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Pursuant to the call of the Chairman, the Wildlife Conservation Board met in Room 6024 of the State Capitol Building, Sacramento, California, on November 6, 1975. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Timothy M. Doheny at 9:35 a.m.

1. Roll Call

<u>PRESENT:</u>	Timothy M. Doheny	Chairman
	Roy M. Bell	Member
	E. C. Fullerton	Member
	Senator John A. Nejedly	Joint Interim Committee
	Assemblywoman Pauline L. Davis	" " "
	Assemblyman Barry Keene	" " "
<u>ABSENT:</u>	Senator Dennis E. Carpenter	" " "
	Senator John F. Dunlap	" " "
	<u>WCB Staff</u>	
	Chester M. Hart	Executive Officer
	Alvin G. Rutsch	Assistant Executive Officer
	John Wentzel	Field Agent
	John Schmidt	Land Agent
	Alma Koyasako	Secretary
	Bella Applebaum	Accountant

OTHERS PRESENT:

Pierre Joske	Marin County Parks
Marilyn J. O'Keefe	Santa Barbara Co. Park Comm.
Mike Pahos	Santa Barbara County
Jerome P. Tuholski	Lassen County
Donald Harms	East Bay Regional Park Dist.
Dennis Antle	" " " "
Walter Pierce	Sutter Co. Public Works
Russ Thompson	Dept. of Finance
Paul Bennett	Cal-State Univ., Chico
David Sherman	" " " "
Jane Montague	" " " "
Jack Shelver	City Mgr., Imperial Beach
Bob Swanson	City of Imperial Beach
Wilson Fieberling	City of Santa Cruz

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Joe Sheehan
Terri Moberly

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2. Approval of Minutes

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. BELL, SECONDED BY MR. FULLERTON, AS A JOINT MOTION, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 9, 1975, MEETING.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Status of Funds

Mr. Chester M. Hart, the Executive Officer, gave the following report on the Wildlife Restoration Fund status as of the date of this meeting:

Unallocated balance at close of 4/9/75 meeting	\$119,896.60
Pari-mutuel revenue, 7/1/75	+ 750,000.00
Unexpended balance of 72/73 operating costs	+ 24,980.38
Interest on surplus money Jan.-June, 1975	+ 84,437.78
Miscellaneous revenue	+ 7,214.99
Adjustment, operating costs, 1973-74, 1974-75 F.Y.	- 6,597.00
Settlement of claim, Vallejo Pier	- 16,000.00
Estimated 75/76 operating costs	- <u>210,189.00</u>

Unallocated balance at beginning of 11/6/75 meeting . . . \$753,743.75

4. Recovery of Funds

Mr. Hart recommended that the total amount of \$76,472.63 received as reimbursements under the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund program for the two projects listed below be recovered and returned to the Wildlife Restoration Fund, the accounts to remain open until project completion and final audit.

Dog Island Fishing Access

Fed. L&W Reimbursement Recovery	\$25,345.21
(Account to remain open)	

Lake Piru Fishing Access

Fed. L&W Reimbursement Recovery	\$51,127.42
(Account to remain open)	

\$76,472.63 - Total Recovery

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYWOMAN DAVIS, SECONDED BY SENATOR NEJEDLY, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD RECOVER THE REIMBURSEMENTS AS OUTLINED ABOVE.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. FULLERTON, SECONDED BY MR. BELL, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD RECOVER FUNDS FROM THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS:

Dog Island Fishing Access

Fed. L&W Reimbursement Recovery \$25,345.21

Lake Piru Fishing Access

Fed. L&W Reimbursement Recovery \$51,127.42

ALL OF THE SUMS TOTALING \$76,472.63 ARE TO BE RECOVERED AND RETURNED TO THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. Petaluma River Access Expansion, Marin County \$10,000.00

Mr. Hart reported that on August 20, 1974, the Board allocated \$105,000 for the expansion of the ramp, floats and parking facilities developed by the WCB here in 1962. Marin County has \$29,950 budgeted for the project, making a total of \$134,950 available for development.

The initial bids received for the development were considerably in excess of available funding. These bids were rejected, and the project redesigned to minimize costs to the extent feasible.

Upon readvertising, the County recently received a low bid of \$132,396 for the reduced work. This leaves a balance of only \$2,554 for contingencies.

This item is to augment the allocation by the amount of \$10,000 to allow a more realistic contingency balance. This is considered necessary for the purpose of covering unexpected costs if any are encountered during construction. This augmentation would provide for a contingency of \$12,554, about ten percent of the project cost. Any WCB funds not needed for construction would, of course, be available for recovery by the Board after the completion of the project.

It was Mr. Hart's recommendation the Board approve augmentation of the allocation for the Petaluma River Access Expansion Project in the amount of \$10,000. He advised that a letter in support of this proposal was received from Assemblyman Michael Wornum. He also advised that Pierre Joske from Marin County was present and would be able to respond to any questions the Board might have.

Senator Nejedly asked about the procedure for payment of construction costs incurred by the County, and Mr. Hart advised that contracts are entered

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into with the County whereby the WCB agrees to reimburse the County for costs incurred in the construction of the project. All funds allocated for the project remain in the Wildlife Restoration Fund drawing interest until a billing is received from the County for work accomplished. Whatever funds remain in the allocation after construction of the Petaluma River Access Expansion project would be available for recovery by the Board for allocation to other projects.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYWOMAN DAVIS, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN KEENE, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS TO AUGMENT CONSTRUCTION FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR THE PETALUMA RIVER ACCESS EXPANSION, MARIN COUNTY.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. FULLERTON, SECONDED BY MR. BELL, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE ALLOCATION OF \$10,000 FROM THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND TO AUGMENT THE AMOUNT PREVIOUSLY ALLOCATED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE PETALUMA RIVER ACCESS EXPANSION, MARIN COUNTY.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. Imperial Beach Public Fishing Pier, San Diego County

Mr. Hart advised that the City of Imperial Beach has requested WCB consideration for reconstructing part of the sport fishing landing on the public fishing pier built in 1963 as a cooperative WCB/City project on a matching fund basis.

The sport fishing landing was developed as an integral part of the pier project, to provide new opportunity for individuals desiring to fish offshore waters on party boats. This location considerably reduces the travel distance to the popular Coronado Islands fishery, in comparison to San Diego and Mission Bays.

Actual use has demonstrated that the original fender piling design for the landing was too light to withstand the impact of boat landings, causing breakage of these piles at the sand line. When fender piles are broken and awaiting replacement, landing impacts are transmitted to the pier head, potentially endangering the main pier structure.

The City has twice replaced broken pilings, which has not solved the problem. The WCB staff has inspected the pier and landing, and feels corrective action is beyond what would be considered a normal maintenance obligation of the City.

The City has obtained preliminary engineering review of the problem and possible solutions. The Engineering Section of the Department of Fish and Game has reviewed these reports, concurs with the analysis that the original design was too light and generally recommends additional fender and batter piles.

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Mr. Hart pointed out that the City has obtained further review of the problem and alternate solutions. Cost estimates developed in the review indicate \$40,000 would be required to replace the fender piling in a manner that will solve this problem. The City, in requesting matching funds for this work, has indicated that they would be willing to assume any cost in excess of \$40,000, should that occur. He reiterated this work is not what would be considered normal maintenance of the pier which the City is obligated to handle under the terms of the O&M agreement. It was his recommendation that the Board allocate \$20,000 for its matching share for reconstruction cost of this part of the pier.

There was discussion as to responsibility for the under-design which was the cause for the present problem, and it was brought out that the pier was originally designed by a consulting engineering firm with the plans being reviewed by the Department of Fish and Game Engineering and WCB staffs.

Senator Nejedly questioned the propriety of expending State funds for improvements or repairs occasioned by commercial operations at the pier. Mr. Hart stated that the sport fishing landing was considered as part of the original plan to provide recreational opportunity for the general public. The commercial operator pays for the lease of the facility afforded by this landing which helps the City offset their O&M costs for the pier.

Assemblyman Keene questioned this proposed expenditure also and suggested that the City exact or impose a tax or franchise fee on the commercial operators for the expanded facilities made necessary by their activity.

Mr. Jack Shelver, City Manager for Imperial Beach, responded that the operator is paying a reasonable fee to the City for lease of the facility and that the operator is entitled thereby to a place to dock on the pier. The City looks on the docking space and the availability of sport fishing opportunities as a public service and not a commercial venture. It may be a commercial venture from the operator's viewpoint because he has to make a living, but the City considers it as much a public service as the fishing pier itself. The operator is responsible for sharing on a matching fund basis the routine annual maintenance of the landing area of the pier in addition to his franchise fee.

Assemblyman Keene stated that unless a policy determination was made that this repair was a proper activity for use of State funds, he would oppose any expenditure at this time. In fact, he felt there ought to be reimbursement to the State for the damage caused by the large commercial boat operators. Senator Nejedly was also concerned about policy. He questioned if the WCB should use funds to construct a facility that is being used for commercial activities.

Mr. Fullerton expressed concern that the Board would lose the fishing pier unless this construction were accomplished so that the State could protect its original investment.

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Assemblywoman Davis believed that there was an over-emphasis on the damage caused by large boats, and Mr. Doheny agreed that a small boat can do as much damage to the pilings as a large boat on any given day. It was the staff's opinion that the original design was not adequate to handle the use that was anticipated at that time. However, Mr. Hart was not aware that the operator has gone to the larger boat as was reported.

Assemblywoman Davis requested this project be put over until everyone on the Board understands exactly how and why the Board functions in the manner that it does. She saw a real need for reviewing the WCB policies and program and the fiscal aspects of the program.

Senator Nejedly agreed that this matter be put over and requested that the Board members be provided the following information: Who designed the pier? What were the criteria for it and its original purposes? Is this facility used by any other people? How many people use it in addition to the franchised operator? If a policy has been adopted, have the policy the defined. What revenues are available to the City from the franchise operator of the boat landing?

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYWOMAN DAVIS, SECONDED BY SENATOR NEJEDLY, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD PUT OVER CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING FOR THE IMPERIAL BEACH PUBLIC FISHING PIER RECONSTRUCTION, SAN DIEGO COUNTY, UNTIL SUCH TIME AS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. FULLERTON, SECONDED BY MR. BELL, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD PUT OVER CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING FOR THE IMPERIAL BEACH PUBLIC FISHING PIER RECONSTRUCTION, SAN DIEGO COUNTY, UNTIL SUCH TIME AS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

City Manager Jack Shelper asked when the next meeting of the Board might be, for he believed something must be done this winter. He was advised that the next meeting might be in early January.

7. Trinity River Fishing Access - Indian Creek, Trinity County \$10,000.00

Two parcels of surplus Department of Transportation land, totaling over four and one half acres, are available for fishing access purposes. One parcel is located at the confluence of Indian Creek with the Trinity River, and the other about one mile downstream.

The Indian Creek site is already heavily used by fishermen, has good vehicular access from Highway 299 and ample parking area.

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The lower site does not have vehicular access but does abut Highway 299, allowing fishermen to walk to the river. It also offers opportunity for future stream improvement work on "Coopers Riffle", a formerly valuable salmon spawning riffle that has sanded in over the years.

The Department of Fish and Game recommends acquisition of the parcels, stating that public access is limited on this reach of the river.

There would be no development planned or needed, other than litter cans and some signs. The Bureau of Land Management services its own camping facilities in the area and has indicated routine litter pick-up could be included on an informal basis at the Indian Creek site. If future use increases, an agreement could be formalized with BLM for this service.

Acquisition of these lands will not have a significant effect on the environment, and falls under Class 13 of Categorical Exemptions of the guidelines for implementation of CEQA.

The properties have been appraised at \$9,700. The Executive Officer recommended that the Board approve this project, allocate \$10,000 for acquisition and minor improvement, and authorize staff to proceed with the project substantially as planned.

It was mentioned by Mr. Hart that the Shasta Cascade Wonderland Association has written a letter supporting this acquisition proposal.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYWOMAN DAVIS, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN KEENE, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE TRINITY RIVER FISHING ACCESS - INDIAN CREEK, TRINITY COUNTY; AND ALLOCATE THE NECESSARY FUNDS THEREFOR.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. FULLERTON, SECONDED BY MR. BELL, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE TRINITY RIVER FISHING ACCESS - INDIAN CREEK, TRINITY COUNTY; ALLOCATE \$10,000 FROM THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND FOR ACQUISITION AND MINOR IMPROVEMENT; AND AUTHORIZE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. Santa Cruz Public Fishing Pier, Phase III, Santa Cruz County \$60,000.00

Mr. Hart advised that this proposal is the third and anticipated final segment of expansion of the Santa Cruz Pier for public fishing purposes as a cooperative WCB-City project.

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He reviewed that the Santa Cruz Municipal Wharf was first expanded to accommodate demand for fishing space in 1960 with a WCB allocation of \$49,550. This was followed in 1970 with an allocation of \$109,000 which was matched by the City, for a further expansion which provided additional fishing access and parking space. The two WCB projects have made this a tremendously popular facility and there is fishing activity on the pier almost around the clock.

Widening the near shore end of the pier has for a number of years been considered desirable to provide additional fishing space as well as to allow unrestricted access on the pier for police, fire, and other emergency vehicles. Other improvements planned for this expansion phase include relocation of overhead high voltage lines to sub-deck conduits and the installation of a larger water main for better fire protection.

Much of the activity on the pier can be directly or indirectly attributed to the success of the WCB projects begun in 1960. This improvement would alleviate much of the resulting congestion, as well as offering additional fishing benefits.

The City Department of Public Works has prepared plans which include an 11-foot expansion on the westerly side of the pier for a length of 570 feet, and a 30-foot expansion on the easterly side for a length of 210 feet. There would be a fishing walkway on each side, and additional parking on the easterly side. Estimated total costs are \$270,000.

In view of the fact that some of the added space will serve non-fishing uses of the pier also, only \$120,000 of the pier expansion costs have been defined as public fishing project costs. It is proposed that the City and WCB would share these project costs equally in accordance with the WCB's public fishing pier policy. It is also proposed that both agencies share equally in any federal reimbursements received under the Board's application for Land and Water Conservation Funds, as has been the practice on such projects.

The City has by resolution agreed to participate with the WCB on this Phase III expansion as outlined, including extension of the existing State lease and cooperative agreements for a 25-year term. These provide for free public fishing and operation and maintenance by the City at no cost to the State.

The Department of Fish and Game favorably recommends this project, noting that fishing in the surf zone is both safer and more productive from the pier. At times a halibut fishery in or near the surf line is the main sport fishing activity in the pier vicinity.

The City has acted as lead agency and has processed an EIR to meet CEQA requirements.

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Mr. Hart recommended the Board, with consideration of the project EIR, allocate \$60,000 for Phase III of this project, to be matched by the City of Santa Cruz, and that staff be authorized to make application for reimbursement of costs under the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund program. He mentioned that a letter of support had been received from Senator Grunsky.

Assemblyman Keene asserted that \$120,000 for a fishing walkway out of a total project cost of \$270,000 is a relatively small amount of money, but that he believed the Board was entitled to know how this formula was developed.

Mr. Hart advised that the cost attributable to fishing was determined to be about 45% and that the City would be responsible for 50% of that cost. It was based on the square footage of the pier expansion and the other related costs involved. Mr. Wilson Fieberling, Public Works Director for the City of Santa Cruz, affirmed that out of the \$270,000 total cost for the project, the City is requesting \$120,000 for the fishing walkway. The remainder of the total project cost would be utilized for an emergency access right-of-way and other advantages to the pier, such as parking space. Mr. Hart added that of the square footage added to the pier, 45% of that, in essence, would be used for fishing purposes. The breakdown was formulated by taking the total area of pier reconstruction and seeing how much of that would be used for fishing and how much would be used for non-fishing, the non-fishing use consisting of parking, the emergency vehicle lane, electrical and water lines.

In response to Senator Nejedly's question about the facilities located on the pier, Mr. Hart pointed out there is additional fishing space developed by the Board earlier on the outer end of the pier, as well as parking, restaurants, and commercial fishing operations. Senator Nejedly then asked if any of these funds would be used for the development of facilities over which people would travel in order to reach the other commercial activities. The public, Mr. Hart pointed out, would use the adjoining portion of the pier primarily, and this was indicated by use of a map showing the areas to be developed by the Board and City under this proposal. Sight-seeing and open space would be some of the non-fishing activities enjoyed by the public by this development, Assemblywoman Davis pointed out.

Mr. Fieberling stated there is no walkway at all on the westerly side presently and people could conceivably step out of their cars into the water without this construction. This expansion would provide space for fishing purposes, as well as insure fire and police protection to the pier as well as the public.

Mr. Hart indicated that such things as electrical and water supply systems were included in the total project costs which bring the total figure to \$270,000, but are not included in the \$120,000 to be shared by City and State for construction of the additional fishing facility.

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IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN KEENE, SECONDED BY SENATOR NEJEDLY, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WCB SECURE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN THE FORM OF A BREAKDOWN OF ALL THE COSTS AND THE FORMULA USED FOR DIVIDING THESE COSTS.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

It was the consensus of the WCB that this project should be approved at this time contingent upon the majority of the advisory committee present concurring in the cost breakdown to be provided by staff. If there is no concurrence in the cost breakdown, the proposal must be brought back to the Board at its next meeting, possibly in January.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. FULLERTON, SECONDED BY MR. BELL, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD, WITH CONSIDERATION OF THE PROJECT EIR, APPROVE PHASE III EXPANSION OF THE SANTA CRUZ FISHING PIER, SANTA CRUZ COUNTY; ALLOCATE \$60,000 FROM THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND ON A MATCHING FUND BASIS WITH THE CITY OF SANTA CRUZ; AND AUTHORIZE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT CONTINGENT UPON APPROVAL BY THE MAJORITY OF THE JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS HERE PRESENT AFTER THEIR REVIEW OF FURTHER INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED BY STAFF. STAFF IS FURTHER AUTHORIZED TO APPLY FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF JOINT CITY/WCB COSTS UNDER THE FEDERAL LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM, SUCH REIMBURSEMENT TO BE DIVIDED EQUALLY BETWEEN THE CITY OF SANTA CRUZ AND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Senator Nejedly outlined that the information to be provided should include the total project cost, a breakdown of each item in it, and a statement of what the public benefits are.

9. Eagle Lake Fishing Access - Spalding Tract, Lassen County \$60,000.00

At the April 9, 1975, meeting, a preview of a Lassen County proposal for a WCB fishing access project at Eagle Lake was presented and staff was instructed to proceed with planning and submission for Board consideration.

The project is proposed primarily for these reasons:

1. To improve access and safety conditions for fishermen, by providing a launching facility near mid-point of the 13 mile long lake.
2. To reduce boating interference with nesting water birds which results from present scattered launching along the Spalding Tract shoreline.

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3. To provide a launching facility for higher lake water levels which may render other launching ramps on the lake unuseable unless redeveloped.

The project will be a cooperative effort between WCB, Lassen County, and the federal Soil Conservation Service. The County will provide land for the project through a 25 year free lease to the State, and will operate and maintain the facility for free public use under a 25 year cooperative agreement with the State.

The SCS will provide matching funds for development, will supervise construction, and has assumed lead agency status for environmental requirements. A Negative Declaration was filed on July 11, 1975, in compliance with CEQA requirements.

In providing matching funds for development, WCB has provided plans, specifications, and cost estimates through the Department of Fish and Game Engineering Section which are summarized as follows:

Mobilization	\$5,000
Excavation	15,500
Roadway and parking	35,200
Concrete ramp	28,400
Loading floats	6,400
Sanitary facilities	2,000
Signs and miscellaneous	500
A&E	7,000
Contingencies	20,000
TOTAL	\$120,000

Mr. Hart reported that the Department of Fish and Game has endorsed this project, citing the protection to nesting grebes, as well as better and safer access for fishermen. It was his recommendation that the Board, with consideration of the Negative Declaration, approve the project as proposed, allocate \$60,000 from the Wildlife Restoration Fund for development on a cost sharing basis, and authorize staff to proceed substantially as planned.

Senator Nejedly questioned the need for this higher level boat launching facility and asked if the County could by ordinance prohibit the launching of boats at various locations which disturb the nesting grebes. It was brought out in the discussion that Eagle Lake is a natural lake and the level cannot be controlled. Mr. Jerry Tuholski, Lassen County Public Works Director, indicated that the County has passed an ordinance prohibiting the indiscriminate launching of boats, and Mr. Hart pointed out that the ordinance was passed on the basis that there would be a centrally located launching facility. It was also brought out that there are no commercial ventures benefiting from this development.

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IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYWOMAN DAVIS, SECONDED BY SENATOR NEJEDLY, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WCB APPROVE THE EAGLE LAKE FISHING ACCESS - SPALDING TRACT, LASSEN COUNTY, AND ALLOCATE THE NECESSARY FUNDS FOR THE PROJECT, CONTINGENT UPON THE ENFORCEMENT BY THE COUNTY OF THE ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE LAUNCHING OF BOATS AT LOCATIONS WHICH WOULD DISTURB THE NESTING GREBES.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. FULLERTON, SECONDED BY MR. BELL, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD WITH CONSIDERATION OF THE NEGATIVE DECLARATION, APPROVE THE EAGLE LAKE FISHING ACCESS - SPALDING TRACT, LASSEN COUNTY; ALLOCATE \$60,000 FROM THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND FOR THE DEVELOPMENT ON A COST SHARING BASIS WITH THE U.S. SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE AND IN COOPERATION WITH LASSEN COUNTY; AND AUTHORIZE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED. THIS APPROVAL IS CONTINGENT UPON THE ENFORCEMENT BY THE COUNTY OF THE ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE LAUNCHING OF BOATS AT LOCATIONS WHICH WOULD DISTURB THE NESTING GREBES AND THE COUNTY IS HEREBY REQUESTED TO SUBMIT TO THE BOARD IN WRITING OF THEIR INTENT IN THIS REGARD.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

(Assemblywoman Davis was excused from the meeting at this time.)

10. Ellwood Public Fishing Pier, Santa Barbara County \$424,000.00

Conversion of the Ellwood Pier to a fishing pier as a joint project with the County of Santa Barbara was approved by the Board on March 23, 1972, and \$250,000 was allocated for the State share of the estimated \$500,000 project. This amount was to be matched by the County.

The pier, owned by the Signal Oil and Gas Company at the time, had been used as a drilling and loading facility. Subsequent to the Board's action, ownership of the pier changed and the County renegotiated terms for the transfer of the pier to the County with the new owners, Burmah Oil Company. When these negotiations were firmed up the County re-budgeted local funds in the current fiscal year to make up their share of the costs of converting the pier.

On April 9, 1975, the WCB recovered the previously allocated funds, without prejudice to the project, so as to fund other urgent proposals before the Board. Mr. Hart proposed that the Board reallocate funds for the project at this time.

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Since the pier program was inaugurated with the pier policy established by the Board in 1961, WCB ocean fishing piers have been constructed in all coastal counties south of San Francisco except Santa Barbara County. When the oil company in 1971 revealed their plans to abandon use of the pier and dismantle it, local residents, sportsmen's organizations, and county officials recognized it as a long-awaited opportunity for development of a fishing pier here also.

Ellwood Pier, some 15 miles west of Santa Barbara, promises to be very productive for sport fishing. The pier terminates in 35 feet of water and kelp is abundant along the pier stem and at the end. Fishing is expected to be good for kelp bass, several kinds of perch and smelt, and other ocean species. There is occasionally good fishing for white sea bass at night. The Department of Fish and Game endorses the proposal.

The first portion of this pier was constructed in the 1930's and extended 1500 feet seaward. About six years later the pier was extended 700 feet further and a 9,000 square foot drilling platform was constructed at the outer end. The main pier stem is sixteen feet in width.

The entire pier, with the exception of the deck and rail, is of steel construction. A cathodic protection system exists to protect the steel from corrosion. Conversion would require the replacement of some of the steel members, primarily in the first portion which for a time had no cathodic protection. Other improvements would be partial redecking, construction of rails, drinking fountains, fish cleaning sinks, skiff loading facilities, benches and a restroom-concession building.

The total project costs projected to June, 1976, prices, is \$845,250. The WCB share of the project cost, \$422,625, will be matched by the County. The higher present cost is a reflection of rising construction costs and more detailed estimates.

The County has earmarked local funds from several sources to make up their share of the costs, including a contribution of \$270,000 from Burmah Oil Company. This represents the approximate costs of removing the pier structure which the oil company would face if the pier were not accepted by the County for this project. A cost analysis detailing funding by source prepared by the County was provided Board members.

The County will expend \$212,000 in addition to their share of the pier costs for land acquisition, parking lot construction, and sewer and water lines.

In accordance with the previous approval given by the Board, staff would plan to apply for federal Land and Water Conservation Fund reimbursement which will be shared on an equal basis with the County.

The County has determined the conversion of this pier for recreational purposes will not have a significant environmental effect and has filed a Negative Declaration as lead agency in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act.

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Mr. Hart recommended the Board, with consideration of the Negative Declaration, reallocate funds in the amount of \$424,000 for pier development and related costs, and authorize staff to proceed substantially as planned, including authorization to apply for Federal Land and Water Conservation funds.

Mr. Fullerton expressed concern about an abalone hatchery venture which would be located on a portion of this pier. He believed this could restrain the use of the pier by sport fishermen if it were to develop. It was his understanding that the County has already agreed that this facility could be located on the pier.

Mr. Mike Pahos, representing Santa Barbara County, responded that the County has received favorably a proposal from the Santa Barbara County Mariculture Foundation. The Board of Supervisors, however, in no way looks on that project as necessary for the pier project itself to go forward. He asked that the Board act on the staff recommendation as it stands without the mariculture proposal being a part of the deliberation, for it was his opinion that the mariculture facility will never appear on Ellwood Pier without the Wildlife Conservation Board's approval. He asked for the Board's approval without consideration of the mariculture facility. If at a later date the Board of Supervisors decide to proceed with this proposal, the County would again come before the Board for its approval. In no way would the County wish to compromise the Ellwood Pier proposal because of the mariculture facility, for the fishing pier is too important to them.

In response to questions from the Board as to how prohibition of the abalone hatchery construction on the pier could be assured, Mr. Pahos replied that the County and State will be co-lessees of the pier and the County could not proceed with this additional use, change operating policies, or configuration of the pier without Board approval.

It was the consensus of the Board that the Ellwood Pier is a desirable project, but that the Board must have assurance that at no time could an abalone hatchery or any other facility be constructed without Board concurrence.

IT WAS MOVED BY SENATOR NEJEDLY, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN KEENE, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD RE-ALLOCATE THE NECESSARY FUNDS FOR THE ELLWOOD PIER PROJECT, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY, CONTINGENT UPON INCLUDING IN THE PERTINENT DOCUMENTS PROHIBITION OF THE MARICULTURE FOUNDATION FACILITY OR ANY OTHER ACTIVITY WHICH MAY PREJUDICE THE PUBLIC ACCESS OR USE OF THIS PIER FOR FISHING PURPOSES.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. BELL, SECONDED BY MR. FULLERTON, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD, WITH CONSIDERATION OF THE NEGATIVE DECLARATION, RE-ALLOCATE FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$424,000 FROM THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND FOR THE ELLWOOD PIER PROJECT, SANTA

BARBARA COUNTY, ON A COST-SHARING BASIS WITH THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA; AND AUTHORIZE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED, INCLUDING AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF JOINT COUNTY/WCB COSTS UNDER THE FEDERAL LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM, SUCH REIMBURSEMENT TO BE DIVIDED EQUALLY BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA AND WCB. THIS APPROVAL IS CONTINGENT UPON INCLUDING IN THE PERTINENT DOCUMENTS PROHIBITION OF THE MARICULTURE FOUNDATION OR ANY OTHER ACTIVITY WHICH MAY PREJUDICE THE PUBLIC ACCESS OR USE OF THIS PIER FOR FISHING PURPOSES.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. Sacramento River Access - Site 21, Glenn County \$23,000.00

Mr. Hart reported that in 1958, the WCB acquired from the State Reclamation Board a 50 acre parcel of land on the right bank of the Sacramento River in Glenn County, about one mile above Princeton for preservation of riparian habitat. No development of the parcel was made. The County of Glenn is now acquiring a road easement over private land between the parcel and Highway 45 and has proposed WCB development of the area. The County has agreed to maintain and keep the area open to the public after development.

The parcel fronts on a backwater from the river and is largely covered by lush, riparian habitat. Wildlife use is by deer, waterfowl, small mammals, upland game birds, and a variety of non-game birds including the rare yellow-billed cuckoo.

Shad, striped bass, steelhead, and salmon inhabit this river section seasonally and warmwater game fish are present the year around in a backwater of the river. Although a boat ramp is not included in the proposed development, car-top and other small boats can be launched with a minimum of effort, and over one-half mile of bank fishing will be available.

The Department of Fish and Game in its favorable recommendation states that the project should significantly improve access to the important and largely under-utilized Sacramento River Fishing and indicates that fishing access sites are very limited in this area.

Development will consist of an access road, drainage facilities, parking area, and sanitary facilities. An existing road will be blocked at the end of the parking area to keep vehicular traffic to a minimum. Development will be kept to a minimum to protect natural values of the area.

Plans and a cost estimate prepared by the County have been reviewed by staff. It was noted that the plans provide protection to all trees with only a minimum amount of vegetation to be removed. The cost is estimated as follows:

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Site preparation	\$4,000
Road and parking	11,750
Culvert	700
Barrier posts	1,000
Chemical toilets and litter cans	1,050
Signs and miscellaneous	500
A&E	2,000
Contingencies	2,000
TOTAL	\$23,000

Glenn County, acting as lead agency, has processed an EIR in compliance with CEQA regulations.

Mr. Hart recommended, with consideration of the EIR, that the Board approve the project, allocate \$23,000 from the Wildlife Restoration Fund for development and related costs, and authorize staff to proceed substantially as planned, including authorization to apply for 50% reimbursement from the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund.

IT WAS MOVED BY SENATOR NEJEDLY, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN KEENE; THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SACRAMENTO RIVER ACCESS - SITE 21, GLENN COUNTY, AS PROPOSED; AND ALLOCATE THE NECESSARY FUNDS FOR THE PROJECT.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD, WITH CONSIDERATION OF THE EIR, APPROVE THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF SACRAMENTO RIVER ACCESS - SITE 21, GLENN COUNTY; ALLOCATE \$23,000 FROM THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND FOR THE PROJECT; AND AUTHORIZE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED, INCLUDING MAKING APPLICATION FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF 50 PER CENT OF PROJECT COSTS UNDER THE FEDERAL LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. Point Pinole Fishing Pier, Contra Costa County \$30,200.00

A preview of this proposal to develop a major fishing pier in the northeast part of San Francisco Bay was presented at the April 9, 1975, meeting of the Board. At that meeting staff was directed to proceed with detailed planning for this project and bring it back for consideration and allocation of funds at a future meeting.

Mr. Hart briefly summarized that this project is proposed by the East Bay Regional Park District. It is the culmination of several years of effort between the District and the WCB staff to develop a fishing pier in the Richmond-Point Pinole area. The opportunity to construct a pier on Point Pinole came about upon the District's acquisition of a 928 acre parcel of

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land on the point from the Bethlehem Steel Company in 1973 for a regional park.

Studies conducted by WCB staff and the Department of Fish and Game indicate that a pier on Point Pinole would be a very desirable improvement to better utilize fishery resources and satisfy public fishing demands in this part of the bay. The District finds it would be an appropriate use of the land and has included it in their approved Land Use Development Plan.

This proposal has now progressed to where it will be necessary to hire a consulting engineering firm experienced in construction of this type to proceed with work on design. Usual procedure for jointly funded projects such as this will be for the WCB and the cooperating agency, in this case the District, to provide matching funds for design and construction cost estimates. The District has requested proceeding in this manner.

In accordance with previous practice, staff and District representatives would meet as a selection committee to select a qualified and experienced engineering firm. The engineering firm would make detailed site investigations, submit preliminary design concepts, and prepare final construction plans and cost estimates. Following this, a firm proposal would be presented for Board approval and an allocation of one-half of the necessary construction funds.

The District estimates that approximately \$60,400 will be needed for the pier design, cost estimate, and construction plans. Mr. Hart recommended the Board allocate \$30,200 for the engineering services as proposed, conditioned upon the District matching this sum, and authorize staff to proceed with the project as planned.

Senator Nejedly questioned the District's resolution of the problem of direct and immediate public access after the pier is completed. Mr. Donald Harms with the East Bay Regional Park District responded that the District has designed an overpass for pedestrians and the plan also includes an internal transportation system in the form of a shuttle bus similar to that in use at Yosemite.

IT WAS MOVED BY SENATOR NEJEDLY, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN KEENE, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD ALLOCATE THE NECESSARY FUNDS FOR ENGINEERING COSTS FOR THE PROPOSED POINT PINOLE FISHING PIER PROJECT ON A COST-SHARING BASIS.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD ALLOCATE \$30,200 FROM THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND ON A MATCHING FUND BASIS WITH THE EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT FOR ENGINEERING COSTS FOR THE PROPOSED POINT PINOLE FISHING PIER PROJECT, CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO PROCEED SUBSTAN-

TIALLY AS PLANNED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

1970 RECREATION AND F&W ENHANCEMENT BOND PROJECTS

13. Feather River Parkway Fishing Access, Sutter County \$15,000.00

In 1973, the WCB acquired 108 acres of land along the Feather River at Shanghai Bend by donation from the Robert Steel family of Marysville. This was accomplished through the National Wildlife Federation's Land Heritage program, with this organization accepting the property on an interim basis until the State could take possession.

Purpose of the donation was to provide public access to the approximately one mile of river frontage and to preserve existing riparian habitat. The Shanghai Bend site is among the best striped bass and shad fishing waters on the Feather River, as well as providing fishing for salmon, steelhead, and warmwater species.

Sutter County is acquiring additional lands upstream from the Steel property and when all lands are joined, a 2½ mile river parkway will result. The County will operate and maintain the entire area when developed.

In May, 1973, along with authorizing acceptance of the Steel property, the Board allocated \$150,000 from 1970 Bond Act funds for development, including access roads, parking areas, fencing, water supply, restrooms, and site preparation.

Various title problems delayed transfer of the property to the State, and right-of-way problems have further delayed development.

The existing private access road to the site must be widened to conform to County standards, for which the County is now acquiring a 14-foot wide strip from the property owners to the north of the State-owned parcel. Mr. Steel has indicated willingness to donate an additional 16 foot strip to the State for road and utility easement purposes, which would parallel the road right-of-way he previously donated. The 32-foot access strip donated previously by Mr. Steel together with this additional 16-foot donation and the 14 foot wide strip being acquired by the County would permit the access road to be constructed in conformance with existing County standards for roadways.

In the nearly two and one half years since the Board allocated funds, construction costs have increased significantly. On the basis of updated cost estimates, it appears that supplementing the allocation by 10%, or \$15,000 will be necessary. These funds are available from the Recreation and Fish and Wildlife Enhancement Bond Act of 1970.

For this previously approved project, Mr. Hart recommended that the Board authorize acquisition of the additional right-of-way and utility easement by donation, and allocation of an additional \$15,000 for development from 1970 Bond Act funds budgeted in the 1973/74 fiscal year, and authorize staff to proceed substantially as planned.

IT WAS MOVED BY SENATOR NEJEDLY, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN KEENE, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD ACCEPT THE GIFT-DEEDED PROPERTY FOR THE ACCESS AND ALLOCATE THE NECESSARY FUNDS TO COMPLETE THE FEATHER RIVER PARKWAY FISHING ACCESS, SUTTER COUNTY.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF THE GIFT-DEEDED PROPERTY FROM MR. ROBERT STEEL FOR THE ADDITIONAL LANDS NECESSARY FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE FEATHER RIVER PARKWAY FISHING ACCESS, SUTTER COUNTY AND ALLOCATE \$15,000 FROM 1970 RECREATION AND FISH AND WILDLIFE ENHANCEMENT BOND ACT FUNDS BUDGETED IN THE 1973-74 FISCAL YEAR TO AUGMENT THE AMOUNT PREVIOUSLY ALLOCATED FOR CONSTRUCTION.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

1974 RECREATION BOND ACT PROJECTS

14. Deer Winter Range Acquisition Kinsman Flat, Phase II, Madera County \$67,750.00

This is the second proposed acquisition for WCB protection of the Kinsman Flat deer winter range in Madera County under the 1974 Bond Act project approved for such general purposes. The Board at its last meeting approved purchase of an 80 acre parcel in this area, which has been completed.

Kinsman Flat is an historic deer winter range area located approximately 40 miles northeast of the City of Fresno. It is the primary wintering area for an estimated 4,000 - 5,500 deer of the San Joaquin deer herd. Some of the Department's earliest experimental work to improve deer range was carried out here in recognition of the area's importance as wildlife habitat.

There are several parcels of private land totaling nearly 770 acres at Kinsman Flat, with the surrounding area in federal ownership in the Sierra National Forest. Two private parcels are presently being developed, with a potential that all of these properties could be developed within a few years. Such development will directly occupy key winter range as well as interfere with deer use on adjacent lands. It also could form an effective barrier to deer migration to or from lower portions of the winter range.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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The Department of Fish and Game is working cooperatively with the U.S. Forest Service towards maintaining a viable deer winter range in the Kinsman Flat area. It has recommended WCB purchase of such private lands as may be necessary and appropriate for State acquisition under this cooperative effort.

In accordance with Departmental recommendation, staff has obtained an option to purchase a key parcel of 90 acres, which is surrounded on two sides by public land, at its appraised fair market value of \$65,250. In addition to deer winter range values, the parcel provides habitat for quail and other wildlife found in mixed timber, brush and grassland at the 3,000 - 4,000 feet elevations of the western Sierra Nevada slopes. Management responsibility would be assumed by the Department, either directly or through a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Forest Service. An 80 acre parcel located about 1/4 mile to the south was approved for acquisition by the Board at its April 9, 1975, meeting and has subsequently been acquired.

This proposed acquisition is within Class 13 of Categorical Exemptions from CEQA requirements.

Mr. Hart recommended that the Board approve the purchase of 90 acres at Kinsman Flat, allocate \$67,750 for the purchase and related costs, utilizing funds in the 1975-76 budget for such acquisitions and authorize staff and the Department to proceed substantially as planned.

In response to a question by Senator Nejedly, Mr. Hart elaborated that the Board has considered less than fee acquisitions in this type of transaction, but that the owner in this instance was willing to sell in fee only.

In response to Senator Nejedly's question as to whether this acquisition would make it a viable deer winter feeding area, Mr. Fullerton responded that with the Forest Service lands it is a valuable range for deer wintering grounds. It was pointed out by Mr. Fullerton that because these are private lands, hunting is restricted, but that the area is not closed to hunting. The deer, however, come down to this feeding area much later in the season, generally after deer season is closed.

IT WAS MOVED BY SENATOR NEJEDLY, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN KEENE, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE KINSMAN FLAT, PHASE II, DEER WINTER RANGE ACQUISITION, MADERA COUNTY; AND ALLOCATE THE NECESSARY FUNDS THEREFOR.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. BELL, SECONDED BY MR. FULLERTON, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE KINSMAN FLAT, PHASE II, DEER WINTER RANGE ACQUISITION, MADERA COUNTY; ALLOCATE \$67,750 FROM THE 1974 STATE BEACH, PARK, RECREATIONAL AND HISTORICAL

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FACILITIES BOND ACT FUNDS BUDGETED IN THE 1975-76 FISCAL YEAR;
AND AUTHORIZE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO
PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

15. Wild Trout, Steelhead and Salmon Habitat Acquisition Project \$1,000,000.00

The Board previously approved four major projects for use of 1974 Bond Act funds for which \$6,000,000 has been appropriated. All of these projects are aimed primarily at acquiring and preserving key areas of wildlife habitat, with incidental fisheries benefits in some instances.

When the Board approved these four projects on October 25, 1974, it asked what other projects would remain as high priority for bond funding. Staff responded that the only other major area of habitat preservation as listed in the State Environmental Goals and Policy Report referred to in the Bond Act would be critical fisheries habitat, primarily for salmonid species.

The Department of Fish and Game has now recommended WCB consideration of such a major project directed primarily at acquiring and protecting important areas of salmonid fisheries habitat -- for wild trout, steelhead and salmon. The Department has identified a number of important waters of this type throughout central and northern California where potential development of private lands threatens degradation of high quality fisheries habitat and loss of public access.

Many key areas of private land fronting on or underlying these waters are owned by public utility companies, other large companies or corporations, or ranching interests that reportedly are planning to dispose of such holdings, or are more willing to sell than in the past because of recent economic conditions.

A \$1,000,000 project is proposed for acquisition of key parcels of such lands. Many of these parcels consist of streamside meadows or steep canyon slopes adjacent to the streams, although in some cases it may be necessary or desirable to acquire larger areas.

Many of these lands are within national forests, and it is anticipated that cooperative agreements for management of lands acquired or public use facilities thereon will be entered into with the U.S. Forest Service, other federal agencies, or with local government.

It was proposed by Mr. Hart that this project be handled in the same manner as the other major acquisition projects of the WCB under the 1974 Bond Act which were approved in the 1975-76 budget. With Board approval the project will be submitted in accordance with required Bond Act procedures

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for inclusion in the 1976-77 budget. Following legislative approval and budgetary appropriation of the \$1,000,000, the individual acquisitions under the project will be presented to the Board for consideration and allocation of funds in accordance with provisions of the Wildlife Conservation Law of 1947. Budget language should provide that any federal reimbursements received be deposited to the credit of the budget item.

Approval of this project would leave \$2,925,000 of the 1974 Bond Act funds remaining in reserve.

Mr. Hart recommended Board approval of the project for submission in the 1976-77 budget as outlined above.

IT WAS MOVED BY SENATOR NEJEDLY, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN KEENE, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE \$1,000,000 WILD TROUT, STEELHEAD & SALMON HABITAT ACQUISITION PROJECT FOR SUBMISSION IN THE 1976-77 BUDGET UNDER THE 1974 STATE BEACH, PARK, RECREATIONAL, AND HISTORICAL FACILITIES BOND ACT.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE FOR SUBMISSION IN THE 1976-77 BUDGET THE \$1,000,000 WILD TROUT, STEELHEAD & SALMON HABITAT ACQUISITION PROJECT. ALL ACQUISITIONS ARE TO BE ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH THE USUAL WCB ACQUISITION AUTHORITY AND PROCEDURES IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROVISIONS OF THE 1974 BOND ACT. STAFF IS AUTHORIZED TO APPLY FOR FEDERAL LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND REIMBURSEMENT FOR ANY APPROPRIATE PROJECTS AND ANY REIMBURSEMENTS RECEIVED FROM THIS SOURCE OR OTHER FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAM ARE TO BE DEPOSITED TO THE CREDIT OF THE BUDGET ITEM. STAFF IS INSTRUCTED TO PROCEED WITH BUDGETARY PROCESSING OF THIS PROGRAM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ABOVE PROVISIONS, AND TO PREPARE ELEMENTS OF THIS PROJECT FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION FOLLOWING BUDGETARY APPROPRIATION.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

(Senator Nejedly was excused from the meeting at this time.)

16. Program and Policy Review

Mr. Hart recommended, because of scheduling conflicts and timing problems involved today, that this item be put over to the next meeting.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. BELL, SECONDED BY MR. FULLERTON, THAT THE PROGRAM AND POLICY REVIEW BE PUT OVER TO THE NEXT MEETING OF THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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17. Resolution Honoring the late Assemblyman Z'berg

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. BELL, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN KEENE, AS
A JOINT MOTION, THAT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION HONORING THE
LATE ASSEMBLYMAN Z'BERG BE ADOPTED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Resolution Honoring
the late Assemblyman Z'berg

WHEREAS, the late Edwin L. Z'berg served Californians with
distinction for 17 years as a member of the Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Assemblyman Z'berg consistently worked for the improve-
ment of all wildlife resources and the environment; and

WHEREAS, during Assemblyman Z'berg's tenure as a legislative
committee member of the Wildlife Conservation Board, the Board
staff benefited by his wise counsel; and

WHEREAS, Assemblyman Z'berg's leadership and guidance in environ-
mental matters will be sorely missed by the people of California;
Now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Wildlife Conservation
Board, the Joint Interim Committee and the Board staff convey
to Mrs. Merle Z'berg and to her children, our deepest sorrow
and sympathy at his untimely passing; 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 to Mrs. Z'berg.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chester M. Hart

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Executive Officer

PROGRAM STATEMENT

At the close of the meeting on November 6, 1975, the amount allocated to projects since the Wildlife Conservation Board's inception in 1947, totaled \$37,417,770.97. This total includes \$4,823,464.05 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. Projects funded under the 1970 Recreation and Fish and Wildlife Enhancement Bond Fund and the Bagley Conservation Fund will be included in this statement after completion of these programs.

a. Fish Hatchery and Stocking Projects	\$10,216,443.90
b. Fish Habitat Development and Improvement Projects	3,991,316.23
1. Reservoir Construction or Improvement	\$2,125,338.63
2. Stream Clearance and Improvement	243,013.03
3. Stream Flow Maintenance Dams	439,503.32
4. Marine Habitat	345,779.36
5. Fish Screens, Ladders and Weir Projects	837,681.89
c. Fishing Access Projects	11,441,287.84
1. Coastal and Bay Access	1,171,577.56
2. River and Aqueduct Access	3,216,726.25
3. Lake and Reservoir Access	2,794,753.25
4. Piers	4,258,230.78
d. Game Farm Projects	146,894.49
e. Game Habitat Development and Improvement Projects	10,689,469.39
1. Wildlife Areas	10,251,020.27
2. Miscellaneous Game Habitat Development	438,449.12
f. Hunting Access	472,436.81
g. Miscellaneous Projects	401,422.31
s. Special Project Allocations	58,500.00
Total Allocated to Projects	<u>\$37,417,770.97</u>

STATUS OF FUNDS Wildlife Restoration Fund

Unallocated balance at close of 4/9/75 meeting	\$119,896.60
Pari mutuel revenue, July 1, 1975	+ 750,000.00
Unexpended balance of 72/73 operating costs	+ 24,980.38
Interest on surplus money Jan.-June, 1975	+ 84,437.78
Miscellaneous revenue	+ 7,214.99
Adjustment, operating costs, 1973-74, 1974-75 F.Y.	- 6,597.00
Settlement of claim, Vallejo Pier	- 16,000.00
Estimated 75/76 operating costs	<u>- 210,787.00</u>
Unallocated balance at beginning of 11/6/75 meeting	\$753,145.75
Plus recoveries	+ 76,472.63
Less allocations	<u>- 617,200.00</u>
Unallocated balance at close of 11/6/75 meeting	\$212,418.38