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Pursuant to the call of the Chairman, the Wildlife Conservation Board met in Room 113, State Capitol, Sacramento, California, on November 29, 1982. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chairman Norman B. Livermore, Jr.

1. Roll Call

<u>PRESENT:</u>	Norman B. Livermore, Jr.	Chairman
	E. C. Fullerton	Member
	Susanne Morgan	Member
	Assemblyman Norman S. Waters	Joint Interim Committee
	Greg deGierre, vice Senator Keene	" " "
<u>ABSENT:</u>	Senator Robert Presley	Joint Interim Committee
	Senator David Roberti	" " "
	Assemblyman Douglas H. Bosco	" " "

STAFF PRESENT:

W. John Schmidt	Executive Officer
Alvin G. Rutsch	Assistant Executive Officer
John Wentzel	Field Agent
James V. Sarro	Land Agent
Howard Dick	Land Agent
Marylyn Gzyms	Accountant
Beth Manwaring	Stenographer
Alma Koyasako	Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Davis	Alpine Co. Fish & Game Comm.
Bill Schafer	Dept. of Fish & Game
Paul Jensen	Dept. of Fish & Game, Region 2

2. Approval of Minutes

Chairman Livermore advised that the minutes of the previous meetings of the Wildlife Conservation Board have been published and circulated and now require approval.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. FULLERTON, SECONDED BY MS. MORGAN, THAT THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 24 AND AUGUST 5, 1982, MEETINGS OF THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD BE APPROVED AS PUBLISHED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Funding Status

The Executive Officer, John Schmidt, reported that at the last WCB meeting, it was requested that information relative to funds available to the WCB be expanded to include all fund sources, and the following information was provided.

a. Wildlife Restoration Fund

Unallocated balance at end of 8/5/82 meeting	\$4,137,407.76
Plus pari-mutuel revenue	750,000.00
Plus 2nd Annual Payment on Madera Lake Sale	161,555.77
Unallocated balance at beginning of 11/29/82 meeting . .	\$5,048,963.53

It was noted by Ms. Morgan and confirmed by Mr. Schmidt that the balance shown for the Wildlife Restoration Fund as of the beginning of the November 29, 1982, meeting is different from the balance at the end of the August 5, 1982, meeting because of the receipt of the two amounts listed.

b. Energy & Resources Fund

Unallocated balance at beginning of 11/29/82 meeting . .	<u>\$1,172,600.00</u>
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c. 1976 State Urban and Coastal Park Fund

(1) Coastal Wetlands

Unallocated balance at beginning of 11/29/82 meeting	<u>\$2,488,407.76</u>
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(2) Interior Wetlands & Riparian Habitat

Unallocated balance at beginning of 11/29/82 meeting -	<u>62,833.83</u>
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(3) Development

Unallocated balance at beginning of 11/29/82 meeting -	<u>958,000.00</u>
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Mr. Schmidt indicated that the balances shown for each fund are as of today's meeting date. Chairman Livermore asked how long the WCB has been operating with the annual \$750,000 appropriation, and Mr. Schmidt responded that it has been since 1955. This information brought about discussion of the Wildlife Restoration Fund and the advisability of seeking additional funds, in view of the inflation factor in the 27 years since the fund was established.

Ms. Morgan advised that there was a big change in the law governing the division of the pari-mutuel monies which resulted in a net reduction in the State's take and an increase for the horsemen from this fund source. Although she would support any effort to increase the funding for the WCB, she realized that it would be quite a difficult task. Assemblyman Waters offered to try legislatively to increase this funding, if that was the wish of the Board.

There was consensus that an effort should be made at this time to secure an increase in the annual appropriation.

IT WAS MOVED BY MS. MORGAN, SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN WATERS, AS A JOINT MOTION, THAT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER BE DIRECTED TO DO SOME STAFF WORK IN AN EFFORT TO GET AN INCREASE IN THE ANNUAL WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND APPROPRIATION.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND PROJECT

4. Salt Creek Wildlife Area, Riverside County \$1,000.00

This proposal is for the acquisition by quitclaim deed from the U.S.A. of 320 acres along a tributary of Salt Creek near the Salton Sea. The Salt Creek drainage area has been recommended by the Department for acquisition for preservation of desert creek and spring habitats, as well as areas for hunting of upland game birds and rabbits. Furthermore, these lands have great value for nonconsumptive uses such as hiking, bird watching and nature study.

Jim Sarro, Land Agent, indicated the location of the proposed acquisition on a map displayed and described the project as a free transfer except for costs of processing the transfer through the Department of General Services.

The Salt Creek drainage is highly significant on both the State and local levels because portions of it provide ideal habitat for the endangered desert pupfish.

The subject 320 acres was acquired by the United States Bureau of Reclamation approximately one year ago and has been offered to the Department for management as a first step in acquisition of lands for what the Department hopes will be a 2,500+ acre wildlife area in the future.

It is expected that transfer costs and costs of review of the transaction by the Department of General Services will be approximately \$1,000. The acquisition is exempt from CEQA requirements pursuant to Class 13 of Categorical Exemptions.

Mr. Schmidt recommended that the Board approve this acquisition, allocate \$1,000 from the Wildlife Restoration Fund for expenses of transfer, and authorize staff and the Department to proceed substantially as planned.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. FULLERTON, SECONDED BY MS. MORGAN, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE ACQUISITION OF LANDS FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR THE SALT CREEK WILDLIFE AREA, RIVERSIDE COUNTY; ALLOCATE \$1,000 FROM THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND FOR EXPENSES OF TRANSFER; AND AUTHORIZE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT TO PROCEED SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND/ENERGY & RESOURCES FUND PROJECT

5. Heenan Lake, Alpine County \$902,500.00

This proposal is for the acquisition of 1,652+ acres of land in Alpine County including Heenan Lake and adjacent deer summer range and deer migration corridors. The lake provides a major egg source for the Lahontan cutthroat trout, a species considered threatened by the federal government. In addition to providing prime summer range, the land surrounding the lake is also a very important fawning area.

With the use of a Forest Service map, Jim Sarro pointed out Heenan Lake which is located in the northeast portion of Alpine County about seven miles east of Markleeville. State Highway 89 provides the main access to the subject neighborhood. Continuing east over Monitor Pass from Heenan Lake, Highway 89 joins U.S. Highway 395, in Antelope Valley (Mono County) just south of Topaz Lake. The immediate neighborhood of the land proposed for acquisition is a combination of steep mountainous terrain with some forest cover, sloping lands with sage brush and juniper cover and fairly level, mountain meadow lands. Elevations in the neighborhood range from about 6,500 feet to almost 9,000 feet.

The major water feature is Heenan Lake, which occupies about 130 surface acres in the northwest portion of the property. This lake was created by an earthfill dam constructed on the lower end of Heenan Creek in 1923. This dam is just south of existing Highway 89. The reservoir has a total storage capacity of about 3,200 acre feet. During most years the reservoir can be filled from runoff originating from the Heenan Creek drainage.

The Department currently uses Heenan Lake for egg taking purposes in connection with its Lahontan cutthroat trout fishery program. This egg-taking program has been undertaken for many years by virtue of an agreement between the landowners and the Department. However, it was recently made known to the Department that this agreement was to be terminated. As a result, the acquisition of the lake has become a high priority for the Department as it is the only egg source for this species in the State of California. In fact, the Lahontan National Fish Hatchery in Nevada is also supplied some eggs from this lake, and, on occasion so is the State of Nevada.

The staff has investigated the possibility of acquisition and has obtained an appraisal of the property. The market value of Heenan Lake, its immediate watershed and the adjacent summer range habitat is \$905,000. This property has been offered to the State for \$899,500. With the Board's and the Department's continuing interest in the acquisition and preservation of deer summer range, the Department has recommended that the entire tract be acquired. Acquisition will include a reservation allowing the owners to continue to draw water from the lake to serve their downstream properties. However, in no event can the lake be drawn below 500 acre feet, which is 250 acre feet more than the amount determined by the Department to be sufficient for the fishery program. Without this reservation the owner's remaining downstream lands will be damaged.

Staff recommended that the purchase price of the total parcel be paid partially from Energy and Resources Funds and partially from Wildlife Restoration Funds, which is appropriate because of the varied potential use of the property, which includes compatible recreational use, in addition to those previously mentioned. Costs of sale are expected to be approximately \$3,000. The acquisition is exempt from CEQA requirements under Class 13 of Categorical Exemptions for acquisitions of lands for wildlife conservation purposes. Management of the area would be by the Department.

Mr. Schmidt recommended that the Board approve this acquisition, allocate \$526,850 from the Energy and Resources Fund and \$375,650 from the Wildlife Restoration Fund, and authorize staff and the Department to proceed substantially as outlined above.

Mr. Schmidt also indicated that Paul Jensen, Regional Manager from Region 2, and Bill Schafer were present to respond to questions that the Board might have.

Mr. Elwood Davis from Alpine County voiced his support for the proposed acquisition, stating that the State needs the lake. Mr. Fullerton questioned Mr. Davis about the feelings of Alpine County residents for opening up the lake for a zero-limit fishing, and Mr. Davis stated this would be a good thing for it would provide an attraction for fishermen and generate some revenue for the County to make up for the loss in taxes by having the State acquire the area.

Assemblyman Waters stated he was very familiar with the area and recommended approval of this proposed project.

IT WAS MOVED BY MS. MORGAN, SECONDED BY MR. FULLERTON, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE ACQUISITION OF HEENAN LAKE, ALPINE COUNTY; ALLOCATE THEREFOR \$526,850 FROM THE 1982/83 ENERGY AND RESOURCES FUND AND \$375,650 FROM THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND; AND AUTHORIZE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT TO PROCEED SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ENERGY AND RESOURCES FUND PROJECTS

6. Coachella Valley Eco-Reserve Expansion, Riverside County \$645,750.00

This proposal is for the acquisition of 246+ acres in Riverside County about 10 miles east of Palm Springs for inclusion in the Coachella Valley Ecological Reserve which is managed by the Department of Fish and Game. This would be for expansion of the Coachella Valley Eco-Reserve, the main purpose of which is for the protection of the Coachella Valley fringe-toed lizard, an endangered species.

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The eco-reserve boundary, the previous acquisitions and the proposed acquisition were pointed out on a map by Mr. Sarro, who believed it was an excellent purchase just to prevent development from encroaching into the reserve and which would provide excellent dune habitat for the endangered species.

The Department has been aware for a number of years that population growth and associated development in the Coachella Valley could eventually lead to the complete loss of wildlife habitat in this natural desert eco-system. The species that has focused attention on this problem has been the Coachella fringe-toed lizard, an endemic species restricted to sand dunes and sand hummock habitat. Almost all of the wildlife habitat in the Valley is in private ownership and subject to development. In 1978 the DFG concluded that the only way to effectively protect the fringe-toed lizard and other native animals and plants was to set aside a representative portion of Valley habitat in public ownership. Environmental Protection Program funds were allocated for this purpose in fiscal years 1979/80 and 1980/81. Due to relatively high and rapidly rising land values, acquisitions have been limited to 10 acres in 1981 and 80 acres in 1982 with the program's limited funding and 90 acres in 1982 with Energy and Resources Funds as recommended by the Department.

The staff has had discussions with owners of three separate tracts of land, two of which total 80+ acres and lie in close proximity to the existing State-owned lands. The third ownership, consisting of about 166 acres, lies on the northerly boundary of the proposed reserve and is approximately one mile wide. The two 40 acre tracts have been appraised at \$100,000 and \$105,000 respectively, and have been offered to the State at their appraised values. The 166 acre parcel has been appraised for \$3,500 per acre, but has been offered to the State for 75% of market value, or \$2,625 per acre, a total of \$435,750. The 166 acres is approximate, and is subject to verification, at which time the purchase price will be adjusted in accordance with the per acre offer, but will not exceed \$435,750.

The Department has recommended the purchase of all three of these exceptionally well-situated properties and has identified continued expansion of the Coachella Valley Eco-Reserve as among its high priority recommendations for land acquisition with available Energy and Resources Funds.

This project is exempt from CEQA under Class 13 of Categorical Exemptions as an acquisition of land for wildlife conservation purposes. Funding would be, as indicated, from ERF monies appropriated to the Wildlife Conservation Board in the 1982/83 budget for such purposes. Management of these lands, which would be retained in their natural state, would be by the Department as part of its Coachella Valley Eco-Reserve. Costs of sale, escrow and title transfer are expected to be \$5,000.

Mr. Schmidt recommended the Board approve this acquisition for expansion of the Coachella Valley Eco-Reserve as proposed, allocate \$645,750 from available Energy and Resources Fund monies for acquisition and related costs, and authorize staff and the Department to proceed substantially as planned.

In view of the Department's proposal for a 7,000 acre reserve in Coachella Valley, Ms. Morgan asked how the acquisitions would be funded in the future, and how the ecological reserve would be realized without the ERF monies. It was brought out that other monies such as the Environmental Protection Funds and land exchanges with BLM would be utilized for completing the proposed reserve. Assemblyman Waters stated his only concern is that there might be more worthwhile projects than habitat preservation for the fringe-toed lizards.

Mr. Fullerton provided background information on the Coachella Valley reserve which was an attempt by the Department to preserve desert habitat in that rapidly developing area and the boundary for which was a compromise reached with the development company a number of years ago. He further explained that during the budget session, the ERF monies was established for the express purpose of preserving habitat for endangered species. However, it will take a long time to secure all the properties needed for the eco-reserve.

IT WAS MOVED BY MS. MORGAN, SECONDED BY MR. FULLERTON, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR EXPANSION OF THE COACHELLA VALLEY ECO-RESERVE, RIVERSIDE COUNTY; ALLOCATE \$645,750 FROM 1982/83 ERF MONIES AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AND RELATED COSTS; AND AUTHORIZE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT TO PROCEED SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

1976 BOND ACT PROJECTS

7. Suisun Marsh, Hill Slough Expansion, Solano County \$1,000.00

This proposal is to acquire by donation approximately 26 acres of wetland habitat in the Suisun Marsh southeasterly of the cities of Fairfield and Suisun City in Solano County.

For many years now the Department has recommended acquisitions of valuable wetlands habitat in the Marsh, and the Board has to date acquired approximately 2,009 acres, including about 1,317 acres in the Hill Slough area. This is in addition to the 8,600 acre Grizzly Island Wildlife Area, the 1,887 acre Joice Island Wildlife Area, and a conservation easement covering about 389 acres at Peytonia Slough.

In the Department's Hill Slough Complex management plan of 1979, it was recognized that there exists a clear need to expand the public's ownership to provide for increased public recreational opportunities, to restore reclaimed wetlands and to set aside wildlife refuges in an area of the Pacific Flyway which is very important to migratory and resident waterfowl, as well as other wildlife species. With its close proximity to Highway 12, Hill Slough is considered ideally suited to preservation for use by the public for nature study, fishing, wildlife photography and other wildlife oriented uses compatible with the preservation of wetland habitat. In this case, the landowner proposes to donate a parcel which lies adjacent to the State's ownership along Hill Slough in the northerly end of the Suisun Marsh complex.

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Mr. Fullerton asked about the relationship of this donation to the Hannigan bill, and Mr. Schmidt advised that this parcel is a part of the property required to be donated in the bill, and that this donation, together with the remainder of this parcel and the one adjoining it would complete the donation obligations under that bill except for the interpretive center site and the required dollar amount.

The only costs to be incurred by the State in connection with this donation will be costs of escrow and transfer of title to the State in the approximate sum of \$1,000. Management costs to the Department will be negligible as the property can readily be included in the management plan for the existing State ownership.

This acquisition falls within Class 13 of Categorical Exemptions for CEQA. Funding for acquisition costs will be from available 1976 Bond Funds for Coastal Wetlands acquisitions.

It was Mr. Schmidt's recommendation that the Board approve this acquisition, allocate the sum of \$1,000 for acquisition costs, and authorize staff and the Department to proceed substantially as planned.

IT WAS MOVED BY MS. MORGAN, SECONDED BY MR. FULLERTON, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE ACQUISITION BY DONATION OF PROPERTY FOR SUISUN MARSH - HILL SLOUGH WILDLIFE AREA EXPANSION, SOLANO COUNTY; ALLOCATE \$1,000 FOR ACQUISITION COSTS FROM 1976 BOND ACT FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR THESE PURPOSES; AND AUTHORIZE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT TO PROCEED SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. Suisun Marsh - Hill Slough Wildlife Area, Solano County \$27,000.00
Habitat Development

This project has been proposed by the Department of Fish and Game to enable proper management of lands acquired for Suisun Marsh protection purposes. Since 1977 the Wildlife Conservation Board has acquired 1,317 acres of private land at Hill Slough in accordance with the Nejedly-Bagley-Z'berg Suisun Marsh Preservation Act of 1974 (SB 1981), as well as the superseding Suisun Marsh Preservation Act of 1977 (AB 1717).

Purchase of these lands has precluded incompatible development from encroaching on the marsh. However, a main purpose in acquiring the Hill and Peytonia Slough areas was to provide a typical segment of Suisun Marsh for public use close to existing urban areas and highways. There is general agreement that an area in such a location is highly desirable for bird-watching, fishing, nature study and observation, and other aspects of a meaningful marsh experience. This will avoid many of the problems of developing improved public access some distance into the interior of the marsh and attendant potential for increased trespass, littering and other conflicts on the largely privately-owned lands there.

The marsh area acquired north of Hill Slough, that formerly was part of the Lawler Ranch, was essentially converted to pasture for livestock grazing many years ago by development of levees and water control structures with tide gates. The Department has planned that this area be restored to marsh, and has determined that managed marsh with regulated flooding and water levels will be more productive than breaching the levees and restoring these lands to tidal marsh conditions.

In past meetings, the Board approved a series of projects to improve or restore both the external and internal levee systems, provide erosion control through riprapping, and for various water control devices. Allocations for these improvements totaled \$514,200 and most of the work has now been completed. This work was primarily done to protect the integrity of existing levees and preclude flooding of adjacent lands. However, this past, abnormally wet, winter made it evident that further levee stabilization was necessary to insure protection of the work already completed.

Mr. John Wentzel, Field Agent, explained that the work will provide increased marsh management opportunities. Included is the construction of a meandering ditch to bring water to an existing pond, stabilizing existing internal levees by bringing them to proper design standards by shaping and compacting them as necessary, and planting grasses thereon to provide for erosion control. Upland habitat plantings and riparian plantings along the ditch is also planned. It is estimated that approximately 5,000 feet of ditch will be constructed and about 17,500 feet of levee will be stabilized by this project.

The cost estimates as provided by the Department and reviewed by staff are:

Ditch excavation and sloping - 5,000 lineal feet .	\$8,000
Levee stabilization - shaping & compacting: 17,500 lineal feet	16,000
Plant materials - barley, vetch, grasses, and 300 trees	3,000
TOTAL	\$27,000

This proposed work is categorically exempt from CEQA under Class 4(d), minor alterations in land on wildlife areas which result in improvement of wildlife habitat. It is anticipated that this work will be supervised by Department personnel with most of the work being performed by outside contracts.

Mr. Schmidt recommended that the Board approve the proposed Habitat Development for the Suisun Marsh - Hill Slough Wildlife Area, allocate \$27,000 from the 1976 Bond Funds budgeted for development purpose and authorize staff and the Department to proceed substantially as planned.

Assemblyman Waters recommended approval of this development proposal.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. FULLERTON, SECONDED BY MS. MORGAN, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE PROPOSED HABITAT DEVELOPMENT FOR THE SUISUN MARSH - HILL SLOUGH WILDLIFE AREA, SOLANO COUNTY; ALLOCATE \$27,000 FROM THE 1976 BOND ACT FUNDS BUDGETED FOR THIS PURPOSE; AND AUTHORIZE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT TO PROCEED SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. San Elijo Lagoon Wildlife Area Expansion, San Diego County \$7,500.00

This proposal is to acquire a 0.74+ acre parcel in San Elijo Lagoon, San Diego County. At its March 24, 1977, meeting the Board approved the acquisition of 268.31+ acres adjacent to the subject proposal. Staff was subsequently successful in completing this acquisition as proposed.

San Elijo Lagoon consists of approximately 530 acres of coastal wetlands located about 15 miles north of the City of San Diego, between the unincorporated communities of Cardiff-by-the-Sea and Solana Beach. The property presently proposed for purchase is located adjacent to the original acquisition, in what is considered the central basin of this lagoon. The Department of Fish and Game has highly recommended this acquisition in a continuing effort to acquire the remaining privately owned wetlands in the central basin.

While the mouth of the lagoon is periodically open to the sea and to tidal action, the lagoon also floods from freshwater runoff fed primarily from Escondido Creek. These conditions provide a combination of salt and freshwater marsh habitats for a wide variety of wildlife species. In addition to supporting a sizeable resident population of wildlife, the lagoon provides important seasonal habitat for migratory waterfowl and shorebirds.

San Diego County has planned a regional park for the lagoon and general surrounding area, with emphasis on preserving and enhancing its estuarine wetland ecosystem. The County has already acquired in excess of 500 acres, mainly in the east basin of the lagoon, and has entered into a cooperative agreement to manage the property acquired by WCB as a wildlife area within the regional park. At its September 18, 1980, meeting the Board allocated \$202,560 for marsh restoration and habitat improvement in the east basin in a cooperative project with San Diego County. This restoration, which included dredging, creating two islands, removing cattail and tule vegetation, rebuilding levees and installing water control structures, is essentially completed.

The owners have agreed to sell this property to the State for its appraised fair market value of \$5,000. An additional \$2,500 is needed to pay for the appraisal and processing fees including title and escrow fees and Real Estate Services costs.

The proposed acquisition falls within Class 13 of Categorical Exemptions from CEQA requirements. Class 13 consists of the acquisition of lands for

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fish and wildlife conservation purposes, including preservation of fish and wildlife habitat, establishing ecological reserves under Fish and Game Code Section 1580, and preserving access to public lands and waters where the purpose of the acquisition is to preserve the land in its natural condition.

Mr. Schmidt recommended that the Board approve purchase of this property for expansion of the San Elijo Lagoon Wildlife Area as proposed, allocate \$7,500 from the 1976 Bond Act Funds as available for coastal wetlands acquisitions, and authorize staff and the Department to proceed substantially as planned.

Mr. Livermore noted the cost is fairly high and asked if it was zoned for possible development. Mr. Schmidt indicated it was zoned open space, but because of its proximity to the highly developed areas it has a very high value. He also indicated that because it is mostly wetlands, staff has checked with the State Lands Commission to make sure that we take care of their claims and that they have also encouraged WCB acquisition of this parcel because it would solve a potential State problem in their office in having to exercise State claims in an area that may prove difficult to claim.

Assemblyman Waters recommended approval of this acquisition.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. FULLERTON, SECONDED BY MS. MORGAN, THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY FOR THE SAN ELIJO LAGOON WILDLIFE AREA EXPANSION, SAN DIEGO COUNTY; ALLOCATE \$7,500 FROM THE 1976 BOND ACT FUNDS AS AVAILABLE FOR COASTAL WETLANDS ACQUISITIONS; AND AUTHORIZE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT TO PROCEED SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Fullerton asked how much is remaining in the 1976 Bond Funds, and Mr. Schmidt replied that there would be \$2,479,907 remaining in the Coastal Wetlands appropriation after today's allocations. He pointed out also that out of the \$2.4 million, a reserve of \$1 million was set aside for Elkhorn Slough development. Mr. Fullerton believed that the Board has managed their bond monies very well, and that if there were Land and Water Conservation Funds still available to the Board, these bond funds could be stretched out another 10 years.

Mr. Schmidt reported that in the line item agenda announcing this meeting, an item was included for acceptance of a donation of 1/5 private interest in approximately 2,261 acres at Lake Earl. This item has been withdrawn as the State Lands Commission on further review has now determined that the donation is, in fact, under the jurisdiction of the State Lands Commission. Ms. Morgan confirmed that this item came before the State Lands Commission meeting just this morning. Since the Department of Fish and Game has a lease of the area from the State Lands Commission, there is no need for action by the Board at this time.

10. Other Business

a. Resolutions

Mr. Livermore read the following resolution honoring the former Assemblyman Lawrence Kapiloff:

RESOLUTION HONORING
ASSEMBLYMAN LAWRENCE KAPILOFF

WHEREAS, Assemblyman Lawrence Kapiloff has served as a member of the Joint Legislative Advisory Committee of the Wildlife Conservation Board since July 14, 1981; and

WHEREAS, He has resigned from the Assembly and the Joint Legislative Committee of the Board to accept an appointment to the San Diego Superior Court on September 3, 1982; and

WHEREAS, Recognition of his efforts in the cause of wildlife conservation and his interest in the work of the Board is justly deserved; Now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Wildlife Conservation Board, the Joint Legislative Advisory Committee, and the Board staff, convey to Judge Kapiloff, our sincere appreciation for his support of the WCB program, and hearty congratulations on his judicial appointment, with best wishes for a long and fulfilling career in the courts; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution be made part of the official minutes of this Board and that a copy of this resolution be given to Judge Kapiloff.

Mr. Greg deGierre asked that the Board staff, as a matter of clarification, be asked to check into the correct name for the Joint Interim Committee which meets with the Wildlife Conservation Board. With that qualification, the following motion was made.

IT WAS MOVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN WATERS, SECONDED BY MS. MORGAN, AS A JOINT MOTION, THAT THE RESOLUTION HONORING THE FORMER ASSEMBLYMAN LAWRENCE KAPILOFF BE ADOPTED AND A COPY THEREOF BE PROVIDED TO HIM.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

b. Acknowledgement of Telephonic Vote

For the record, Mr. Schmidt requested acknowledgement of telephonic approval of the resolution honoring Chet Hart upon his retirement. This was presented by Chairman Livermore at Chet Hart's retirement dinner on

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September 15, 1982, and is attached hereto as an addendum. The telephonic approval of the resolution was unanimously acknowledged and confirmed.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

W. John Schmidt

W. John Schmidt
Executive Officer

RESOLUTION HONORING
CHESTER M. HART

WHEREAS, Chester M. Hart, Executive Officer of the Wildlife Conservation Board, has diligently served the people of the State and its resources for nearly 34 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hart, in a 24 year period of illustrious service with the State rose through the ranks within the Department of Fish and Game from Game Conservation Aid at Los Banos to the Chief of Operations of the Department of Fish and Game, Sacramento; and

WHEREAS, In May of 1973, Mr. Hart was appointed Executive Officer, Wildlife Conservation Board, and has since administered the Board's program with skill and imagination; and

WHEREAS, Through his dedicated service and innovative ideas, the Board's acquisition of critical wildlife habitat lands has been greatly expanded, resulting in enhanced fish and wildlife resources and recreational use thereof; and

WHEREAS, Effective October 1, 1982, Mr. Hart will retire from State service; Now therefore be it

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

RESOLVED, That we express our very best wishes for continued good health and a happy retirement of fishing, hunting, and ministering to the needs and desires of his lovely wife, Cecilia, and his family; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be furnished to Chester M. Hart.

PROGRAM STATEMENT

At the close of the meeting on Novem.29, 1982, the amount allocated to projects since the Wildlife Conservation Board's inception in 1947, totaled \$52,361,226.89. This total includes funds 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 and 1976 Bond Acts will be included in this statement after completion of these programs.

a.	Fish Hatchery and Stocking Projects	\$10,597,762.93
b.	Fish Habitat Development	5,036,856.95
1.	Reservoir Construction or Improvement	\$2,817,644.19
2.	Stream Clearance and Improvement	431,492.19
3.	Stream Flow Maintenance Dams	439,503.32
4.	Marine Habitat	502,135.36
5.	Fish Screens, Ladders & Weir Projects	846,081.89
c.	Fishing Access Projects	16,131,941.33
1.	Coastal and Bay Access	1,654,680.04
2.	River and Aqueduct Access	4,111,305.12
3.	Lake and Reservoir Access	3,633,755.14
4.	Piers	6,732,201.03
d.	Game Farm Projects	146,894.49
e.	Wildlife Habitat Development and Improvement Projects	19,179,766.47
1.	Wildlife Areas	18,349,995.70
2.	Miscellaneous Wildlife Habitat Dev.	829,770.77
f.	Hunting Access	549,036.81
g.	Miscellaneous Projects	635,467.91
s.	Special Project Allocation	83,500.00
	TOTAL ALLOCATED TO PROJECTS	\$52,361,226.89

STATUS OF FUNDS

WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND

Unallocated balance at beginning of 11/29/82 meeting	\$5,048,963.53
Less allocations	376,650.00
Unallocated balance at end of 11/29/82 meeting	\$4,672,313.53