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Pursuant to the call of the Chairman, the Wildlife Conservation Board met in Room 4202 of the State Capitol Building, Sacramento, California, on August 20, 1974. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Peter Fletcher at 1:45 p.m.

1. Roll Call

PRESENT: Peter T. Fletcher
G. Ray Arnett
Edward M. Fryer

Chairman
Member
Member, vice Verne Orr

Senator Dennis E. Carpenter
Assemblywoman Pauline L. Davis
Assemblyman Barry Keene

Joint Interim Committee

Chester M. Hart
Alvin G. Rutsch
John Wentzel
Jim Sarro
Alma Koyasako
Bella Applebaum

Executive Officer
Assistant Executive Officer
Field Agent
Land Agent
Secretary
Accountant

ABSENT: Senator Fred W. Marler
Senator Lawrence E. Walsh
Assemblyman Walter W. Powers

Joint Interim Committee
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OTHERS PRESENT:

William Schafer
Doug Campbell
Diana Fletcher
Glen Olson
Dale Wilson
Wm. S. Briner
Pierre Joske
Paul Romero
Martha McLean
Chuck Schmidt
Pete Dangermond, Jr.

Dept. of Fish and Game
Dept. of Fish and Game
Denver, Colorado
Walnut Creek
Dept. of Parks and Recreation
Dept. of Parks and Recreation
Marin Co. Dept. of Parks & Rec.
Riverside Co. Parks Dept.
Riverside Co. Parks Adv. Comm.
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Ed McGowan	Legislative Budget Comm.
Joel F. Summerhill	Pittsburg, Park Planner
Tom Wilson	Pittsburg Parks & Rec. Comm.
G. E. Tompkins	Marysville
W. A. Craven	Assemblyman, 80th Dist.
Hubert Dukes	L.A. Co. Parks & Recreation Dept.
Mary Chessher	Wildlife Conservation Board
Marion H. Cook	Lake Grove, Oregon
A. C. Sims	Sacramento

2. Approval of Minutes

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. ARNETT, SECONDED BY MR. FRYER, AS A JOINT MOTION, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 26, 1974, MEETING.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Status of Funds

Mr. Chester M. Hart, the Executive Officer, gave the following report on the Wildlife Conservation Board fund status as of the date of this meeting.

Unallocated balance after 2/26/74 meeting	\$169,285.54
Interest on surplus money, Jan./June 1974	+117,226.49
Unexpended balance, 71/72 operating costs	+ 2,001.62
Miscellaneous revenue	+ 800.00
Appropriation made available 7/1/74	+750,000.00
Less 73/74 operating costs, adjustment	- 1,000.00
Less estimated 74/75 operating costs	-193,998.00
Unallocated balance - August 20, 1974	<u>\$844,315.65</u>

4. Recovery of Funds

Mr. Hart reported that the following six projects have balances of funds that can be recovered and returned to the Wildlife Restoration Fund:

Finnon Lake

Allocation	\$6,000.00
Expenditures	<u>6,000.00</u>
Balance for Recovery	-0-

Turtle Bay East Fishing Access

Allocation	\$42,500.00
Expenditures	<u>42,313.12</u>
Balance for Recovery	\$ 186.88

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San Pablo Reservoir Access

Allocation	\$225,000.00
Expenditures	\$225,000.00
Fed. L&W Reimbursement	-109,997.98
WCB Expenditures	-115,002.02
Previously Recovered	- 85,286.85
Balance for Recovery	\$ 24,711.13

Vallejo Public Fishing Pier

Allocation	\$ 74,600.00
Expenditures	- 73,646.11
Balance for Recovery	\$953.89

Mad River Hatchery

Fed. Anadromous Fish Reimb. Recovery	\$13,730.85
(Account to remain open)	

Berkeley Fishing Pier

Fed. L&W Reimbursement Recovery	\$ 1,976.00
(Account to remain open)	

TOTAL RECOVERY \$41,558.75

It was Mr. Hart's recommendation that the total amount of \$41,558.75 as shown in the above six project accounts be recovered and returned to the Wildlife Restoration Fund. It was his further recommendation that the accounts of all of the above projects, except as noted, be closed.

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 EXCEPT AS INDICATED:

Finnon Lake	\$ 0.00
Turtle Bay East Fishing Access	186.88
San Pablo Reservoir Access	24,711.13
Vallejo Public Fishing Pier	953.89
Mad River Hatchery (Account to remain open)	13,730.85
Berkeley Fishing Pier (Acct. to remain open)	1,976.00

ALL OF THE SUMS TOTALING \$41,558.75 ARE TO BE RECOVERED AND RETURNED TO THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND PROJECTS

5. Trinity River Fishing Access - Cemetery Hole, Trinity County \$43,000.00

Fishing access to the Trinity River, about three quarters of a mile downstream from Lewiston, was recommended by the Department of Fish and Game, and Mr. Hart announced that this proposal calls for acquisition of a 20-acre parcel of private land for that purpose.

This is a key parcel for access to Cemetery Hole, one of the best locations for salmon fishing on the upper Trinity River. The property extends across Trinity River and a county road paralleling the river at this point.

In addition to including approximately 1,300 feet of shoreline on the river, this parcel adjoins public lands of the Bureau of Land Management having approximately 2,200 feet of river frontage.

The absentee owners of this parcel have tolerated public use for parking and fishing in the past. WCB acquisition would enable this use to continue, which would be lost with private development or possibly with sale to other private parties.

The Department of Fish and Game states that on the order of 10,000 king and 1,000 silver salmon pass through this river section annually to spawn upstream or return to Trinity Hatchery. Although steelhead runs in the upper Trinity River have almost disappeared following Bureau of Reclamation development of the Trinity Project, efforts are continuing to restore a steelhead fishery. There also is a trout fishery in the upper Trinity River, with both resident and sea-run fish.

An option has been obtained by staff to purchase the parcel from the owners on a willing sale basis for the appraised fair market value of \$40,000.

No development of the parcel is planned at present. If future use makes development desirable, the Bureau of Land Management has indicated interest in a cooperative project for development and management of this area.

Action of the WCB to acquire this parcel for protection of natural values and existing public use would not significantly affect the environment, and therefore requirements of CEQA do not apply.

Mr. Hart recommended that the Board approve exercise of the option to purchase, allocate \$43,000.00 from the Wildlife Restoration Fund for purchase and related costs, and authorize staff to proceed, including authorization to apply for matching Land and Water Conservation Funds.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. ARNETT, SECONDED BY MR. FRYER, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE TRINITY RIVER FISHING ACCESS-CEMETERY HOLE, TRINITY COUNTY, AND ALLOCATE \$43,000.00 FOR ACQUISITION OF LANDS UNDER OPTION, AND AUTHORIZE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED. THE STAFF IS FURTHER AUTHORIZED TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF MATCHING FUNDS UNDER THE FEDERAL LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. Petaluma River Access Expansion, Marin County \$105,500.00

On September 19, 1960, the Board allocated \$15,200 for the construction of a boat launching ramp and parking area on State Division of Highway property under the Highway 37 bridge over Petaluma River. It is on the west bank of the river near the town of Black Point, about 12 miles north of San Rafael.

The project is well located to provide access to striped bass fishing, waterfowl hunting, and other recreational use of the lower part of Petaluma River and the northern end of San Pablo Bay.

The development completed in 1962 was limited to the space available within the highway right-of-way between a frontage road and the river, an area of about one-half acre in size. A single lane ramp, floats, chemical toilets, and a small parking area were developed on the site.

The County of Marin, which operates and maintains the project, recognized the need for more space and acquired additional property adjacent to the leased highway parcel. Utilizing this additional area, it is planned to increase the ramp to two lanes, provide additional convenience floats, construct a larger parking area and construct a permanent restroom.

The County has agreed to prepare final plans and to contract out and supervise the construction at their cost. Additional enhancing development such as landscaping and picnic tables will be provided by the County at no cost to the State. A resolution adopted by the County further affirms the County's intent to lease the required land to the State and to operate and maintain the facilities after completion for a renewed 25-year term.

Staff reviewed the preliminary plans and cost estimate as prepared by the County and found the proposal to be appropriate for WCB participation. This improvement would be similar to expansions approved on other WCB projects where the initial development was limited in size and where increased public use justified such expansion.

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The cost estimate for the project is as follows:

Site preparation	\$3,500
Compacted fill	15,800
Pre-cast & poured-in-place concrete ramp addition	20,000
Floats	8,900
Parking area addition, base and paving	21,300
Restroom, masonry structure w/fish cleaning sink	15,000
Shore protection riprap	6,800
Subtotal	\$91,300
Contingencies, 20%	13,700
Total estimated construction costs	\$105,000
Miscellaneous WCB costs	500

TOTAL WCB COSTS \$105,500

As lead agency for the purposes of compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act, the County has determined that this project will not have a significant effect on the environment. A negative declaration to that effect was filed and a public hearing was held in the County at which time no opposition to the project was heard.

The Executive Officer recommended the Board, with consideration of the Negative Declaration, approve the Petaluma River Fishing Access Expansion as proposed, allocate \$105,500 for its construction and miscellaneous WCB costs, and authorize staff to proceed with the project substantially as planned.

In response to Mr. Arnett's question relative to the term of the renewed operation and maintenance agreement, Mr. Pierre Joske, Director of the Marin County Parks and Recreation Department, confirmed that it would be extended for a 25-year period.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. ARNETT, SECONDED BY MR. FRYER, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD, AFTER REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF THE NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR PROJECT DEVELOPMENT, APPROVE THE PETALUMA RIVER ACCESS EXPANSION, MARIN COUNTY; ALLOCATE \$105,500 THEREFOR; AND AUTHORIZE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Chairman noted that Assemblywoman Davis had arrived and introduced her as a member of the Joint Legislative Advisory Committee.

7. Hidden Valley Wildlife Area, Phase II, Riverside County \$475,000.00

Mr. Hart reviewed the Hidden Valley Wildlife Area proposal which was pre-viewed at the July 29, 1971, meeting. Staff at that time was authorized to study the feasibility of the proposal to acquire some 1300 acres of land for preservation of wildlife habitat along the Santa Ana River near Riverside and requested to report back with a recommendation.

A favorable staff report was presented at the May 1, 1973, meeting. Staff recommended proceeding with the acquisition on a phased basis because of the magnitude of costs. The Board allocated \$265,000 for purchase of the first segment of 170.66 acres, and authorized staff to proceed, including application for Federal Land and Water Conservation Funds.

Purchase of this initial parcel has been completed, and a cooperative agreement with Riverside County has been executed for development, operation and maintenance.

With the cooperation of Riverside County, staff has secured an option for purchase of the remainder of the wildlife area. This consists of four parcels totaling 1,096.76 acres of primarily riverbottom land with an appraised value of \$1,719,172.50.

If the Board proceeds with purchase, the option for parcel 1 consisting of 278.50 acres with an appraised value of \$466,206.80 must be exercised by September 30, 1974. The remaining three parcels consisting of 818.26 acres with a value of \$1,252,965.70 may be purchased at any time during the 1975-76 fiscal year. This will enable possible use of 1974 Bond Act funds to complete the acquisition.

Riverside County has an option to purchase the upland 219 acres remaining in this ownership at a value of \$1,008,894. In June of this year the County proceeded with purchase of 35.26 acres at a cost of \$138,915. In general the lands planned for County purchase will provide a desirable buffer zone around the wildlife area, as well as potential sites for development of access points and such other public use facilities as may be appropriate.

Most of the area under option has been leased since 1957 to a hunting club, with the lease terminating on December 31, 1977. Title would be taken subject to this lease.

This proposed acquisition would preserve one of the largest remaining areas of riparian habitat in Southern California. The Department of Fish and Game evaluation of this area substantiates that it supports an abundance of both game and non-game wildlife.

The potential for angling recreation is also great, because of the year-round flow of the river and the numerous ponds on the property.

It is expected that most of the riverbottom will be maintained in a natural condition; existing agricultural fields may eventually revert to riparian habitat, and waterfowl habitat will be maintained. Possible future development would be low key, consisting of trails, wildlife observation 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. As indicated in previous presentations to the Board, hunting is not included in the plan of proposed future use.

The County of Riverside also would be responsible for operation and maintenance of the area at no cost to the State.

There has been a staff determination that the acquisition of these lands will not have a significant effect on the environment and therefore is not subject to the requirements of CEQA.

Mr. Hart recommended that the Board approve acquisition of parcel one of the property under option as the second segment of the Hidden Valley Wildlife Area, allocate \$475,000 therefor, and authorize staff to proceed, including authorization to apply for matching Land and Water Conservation Funds. A delegation from Riverside County supporting this proposal was present and Mr. Dangermond, Director of the Department of Parks, was called upon to respond to any questions that might be forthcoming. Mr. Hart mentioned that Mr. Dangermond felt so strongly about this project that he took time out from his vacation in the State of Washington to appear before the Board today.

Mr. Dangermond introduced Chairman Chuck Schmidt of the Riverside County Parks Advisory Commission, Commission member Mrs. Martha McLean, and Mr. Paul Romero of the County Parks Department.

Assemblywoman Davis recommended approval of this project and the allocation of funds for acquisition of lands for this phase.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. ARNETT, SECONDED BY MR. FRYER, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE ACQUISITION OF PARCEL ONE OF THE PROPERTY UNDER OPTION FOR THE HIDDEN VALLEY WILDLIFE AREA, PHASE II, RIVERSIDE COUNTY; ALLOCATE \$475,000 FOR ACQUISITION AND RELATED COSTS; AND AUTHORIZE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT AS PLANNED, INCLUDING AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR FEDERAL LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUNDS.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. Pittsburg Fishing Pier, Contra Costa County \$16,000.00

Mr. Hart reported that the City of Pittsburg has proposed a project for the development of a fishing pier at the City's Riverview Park. General location is in the Delta, downstream from the confluence of the Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers. The pier site is in the city limits near the warmwater discharge of a PG&E power plant.

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The City of Pittsburg, with the cooperation and assistance of PG&E, is already engaged in the development of other public recreational facilities consisting of a parking area, restroom, and picnic areas, as well as play areas and landscaping. The pier itself, which is the extent of this proposal, is planned to be the focal point of the entire 5-acre waterfront park development.

The pier is designed to provide convenient and safe fishing access to the area influenced by the warmwater discharge where fish are known to concentrate. The Department of Fish and Game commented favorably on the prospects of this proposal, stating that the proposed pier will substantially increase fishing opportunities in this area which now is limited for those who do not use boats. The catch is expected to include striped bass, catfish and sturgeon.

A resolution has been adopted by the City affirming their willingness to participate in the cost of the pier on a matching basis, to lease the area to the State, and to maintain the facility for free public fishing for the full 25 year term of the lease. The City has previously cooperated with WCB on a launching ramp project for boat fishing access, constructed in 1966.

Preliminary plans and cost estimates prepared by city engineers have been reviewed and approved by staff. The structure incorporates both fixed and floating sections. The estimate breakdown is as follows:

Fixed pier, 6' x 135'; Floating piers, 3@ 20' x 50'	
Site preparation, approach	\$3,500
Piles, 18 - 40' @ \$5.50/ft.	4,000
18 - 50' @ \$6.00/ft.	5,400
Lumber, 21,050 BF @ \$400/MBF	8,400
Hardware, l.s.	1,800
Styrofoam billets, 105 @ \$35.00	3,700
Subtotal	\$26,800
Contingencies, 15%	4,200
Total estimated construction costs	\$31,000
WCB share, 50%	\$15,500
Miscellaneous WCB costs	500
TOTAL WCB COSTS	\$16,000

The City has determined that this development will not have a significant environmental effect and has filed a Negative Declaration as lead agency in accordance with the State Environmental Quality Act.

It was Mr. Hart's recommendation that the Board, with consideration of the Negative Declaration, approve this proposal as a matching fund pier project with the City of Pittsburg, allocate \$16,000 for the State's share of construction and related costs, and authorize staff to proceed substantially as planned.

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Mr. Joel Summerhill, Park Planner with the City of Pittsburg, who, along with Parks and Recreation Commissioner Tom Wilson, was present at the meeting, advised the Board that PG&E has provided \$25,000 toward the project and has done some riprap work at their own expense.

The Chairman noted that Assemblyman Daniel E. Boatwright had written a letter of support for this proposal.

Assemblywoman Davis recommended approval of this project.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. ARNETT, SECONDED BY MR. FRYER, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD, AFTER REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF THE NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR PROJECT DEVELOPMENT, APPROVE THE PITTSBURG FISHING PIER, CONTRA COSTA COUNTY; ALLOCATE \$16,000 FOR THE STATE'S SHARE OF CONSTRUCTION AND RELATED COSTS; AND AUTHORIZE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. Noyo River Fishing Access, Mendocino County \$15,000.00

Mr. Hart advised this item is a proposal for supplemental allocation for the Noyo River Fishing Access which was approved by the Board on November 13, 1972. An allocation of \$77,300 was provided for the construction of a boat ramp, access road, and parking area.

Pursuant to executed agreements to implement the development, Noyo Harbor District, the local cooperating agency on the project, awarded a construction contract in September, 1973, in the amount of \$74,884. Between the time the contractor bid and the time he was able to begin work on the parking area, unusually heavy run-off from storms during the 1973-74 winter caused a slide necessitating the removal of considerable additional debris and material, both on the parking area and access road.

This item is for an additional allocation to cover the full project costs, including the required change in quantities of work performed by the District's contractor. A contingency for additional expected dredging at the ramp site to remove material deposited by the same series of storms should also be provided for, together with an amount sufficient to pay the District 5 percent of the project costs for engineering services, as provided in the agreement. Mr. Hart indicated an additional amount of \$15,000 will be necessary to cover the contractor's

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unanticipated extra work that was not covered under the original agreement or allocation. Mr. Rutsch, the Assistant Executive Officer, inspected the site last week and has reported that in order to remove the material caused by the slide and clear up the storm debris and do some additional drainage work which was indicated necessary by the heavy storms last winter would amount to \$10,630 plus a contingency of \$4,370 which would total the \$15,000 now required. It was Mr. Hart's recommendation that the additional amount be allocated to cover the increase in construction costs.

Discussion of the unusual storm conditions of last winter which caused damage to another WCB facility upstream indicated this was an unusual condition and that the contractor could not be held responsible for the additional work caused by this "act of God". If such slides deposited debris on the project site after completion of the job, it would then become the responsibility of the Noyo Harbor District to remove the material as a maintenance responsibility.

Assemblywoman Davis raised the question as to whether the Army Corps of Engineers would have responsibility for dredging this stretch of the river and Mr. Hart responded that this could be explored and that any unused funds from the supplemental allocation would be recovered.

Mr. Alvin Rutsch, Assistant Executive Officer, advised that the Corps of Engineers maintains the main channel of this river. The remedial work being discussed is largely to reach the main channel -- the removal of material deposited on the ramp site both above the water and below the water, in the parking area, in the access road, and is not all stream deposited material but a mud slide caused by the storm.

Assemblywoman Davis pointed out that under these circumstances there is a possibility of requesting Corps of Engineers funding through the Office of Emergency Services wherever it is a navigable stream. There is also a possibility, depending upon what procedural steps have been taken to declare it as a disaster area and depending upon the entity receiving the damage, that money might be available from the federal government and the State.

Assemblywoman Davis recommended that other possible means of financial assistance be explored before the proposed additional funding is expended on this project. She further commented that in appropriating this money in no way do we wish any other state agency to misinterpret that we wish to assume all of the financial responsibility if there is money forthcoming from other areas.

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IT WAS MOVED BY MR. ARNETT, SECONDED BY MR. FRYER, THAT CONTINGENT UPON STAFF EXPLORATION OF OTHER MEANS OF FINANCING THIS STORM DAMAGE CORRECTION, THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD ALLOCATE AN ADDITIONAL \$15,000 TO COVER THE INCREASE IN CONSTRUCTION COSTS FOR THE NOYO RIVER FISHING ACCESS PROJECT, MENDOCINO COUNTY; AND AUTHORIZE THE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. Buena Vista Lagoon Wildlife Area, San Diego County

The Chairman advised that a request had been received from Assemblyman William Craven to hear an item not on the regular agenda. Inasmuch as there were no objections, Assemblyman Craven was recognized.

Assemblyman Craven advised that he had asked permission to appear before the Board to discuss the Buena Vista Lagoon property situated between the cities of Carlsbad and Oceanside. For many years this body of water was known not only as Buena Vista Lagoon, but locally was also called the Lt. Maxton Brown Bird Sanctuary. Because of the location and the water, it does attract birds of various species and those ornithologically inclined are enthusiastic about it. The State (WCB) acquired the property and named it Buena Vista Lagoon Wildlife Area which is the correct geographical title. It was brought to Mr. Craven's attention by people of that area, particularly the Legion Post in Oceanside, that they wanted to have some continuity of the title or subtitle designation of Lt. Maxton Brown Bird Sanctuary. Lt. Brown, who resided in Oceanside, was a bomber pilot and one of the first to lose his life in World War II, and who had been involved in census work of birds in the lagoon.

In a discussion with Mr. Arnett, Assemblyman Craven was apprised of the Board's policy relative to naming of projects, but it was his thought that there is a possibility that something may be done to honor the memory of this gentleman in view of the feelings of the local people who are strongly inclined to believe that this is a proper request and something that would not detract from what the State has established there.

Chairman Fletcher asked Mr. Craven if there was any known opposition locally to the suggested name, and he was informed that there was none. The Chairman then read the formal policy of the Board which is as follows:

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"It is the policy of the Wildlife Conservation Board that project names be selected which will best describe the geographical location of the project, avoiding the naming of such projects for individuals, either living or dead. The Wildlife Conservation Board may use the name of a donor, or accept his suggested project name, when the donor deeds the land used in the project to the State without cost."

In response to Mr. Arnett's question, Assemblyman Craven advised that no local body had taken any formal action to designate it as the Lt. Maxton Brown Bird Sanctuary. It was his belief that if the senior-most body, the State in this instance, were to take this action that the local jurisdictions would follow suit. The County wishes to have some authority or legitimacy to use that name for mapping purposes, and this was the basis for the Assemblyman's request.

Assemblywoman Davis stated that because of her experience in having a body of water named for a member of her family that she must recommend that the Board of Supervisors be requested to take this first step and through an ordinance. Some other means for recognizing Lt. Brown was suggested, such as including it in the chronology of the history of the lagoon or as a subtitle designation on a sign to be placed on the area. However, it was the consensus of the Board that the policy as stated above must be adhered to. The Chairman, in view of the decision of the Board, recommended that Assemblyman Craven request the County Board of Supervisors to pass an ordinance in this regard and in that manner obtain recognition for Lt. Maxton Brown.

Assemblyman Craven thanked the Board for its time and consideration.

The Chairman at this time introduced Senator Dennis Carpenter and Assemblyman Barry Keene who were present.

11. Central Valleys Pilot Striped Bass Hatchery, Sacramento Co. \$20,000.00

At its February 26, 1974, meeting, the Board approved this pilot hatchery project for the production of 150,000 yearling striped bass and/or largemouth black bass annually. An allocation of \$64,000 was made for drilling a new well, converting existing tanks to concrete raceways and necessary related work at the existing Central Valleys Hatchery.

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The Department of Fish and Game has bid the well and pump on three occasions, with the last bid in the amount of \$59,116. Since the time of the allocation last February, construction costs have increased at an unprecedented and unanticipated rate.

It will require a supplemental allocation of \$20,000 by the Board to complete this project as intended. Mr. Hart so recommended.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYWOMAN DAVIS, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN KEENE, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD ALLOCATE AN ADDITIONAL \$20,000 TO COVER INCREASED CONSTRUCTION COSTS FOR THE CENTRAL VALLEYS PILOT STRIPED BASS HATCHERY, SACRAMENTO COUNTY; AND AUTHORIZE THE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME 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 ALLOCATE AN ADDITIONAL \$20,000 TO COVER INCREASED CONSTRUCTION COSTS FOR THE CENTRAL VALLEYS PILOT STRIPED BASS HATCHERY, SACRAMENTO COUNTY; AND AUTHORIZE THE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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12. Aqueduct Fishing Access, Los Angeles County

<u>77th Street East Fishing Access</u>	<u>\$21,000.00</u>
<u>Longview Road Fishing Access</u>	<u>27,000.00</u>

Mr. Hart reported that the County of Los Angeles has requested the development of fishing access sites on the California Aqueduct in Antelope Valley. It has been determined that five sites may ultimately be needed. Initially, however, two locations have been selected for development. By resolution, the County has agreed to maintain the areas open and free to the public. Funding for these projects is available from the Fish and Wildlife Enhancement Bond Act of 1970.

These are the first areas to be developed on the aqueduct south of the Tehachapi Mountains. It had been anticipated that a "natural" fishery would not develop here, because of the tremendous pressures involved in pumping water over the mountains. The Department of Fish and Game from sampling waters in several locations, however, has determined that several species of both game and non-game fish have survived and that there is a possibility of a natural fishery developing. In addition, channel catfish

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planted by the Department the past two years should now be of catchable size. If needed, yearling catfish from the Imperial Hatchery can be used to supplement the existing fishery in the canal.

The 77th Street site is within bicycle riding distance of the town of Littlerock, just a short distance off the busy Highway 138. Development will take place at the downstream end of Littlerock Siphon. Siphons are known concentration areas for fish.

The Longview Road site is within two miles of the town of Pearblossom and will be at the lower end of Tejon Siphon. The two sites are approximately 7 miles apart on the aqueduct.

Both sites will be utilized by residents of Antelope Valley, the greater Los Angeles area, and people traveling through the area. Fishing waters in the Antelope Valley are extremely scarce.

Development will include paved walkways along the aqueduct, parking areas, fencing, drinking water, sanitary facilities, trash cans, a small foot bridge at one site, and signs. Safety devices will be furnished by the Department of Water Resources. Actual construction will be performed by the DWR's Southern Field Division. Proprietary interest would be obtained by permit from DWR.

Environmental assessments have revealed there will be no significant adverse effects caused from project construction or operation. The projects are not subject to California Environmental Quality Act regulations.

Cost estimates furnished by DWR and reviewed by staff are as follows:

77th Street East

Parking Area - Bridge	\$4,300
Water Supply	700
Concrete Walkway & Steps	8,550
Fencing	1,825
Miscellaneous	275
Sanitary facilities	3,000
Contingencies	<u>2,350</u>

TOTAL \$21,000

Longview Road

Parking Area - Road	\$7,200
Water Supply	700
Concrete Walkway & Steps	12,000
Fencing	1,000
Miscellaneous	275
Sanitary Facilities	3,000
Contingencies	<u>2,825</u>

TOTAL \$27,000

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Mr. Hart recommended that the Board approve the 77th Street East and Longview Road Fishing Access projects, allocate \$21,000 and \$27,000 respectively for the sites from the Recreation and Fish and Wildlife Enhancement Bond Act funds, and authorize staff to proceed with the projects substantially as planned. He informed the Board that Mr. Hubert Dukes with the Los Angeles County Recreation and Parks Department was present and could respond to any question the Board might have.

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE DEVELOPMENT OF THE 77TH STREET EAST AND LONGVIEW ROAD FISHING ACCESS PROJECTS; ALLOCATE \$21,000 AND \$27,000 RESPECTIVELY FOR THE SITES FROM THE RECREATION AND FISH AND WILDLIFE ENHANCEMENT BOND FUNDS BUDGETED FOR THIS PURPOSE (Item 326(c), Chapter 156/72) FOR CONSTRUCTION THEREOF; AND AUTHORIZE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECTS SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. ARNETT, SECONDED BY MR. FRYER, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE DEVELOPMENT OF THE 77TH STREET EAST FISHING ACCESS AND LONGVIEW ROAD FISHING ACCESS PROJECTS; ALLOCATE \$21,000 AND \$27,000 RESPECTIVELY FOR THE SITES FROM THE RECREATION AND FISH AND WILDLIFE ENHANCEMENT BOND FUNDS BUDGETED FOR THIS PURPOSE (Item 326(c) Chapter 156/72) FOR CONSTRUCTION THEREOF; AND AUTHORIZE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECTS SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

OTHER BUSINESS

13. California Law Revision Commission

Tentative Recommendation Relating to Wildlife Conservation Board Land Acquisition Authority

Pursuant to legislative direction, the California Law Revision Commission has for nearly 20 years been examining the eminent domain laws and procedures of California. The Commission has been directed to submit proposals for the revision of these laws and procedures in the form of a comprehensive statute that would safeguard the rights of all parties to such proceedings.

The Commission has recommended that the Department of Transportation, Department of Water Resources, the Reclamation Board, and Regents of the University of California should continue to be authorized to condemn for their purposes.

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It is further recommended by the Commission that the condemnation of property for all other state purposes should be a responsibility of the Public Works Board under the Property Acquisition Law.

The proposed legislation by the Commission includes amendment of Section 1348 of the Fish and Game Code, which contains the basic acquisition authority for WCB projects.

The proposed amendment deletes the limited condemnation authority now contained in Section 1348. In view of the long-standing policy of the Board to acquire only by willing, negotiated sale, it appears to staff that this change would not affect the WCB program. If unusual circumstances should arise where condemnation is appropriate, the WCB could authorize such action by the State Public Works Board.

The Commission made no recommendation for change in Section 1349, which requires specific authorization of the Legislature for condemnation proceedings to acquire farm lands for WCB projects. This code section has never been utilized. If condemnation authorities and procedures relative to WCB projects are to be revised, staff sees no need to retain Section 1349.

The Commission recommendations go much further, however, and propose deleting the direct acquisition authority contained in Section 1348 for WCB projects. The proposed amendments would enable WCB only to propose and approve the acquisition of lands and would require that such acquisitions "shall be made only by the State Public Works Board subject to the Property Acquisition Law."

In addition to transferring to the Public Works Board the statutory authority to select and acquire lands required for WCB projects, the proposed change could have the effect of making the negotiations and other handling of such land acquisitions the responsibility of the Department of General Services.

The latest correspondence from the Law Revision Commission staff indicated this recommendation goes back to a 1969 report published by the Legislative Analyst in response to ACR 142, 1968 Session. At that time this specific recommendation was part of a proposal by the Department of General Services to make the acquisition functions of a number of State agencies subject to the Property Acquisition Law.

However, comments by the Department of General Services on the Law Revision Commission recommendations indicate they currently favor only elimination of the acquisition functions of those State agencies not now engaging in acquisition. This would not apply to Section 1348, as the acquisition authority provided by this section is being utilized for WCB projects.

General Services has been requested by staff to confirm, or clarify if needed, its current position on this matter.

The procedure which the Commission's recommendations would make mandatory (i.e., the acquisition of lands by the Public Works Board) is now optional for the Board under existing provisions of Section 1348. Early in its program the Board attempted to acquire land in this manner, but after actual experience abandoned this procedure as generally unsatisfactory for WCB purposes.

For a number of years the Board has utilized the direct acquisition authority under Section 1348, and has found this procedure to have many advantages for the WCB program. These advantages include greater economy and efficiency, improved public relations, and better control of priorities and decisions important to successful implementation of the WCB program.

Mr. Hart advised that staff is not aware of any real problems caused by this direct acquisition authority nor of any real justification for change. He pointed out that the WCB in its early days started acquiring lands only through the State Public Works Board. Various problems were experienced with this procedure and starting in 1954 the WCB changed its procedures and directed staff and the Department of Fish and Game to negotiate for purchase of lands directly on a willing negotiated sale basis. This has been the policy and procedure for the past 20 years and staff sees no reason for change. The Board staff has so indicated informally to the Law Revision Commission staff and advised them that this matter would be brought before the Board for its consideration.

Mr. Hart advised that the Law Revision Commission's recommendations reportedly are tentative and have been submitted to various agencies for their review and response. There could be revisions before the recommendations are included in a legislative package as a bill. Assemblywoman Davis commented that many people are not aware that the Law Revision Commission is still functioning and that she has found legislative bills which not only eliminate duplication of language but also insert language in the constitution. She felt it important that any problems be taken care of now before it becomes included in a bill.

It was agreed by the Board members that clarification of the Department of General Services comments was important and further to determine why the Department of General Services has interested themselves in a matter that pertains to the WCB. However, it was determined that a positive statement to the Law Revision Commission was in order.

IT WAS MOVED BY SENATOR CARPENTER, SECONDED BY MR. ARNETT, AS A JOINT MOTION, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD DETERMINES THAT IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD PROGRAM TO RETAIN EXISTING LAND ACQUISITION AUTHORITY AND CONDEMNATION PREROGATIVES UNDER SECTION 1348 AND SECTION 1349 OF THE FISH AND GAME CODE, AND STAFF IS HEREBY INSTRUCTED TO SO NOTIFY THE CALIFORNIA LAW REVISION COMMISSION.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Assemblyman Keene was concerned about whether the Commission was recommending that the policy question of acquisition be taken out of the Board's hands or whether it was recommending the transfer of ministerial duties to the Department of General Services. If it was the ministerial duties, he wished to learn what some of the problems might be and why this was being recommended. The Law Revision Commission, as he saw it, was recommending that the Public Works Board would have the authority to select and acquire lands for WCB projects. Assemblywoman Davis pointed out that the Board could not construct the projects that it has over the years if it were to follow the procedures hinted upon in the recommendations, as it was her belief that the Board was able to secure many fold for its dollars because of its present procedures.

Assemblywoman Davis briefly left the meeting to phone the Department of General Services to request attendance by its staff to clarify the Department's position in regard to the Law Revision Commission recommendation.

(A representative from the Department of General Services did not attend until after the remaining agenda items were considered by the Board. However, for the sake of continuity, the discussion is continued here.)

Mr. Cal Locher, Senior Management Analyst from the Department of General Services, apologized for not being able to locate anyone more familiar with the subject area, and although he was not totally familiar, he stated he would try to answer any questions posed or get a response to the Board in writing.

Assemblywoman Davis asked Mr. Locher why the Department of General Services has interested themselves in recommendations of the Law Revision Commission pertaining to the acquisition and condemnation procedures of the Wildlife Conservation Board. Mr. Locher responded that it is the Department's position that this is a policy matter that the legislature can act upon, but that the Department has not taken a position in this matter. Mr. Arnett asked if the Department of General Services is in favor of acquiring lands for an agency that is actively involved in acquiring lands. Mr. Locher responded it was his understanding that the Department would not intend to ask that this authority be changed to the Department of General Services. The report recommending this change in acquisition authority is a very old report, and this was confirmed by Mr. Hart who indicated it was included in the Legislative Analyst's proposal dated February 3, 1969, relating to land acquisition and disposal by state agencies. Mr. Locher believed this was not the position the Department is taking at the present time. He reiterated that the recommendation to change acquisition authority to the Department of General Services pertains only to those agencies not now actively involved in land acquisitions. Mr. Hart's understanding was that there are agencies which do have authority in their codes to acquire lands, and since the Public Works Board instead is acquiring lands for them for office buildings, etc., there would be no need for these agencies to retain this acquisition authority.

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Assemblywoman Davis stated that the Department of Parks and Recreation has such condemnation authority in certain areas, except in the trail program. The Department wished to use such authority in the trail program this year. However, the cattle people object to the trail program for they have seen plans which recommend the trails go directly through the ranch and destroy the economic unit. She asked Mr. Locher if the Department of General Services would be involved if the Department of Parks and Recreation came to them to request condemnation of some lands for this program even though the legislature did not wish to give them condemnation authority. Mr. Locher indicated the Department would be involved, since the Department will acquire in response to an agency's request. This is allowed under the present law.

Assemblywoman Davis declared this is more far-reaching than appears on the surface and that the recommendations of the Law Revision Commission will be watched carefully when it reaches the legislature.

Mr. Fryer believed the initial appeal should be made to the Law Revision Commission. The Chairman requested staff to contact the Commission relative to the WCB's recommendations and to follow through with the Department of General Services and to keep the Board members informed on the confirmation of Mr. Locher's testimony. He thanked Mr. Locher for taking the time to appear before the Board.

14. 1974 Bond Act Program

The State Beach, Park, Recreational and Historical Facilities Bond Act of 1974 was approved by the voters as Proposition 1 in the June elections. The Act includes \$10,000,000 for projects under the Wildlife Conservation Board program.

As with previous Bond Acts, these funds are to be made available through the budgetary procedure. At one point in final preparation of the 1974-75 budget, it appeared that a lump sum appropriation of \$9.3 million would be made to the Board. Had this happened, it would have been possible for the Board to begin allocation of these funds to selected projects at the August 20th meeting, in essentially the same manner as projects funded with Wildlife Restoration Fund (pari-mutuel revenue) monies. This appropriation, however, was deleted from the final budget for 1974-75.

Some lawsuits have been filed against the Department of Parks and Recreation that would have prevented use of the 1974 Bond Act monies. Mr. Hart reported, however, that a hearing was held yesterday and that the ruling was in favor of the State. He had been informed that in the near future the State Treasurer and the Department of Finance would make the decision about proceeding with bond sales. Staff recommends proceeding with priority projects in general accordance with the proposed Bond Act program presented to the Board at its February 26, 1974, meeting. The timing for a Board

meeting to act on a budget package would be dependent upon what the Board would desire and secondly what the Department of Finance might need for its budgetary purposes. Normally Finance requires that budgets be put together in November, so it would require a Board meeting sometime in October or if the Department of Finance could accept a late package sometime in early November after elections. An early October meeting was suggested, but Mr. Hart felt the staff would require more time to put together the budget proposals.

The Chairman requested that the staff contact the members for a date during the week of October 14.

In response to Assemblywoman Davis' question as to what projects might be considered for this budget, Mr. Hart responded that the remainder of the Hidden Valley Wildlife Area for approximately \$1,250,000 would be considered, as well as coastal lagoons, bighorn sheep and winter deer range land acquisitions. Also under consideration would be the artificial reef construction utilizing liberty ships. It would not be anticipated to use all of the \$10 million the first year for the Board would wish to take a thorough look at the priorities for these funds.

Senator Carpenter was excused from the meeting at this time.

15. Proposed Sacramento River Boating Trail

The Department of Parks and Recreation has proposed establishment of a Sacramento River Boating Trail and initiation of a program to make the river more available for general recreational boating use. They propose establishing a series of primitive rest stops or campsites for boating access only, supplemented by major campgrounds accessible by auto and boat. A reconnaissance study on the proposal was published by Parks and Recreation in May, 1974, as an appendix to the Bidwell River Park Feasibility Study.

The reconnaissance report includes maps and tables showing existing or proposed public land areas and facilities along the Sacramento River between Redding and Colusa. These include fourteen Wildlife Conservation Board project areas, either developed fishing access projects operated and maintained by local government, or undeveloped land areas in WCB ownership. All these areas are not correctly identified as WCB projects in the report.

The proposal apparently contemplates formal or informal inclusion of the WCB fishing access projects in the boating trail system. The report or subsequent correspondence indicates consideration of WCB project areas as major campgrounds, primitive campsites, rest stops, or entry or exit points.

Upon receipt and review of the report, WCB staff promptly communicated with Parks and Recreation regarding the need for coordination, for better definition of the proposed role of WCB projects in the plan, and for consideration of a number of related questions.

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These WCB projects were developed primarily for day use, fishing access purposes. Supplemental development might be required for additional recreational uses contemplated under the boating trail plan, especially overnight camping.

Operation and maintenance costs, and related problems, also may be increased substantially for local governmental agencies that have assumed such project responsibilities by cooperative agreement with WCB.

The counties, cities, and districts along the Sacramento River that are cooperating agencies for WCB projects have been informed by staff that WCB did not participate in development of the boating trail plan, nor to date has it concurred with the proposal as it may involve WCB projects. Comments by local agencies were invited.

The Department of Parks and Recreation has stated that the reconnaissance report was primarily intended to present the concept of the boating trail plan. They are in the process of evaluating comments received from publication of the initial proposal.

Parks and Recreation also has indicated that they plan to proceed through preparation of a final report for the boating trail plan, and implementation with funding in the 1975-76 budget.

Mr. Hart noted that Deputy Director William Briner and Mr. Dale Wilson from the Department of Parks and Recreation were present and if the Board desired they could probably better explain the program. He advised the Board that no action of the Board was necessary at this time, unless the Board wishes to make some policy statement in relation to the participation of the WCB in this program.

Assemblywoman Davis addressed her remarks to the Department of Parks and Recreation personnel for she had received a number of phone calls from her constituents. The concern expressed was the lack of contact of the Dept. with the local planning commission pertaining to the plan developed, the inadequate notice for the informational meeting scheduled for August 21, and the additional cost to the local agencies over what was originally contemplated as their responsibility under the operation and maintenance agreement with WCB for affected projects. She felt it would have been wise for the Department from the outset to work with the staff of the WCB and all the local agencies involved.

Mr. Briner reported that the initial study started when the Department was doing the Bidwell River Park study. Mr. Wilson and other interested floaters and kayakers were going up and down the Sacramento River on week-ends and immediately recognized some of the potentials and put the report together. It ended up as an appendix to the Bidwell River Park Feasibility Study.

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Mr. Briner stated that the preliminary study was done in a hurry for they saw a need. The river was being used by boaters and there will be increased use by boaters and his Department saw a need for a complete coordinated study for a boating trail program.

The Department was hurriedly trying to put together a budget request for planning money for the '75-'76 fiscal year, as the boating trail program is recognized as one of the bond fund programs to be developed by the Department of Parks and Recreation. He indicated the final version of the preliminary study would be done in complete cooperation and coordination with the WCB and all of the local planning commissions, city councils and boards of supervisors of the areas concerned.

Mr. Briner indicated that the Department is presently contacting all of the agencies involved and has received numbers of comments, many of them favorable. The Shasta County Board of Supervisors has commented that the concept is a good one but points out that there are many problems, and the fact that the river is wild in that area. The final report is going to have to recognize that and point out clearly that areas of this river are not for the weekend rafter or canoer.

Assemblywoman Davis asserted that the concerns of the local agencies stem from the fact that they were not contacted before a study was made, that they wished to work side by side with the Department rather than having to comment on the plan after it has been made. Mr. Briner stated that they do not expect the report in any kind of a final stage to be ready for at least a year for they foresee a need for a minimum of that much study and meetings with local officials. They have just started to form a citizens advisory committee for the river which includes all interested groups up and down the river. They do not put elected officials on such committees, but they do intend to meet with the cities, counties, boards of supervisors, and planning commissions. Mr. Briner commented that there are many overlapping jurisdictions so they see the State as the coordinating agency in developing the plan, but also see the need for input from all of the bodies for this project to be successful. The only way to do this is to go out and meet with them, and a schedule for such meetings is being developed.

Mr. Arnett stated that the telephonic opposition he had received as a member of the Board related to the fact that the printed reconnaissance report included WCB projects which would obligate the local agency to much more than the original operation and maintenance responsibilities agreed to. Although it may have been clear to the Department of Parks and Recreation that this was only preliminary, the local people involved didn't know that, and concluded that the plan would impose added responsibilities.

Mr. Briner commented that under SB 90 any additional costs imposed on local government must be picked up by the State so that his Department is in a position of having to watch that additional financial obligations would not be incurred by local government.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYWOMAN DAVIS, SECONDED BY MR. ARNETT, AS A JOINT MOTION, THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION BE REQUESTED TO CONFER WITH THE STAFF OF THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT MOVES IN ANY DIRECTION ON PROJECTS AFFECTING THE PROGRAM OF THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chairman Fletcher expressed the appreciation of the Board for Mr. Briner and Mr. Wilson's testimony and asked that in the future, because of the many contracts involved and the conflicts on the river, the Department work closely with the Board staff. He felt that the Board can help the Department if they could work with the staff. Mr. Briner remarked that the next time he appeared before the Board he hoped that it will give enthusiastic support for the plan that his Department will have at that time.

16. Finnon Dam Exploration, El Dorado County

Mr. Hart advised that no action of the Board was required on this agenda item and made the following report.

On May 1, 1974, the Board allocated \$6,000 for a preliminary investigation of Finnion Dam to determine its stability to withstand earthquake stresses. This study was done to comply with the requirements of the Department of Water Resources, Division of Safety of Dams in their statewide investigation of hydraulic fill dams. It is the only WCB dam so affected.

At the time, the Board was advised that the preliminary investigation may show that further exploration would be needed or reconstruction of the dam would be necessary. This could have required a decision as to the feasibility of continuing this popular warmwater fishing project.

Mr. Hart announced that the Department of Water Resources, Division of Design and Construction, which carried out the investigation, reported that the dam was found to be safe and not likely to fail as a result of earthquake stresses. The Division of Safety of Dams concurred in these conclusions.

Staff wished to recognize the completion of this investigation in a very satisfactory and economical manner by the Department of Water Resources.

A copy of the report was provided to El Dorado County, which operates and maintains the project under cooperative agreement with WCB.

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17. Resolution Honoring Senator Robert Lagomarsino

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYWOMAN DAVIS, SECONDED BY MR. ARNETT, AS A JOINT MOTION, THAT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION HONORING SENATOR ROBERT LAGOMARSINO BE ADOPTED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Resolution Honoring
Senator Robert J. Lagomarsino

WHEREAS, The Honorable Robert J. Lagomarsino retired from the State Senate and concurrently from the Wildlife Conservation Board on March 13, 1974; and

WHEREAS, Senator Lagomarsino served with great distinction on the Joint Legislative Committee of the Board since his appointment in July, 1965; and

WHEREAS, His sound judgment and wise counsel have furthered the cause of wildlife conservation and related recreation; and

WHEREAS, The Senator's earnest desire to promote this program for the good of all the citizens of California has been observed in the accomplishments of the Board during his tenure; Now therefore be it

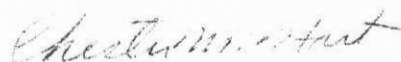
RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Wildlife Conservation Board, the Joint Interim Committee and the Board staff, take this opportunity to convey our sincere appreciation for his contributions; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we extend our heartiest congratulations and best wishes to him in his new capacity as Congressman from California; 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 Congressman Lagomarsino as a memento of this action.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Fletcher at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Chester M. Hart
Executive Officer