned over to the State. This transfer was made by an agreement between the grantor, Mr. Steel, and the grantee, the National Wildlife Federation, dated December 29, 1972, after Mr. Steel obtained an appraisal and legal description.

The proposal is to transfer the title of the Steel property from the National Wildlife Federation to the State after title is cleared.

The County of Sutter is in the process of acquiring additional lands upstream from the Steel property and when all lands are joined, a 2½ mile river parkway will result. The County has asked the WCB to include the county acquired area in the fishing access and wildlife area project. The County will agree to operate and maintain the entire area when developed. The intent of all parties is to protect the trees and riparian vegetation, while at the same time permitting use by the public.

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The local levee district owns flowage rights over all these lands inside the levee and negotiations with that organization are being carried out in order for public access to be an included use. This project will, of course, in no way impair the statutory responsibility of the district for flood control.

Planning for this project is in part determined by the terms of the transfer agreement and is being initiated by the County of Sutter to be later coordinated with the donor, Mr. Steel, the levee district, and with WCB staff. It is estimated that costs of development of access roads, rest-rooms, parking areas, fencing, water supply, and site preparation will amount to \$150,000.

A review of the environmental impact of the proposed acquisition and improvements has been made and it has been determined that there will be no significant adverse impact upon the environment resulting from the project development.

Since the Feather River is an integral part of the State Water Project, funds for its recreational enhancement were earmarked in the 1972-73 budget under the Recreation and Fish and Wildlife Enhancement Bond Act Program. It was Mr. Nesbit's recommendation that the Board approve the Feather River Parkway Fishing Access project; accept the gift-deeded property from the National Wildlife Federation; allocate \$150,000 from the Recreation and Fish and Wildlife Enhancement Bond Act funds budgeted in 1972-73 for this purpose; and authorize staff to proceed with the project substantially as planned.

Mr. Nesbit introduced Mr. Hamilton McCaughey of Reno and Mr. Milton Skaggs, Sutter County Public Works Director, who were both instrumental in developing this proposal.

Assemblywoman Davis asked what the Board would offer the levee district for providing public access, and expressed her opinion that there should be remuneration to levee districts for such access. Mr. Skaggs responded that the County has a 25-year lease with the local levee district. There is no financial condition for public use of the levee, but stated there are a number of stipulations as to how the levee may be used. He acknowledged that all of the taxpayers of the County should be responsible for maintenance of the levee and the County has given assurance to the levee district that public use of their levee would not add to their burden.

Senator Lagomarsino observed that in all of the Wildlife Conservation Board projects, the same problem is encountered in that the local government is responsible for maintenance of projects which are of statewide interest and use. State responsibility is represented and fulfilled by WCB or State funding.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYWOMAN DAVIS, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN POWERS, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE FEATHER RIVER PARKWAY FISHING ACCESS PROJECT; ACCEPT THE GIFT-DEEDED PROPERTY FROM

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THE NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION; ALLOCATE \$150,000 FROM THE RECREATION AND FISH AND WILDLIFE ENHANCEMENT BOND ACT FUND BUDGETED IN THE 1972-73 FISCAL YEAR; AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. ARNETT, SECONDED BY MR. FRYER, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE FEATHER RIVER PARKWAY FISHING ACCESS PROJECT; ACCEPT THE GIFT-DEEDED PROPERTY FROM THE NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION; ALLOCATE \$150,000 FROM THE RECREATION AND FISH AND WILDLIFE ENHANCEMENT BOND ACT FUND BUDGETED IN THE 1972-73 FISCAL YEAR; AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Senator Lagomarsino was excused from the meeting at this time.

10. Gray Lodge Wildlife Area Expansion, Butte County \$615,000.00

The Gray Lodge Wildlife Area, Mr. Nesbit reported, is one of the Department's major wildlife management units. It provides feed and resting habitat for waterfowl and acts to alleviate waterfowl depredation. In 1953 the WCB expanded the original small refuge by purchasing 4,169 acres and provided funds to develop the entire 6,710 acre area. In 1970, the WCB expanded the area with the purchase of the "Brady estate" of 760 acres. This has now been developed and is successfully operating as planned.

A particularly valuable piece of property, the 905 acre Cassady ranch, has become available at fair market value and is proposed as an addition to Gray Lodge, making a total area of 8,375 acres.

The Department of Fish and Game has made a complete report on the property and recommends its purchase. They point out the unusual wildlife values, the good soil, the abundant water supply, and the minimum of requirements to integrate this property into Gray Lodge. The DFG report indicates the property, when developed, would accommodate 100 hunters at one time and with the "turn over" patterns would annually provide approximately 5,250 man days of waterfowl hunting and 1,000 man days of pheasant hunting.

Other contemplated uses are fishing, photography, hiking, picnicking, field trials, bird study, wildlife management education and research. While the Department keeps no record of these additional uses, they are thought to exceed the recorded use by hunters. Mr. Nesbit indicated that Mr. John Cowan, manager of the wildlife area, was present and could provide actual figures indicating a use by photographers and sightseers even greater than hunting use.

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An environmental impact report had been prepared by the Department of Fish and Game and was available for review prior to the meeting. The general conclusions of the report indicate that no adverse environmental impact will result because of the acquisition of this area and its subsequent development by the department as proposed.

Following staff inspections of the Cassady property and preliminary negotiations with the owners, staff hired Mr. Fred Cramer, an independent appraiser to appraise the property. His appraisal has been reviewed and his value is well-substantiated. He placed a fair market value on the property as being \$675 per acre or \$611,000 for the 905 acres. The property owners have signed an option to sell at that price subject to their being permitted to harvest the crops in the ground at time of sale.

Mr. Nesbit recommended that this proposed purchase be approved by the WCB and an allocation of \$615,000 be made subject to availability of funds from the 1973-74 fiscal year appropriation. This purchase should also be subject to the prior approval by the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation of 50% matching money from the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

In response to Mr. Fryer's question relative to the type of crop presently being grown on the area, Mr. Dick Cassady, the owner, advised that among other things they have 290 acres of rice planted, 200 acres of milo to be planted, 9 acres in prune orchard, 20 acres alfalfa, and 60 acres of wheat. He indicated that they also have 100 head of cattle and that it is a true farming operation. Mr. John Cowan then informed the Board that it is the intention of the Department to continue to farm those areas productive for feed for the birds and develop some natural ponds where the soils are conducive to such ponding.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYWOMAN DAVIS, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN POWERS, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE ACQUISITION OF THE PROPERTY UNDER OPTION AT GRAY LODGE WILDLIFE AREA, BUTTE COUNTY; AND ALLOCATE \$615,000 THEREFOR, CONTINGENT UPON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FROM THE 1973-74 FISCAL YEAR WCB APPROPRIATION. ACQUISITION OF THE PROPERTY IS ALSO CONTINGENT UPON APPROVAL OF THIS PROJECT BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR MATCHING FUNDS UNDER THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM, AND STAFF IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO MAKE SUCH APPLICATION.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. ARNETT, SECONDED BY MR. FRYER, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE ACQUISITION OF THE PROPERTY UNDER OPTION AT GRAY LODGE WILDLIFE AREA, BUTTE COUNTY; AND ALLOCATE \$615,000 THEREFOR, CONTINGENT UPON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FROM THE 1973-74 FISCAL YEAR WCB APPROPRIATION. ACQUISITION OF THE PROPERTY IS ALSO CONTINGENT UPON APPROVAL OF THIS PROJECT BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR MATCHING FUNDS UNDER THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM, AND STAFF IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO MAKE SUCH APPLICATION.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. Hidden Valley Wildlife Area, Riverside County

\$265,000.00

At the July 29, 1971, meeting the Board was given a preview of a proposal to acquire some 1,300 acres of land along the Santa Ana River near Riverside as a wildlife area. Staff was authorized to study the feasibility of this proposal and report back with a recommendation.

The Hidden Valley area covers some four miles along both banks of the Santa Ana River, one of the last few remaining live streams in coastal southern California. The City of Norco has acquired 180 acres of river-bottom lands bordering this area on the west, and Riverside County has acquired 900 acres of river lands adjacent upstream which includes 350 acres given to the County by the City of Riverside.

The County of Riverside, in making this proposal to the WCB, point out that the high wildlife and riparian values of this property are the more unique because they are situated in an urban setting, being surrounded by the cities of Riverside and Norco.

As reported to the Board at the last meeting, acquisition on a staged basis would be recommended because of the size of the undertaking. Accordingly, a separate appraisal has been obtained by the County at their cost for the first area to be acquired, a 170.66 acre parcel at the easterly or upstream end of Hidden Valley. The appraisal has been reviewed by the State and accepted. An option to sell at the appraised price of \$262,000 has been obtained from the owner of the land, the Santa Ana Valley Irrigation Company. The County has agreed to assume operation and maintenance of this and future proposed acquisitions of the WCB as an ecological area, similar to the Mojave Wildlife Area.

The Department of Fish and Game made a thorough investigation of the fish, wildlife, and riparian habitat of the entire area, including this 171 acre parcel. The Department's report substantiates the County's claim that the area supports an abundance of wildlife.

The habitat is important to maintain the many populations of raptors, heron, songbirds, ringtailed cat, and raccoon. The report also noted that Hidden Valley is a prime habitat for many hawks, as well as water birds including egrets, blue heron, and white tailed kite, among many other species.

The potential for angling recreation is also great, because of the year-round flow of the river and the numerous ponds in the area constructed by a duck club which has been leasing the property. Water quality will be improved and maintained by a requirement that all discharges into the river be tertiary treated by 1976.

It is expected that most of the river bottom will be maintained in a natural condition, existing agricultural fields will eventually revert to riparian habitat, and waterfowl habitat will be maintained. Proposed development will be low key, consisting of trails, wildlife observation

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areas, fishing sites, and day use picnic areas. The County has agreed to do the development at their cost in coordination with the Board staff and the Department of Fish and Game. Hunting is not included in the plan of proposed use. A negative declaration of environmental impact has been prepared in view of the contemplated use of this wildlife area.

Mr. Nesbit reported that this project has received a great deal of support and mentioned that there have been such communications from Assemblyman Walter Ingalls and Assemblyman Ray Seeley.

He recommended Board approval of this acquisition as the first segment of the Hidden Valley Wildlife Area, allocate \$265,000 therefor, and authorize staff to proceed, including authorization to apply for matching Land and Water Conservation Funds.

Mr. Peter Dangermond, Director of Parks, Riverside County, indicated on a map the area proposed for acquisition this year by the WCB and the other areas to be acquired. In the discussion, it was brought out that there is a duck club leasing an area and that they have 4 to 5 years remaining on the lease, but hunting will be phased out upon termination of the present lease. The WCB will not buy out the hunting club lease.

Mr. Dangermond anticipated that the WCB or State's participation would be primarily in the river bottom or prime wildlife habitat area and not on the adjacent hills which is land more suitable for development. He noted that this acquisition has been a conservation effort by citizens belonging to the Tri-County Conservation Club with whom the County has worked to bring this wildlife area to fruition. He thanked the Board for its consideration of this proposal.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYWOMAN DAVIS, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN POWERS, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE ACQUISITION OF THE PROPERTY UNDER OPTION AS THE FIRST SEGMENT OF THE HIDDEN VALLEY WILDLIFE AREA, RIVERSIDE COUNTY; AND ALLOCATE \$265,000 FOR ACQUISITION AND TITLE COSTS. THE STAFF IS AUTHORIZED TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT AND TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUNDS.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. FRYER, SECONDED BY MR. ARNETT, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE ACQUISITION OF THE PROPERTY UNDER OPTION AS THE FIRST SEGMENT OF THE HIDDEN VALLEY WILDLIFE AREA, RIVERSIDE COUNTY; AND ALLOCATE \$265,000 FOR ACQUISITION AND TITLE COSTS. THE STAFF IS AUTHORIZED TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT AND TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUNDS.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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12. Vallejo Fishing Pier, Solano County

\$3,600.00

Mr. Nesbit reviewed this project which was approved on July 29, 1971, and for which the Board allocated \$70,000 for construction. This proposal was to convert the old Highway 37 Napa River bridge to a fishing pier. The Greater Vallejo Recreation District, the cooperating agency on this project, has awarded a contract for the reconstruction and work is now under way.

On September 12, 1971, a fire occurred on the structure causing damage to two spans at the end of the pier. Inspection made jointly by staff and engineers for the District revealed that restoration of the two spans would be less costly than removal of the damaged section.

The construction contract awarded by the District includes the restoration work for the fire damaged portion of the pier and is within the allocation. Other authorized costs, however, such as water and sewer connections, benches and engineering costs bring the total project costs up in excess of the available funds. Figures provided by the District show the project cost distribution as follows:

Base bid	\$64,823
Benches	1,500
Water and sewer	3,800
Engineering	3,241
Signs and miscellaneous	<u>200</u>
Total project costs	\$73,564
Allocation	<u>70,000</u>
Difference	\$3,564

The difference is largely attributed to the additional work required because of the fire and for construction cost escalation in the 1½ years since the allocation. No change is being made from the original scope of the project as approved by the Board.

Mr. Nesbit recommended the Board allocate the additional \$3,600 necessary to cover the costs as detailed.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYWOMAN DAVIS, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN POWERS, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD ALLOCATE \$3,600 FOR THE ADDITIONAL COST REQUIRED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE VALLEJO FISHING PIER, SOLANO COUNTY; AND THE STAFF IS AUTHORIZED TO PROCEED AS ORIGINALLY PLANNED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. ARNETT, SECONDED BY MR. FRYER, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD ALLOCATE \$3,600 FOR THE ADDITIONAL COST REQUIRED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE VALLEJO FISHING PIER,

SOLANO COUNTY; AND THE STAFF IS AUTHORIZED TO PROCEED AS
ORIGINALLY PLANNED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Ted Kidder with the Greater Vallejo Recreation District expressed his appreciation for the action taken by the Board and related that there is much interest in the pier. The people are most eager to use it. It is about 40% complete and they anticipate that the pier will be completed this summer.

13. Yuba River Fishing Access, Yuba County \$27,000.00

Mr. Nesbit stated that the County of Yuba has requested the development of a fishing access on the lower Yuba River. By resolution, the County has agreed to operate the area open and free to the public after development.

The County-owned property is on the south bank Yuba River, in the overflow area, about 1,000 feet above the Highway 70 bridge at Marysville.

The Yuba River is an extremely popular fishing stream. Each spring and early summer the area hosts thousands of shad fishermen from the Sacramento Valley, Bay Area, and Southern California, as well as local people. Since New Bullard's Bar Dam has become operational, improved river flows have increased salmon and steelhead runs during the fall-winter season. There is also fishing for resident species such as trout and warmwater species.

The Department of Fish and Game in its fisheries evaluation supports the project and states that public access to the river is very limited. A number of private owners formerly allowed fishermen to traverse their property. In recent years, however, more and more people have closed their lands to general public use. This has become a problem in the project area. Because of land abuses by a few individuals, the local Reclamation District intends to close off road access over its levee. The District, however, is in full accord with the County's proposal to provide controlled public access. This project complies with the WCB's long-standing policy of providing needed access to public waters.

An environmental impact report (negative declaration) has been made, and it is concluded there will be no significant adverse impact upon the environment.

The County surveyed the area and provided development plans and a cost estimate. These were reviewed by staff and found to be completely acceptable.

The cost is as follows:

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Access road and parking	\$20,926
Fencing	2,472
Sanitary fac. and site preparation	1,422
Signs and contingencies	<u>2,180</u>
TOTAL	\$27,000

Mr. Nesbit recommended that the Board approve development of the Yuba River Fishing Access, allocate \$27,000 therefor, and authorize staff to proceed with the project substantially as planned. It was also recommended that the staff be authorized to apply for 50% reimbursement of project costs under the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund program.

Mr. Ron Leri, Chairman of the Yuba County Board of Supervisors, and Mr. Donald Frost, Director of Public Works, were introduced so that the Board might request additional information from them, if it so desired.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN POWERS, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYWOMAN DAVIS, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE DEVELOPMENT OF THE YUBA RIVER FISHING ACCESS PROJECT, YUBA COUNTY; ALLOCATE \$27,000 THEREFOR; AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED. THE STAFF IS FURTHER AUTHORIZED TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUNDS.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. ARNETT, SECONDED BY MR. FRYER, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE DEVELOPMENT OF THE YUBA RIVER FISHING ACCESS PROJECT, YUBA COUNTY; ALLOCATE \$27,000 THEREFOR; AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED. THE STAFF IS FURTHER AUTHORIZED TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUNDS.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

14. Dos Reis Fishing Access Improvements, San Joaquin County ¹³ \$30,000.00

Mr. Nesbit advised that in 1963, the Wildlife Conservation Board authorized acquisition of eight acres of land and development of launching and appurtenant facilities at Dos Reis Road on the San Joaquin River, about 10 miles south of Stockton. The San Joaquin River provides good fishing for striped bass, catfish, other warmwater species and a few salmon and sturgeon.

Since the site was opened in 1965, the use has increased, and the County has requested the facilities be upgraded to handle this additional usage. Proposed improvements include paved parking, curbs, and parking bumpers.

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The County will provide drainage features at County cost. An environmental impact report (negative declaration) has been prepared. Staff's evaluation indicates that the proposed project will result in a beneficial impact upon the environment and added convenience to the users. The capacity of the parking area will be increased by better layout of the parking pattern.

The County, of course, will continue to operate the area open and free to the public.

Plans of the improvements and a cost estimate totaling \$13,000, including contingencies, have been prepared by the County and reviewed by staff.

Mr. Nesbit recommended the Board approve this project, allocate \$13,000 therefor, and authorize staff to proceed substantially as planned. He also mentioned that Assemblyman John E. Thurman has communicated with Board staff and has asked for favorable consideration of this proposal.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYWOMAN DAVIS, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN POWERS, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE IMPROVEMENTS AT DOS REIS FISHING ACCESS, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY; ALLOCATE \$13,000 THEREFOR; AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. ARNETT, SECONDED BY MR. FRYER, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE IMPROVEMENTS AT DOS REIS FISHING ACCESS, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY; ALLOCATE \$13,000 THEREFOR; AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

15. Mad River Hatchery, Humboldt County

\$30,000.00

Mr. Nesbit stated that the Department has requested an allocation of \$30,000 for an emergency bird control system at the Mad River Hatchery. Bird depredation at the fish ponds has reached major proportions and several interim control measures have been tried without success.

Engineering will prepare plans and specifications for the work which includes the erection of support poles and installation of wires strung across the rearing ponds at two foot spacings, 20 feet above the ground. This is known to be an effective barrier against seagulls, as similar systems have been in successful operation at the American River and Nimbus hatcheries. Minor corrective work and the construction of visitor facilities at the hatchery is proceeding with funds previously allocated by the Board.

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It was Mr. Nesbit's recommendation that the Board approve an allocation of \$30,000 for this emergency work and authorize staff to proceed substantially as planned. It was his further recommendation that staff be authorized to apply for 50% reimbursement under the Federal Anadromous Fish Program.

Assemblyman Keene commended the commercial fishermen for it was his understanding they had contributed stainless steel lines to string across the ponds for this barrier. Mr. Bill Schafer, Supervisor of Fish Hatcheries for the Department of Fish and Game, confirmed that this was so.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN POWERS, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYWOMAN DAVIS, THAT THE JOINT INERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE EMERGENCY CONSTRUCTION AT THE MAD RIVER HATCHERY, HUMBOLDT COUNTY; ALLOCATE \$30,000 THEREFOR; AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED, INCLUDING APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL MATCHING FUNDS UNDER THE ANADROMOUS FISH PROGRAM.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. ARNETT, SECONDED BY MR. FRYER, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE EMERGENCY CONSTRUCTION AT THE MAD RIVER HATCHERY, HUMBOLDT COUNTY; ALLOCATE \$30,000 THEREFOR; AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED, INCLUDING APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL MATCHING FUNDS UNDER THE ANADROMOUS FISH PROGRAM.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

16. Resolution honoring Raymond J. Nesbit, Executive Officer

Chairman Chickering announced the retirement of Executive Officer Ray Nesbit effective May 11, 1973. He stated that letters from the Director of Fish and Game Ray Arnett and from the Director of Water Resources Bill Gianelli were received this date with the request that they be read at this time. (The two letters are appended to these minutes as Appendix I and II.)

Mr. Chickering then introduced Mr. Chester M. Hart, who was appointed to the Executive Officer position at an executive session of the Board held on April 12, 1973. The effective date of the appointment will be May 14, 1973. Also introduced was Mr. Seth Gordon, the first Executive Officer of the WCB, or Coordinator as the position was called then. Mr. Gordon stated he was pleased to see Ray Nesbit's accomplishments publicly proclaimed.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYWOMAN DAVIS, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN POWERS, AS A JOINT MOTION, THAT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION HONORING RAYMOND J. NESBIT BE ADOPTED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION HONORING RAYMOND J. NESBIT

WHEREAS, Mr. Raymond J. Nesbit will retire as Executive Officer of the Wildlife Conservation Board on May 11, 1973, after having devoted over 30 years to federal and state service, the last fourteen of which were as our able Executive Officer; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Nesbit, with his vast experience and good judgment, has administered and advanced the Board's program in a most respectable manner; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Nesbit, through efficient practices and dedication to duty, has enhanced the development and conservation of the wildlife resources of the State; and

WHEREAS, Under Mr. Nesbit's skillful and imaginative leadership, the Board's program has become a model of efficiency and recognized as a leader in the field of wildlife conservation; Now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Wildlife Conservation Board, the Joint Interim Committee, and the Board staff convey to Mr. Nesbit our sincere appreciation for his leadership and untiring efforts which have contributed so much to the Board's success; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we express our very best wishes for continued good health and a long and happy retirement which will include time for hunting, fishing, traveling, and various volunteer activities; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution be made a part of the official minutes of the Board and that a copy of this resolution be furnished Raymond J. Nesbit.

Assemblywoman Davis stated she recognizes the competency of his successor, but believed that it would be impossible to completely fill the shoes of Ray Nesbit. She mentioned she has known him for a long time and will miss him personally and his work in the field of conservation. She expressed her personal best wishes for his future.

Mr. Nesbit declared that no man is complete unto himself and that he believed any accomplishments with which he has been credited were in good part through the effort of this body which he believed to be the best group of people he has had the privilege of working with. He mentioned as long-time members Assemblywoman Davis, Senator Lagomarsino, and Senator Marler, and acknowledged that the two new members here for the first time were very dedicated conservationist and interested in the whole state-wide program, putting this above any provincial interest. He singled out Seth Gordon who started the WCB program in the late 1940's and who set up guidelines for the Board staff to follow and expressed delight that he was present at this his last meeting.

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Senator Marler who was able to get away from his other legislative commitments to arrive just at this time expressed great hopes for the future of the Wildlife Conservation Board, but declared Ray Nesbit's work would be sorely missed for he has been a great friend of the legislators.


Mr. Hamilton McCaughey stated that if it had not been for Ray Nesbit and his imagination, the Feather River Wildlife Area would not have been possible. He put together a combination of the wishes of a man, Mr. Steel, and his family with the purposes of a national foundation, the National Wildlife Federation and the State, and tied in the County as well as a sportsman's group. It was through the efforts of this man that this project has come into being. It was his understanding Ray Nesbit will be doing this type of work for the National Wildlife Federation on a nationwide basis.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYWOMAN DAVIS, SECONDED BY MR. ARNETT, AS A JOINT MOTION, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF THE TWO BELOVED AND RESPECTED LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY SINCE THE LAST REGULAR MEETING, ASSEMBLYMAN BELOTTI AND ASSEMBLYMAN TOWNSEND.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting was so adjourned by Chairman Chickering.

Respectfully submitted,



Alvin G. Rutsch
Assistant Executive Officer

Letterhead of
Department of Fish and Game

May 1, 1973

Mr. Sherman Chickering, Chairman
Wildlife Conservation Board
111 Sutter Street
San Francisco, CA 94104

For the record, Sherm ---

--- I wish to express the deep appreciation of the Department of Fish and Game for the long and distinguished service Ray Nesbit has rendered to the cause of wildlife conservation.

The accomplishments of the Wildlife Conservation Board during the 14 year tenure of Ray as Executive Officer will provide a lasting record of his imaginative leadership, good judgment and untiring efforts. It is not possible to review that entire record here, but highlights include:

- Acquiring some 70 parcels of land totaling 36,000 acres costing over \$8 million for wildlife habitat preservation and public access.
- Expanding the State's fish hatchery system, including 24 trout hatcheries and egg collecting stations, and the Department's first production hatcheries for salmon and steelhead and for catfish.
- Establishing a program for building public fishing piers which has resulted in 18 piers costing nearly \$8 million and being used by five million people annually.
- Developing a cooperative program for fishing access projects along the 444 mile Aqueduct of the California State Water Project.
- Developing and implementing a program of clearing old logging debris from California's coastal streams by using inmate labor, which has rehabilitated over 500 stream miles of salmon and steelhead habitat.
- Building approximately 200 fish and wildlife projects throughout California, which in addition to the categories previously mentioned include fishing lakes, artificial marine reefs, ecological areas, wildlife management areas, fish screens and ladders, and a great variety of facilities for fishing, hunting and other recreational uses of the State's inland and ocean waters and public land areas.

These programs and projects will provide lasting benefits for the conservation of California's fish and wildlife and to all of the people of the State who utilize or have an interest in their wildlife resources.

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Ray's accomplishments for wildlife conservation have not been limited to California. He has advised other states and Mexico on similar projects.

His contributions to conservation were recognized by the 1968 award from the National Wildlife Federation and the Sears-Roebuck Foundation as California's Conservationist of the Year.

At this last meeting of the Wildlife Conservation Board before Ray's retirement from State government, but not from conservation and other public service, I know, it is my pleasure to express the Department of Fish and Game's recognition and thanks for the tremendous accomplishments of a real professional in wildlife conservation.

Sincerely,

/s/ G. Ray Arnett
Director

Letterhead of
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

April 24, 1973

Mr. Sherman Chickering, Chairman
Wildlife Conservation Board
1416 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA

Dear Sherm:

I note that the May 1st meeting will be the last one attended by Raymond J. Nesbit, Executive Officer of your Board, prior to his retirement. Ray has been most particularly involved in the State Water Project since 1967 when he headed a Task Force appointed by the Governor to make recommendations on the recreation and fish and wildlife aspects of the State Water Project. He did an outstanding job as Chairman of this Task Force which provided the direction for the plans we are now implementing for fisheries and wildlife enhancement and for recreation purposes. In addition, on behalf of the Wildlife Conservation Board he has been instrumental in working out cooperative programs among our Department, the Board, and local interests for fishing access sites along the State Aqueduct system. This phase of our program has had a tremendous response, and I am sure is contributing greatly to the public attraction of our State Water Project.

At this his last meeting, I want to publicly acknowledge, with much appreciation and thanks from the Department of Water Resources, the tremendous contribution he has made to our program. Millions of Californians from this time on will profit from and enjoy the projects which Ray Nesbit is responsible for completing.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Bill Gianelli
Director

PROGRAM STATEMENT

At the close of the meeting on May 1, 1973, the amount allocated to projects since the Wildlife Conservation Board's inception in 1947, totaled \$34,171,419.20. This total includes \$3,784,094.16 reimbursed by the Federal Government under the Accelerated Public Works Program completed in 1966, the Land and Water Conservation Fund Program, the Anadromous Fish Act Program, and the Pittman-Robertson Program.

The statement includes projects completed under the 1964 State Beach, Park, Recreational and Historical Facilities Bond Act.

a.	Fish Hatchery and Stocking Projects	\$10,149,821.59
b.	Fish Habitat Development and Improvement Projects	3,558,895.48
	1. Reservoir Construction or Improvement	\$1,766,838.63
	2. Stream Clearance and Improvement	244,092.28
	3. Stream Flow Maintenance Dams	439,503.32
	4. Marine Habitat	270,779.36
	5. Fish Screens, Ladders and Weir Projects	837,681.89
c.	Fishing Access Projects	10,535,429.80
	1. Coastal Access	1,017,273.23
	2. River, Stream and Bay Access	2,853,132.54
	3. Lake, Reservoir & Salton Sea Access	22,707,677.51
	4. Piers	3,957,346.52
d.	Game Farm Projects	146,894.49
e.	Game Habitat Development and Improvement Projects	8,899,118.72
	1. Wildlife Areas	8,460,669.60
	2. Miscellaneous Game Habitat Development	438,449.12
f.	Hunting Access	472,436.81
g.	Miscellaneous Projects	375,322.31
s.	Special Project Allocations	33,500.00
	Total Allocated to Projects	\$34,171,419.20

STATUS OF FUNDS Wildlife Restoration Fund

Unallocated balance at close of 11/13/72 meeting	\$284,206.05
Plus miscellaneous revenue	200.00
Plus interest on surplus money invested	74,932.80
Unallocated balance at start of 5/1/73 meeting	\$359,338.85
Plus recovery of funds	253,743.03
Less allocations	425,500.00
Unallocated balance at close of 5/1/73 meeting	\$187,581.88