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WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD

Minutes, Meeting of October 8, 1976

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Pursuant to the call of the Chairman, the Wildlife Conservation Board met in Room 2133 of the State Capitol Building, Sacramento, California, on October 8, 1976. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Joseph Russ, III, at 2:05 p.m.

1. Roll Call

PRESENT: Joseph Russ, III Chairman
 E. C. Fullerton Member
 Senator John F. Dunlap Joint Interim Committee
 Senator John A. Nejedly " " "
 Assemblywoman Pauline L. Davis " " "

ABSENT: Roy M. Bell Member
 Senator Dennis E. Carpenter Joint Interim Committee
 Assemblyman Barry Keene " " "

WCB Staff

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:

Jack R. Fawcett Dept. of Fish and Game
 Paul C. Bryan, Jr. Fairfield
 Dan Chapin Suisun Resource Conser. District
 Alice McBräzer Oceanside
 Wayne B. Henderson San Diego
 Lowell Gano Dept. of Finance
 June L. Miller East Bay Regional Park District
 Doug Campbell Dept. of Fish and Game
 Dick Ewing Dept. of Water Resources
 Robert E. Silva Dept. of Water Resources
 Donald Harms East Bay Regional Park District
 Jeff Blanchfield S.F. BCDC
 Henry L. Glasser Lawler Ranches

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Elizabeth Ashley	Lawler Ranches
Barbara Weisbart	Wildlife Conservation Board
Clare Ficklin	Realtor, Lawler Ranches
Chris Jarvi	L.A. County Parks & Recreation
Francis Lindsay	Suisun Resource Cons. District
Lewis Crutcher	East Bay Regional Park Dist.
Dave Pelgen	Dept. of Water Resources
Bill Smith	Landowner
Robert D. Testa	Senate Comm. on Natural Resources and Wildlife
Joe Sheehan	Dept. of Fish and Game

2. Approval of Minutes

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYWOMAN DAVIS, SECONDED BY MR. FULLERTON,
 THAT THE MINUTES OF THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING OF
 APRIL 28, 1976, BE APPROVED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Status of Wildlife Restoration Fund

The Executive Officer, Mr. Chester M. Hart, gave the following information
 relative to the status of the Wildlife Restoration Fund:

Unallocated balance after 4/28/76 meeting	\$268,225.61
Unexpended balance, Prior Year Support	+ 45,402.77
Interest on surplus funds - Jan./June 1976	+ 89,491.64
Pari-mutuel revenue, July, 1976	+750,000.00
Less estimated 1976/77 Support	-223,673.00
Unallocated balance at beginning of 10/8/76 meeting	\$929,447.02

4. Recovery of Funds

Mr. Hart reported that there are six projects which have balances of funds
 that can be recovered and returned to the Wildlife Restoration Fund. Most
 of the recoveries, he reported, are Land and Water Conservation Fund reim-
 bursements from the Federal Government. These recoveries are detailed
 below:

✓ Pacifica Fishing Pier

Allocation		\$560,000.00
Expenditures	\$528,008.36	
Fed. LWCF Reimb.	<u>-261,790.65</u>	
WCB Expenditures		-266,217.71
Previously Recovered		<u>-218,148.12</u>
Balance for Recovery		\$ 75,634.17

✓ Hidden Valley Wildlife Area

Allocation		\$740,000.00
Expenditures	\$731,781.32	
Fed. LWCF Reimb.	<u>-358,655.92</u>	
WCB Expenditures		-373,125.40
Previously Recovered		<u>-128,236.40</u>
Balance for Recovery		\$238,638.20

✓ Buena Vista Lagoon Wildlife Area

Allocation		\$825,000.00
Expenditures	\$790,753.76	
Fed. LWCF Reimb.	<u>-609,586.00</u>	
WCB Expenditures		-181,167.76
Previously Recovered		<u>-122,500.00</u>
Balance for Recovery		\$521,332.24

✓ Central Valleys Pilot Striped Bass Hatchery

Allocation		\$ 84,000.00
WCB Expenditures		<u>- 83,860.34</u>
Balance for Recovery		\$ 139.66

✓ Noyo Harbor Fishing Access

Allocation		\$111,300.00
Expenditures	\$111,180.95	
Fed. LWCF Reimb.	<u>- 45,514.34</u>	
WCB Expenditures		- 65,666.61
Balance for Recovery		\$ 45,633.39

✓ Navarro River Access (Account to remain open)

Fed. LWCF Reimbursement Recovery		\$ 40,179.65
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TOTAL RECOVERY - \$921,557.31

It was recommended that the total amount of \$921,557.31, as shown in the above six project accounts, be recovered and returned to the Wildlife Restoration Fund. Mr. Hart further recommended that the accounts of all of the projects, except the Navarro River Access, be closed.

Assemblywoman Davis recommended the recoveries as outlined.

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD RECOVER FUNDS FROM THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS AND CLOSE THE PROJECT ACCOUNTS, EXCEPT AS NOTED:

Pacifica Fishing Pier	\$ 75,634.17
Hidden Valley Wildlife Area	238,638.20
Buena Vista Lagoon Wildlife Area	521,332.24
Central Valleys Hatchery	139.66
Noyo Harbor Fishing Access	45,633.39
Navarro River Access	40,179.65
(Account to remain open)	

ALL OF THE SUMS TOTALING \$921,557.31 ARE TO BE RECOVERED AND RETURNED TO THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

With this recovery, Mr. Hart noted that the total now in the Wildlife Restoration Fund is \$1,851,004.33.

(Senator John Dunlap, who had just come in to the meeting, was introduced by Chairman Russ.)

WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND PROJECT

5. Point Pinole Fishing Pier, Contra Costa County \$317,500.00

Mr. Hart gave a review of this pier proposal, which, he stated, has been brought before the Board on two previous occasions. At the April 9, 1975, meeting, a preview of this proposal to develop a major fishing pier in the Richmond area of San Pablo Bay was presented to the Board, and on November 6, 1975, the Board allocated funds, matched by the East Bay Regional Park District, for engineering costs for the project, including the preparation of construction plans, specifications, and a cost estimate.

The fishing pier is to be located on the most northerly point of the District's Point Pinole Regional Shoreline. The site is near the old Hercules pier which for over half a century was used for loading dynamite manufactured on the Point. The above water portions of the existing pier, considerably damaged by fire and decay, will be removed by the District at their own cost, but much of the piling will be left in place as an attraction and shelter for fish.

The fishing pier is an integral part of the Land Use Development Plan of the area, adopted by the District after a series of public hearings. The relatively heavy public use which is expected to occur at the pier will not detract from the generally serene and remote quality of the park. In part, this will be accomplished by prohibiting direct access to the pier by car. Instead, an internal transportation shuttle will be provided by the District along an old railroad bed, extending from a parking lot at the edge of the park to the pier, a distance of about 1½ miles. This proposed access system was discussed and approved by the Board at the April 9, 1975, meeting. The undulating topography and tree clusters in the 480 acre peninsula area of the park will further serve to separate the pier area from secluded vistas of open bay, tidal marsh, eucalyptus woodland, fresh water pond, brush and grasslands.

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The District has adopted a resolution endorsing the project and agreeing to lease the project lands to the State for the required proprietary interest by WCB, and to assume the operation and maintenance responsibilities for the pier for a twenty-five year term.

The pier will be reinforced concrete construction, 17½ feet wide and 1,025 feet long, about the same length as the old pier. Pre-stressed concrete deck sections will have 50 foot spans between 2-pile bents. It is proposed to color the concrete and use wood for the railing to soften the visual impact of the pier. Benches, trash containers, drinking fountains, and fish cleaning sinks will be provided on the pier. The District will provide sanitary facilities on shore at their cost.

The fishing potential of the pier at this site is estimated by the Department of Fish and Game to be more than 20,000 angler days annually. The runs of striped bass and salmon moving past the point and through Carquinez Straits have long provided good catches for the anglers that visit the area. The catch is also expected to consist of the usual species found in San Francisco Bay, including starry flounder and other flatfish, and an occasional white sturgeon.

The cost estimate of the pier project, as provided by the District's engineers is \$633,918. This includes, in addition to the basic pier structure, the cost of trash containers, fish cleaning sinks, drinking fountains, benches with windscreens, and a water supply pipe on the pier, plus a 22% contingency. A rather high contingency is required because materials suppliers are reluctant to give cost information that will hold for any period of time. In accordance with pier policy, the cost will be shared equally between the District and the WCB.

The District has acted as lead agency in preparing and processing an Environmental Impact Report in accordance with CEQA regulations. Staff has reviewed the report, as well as the plans, specifications, and cost estimate.

It was Mr. Hart's recommendation that the Board, with consideration of the EIR, approve the project as proposed, allocate \$317,500 from the Wildlife Restoration Fund for the development of the pier, to be matched by the District, and authorize staff to proceed with the project substantially as planned. He also recommended that staff be authorized to apply for Land and Water Conservation Funds and to share any such federal funds received with District.

Mr. Hart introduced Mr. Don Harms from the East Bay Regional Park District who would present further details of the project and respond to any questions that the Board might have.

With the use of a large detailed map, Mr. Harms pointed out the proposed construction features of the new pier, as well as the alignment of what remains of the existing pier, as proposed in the plans brought in today for consideration of the Board. In response to Mr. Fullerton's question

regarding removal of the old pier, Mr. Harms reported that it is proposed to remove the caps and stringers, leaving the existing piling as an attraction for fish. The piling would be tied together with cables as requested by the Coast Guard so that any broken piling would not drift into the bay. The removal of the old pier and tying of the piling would be a separately costed item which will be borne solely by the District. He stated that under terms of the cooperative agreement with the State, the District is permitted to make a nominal charge for the shuttle service from the parking area to the pier, a distance of about a mile and a half. He reported that presently the District is operating the shuttle bus and there has not been a charge.

Senator John Nejedly, who was introduced at this time, asked what was the estimated cost for the complete removal of the pier. Mr. Harms responded that the cost, solely on the removal of caps and stringers, leaving the piling tied together with cables, was estimated at \$18,000. An earlier rough estimate for the complete removal was around \$40,000, but Mr. Harms was not completely certain as to its accuracy. In order to ensure the safety of boaters, it was requested by the Corps of Engineers and the Coast Guard that a white marker be placed at the end of the last piling of the old pier as well as on the new pier. Mr. Lewis Crutcher of East Bay Regional Park District anticipated that there would be a good deal of use of the pier by other than fishermen, as an extension of the park, and Senator Nejedly added that this pier would enable those who don't own boats or are physically handicapped to be able to go fishing. Mr. Crutcher thought that this was the only deep water fishing spot on the 100 mile coastline on the East Bay.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYWOMAN DAVIS, SECONDED BY SENATOR NEJEDLY, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE POINT PINOLE FISHING PIER; ALLOCATE THE NECESSARY FUNDS FOR CONSTRUCTION; AND TO REQUEST ANY FEDERAL LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND REIMBURSEMENT THAT MIGHT BE AVAILABLE.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD, WITH CONSIDERATION OF THE PROJECT EIR, APPROVE CONSTRUCTION OF THE POINT PINOLE PIER, CONTRA COSTA COUNTY; ALLOCATE \$317,500 THEREFOR FROM THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND ON A MATCHING FUND BASIS WITH THE EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT; AND AUTHORIZE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED. STAFF IS FURTHER AUTHORIZED TO APPLY FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF JOINT WCB/DISTRICT COSTS UNDER THE FEDERAL LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM, SUCH REIMBURSEMENT TO BE DIVIDED EQUALLY BETWEEN THE DISTRICT AND THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

BAGLEY CONSERVATION FUND PROJECTS

6. Suisun Marsh, Solano County

Mr. Hart pointed out the two acquisitions proposed in this item on a map displayed and their relationship to the Suisun Marsh Preservation Act of 1974. The two parcels total approximately 890.75 acres. Their location is immediately south of Suisun City and Fairfield, extending from the Southern Pacific Railroad tracks on the west to 3/4 mile east of Grizzly Island road, a distance of about 2½ miles.

Both parcels are at, or near, the perimeter of the existing marsh, and include marsh and restorable marsh areas. Acquisition is recommended primarily for protection and restoration of wildlife habitat. However, both areas have a potential for public recreational use, particularly for fishing in view of the 6 3/4 miles of frontage on Suisun Channel and Suisun, Peytonia and Hill Sloughs. Bird watching and photography, and other nature observation opportunities also could be made available close to Suisun City, Fairfield, and Highway 12.

Both parcels have been recommended as priority acquisitions by the Department of Fish and Game.

a. Suisun Marsh - Peytonia Slough Area

This parcel consists of 205.87 acres, located due south of Suisun City, it is bounded on the west by the railroad tracks, on the south by Peytonia Slough, on the east by Suisun Channel, and generally by the PG&E power line easement on the north. Frontage on Suisun Channel and Peytonia Slough totals about 2¼ miles. East of Kellogg Street the parcel extends north of the power lines to existing city-owned property which has public access facilities, including a parking area and boat launching ramp, developed as a cooperative project of WCB and Suisun City in 1957.

Most of this parcel is not afforded protection by the Suisun Marsh Preservation Act, lying adjacent to, but outside the marsh and buffer zones designated in the Act. Part of the property (35± acres) was marsh that was filled with dredging spoil several years ago, and is not under BCDC jurisdiction. An adjoining 4± acres has a valid BCDC development permit issued before the marsh protection plan was developed.

The purchase arrangement negotiated by staff is essentially as follows:

1. Purchase of fee title to 205.87± acres based on an appraised fair market value;
2. The owner donating the value of fee title to an 88.86± acre portion of the above area; and
3. The owner removing 50,000 or more cubic yards of material from the filled area as designated by the Department of Fish and Game for marsh restoration, with the purchase price reduced by the value of the fill material removed. The owner also will remove existing rubble and debris from the property.

The Nature Conservancy has a conservation easement over the 88.86 acres to be donated and has indicated willingness at the staff level to donate its easement to the State. In this manner, clear title to this 88.86 acre marsh area would be obtained, the appraised value of the donations being some \$355,440.

Acquisition of fee title is needed for marsh restoration and management purposes, as well as for realizing the public access and recreational potentials of the property.

There is existing public use of the area by people driving or walking south from the end of Kellogg Street, including bank fishing along Suisun Channel and Peytonia Slough.

It is planned that the overall property will be managed by the Department of Fish and Game. The possibility of a cooperative project with the City of Suisun for future development and maintenance of appropriate public use facilities in a portion of the area was discussed on October 5th with the City Council which expressed interest in further exploration of a cooperative public use project.

The proposed acquisition falls within Class 13 of Categorical Exemptions from CEQA requirements.

The appraised value of the area to be purchased is \$521,985. The actual purchase price will be somewhat less, to be determined by a survey of an access easement and parcel retained by the owner, and the actual volume of fill material removed. Appraisal, escrow and other acquisition costs are estimated to total \$8,500.00.

In the discussion of this parcel, it was brought out that the area is zoned for commercial, residential, industrial, and a small portion in the power line easement for park and recreation purposes. With State acquisition of this parcel, encroachment into the marsh from the north would be effectively stopped. Mr. Hart pointed out that there is a valid BCDC permit related to a mobile home development planned on the filled area proposed for marsh restoration, and a photograph of this proposed development was passed around to the Board members.

b. Suisun Marsh - Hill Slough Area

This proposed acquisition consists of 684.88± acres immediately east of the Peytonia Slough parcel, across Suisun Channel and Slough. The parcel is further bounded by Hill Slough on the south, the PG&E power line easement to the north, and private ownership to the east. Grizzly Island road, extending south from Highway 12, approximately bisects the parcel.

About one-third of this parcel is outside the existing marsh and buffer zone areas and is not protected by the Suisun Marsh Preservation Act.

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This parcel was originally marsh but has been largely converted to salt grass pasture for livestock grazing by installing levees along Hill and Suisun Slough. The area has some wildlife habitat values at present, which could be increased by restoration to marsh. Conversion to a managed marsh could be accomplished fairly readily, primarily with use of existing water control structures presently used for drainage and irrigation. Restoration to tidal marsh also would be possible.

The property also has about $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles of water frontage on Hill and Suisun Sloughs. This provides considerable fishing opportunity as evidenced by consistent fishing by the public in Hill Slough where crossed by Grizzly Island road.

Purchase of fee title is proposed. This is necessary to realize the potential of the property for marsh restoration and management, as well as for public access and recreational use.

It is presently planned that the area will be managed by the Department of Fish and Game. Part of the area does have potential for future development and management as a public fishing access and recreational area on a cooperative basis with local government as is typical with WCB public access projects.

The proposed acquisition falls within Class 13 of Categorical Exemptions from CEQA requirements.

Total acquisition costs are estimated to not exceed \$466,350.00, based on the appraised value of \$462,350.00 and an estimated \$4,000.00 for appraisal, escrow and other acquisition costs.

It was staff recommendation that the Board approve the acquisitions as proposed, utilizing monies available from the Bagley Conservation Fund as appropriated by SB 35, including accepting donations of the easement area, and authorize staff to proceed substantially as planned, including application for matching Land and Water Conservation Fund monies.

Mr. Fullerton asked if these acquisitions would be eligible for Land and Water Conservation Fund reimbursement, and Mr. Hart replied that there was good possibility they would. An application has been submitted and he has been informed the Federal Government will be reviewing the application shortly. Verbal communication from the Department of Finance, in response to staff's inquiry about federal Land and Water Conservation Fund reimbursement, indicates that the federal reimbursements could be used by the Board for additional Suisun Marsh acquisitions and that there would not be danger of these funds being diverted.

Mr. Dan Chapin, Director of the Suisun Resource Conservation District, advised that at the October 6 meeting of the Directors of the Suisun Resource Conservation District these two acquisitions were discussed in considerable detail. He was directed to bring to the attention of the WCB some questions they have with regard to the acquisitions. He

mentioned that the District is a local governmental agency established under Section 9 of the Government Code for the express purpose of protecting the wildlife values of the marsh and for representing those who own land there.

The District has no problem with the acquisition of the easterly property, the Hill Slough parcel, which appears desirable and completely in accord with the purposes and intent of SB 1981. However, the Peytonia Slough parcel already has an existing legal road block for preventing expansion of Suisun City into the marsh inasmuch as The Nature Conservancy had acquired a conservation easement agreement in 1973. This conservation easement agreement was a condition of the BCDC permit to fill the area proposed for the mobile trailer park. In addition, it was his understanding that it is below the 5 ft. contour line of mean higher high water line and is subject to Corps of Engineers permit with respect to any fill activity. Mr. Hart stated that it was his understanding the Corps of Engineers is still studying whether or not they have jurisdiction. Mr. Chapin continued that they are questioning the expenditure of \$500,000 of the \$4,000,000 available, the purpose of which the District felt was to acquire conservation easements in areas which were not subject to police power in the form of Corps or BCDC permits -- areas external from those jurisdictions. This area does not qualify under that concept and they are concerned that this \$500,000 represents 1/8 of the total available funding for use in the entire area for acquiring buffer zone conservation easements. He further questioned the valuations of \$700 and \$5,000 an acre for lands essentially similar in nature.

Mr. Hart responded that the lands were appraised by competent M.A.I. appraisers and their reports have been reviewed by the Department of General Services and the valuations were supported and approved. He pointed out that land values rise very rapidly as the location gets closer to cities and highways. This is the reason staff has recommended purchasing only a small area immediately adjacent to Suisun City, just enough to attach to the City street and City-owned property. The BCDC permit was taken into consideration in the appraisal report, and the fact that much of the Bryan parcel is already filled and suitable for immediate development. These cause the higher valuations placed on this property, plus its closer location to the City, roads, and existing development.

In response to Senator Dunlap's request for comment in regard to concentrating on areas not within the jurisdiction of the Corps or BCDC, Mr. Hart stated that the question is whether the Board desires to focus in on points at the edge of the marsh which are actually threatened with encroachment such as the filled area, or to write such areas off as lost to private development and drop down fairly deep into the marsh itself for a protection line. Although the BCDC permit does have provisions for some public access, it would not be to the extent that could be allowed under State ownership. The additional advantages, with much of the area in restored, State-managed marsh, would be to attract sizeable numbers of shore birds, waterfowl and other wildlife. Also, these properties

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have the greatest concentration of water frontage on sloughs close to a metropolitan area of any location in Suisun Marsh, which would have great recreation potential not possible under private ownership. This could establish an easily accessible area for non-consumptive users without their having to go deep into the marsh to the other State areas where there could be potential conflicts between hunters and non-hunters.

Mr. Chapin commented that he felt the language in SB 1981 is rather specific. The purpose of funding in SB 1981 was to acquire lands which were necessary to preserve fish and wildlife values and did not provide for public recreational opportunities. He also questioned the priority for use of the limited funding for this particular area because in the opinion of the Suisun Resource Conservation District there are other more important lands which do not have the blocking values of an existing conservation easement provision nor are subject to Corps of Engineers permit requirements. He pointed out areas which should have higher priority for acquisition and further defended the District's support of an earlier approved WCB acquisition which he felt closed off a potential for something similar to the Envirosol project, in part by closing off access from Montezuma Slough.

Assemblywoman Davis asked, What was the intent of the author, Senator Nejedly? Senator Nejedly commented that the point had been made of the question of priority, and inferred he considered the proposed acquisitions consistent with SB 1981. The need to immediately stop the alternative proposal of a mobile home park was more realistic than to try to put together something on Montezuma Slough, which he believed was going to take a relatively long time. This is more of an immediate problem. That has been the criteria in State Park and other land acquisition problems in dealing with the priorities with the immediate alternatives. Senator Dunlap was inclined to agree with that concept, for what is happening now must be considered.

IT WAS MOVED BY SENATOR DUNLAP, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYWOMAN DAVIS, THAT THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMEND ACQUISITION OF SUISUN MARSH LANDS AT PEYTONIA AND HILL SLOUGH AREAS AS OUTLINED BY STAFF AND TO PROCEED SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE SUISUN MARSH, PEYTONIA AND HILL SLOUGH AREAS, ACQUISITIONS AS PROPOSED, UTILIZING MONIES AVAILABLE FROM THE BAGLEY CONSERVATION FUND, INCLUDING ACCEPTING DONATION OF THE EASEMENT. STAFF IS AUTHORIZED TO PROCEED SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED, INCLUDING APPLICATION FOR MATCHING FEDERAL FUNDS UNDER THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

1970 RECREATION AND FISH & WILDLIFE ENHANCEMENT BOND FUND PROJECT

7. Aqueduct Fishing Access

Quartz Hill (Godde Hill Road) Fishing Access, Los Angeles County

Mr. Hart reported that the Board approved this project at its April 28, 1976, meeting and allocated \$33,200 for development. It is a typical California Aqueduct fishing access project near Palmdale, in cooperation with the Department of Water Resources and County of Los Angeles.

Los Angeles County has since requested that the project be held in abeyance and that the site be changed from Godde Hill (60th Street West) to 70th Street West.

Mr. Chris Jarvi of the Los Angeles County Recreation and Park Department was present to propose the location change for Board consideration.

Assemblywoman Davis stated that after reading the comments relative to this proposal, she believed the Board should continue the matter and take no action at this time.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYWOMAN DAVIS, SECONDED BY MR. FULLERTON, AS A JOINT MOTION THAT ACTION RELATIVE TO LOCATION CHANGE FOR THE QUARTZ HILL (GODDE HILL ROAD) FISHING ACCESS BE CONTINUED TO THE NEXT MEETING AND THAT NO ACTION BE TAKEN ON THE MATTER AT THIS TIME.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Chris Jarvi stated the particular issue is to change the location of the fishing access from Godde Hill Road to the 70th Street site. He explained that the location of 5 fishing sites on the Aqueduct were selected in 1969 before passage of the 1970 Enhancement Bond Act. With the passage of time, surveys were made on different occasions since the original 5 sites were recommended by Los Angeles County. Based on citizens input, one of the sites was to be located at 70th Street, and Supervisor Ward, in anticipation of increased traffic, was able to include in the budget funds for paving 70th Street. Between August of 1973 and November of 1975 two Aqueduct fishing access sites were approved and constructed. Because of the success of those projects, it was decided to go ahead with the 70th Street site. Another field evaluation was made of that location and at that time the Godde Hill Road site was selected instead. Upon Wildlife Conservation Board approval and funding, a controversy developed because of the previous public desire to have it on 70th Street.

He believed there is practically no difference between the suitability of the two sites when both the attributes and liabilities of the two sites are weighed against one another. Mr. Jarvi also indicated there was public acceptance of the 70th Street site for there was no controversy until the Godde Hill Road site was approved for funding. The County only

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entered into a maintenance agreement for that site on the WCB staff recommendation that entering into contracts would be necessary to save funds from reverting and that they would be able to ask for a more desirable location. He mentioned that Supervisor Ward considers public input very essential and felt that if the public desires the access at the 70th Street site, that is the place where it should be located. Finally, Mr. Jarvi commented, although aqueduct fishing sites are regional by nature, they are developed cooperatively with local governments and County costs of maintenance over a 15 year period will equal and after that surpass the initial State construction costs and that therefore the local public should have a say as to location.

He felt it unfortunate that this controversy developed, but hoped it would not hinder the fine working relationships of the County and WCB staffs.

Mr. Fullerton suggested the staff work with the County to see if the problem can be resolved and to start work on the other two sites which the County of Los Angeles has requested.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chester M. Hart
Chester M. Hart
Executive Officer

STATUS OF FUNDS
Wildlife Restoration Fund

Unallocated balance after 10/27/76 meeting	2,153,504.33
Less allocations	- 317,500.00
Plus recoveries	+ 221,527.91
Unallocated balance at beginning of 10/27/76 meeting	2,057,532.24
Less estimated 1976 support	- 223,673.00
Particular revenue, July, 1976	+ 720,000.00
Interest on surplus funds - Jan/June 1976	+ 19,401.64
Unexpended balance, Prior Year support	+ 46,402.77
Unallocated balance after 10/27/76 meeting	2,589,563.61

PROGRAM STATEMENT

At the close of the meeting on October 8, 1976, the amount allocated to projects since the Wildlife Conservation Board's inception in 1947, totaled \$37,682,455.70. This total includes \$5,670,306.09 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, the Bagley Conservation Fund, and the 1974 State Beach, Park, Recreational and Historical Facilities Bond Act will be included in this statement after completion of these programs.

a. Fish Hatchery and Stocking Projects	\$10,216,304.24
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	11,748,577.15
1. Coastal and Bay Access	1,173,477.56
2. River and Aqueduct Access	3,216,607.20
3. Lake and Reservoir Access	2,794,753.25
4. Piers	4,563,739.14
d. Game Farm Projects	146,894.49
e. Game Habitat Development and Improvement Projects	10,647,004.47
1. Wildlife Areas	10,208,555.35
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>\$37,682,455.70</u>

STATUS OF FUNDS
Wildlife Restoration Fund

Unallocated balance after 4/28/76 meeting	\$ 268,225.61
Unexpended balance, Prior Year Support	+ 45,402.77
Interest on surplus funds - Jan/June 1976	+ 89,491.64
Pari-mutuel revenue, July, 1976	+ 750,000.00
Less estimated 1976/77 Support	- 223,673.00
Unallocated balance at beginning of 10/8/76 meeting	<u>\$ 929,447.02</u>
Plus recoveries	+ 921,557.31
Less allocations	- 317,500.00
Unallocated balance after 10/8/76 meeting	<u>\$ 1,533,504.33</u>