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Pursuant to the call of Chairman McCracken, the Wildlife Conservation Board met in Room 113 of the State Capitol, Sacramento, California, on August 14, 1991. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

1. Roll Call

Present:

Everett M. McCracken, Jr.,	Chairman
President, Fish and Game Commission	
Susanne Burton, Chief Deputy Dir.	Member
Department of Finance	
Pete Bontadelli, Director	Member
Department of Fish and Game	

Bob Franzoia,	
Vice Senator Robert Presley	Joint Interim Committee
Edna Maita,	
Vice Assemblyman Jim Costa	Joint Interim Committee
Linda Rao	
Vice Assemblyman Dan Hauser	Joint Interim Committee
Susan Reidy	
Vice Assemblyman Dan Hauser	Joint Interim Committee

Absent:

Senator Barry Keene	Joint Interim Committee
Senator David Roberti	Joint Interim Committee
Assemblyman Phillip Isenberg	Joint Interim Committee

Staff Present:

W. John Schmidt	Executive Director
Clyde S. Edon	Assistant. Exec. Director
Jim Sarro	Chief Land Agent/Assist.
	Executive Director
Howard Dick	Senior Land Agent
Frank Giordano	Senior Land Agent
Georgia Lipphardt	Senior Land Agent
Marilyn Cundiff-Gee	Wetlands Program Manager
Sandy Daniel	Executive Secretary
Janice Beeding	Office Technician

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Others Present: Howard Clary
Ron Bertram
Lee Ashford
Woody Robertshaw
Tom Blankinship
Paul Hubbell
Nadine Ohliger
Kurt Starman
Rob Clark
Bob Fisher
Harvey Reading
April Manatt
Ralph Hinton
Bill Geyer
Richard Spotts
Rob Pollard
Mark Palmer
Sarah Foster
Sabin Phelps

Grass Valley Rod & Gun Club
Dept. of Fish and Game
Dept. of Fish and Game
Trust for Public Land
Dept. of Fish and Game
Dept. of Fish and Game
Citizen
Dept. of Finance
City of Laguna Beach
County of Orange
Dept. of Fish and Game
Senator Bergeson
Dept. of Water Resources
Geyer Assoc.
Defenders of Wildlife
Senate Natural Resources
Mountain Lion Foundation
Citizen
The Nature Conservancy

2. Approval of Minutes

Approval of minutes of the May 15, 1991, meeting of the Wildlife Conservation Board was recommended.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. BONTADELLI THAT THE MINUTES OF THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING OF MAY 15, 1991, BE APPROVED AS WRITTEN.

MOTION CARRIED.

3. Funding Status as of August 14, 1991 (Information Only)

Mr. Schmidt indicated this item was for information only and required no action.

(a) 1991/92 Wildlife Restoration Fund Capital Outlay Budget

Governor's Budget - Land Acquisitions \$ 210,000.00

Governor's Budget - Minor Projects \$ 700,000.00

(b) 1989/90 Environmental License Plate Fund Capital Outlay Budget

Added to Governor's Budget by Ch. 1241 \$ 950,000.00

(c) 1990/91 Fish & Wildlife Habitat Enhancement Fund Capital Outlay Budget

Governor's Budget \$1,740,000.00

Less previous Board allocations - 110,000.00

Unallocated Balance \$1,630,000.00

(d) 1989/90 Fish & Wildlife Habitat Enhancement Fund Capital Outlay Budget

Governor's Budget \$4,093,000.00

Less previous Board allocations -1,885,257.17

Unallocated Balance \$2,207,742.83

(e) 1991/92 Wildlife & Natural Areas Conservation Fund Capital Outlay Budget

Governor's Budget \$5,000,000.00

(f) 1989/90 Wildlife & Natural Areas Conservation Fund Capital Outlay Budget

Governor's Budget \$15,000,000.00

Less previous Board allocations - 8,233,533.21

Unallocated Balance \$ 6,766,466.79

(g) 1988/89 California Wildlife, Coastal & Park Land Conservation
Fund Capital Outlay Budget

Direct appropriation to the Wildlife

Conservation Board \$81,300,000.00

Less previous Board allocations -46,542,379.13

Less State administrative costs - 1,219,500.00

Unallocated Balance \$33,538,120.87

(h) 1990/91 Cigarette and Tobacco Products Surtax Fund Capital Outlay Budget

Governor's Budget \$ 985,000.00

Less previous Board allocations - 425,000.00

Unallocated Balance \$ 560,000.00

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(i) 1989/90 Cigarette and Tobacco Products Surtax Fund Capital Outlay Budget

Governor's Budget	\$ 5,500,000.00
Less previous Board allocations	- 4,485,714.94
Unallocated Balance	\$ 1,014,285.06

(j) 1991/92 Habitat Conservation Fund Capital Outlay Budget

Governor's Budget - Waterfowl Habitat Acquisition	\$ 2,000,000.00
Governor's Budget - Unallocated	\$ 1,682,000.00
Governor's Budget - Upper Sacramento River Basin	\$ 1,000,000.00
Governor's Budget - Minor Projects	\$ 500,000.00

(k) 1991/92 Governor's Budget - Special Items

Department of Fish and Game

Salmon and Steelhead Restoration	\$ 777,000.00
Salmon and Steelhead Trout Restoration	\$ 663,000.00
Waterfowl Habitat Preservation Program	\$ 523,000.00
Trinity River Restoration	\$ 2,022,000.00
Salmon Habitat Restoration	\$ 991,000.00
Salmon, Steelhead & Anadromous Fish	\$ 70,000.00
Threatened Salmonids Project	\$ 252,000.00

Total Available	\$ 5,298,000.00
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Department of Water Resources

Trinity River Restoration	\$ 605,000.00
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(l) 1990/91 Habitat Conservation Fund Capital Outlay Budget

Governor's Budget	\$10,800,000.00
Less previous Board allocations	- 9,060,850.00
Unallocated Balance	\$ 1,739,150.00

RECAP OF FUND BALANCES

Wildlife Restoration Fund

Acquisition	\$ 210,000.00
Minor Development	\$ 700,000.00
Major Development	\$ -0-

<u>Environmental License Plate Fund</u>	\$ 950,000.00
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<u>1984 Fish & Wildlife Habitat Enhancement</u>	\$ 3,837,742.83
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California Wildlife, Coastal and Park Land

Conservation Fund of 1988	\$33,538,120.87
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<u>Wildlife and Natural Areas Conservation Fund</u>	\$11,766,466.79
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<u>Cigarette and Tobacco Products Surtax Fund</u>	\$ 1,574,285.06
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<u>Habitat Conservation Fund</u>	\$12,824,150.00
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4. Inland Wetlands Conservation Fund

Informational

Mr. Schmidt reported that this item was information only and all records had been changed accordingly.

At the February 13, 1991, Board meeting, approval was granted for the expenditure of \$1.0 million from the Inland Wetlands Conservation Fund for the acquisition and restoration of the Upper Butte Sink Wildlife Area, Expansion #3, Glenn County.

Pursuant to the provisions of the California Wildlife Protection Act of 1990, commonly referred to as the Mountain Lion Initiative, Section 2791 (f), \$2.0 million was authorized in Proposition 117 to support the Inland Wetlands Conservation Program from the Habitat Conservation Fund.

As a result of a technical budgeting issue, the Department of Finance has informed WCB staff that the \$1.0 million expenditure from the Inland Wetlands Conservation Fund should more appropriately be reflected as an expenditure from the Habitat Conservation Fund for the Inland Wetlands Conservation Program, but not from the Inland Wetlands Conservation Fund.

Consistent with the instructions from the Department of Finance, WCB staff has appropriately reflected all expenditures for this project from the Habitat Conservation Fund.

5. Special Project Planning Account

Informational

Mr. Schmidt indicated this item was for information only and required no action.

The Board has historically used a special project account to provide working funds for staff evaluation (appraisals, engineering, preliminary title reports, etc.) of proposed projects. Upon Board approval of a project, all expenditures incurred prior to approval are transferred from the Special Project Account to the approved project and reimbursements to Special Project Accounts are made accordingly. This procedure, therefore, acts as a revolving fund for the pre-project expenses.

Some appropriations now made to the Board do not include a specific budgeted planning line item appropriation necessary to begin a project without prior Board authorization. Pre-project costs are a necessary expenditure in most all capital outlay projects. However, if staff came before the Board for each expenditure, i.e., appraisal costs and Department of General Services cost, as well as the actual acquisition, at least two meetings would be required for each project. This Special Project Account, as used for many years with Wildlife Restoration Fund projects, has proven to be a very successful cost and time efficient method of operating. This Special Project Account would also be used to pay for State Treasurer and State Controller Offices costs for the necessary Pooled Money Bond Loans the Board applies for periodically.

The Board, at the May 6, 1986, meeting, authorized the Executive Director to use up to 1 percent of a budgeted appropriation to set up and maintain an

appropriate planning account with the provision it would be reported to the Board as an information item at the next meeting. Accordingly, the planning accounts have been set up as follows:

California Wildlife, Coastal and Park Land Conservation Fund of 1988	\$20,000.00
Wildlife and Natural Areas Conservation Fund	\$40,000.00

Mr. Schmidt reported that Items #6 - 10 were listed as Consent Items in the agenda and that they would be voted upon at the end of the meeting unless there were some items that needed to be pulled because of a member or citizen request. At this time, Mr. Schmidt provided the audience and the Board Members the opportunity to request that an item be removed from the Consent Calendar and heard separately. Item #8, Sacramento River Wildlife Area, River Mile 157-L, Colusa County, was pulled from the Consent Calendar because of an earlier citizen request (Mrs. Nadine Ohlinger). Item #8 was heard at this time and Items #6, 7, 9 and 10 were considered at the end of the agenda as a Consent Calendar Item.

* 6. Recovery of Funds (CONSENT CALENDAR)

The following 18 projects previously authorized by the Board have balances of funds that can be recovered and returned to their respective funds. It was recommended that the following totals be recovered:

\$91,189.33 to the Wildlife Restoration Fund,
\$-0- to the Environmental License Plate Fund,
\$-0- to the Parklands Fund of 1984,
\$123,250.70 to the 1984 Fish and Wildlife Habitat Enhancement Fund,
\$2,808.38 to the Ca. Wildlife, Coastal & Park Land Conservation Fund, and
\$24,328.10 to the Habitat Conservation Fund;

and that the projects be closed.

WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND

Anderson River Park, Shasta County

Allocation	\$ 8,500.00
Expended	-8,075.67
Balance for Recovery	\$ 424.33

Eagle Lake Access (Stone's Landing & Spaulding Tract), Lassen County

Allocation	\$ 50,000.00
Expended	-49,500.00
Balance for Recovery	\$ 500.00

Hope Valley Wildlife Area, Expansion #3, Alpine County

Allocation	\$ 3,943.50
Expended	- 1,979.30
Balance for Recovery	\$ 1,964.20

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Juanita Lake Fishing Access, Siskiyou County

Allocation	\$17,000.00
Expended	-16,950.00
Balance for Recovery	\$ 50.00

Port Hueneme Fishing Pier, Ventura County

Allocation	\$200,000.00
Expended	-170,637.54
Balance for Recovery	\$ 29,362.46

Putah Creek Fishing Access, Yolo County

Allocation	\$73,912.00
Expended	-17,989.84
Balance for Recovery	\$55,922.16

Salt Spring Valley Wildlife Area, Expansion #1, Calaveras County

Allocation	\$ 5,000.00
Expended	- 2,033.82
Balance for Recovery	\$ 2,966.18

Sims Flat Fishing Access, Shasta County

Allocation	\$33,000.00
Expended	-33,000.00
Balance for Recovery	\$ -0-

Total Wildlife Restoration Fund Recoveries \$91,189.33

ENVIRONMENTAL LICENSE PLATE FUND

Suisun Marsh Habitat Enhancement Project, Solano County

Allocation	\$250,000.00
Expended	-250,000.00
Balance for Recovery	\$ -0-

Total Environmental License Plate Fund Recoveries \$ -0-

PARKLANDS FUND OF 1984

Imperial Beach Pier, San Diego County

Allocation	\$500,000.00
Expended	-500,000.00
Balance for Recovery	\$ -0-

Total Parklands Fund of 1984 Recoveries \$ -0-

1984 FISH AND WILDLIFE HABITAT ENHANCEMENT FUND

A.C.I.D. Fish Screen, Shasta County

Allocation	\$120,000.00
Expended	- 0
Balance for Recovery	\$120,000.00

Lake Earl Wildlife Area, Expansion #18, Del Norte County

Allocation	\$41,000.00
Expended	-37,749.30
Balance for Recovery	\$ 3,250.70

Trinity River Basin Salmon & Steelhead Habitat Restoration,
Humboldt and Trinity Counties

Allocation	\$500,000.00
Expended	-500,000.00
Balance for Recovery	\$ -0-

Total Fish & Wildlife Hab. Enhancement Fund Recoveries ... \$123,250.70

CALIFORNIA WILDLIFE, COASTAL AND PARK LAND CONSERVATION FUND OF 1988

Hope Valley Wildlife Area, Expansion #3, Alpine County

Allocation	\$41,056.50
Expended	-41,056.50
Balance for Recovery	\$ -0-

Silver Creek Wildlife Area, Lassen County

Allocation	\$90,000.00
Expended	-90,000.00
Balance for Recovery	\$ -0-

Upper Sacramento River Wildlife Area, River Mile 215-L, Butte County

Allocation	\$115,000.00
Expended	-112,191.62
Balance for Recovery	\$ 2,808.38

Total California Wildlife, Coastal and Park Land
Conservation Fund of 1988 Recoveries \$2,808.38

HABITAT CONSERVATION FUND

Salmon Falls Ecological Reserve, El Dorado County

Allocation	\$410,000.00
Expended	-396,630.80
Balance for Recovery	\$ 13,369.20

Santa Rosa Springs Ecological Reserve, Riverside County

Allocation	\$5,000,000.00
Expended	-4,989,041.10
Balance for Recovery	\$ 10,958.90

Total Habitat Conservation Fund Recoveries \$24,328.10

AS ONE OF THE CONSENT ITEMS HEARD AT THE END OF THE MEETING, IT WAS MOVED BY MR. BONTADELLI THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD RECOVER FUNDS FROM THE PROJECTS LISTED ON PAGES 6-9 AND CLOSE THE PROJECT ACCOUNTS. RECOVERY TOTALS INCLUDE \$91,189.33 TO THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND, \$2,808.38 TO THE CALIFORNIA WILDLIFE, COASTAL AND PARK LAND CONSERVATION FUND AND \$24,328.10 TO THE HABITAT CONSERVATION FUND.

MOTION CARRIED.

UPPER SACRAMENTO RIVER PROPOSALS
(Items 7, 9, & 10 - Consent Calendar)

The next four agenda items involve acquisitions of riparian or formerly riparian lands located along the banks of the Sacramento River in various counties.

Upper Sacramento River riparian habitat, as found in the area of these proposals, supports more than 200 species of birds and 42 species of mammals and is considered by the Department of Fish and Game to be a very productive terrestrial ecosystem. Endangered and threatened species dependent upon the riparian forests located on these parcels include the Valley elderberry longhorn beetle, Bald eagle, American peregrine falcon, Swainson's hawk, Yellow-billed cuckoo and the California hibiscus. Bird species of special concern include the double-crested cormorant, sharp-shinned hawk, Cooper's hawk, osprey, merlin, long-eared owl, willow flycatcher, purple martin, bank swallow, yellow warbler and the yellow-breasted chat.

Much of this type of habitat has already been cleared along the Sacramento River as evidenced by the Department of Fish and Game studies which show that only about one percent of the Sacramento Valley riparian forests of the early 1800's remain today. Public acquisition of this habitat will prevent further loss and will allow for appropriate restoration and enhancement. In fact, farmed areas allowed to lie fallow, have been found to revert to riparian habitat over time. Some farmed areas, such as orchards, can provide habitat for Yellow-billed cuckoos and therefore have wildlife value even before they are replaced by native habitat.

These four proposed acquisitions are exempt from CEQA under Class 13 of Categorical Exemptions as acquisitions for wildlife conservation purposes. Potential state claims to the various properties have been considered and

their effect on the fair market values have been taken into account in each appraisal.

Acquisition of these properties will help fulfill the Department's objective of restoring, preserving and protecting riparian habitat within California and, specifically, along the Sacramento River.

- * 7. Upper Sacramento River Riparian Habitat, Pine Creek Unit,
Expansion #3, Glenn and Butte Counties (CONSENT CALENDAR) \$810,000.00

This proposal was to consider the acquisition of 344.89+ acres of land located on the west bank of the Sacramento River approximately six miles west of Chico and across the river from the Bidwell Sacramento River State Park. The subject property is adjacent to and near existing Department of Fish and Game lands known as the Sacramento River Wildlife Area, Pine Creek Unit. These lands total over 532 acres and when combined with the proposed acquisition will form a block of over 877 acres of public lands.

The subject acquisition area contains approximately 163 acres of orchard lands, consisting of almonds, walnuts and prunes. The balance of the property is open field, not currently being farmed, riparian jungle, farm maintenance roads and levees. The Department plans to allow the open field area to continue to slowly revert to riparian habitat. The orchards will be removed over time and these areas will also be allowed to revert. Restoration in the form of plantings will be attempted with the aid of volunteer help, when available, through The Nature Conservancy. The acquisition includes an easement for access across the remaining lands of the owner. The easement road leads to County Road 23, located just south of the subject.

The subject property has been optioned by The Nature Conservancy and will be purchased directly from them after they exercise their option. The Nature Conservancy has agreed to sell the subject property at the approved fair market value of \$800,000.00. Processing costs are estimated to be \$10,000 which includes the costs of title, escrow and Department of General Services review.

Staff recommended that the Board approve the acquisition of this property as proposed; allocate \$810,000.00 from the California Wildlife, Coastal and Park Land Conservation Fund of 1988 (P-70), as designated for the Sacramento River under Section 5907 (c)(8); and authorize staff and the Department of Fish and Game to proceed substantially as planned.

AS ONE OF THE CONSENT ITEMS HEARD AT THE END OF THE MEETING, IT WAS MOVED BY MR. BONTADELLI THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE ACQUISITION OF THE UPPER SACRAMENTO RIVER RIPARIAN HABITAT, PINE CREEK UNIT, EXPANSION #3, GLENN AND BUTTE COUNTIES, AS PROPOSED; ALLOCATE \$810,000.00 FROM THE CALIFORNIA WILDLIFE, COASTAL AND PARK LAND CONSERVATION FUND OF 1988 (P-70), AS DESIGNATED FOR THE SACRAMENTO RIVER UNDER SECTION 5907 (c)(8); AND AUTHORIZE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED.

MOTION CARRIED.

8. Upper Sacramento River Wildlife Area, River Mile 157-L,
Colusa County \$210,000.00

Mr. Schmidt reported that this item was pulled from the consent calendar pursuant to a citizen's request (Mrs. Nadine Ohliger) and heard at this time. He further noted that this proposal was a continuation of projects along the Sacramento River that are being acquired pursuant to the mandates of Proposition 70 which designated \$4 million for acquisitions on the Sacramento River. Ms. Lipphardt explained this proposal and pointed out the other proposed acquisitions on a map.

This proposal was to consider the acquisition of 106+ acres of land located on the east bank of the Sacramento River approximately eight miles north of Colusa. The property is accessed from the river road by crossing over a levee, which forms the east boundary of the property. Other Department property in the area includes 131+ acres of riparian lands at River Mile 155-R and 124.5+ acres of riparian and orchard lands at River Mile 159.5-R.

The subject property includes approximately 41 acres of orchard property, 7.5 acres of open land and balance in riparian jungle, transition land and the levee. The farmed area will be allowed to revert to riparian habitat. The Department will manage the lands in conjunction with its other holdings in the area and is considering leasing the orchard portion for a short time to allow for the gradual restoration to riparian habitat.

The owner has agreed to sell the subject property for \$195,000.00, which reflects a donation of \$12,000 from the approved fair market value of \$207,000. Processing costs are estimated to be \$15,000 which includes the costs of title, escrow and Department of General Services review.

Staff recommended that the Board approve the acquisition of this property as proposed; allocate \$210,000.00 from the California Wildlife, Coastal and Park Land Conservation Fund of 1988 (P-70), as designated for the Sacramento River under Section 5907 (c)(8); and authorize staff and the Department of Fish and Game to proceed substantially as planned.

Mr. Schmidt noted that letters of support had been received from the Defenders of Wildlife, Mountain Lion Foundation and the Sacramento River Preservation Fund. Mr. Schmidt also noted that a letter had been received from an adjacent landowner, Benjamin Carter, to this property and read parts of the letter to the Board. Mr. Schmidt read from the letter, "We do not object to the sale of the land; however, we are very concerned with the proposed change in land use from productive farm land to wildlife habitat" and "we request that the Department provide assurance of an effective plan to mitigate any negative impacts on our operations due to change in land use and to provide for sufficient remedies should negative implications occur". Mr. Schmidt indicated that Mr. Ron Bertram from the Department of Fish and Game's Region 2 Office was present should there be any questions.

Mrs. Nadine Ohliger, Sacramento River landowner, addressed the methods of acquisition, management, and the disregard for the people who work and live in Colusa County. She also expressed concerns which included the fact that the land was being sold for too much money, taxes aren't paid, levee

maintenance not being considered, drainage district problems, Board of Supervisors were not notified of meeting, and resultant destruction of adjacent crops.

Mr. Schmidt introduced Ms. Susanne Burton, Chief Deputy Director of the Department of Finance, who joined the meeting during this discussion.

Mr. Schmidt reported that the appraisal on the property was a valid appraisal completed by a professional appraiser and was reviewed and approved by the Department of General Services. Mr. Bontadelli stated that State law requires the Department to offer the approved appraised value of the property and no more than or less than this approved value, thus the donation on this particular parcel.

Ms. Burton asked for clarification of payments to drainage districts and the responsibility of levee maintenance. Mr. Bontadelli reported that payments for special assessment districts and tax appraisal issues are handled pursuant to the in-lieu fee schedule specified in code. In the in-lieu fee section of the code, DFG is the only state agency that is obligated to pay fees depending on the property classification. If the property is acquired pursuant to a classification as a wildlife area, then an in-lieu fee payment is made pursuant to code in an amount equal to that which was paid at the time of acquisition. In some cases levee maintenance would be covered under in-lieu fees. There is a categorical exemption pursuant to State law for lands classified as an ecological reserve. Payment of in-lieu fees is only made if an appropriation is provided for that purpose in the budget. In-lieu fee payments were suspended in this year's budget. With respect to this particular property, the levee maintenance obligation rests with the Department of Water Resources to maintain the levee even though the in-lieu fees are not being paid.

Mr. Schmidt reported that several years ago the Board adopted a formal policy that notification be made to all adjacent landowners. He further added that the County Board of Supervisors are notified by letter of proposals before an agenda is prepared and then they are sent a preliminary agenda by Certified Mail.

Mr. Franzoia clarified that the property was purchased from a willing landowner. Mr. Schmidt confirmed that it was.

Mr. McCracken asked if there were any questions or concerns, and since there was no further discussion, the following action was taken.

Mr. Bontadelli reported that he appreciated the concerns raised by the witness, but he also believed that the voters of the State of California mandated this acquisition program by passing, with a majority vote, the Proposition 70 initiative which contained specific appropriations for the Sacramento River Riparian Corridor. Those areas currently contain close to 60 percent of all endangered species within the Sacramento Valley area and are dependent upon this particular type of habitat. The specific benefits of this parcel are well laid out in the agenda and for those reasons moved the acquisition.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. BONTADELLI THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE ACQUISITION OF THE UPPER SACRAMENTO RIVER WILDLIFE AREA, RIVER MILE 157-L, COLUSA COUNTY, AS PROPOSED; ALLOCATE \$210,000.00 FROM THE CALIFORNIA WILDLIFE, COASTAL AND PARK LAND CONSERVATION FUND OF 1988 (P-70), AS DESIGNATED FOR THE SACRAMENTO RIVER UNDER SECTION 5907 (c)(8); AND AUTHORIZE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED.

MOTION CARRIED.

- * 9. Upper Sacramento River Wildlife Area, River Mile 183-R,
Glenn County (CONSENT CALENDAR) \$102,000.00

This proposal was to consider the acquisition of 112.18+ of land located on the west bank of the Sacramento River south of Ord Ferry Bridge and about eight miles north of the town of Glenn. The property is comprised of natural riparian habitat, subject to seasonal overflows of the Sacramento River, and includes approximately 40 acres of riparian cottonwood and willows, 40 acres of open pasture and 32+ acres of riverwash. The property is adjacent to a portion of lands the Board recently approved for acquisition known as the Llano Seco Rancho Wildlife Area, or Parrott Ranch. That approval involved acquisition in both fee and easements of 14,000 acres by The Nature Conservancy, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Board. The subject parcel is also owned by the Parrott Ranch Company who has agreed to sell the property for the approved fair market value of \$95,000. Processing costs are estimated to be \$7,000 which includes the costs of title, escrow and Department of General Services review.

Staff recommended that the Board approve the acquisition of this property as proposed; allocate \$102,000.00 from the California Wildlife, Coastal and Park Land Conservation Fund of 1988 (P-70), as designated for the Sacramento River under Section 5907 (c)(8); and authorize staff and the Department of Fish and Game to proceed substantially as planned.

AS ONE OF THE CONSENT ITEMS HEARD AT THE END OF THE MEETING, IT WAS MOVED BY MR. BONTADELLI THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE ACQUISITION OF THE UPPER SACRAMENTO RIVER WILDLIFE AREA, RIVER MILE 183-R, GLENN COUNTY, AS PROPOSED; ALLOCATE \$102,000.00 FROM THE CALIFORNIA WILDLIFE, COASTAL AND PARK LAND CONSERVATION FUND OF 1988 (P-70), AS DESIGNATED FOR THE SACRAMENTO RIVER UNDER SECTION 5907 (c)(8); AND AUTHORIZE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED.

MOTION CARRIED.

- *10. Upper Sacramento River Wildlife Area, River Mile 209-L,
Expansion #1, Butte County (CONSENT CALENDAR) \$35,000.000

This proposal was to consider the acquisition of 32+ acres of land located on the east bank of the Sacramento River approximately eight miles north of Hamilton City and adjacent to 20+ acres of existing Department of Fish and Game lands. The subject is a 32+ acre portion of a larger parcel of 107 acres. The portion being acquired is undeveloped and consists of riparian jungle, river wash and 8+ acres of semi-cleared land. Access to the property is by way of the river and through the Department lands on the north, which include an access easement across neighboring properties to the east. The property will be managed in conjunction with the adjacent Department land.

The owner has agreed to sell the subject parcel at the approved fair market value of \$31,600. Processing costs are estimated to be \$3,400 which includes the costs of title, escrow and Department of General Services review.

Staff recommended that the Board approve the acquisition of this property as proposed; allocate \$35,000.00 from the California Wildlife, Coastal and Park Land Conservation Fund of 1988 (P-70), as designated for the Sacramento River under Section 5907 (c)(8); and authorize staff and the Department of Fish and Game to proceed substantially as planned.

AS ONE OF THE CONSENT ITEMS HEARD AT THE END OF THE MEETING, IT WAS MOVED BY MR. BONTADELLI THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE ACQUISITION OF THE UPPER SACRAMENTO RIVER WILDLIFE AREA, RIVER MILE 209-L, EXPANSION #1, BUTTE COUNTY, AS PROPOSED; ALLOCATE \$35,000.00 FROM THE CALIFORNIA WILDLIFE, COASTAL AND PARK LAND CONSERVATION FUND OF 1988 (P-70), AS DESIGNATED FOR THE SACRAMENTO RIVER UNDER SECTION 5907 (c)(8); AND AUTHORIZE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED.

MOTION CARRIED.

11. Napa Marsh Wildlife Area, Camp Two West, Sonoma County \$317,000.00

MR. SCHMIDT REPORTED THAT THIS ITEM HAD BEEN WITHDRAWN FROM THE AGENDA.

To consider the acquisition of 133.02+ acres of land near Sonoma for wetland preservation and restoration in the Napa Marsh Complex.

12. Butte Valley WLA Wetland Development (Well), Siskiyou County \$135,000.00

Mr. Schmidt reported that the Department of Fish and Game was proposing to develop a new irrigation well at Unit 7A of the Butte Valley Wildlife Area (BVWA) to maintain 1,135+ acres of wetlands. Mr. Clyde Edon was asked to explain the general wildlife area as well as where this particular project would take place. The BVWA is located three miles west of Macdoel, in Siskiyou County. The project will include drilling and casing a new well and installing an appropriate pumping unit.

The 13,200 acre wildlife area, acquired in 1981 by the Board, is managed primarily to provide nesting and migratory habitat for waterfowl and for several threatened or endangered species. The threatened Greater sandhill crane and Swainson's hawk and the endangered Bald eagle use the area. Approximately 7,500 acres of seasonal and semipermanent wetlands are present and another 2,650 acres of uplands is being considered for possible restoration to wetlands in the future.

Unit 7A is managed to provide nesting and brood rearing habitat for waterfowl including Canada geese, mallard, pintail, cinnamon teal, gadwall, ruddy duck, shoveler as well as other birds which nest or raise their broods here. It is estimated that 26 percent of the geese and 26 percent of the ducks on BVWA raise their broods at this unit. While 20 to 25 percent of the Canada geese actually nest in Unit 7A. Due to the lack of fall water, this unit only provides habitat for spring migrating waterfowl and other water-associated birds. Other water-associated birds that use this unit include sandhill cranes, swans, white pelicans, black tern, herons, grebes, short-eared owls and others.

During the years from 1983 to 1987, approximately 1,135 acres of wetlands were developed or enhanced with the construction of interior levees, the installation of 16 water control structures, a low-lift pumping station and numerous waterfowl nesting islands. To date approximately \$600,000 has been spent developing this wetland area. Funds were derived from Proposition 19 (WCB), State Duck Stamp and Ducks Unlimited. The wetland is operated and maintained with Pittman-Robertson Funds which are made available to the Department of Fish and Game to manage the BVWA.

Water to create these wetlands normally comes from Meiss Lake, either by pumping or through gravity flow, depending on which pond is to be filled. Currently, three of the seven ponds are filled by gravity flow and the other four by low-lift pumping. However, when the lake is low, which is typical many summers, these wetlands are not flooded. While the lake has been completely dry in 1987, 1988 and 1990, the level is normally not high enough to flood the wetlands until February or March and is usually too low to flood the area by June. Consequently, the wetlands dry prematurely in the summer and do not provide secure brood water for ducks. By fall, the wetlands are virtually dry and do not provide any habitat for fall migrating birds.

A new irrigation well would allow for flooding the wetlands each summer and fall providing wetland habitat throughout the season. A new well will also provide fresh water to dilute the salts which accumulate in this closed

basin, and improve the water quality and vegetative composition of the wetlands.

When fully developed, 5,000 to 10,000 waterfowl are expected to use this unit each fall. The threatened Greater sandhill crane occasionally feeds here and with enhanced wetlands may also begin nesting here. Many other water-associated birds are also expected to nest in this unit. Public use, especially waterfowl hunting, is expected to increase significantly while bird watching and nature study uses can also be expected to increase as wetlands are enhanced.

It is proposed that the well be drilled to about 800 feet to intercept the high volume high cascades aquifer where it is expected to produce at least 2,000 gallons per minute. The estimated cost of the new well, in a fully operational condition, is as follows:

Well Construction

Drilling (\$60/foot x 800 feet)	\$ 48,000
Casing (16-inch; \$25/foot x 800 feet)	20,000
Sanitary Seal	2,000
Well test	<u>5,000</u>

Subtotal	\$ 75,000
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Pump

100 Horsepower electric motor with pump, intake and discharge pipe and bowls	\$ 25,500
Electrical Panel	4,500
Concrete Pad	<u>1,000</u>

Subtotal	\$ 31,000
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Engineering & Contract Administration (15%)	\$ 16,000
Contingency (10%)	<u>\$ 13,000</u>

TOTAL ESTIMATED COST	\$135,000
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The project will be completed by contract administered by the Department of Fish and Game.

The Department has filed a Categorical Exemption pursuant to the requirements of CEQA which was filed and posted with the Governor's Office of Planning and Research. The Department will also obtain all permits and clearances required for this project prior to beginning construction.

Staff recommended that the Board approve this wetland development project as proposed; allocate \$135,000.00 from the California Wildlife, Coastal and Park Land Conservation Fund of 1988 (P-70), as designated for wetlands outside the coastal zone under Section 5907 (c)(1)(B); and authorize staff and the Department of Fish and Game to proceed substantially as planned.

Mr. Schmidt noted that letters of support had been received from the Defenders of Wildlife and the Mountain Lion Foundation.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. BONTADELLI THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE WETLAND DEVELOPMENT AT THE BUTTE VALLEY WILDLIFE AREA, SISKIYOU COUNTY, AS PROPOSED; ALLOCATE \$135,000.00 FROM THE CALIFORNIA WILDLIFE, COASTAL AND PARK LAND CONSERVATION FUND OF 1988 (P-70), AS DESIGNATED FOR WETLANDS OUTSIDE THE COASTAL ZONE UNDER SECTION 5907 (c)(1)(B); AND AUTHORIZE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED.

MOTION CARRIED.

13. San Joaquin River Ecological Reserve Wetland Enhancement
(Milburn Unit), Fresno County \$44,500.00

Mr. Schmidt reported that the Department of Fish and Game was proposing to construct 6-10 small nesting islands to create wetland/riparian habitat in the 286 acre San Joaquin River Ecological Reserve (Milburn Unit). The area was acquired, pursuant to Wildlife Conservation Board authorization in 1988, for the preservation of riparian and wetland habitat along the San Joaquin River. Mr. Edon explained the project.

At the time of acquisition, the area was under lease for a gravel operation. One term of the lease required the lessee to operate pumps, at their cost, to keep the area from flooding, mainly from seepage from the San Joaquin River. As this lease has now expired, the Department proposes to reshape the topography of this former gravel quarry in order to enhance its value as wildlife habitat. The management plan calls for allowing 240+ acres of this parcel, which is relatively flat, to flood by turning off existing pumps and letting seepage water attain a level static with the San Joaquin River. However, before doing this the Department plans to create nesting islands and a deep water channel.

The work proposed will consist of building up a series of 6-10 small nesting islands, not larger than 100 x 200 feet, with most considerably smaller, and a small moat along the south-central boundary to prevent pet and human intrusion into the wetland area. Some of the material from the moat will be used to level off potential shallow water mosquito breeding areas immediately adjacent to the bluffs and the remainder can be used for island construction if suitable. Contacts made with local contractors indicate that it will cost approximately \$44,500.00 to move and shape an estimated 2,300 cubic yards of material to complete this project. The work will be completed by contract administered by the Department of Fish and Game.

This project will result in substantial wetland and riparian habitat improvements benefiting waterfowl, ground nesting birds, resident and migratory shore birds, as well as native plants. It also establishes a "safe" resting area away from public access, but within viewing distance of binoculars and telephoto lenses. Perhaps more importantly, the project as

described will enable the Department to embark upon an ecological reserve habitat enhancement project with virtually nonexistent future operations and maintenance costs. The reserve will provide permanent wetland habitat for a variety of species and long-term public enjoyment.

The Department has completed the required Categorical Exemption under CEQA which was filed and posted with the Governor's Office of Planning and Research on November 20, 1990. The Department will also obtain all permits and clearances required by law prior to beginning construction of the proposed project.

Mr. Schmidt noted that this was a prime project as it is self-maintaining. The river waters and seepage will continue to flood the area and will not cost the DFG continuing operation and maintenance costs. With the project being in close proximity to Fresno and Madera, it provides a good opportunity for bird watching and waterfowl observation from the bluff.

Staff recommended that the Board approve this wetland/riparian habitat enhancement project as proposed; allocate \$44,500.00 from the California Wildlife, Coastal and Park Land Conservation Fund of 1988 (P-70), as designated for wetlands outside the coastal zone under Section 5907 (c)(1)(B); and authorize staff and the Department of Fish and Game to proceed substantially as planned.

Mr. Schmidt noted that Mr. Lee Ashford, Department of Fish and Game Region 4 Office, was present should there be any questions. He added that letters of support had been received from the Defenders of Wildlife and the Mountain Lion Foundation.

Ms. Burton expressed her concerns over the mixed development planned in the area and how it fits, and will it continue to be used by waterfowl and wildlife. Mr. Bontadelli responded that the area lies within the San Joaquin River floodplain. There is a significant bluff on the top side of the area near the moat and the purpose of the moat is to ensure long-term separation. This floodplain area will not be developed itself because it would require a significant amount of levee work and other items which are not economically feasible at this time. The proposed area is part of an overall area that is under consideration pursuant to legislation by Assemblyman Costa for the San Joaquin River Parkway. This parkway would be similar in many respects to parts of the American River Parkway in Sacramento which has development up to a certain point and then from the levee inward it creates an area with significant wildlife values. This would allow the use of the ongoing flow of the San Joaquin River on a natural basis to maintain the area. The area is being restored closer to its condition prior to the time when it was used for gravel mining, by recontouring the land to the type of irregular intervals that were there to allow a diversity of growth to occur. There would also be fishing in the deeper ponds.

Ms. Burton asked if the former owner had any responsibility to restore the property. Mr. Bontadelli responded "no", because this particular mining operation was one of the long-term mines on the San Joaquin River that pre-dated the Mining Reclamation and Restoration Acts that the State currently has in place. The net result is that this one was grandfathered in, so we are attempting to utilize some of the deeper basins that were a result of the mining thus creating bass habitat and fishing opportunities. One area has a significant sediment control factor that will be used as a sediment trap basin and that over the next several years of highwater flooding should reconstitute itself without any significant expenditure of public funds. Mr. Edon added that there is a 100 foot elevation difference between the ponds and the bluff.

Mr. Franzoia asked if the Department worked with the developer of the property on how to mitigate and how much development goes that close to the edge of the parcel. Mr. Edon stated that was part of standard procedures. Mr. Bontadelli added that the approving agency in this case was Fresno County and the formal setbacks are actually determined as part of the overall EIR process and the mitigatory measures required pursuant thereto.

IT WAS MOVED BY MS. BURTON THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE DEVELOPMENT OF WETLAND/RIPARIAN HABITAT AT THE SAN JOAQUIN RIVER ECOLOGICAL RESERVE (MILBURN UNIT), FRESNO COUNTY, AS PROPOSED; ALLOCATE \$44,500.00 FROM THE CALIFORNIA WILDLIFE, COASTAL AND PARK LAND CONSERVATION FUND OF 1988 (P-70), AS DESIGNATED FOR WETLANDS OUTSIDE THE COASTAL ZONE UNDER SECTION 5907 (c)(1)(B); AND AUTHORIZE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED.

MOTION CARRIED.

14. Laguna Laurel Ecological Reserve, Orange County

\$4,015,000.00

Mr. Schmidt reported that this proposal was to consider the acquisition of an 82+ acre parcel of land containing both southern California riparian habitat as well as habitat that is considered a highly rare example of the State's natural diversity. The subject proposal is a part of a 2,150 acre cooperative acquisition project involving the City of Laguna Beach, Orange County and the Wildlife Conservation Board. The Laguna Laurel property, located at the head of Laguna Canyon, is located about 40 miles south of Los Angeles and 80 miles north of San Diego. Specifically, it lies west of Laguna Canyon Road (State Route 133), equidistant between Interstate 405 and Pacific Coast Highway (State Route 1) and is part of a larger greenbelt composed of approximately 15,000 acres that surrounds the City of Laguna Beach. This greenbelt area includes Crystal Cove State Park, the Irvine Coast Open Space Dedication areas, Laguna Laurel, property owned by the City of Laguna Beach in Sycamore Hills and Laguna Heights, Aliso Wood Canyon Regional Park, and Bommer and Shady Canyons in the City of Irvine. The 2,150 acre Laguna Laurel purchase will complete the greenbelt and precludes a planned development which would have broken up the greenbelt and significantly reduced the habitat value of the entire 15,000 acre area. While it is proposed that WCB allocate funds for the 82+ acre portion only, the Board's involvement should really be considered as an integral part of a larger purchase. Mr. Dick described the location of the project.

Although the entire parcel proposed for WCB purchase is certainly a "Significant Natural Area" about one-half of it is of prime importance for its riparian values. There are five threatened or endangered habitat types occurring on the 2,150 acre parcel. These habitat types include Laguna lakes, freshwater marshes, and streams with their associated riparian habitat; Coastal Sage Scrub (Diegan); Coastal Scrub Oak Chaparral; Oak/Sycamore Woodlands and annual grassland. In addition to the threatened or rare habitat types discussed above, a wide variety of plant and animal species of special concern occur on the Laguna Laurel property. Portions of the 82+ acre parcel provide habitat to the endangered Laguna Beach Liveforever, a perennial yellow-flowered stonecrop that grows on the thin layer of lichens, moss and soil which forms on some of the sandstone outcrops. It is known from only five populations, all found in and around Laguna Beach. The many-stemmed Dudleya is also found on the subject property. It is an unusual yellow-flowered stonecrop in that the linear leaves die back as the plant flowers in June or July. Another plant found on the property is the Orange County Turkish Rugging, a low-growing perennial endemic to the San Joaquin Hills of southern Orange County. Coastal Scrub Oak, which was formerly considered part of the wide-ranging and common inland species, is now recognized as a separate species having a very restricted range. Nearly all local populations of this oak are threatened by proposed and approved development projects. In addition, plants of interest occurring on the 2,150 acre parcel include Yerba Mansa, a perennial with clusters of showy white flowers which occurs in the freshwater marshes, Marsilea, an aquatic fern with four-leaf-clover-like leaves, American pillwort and Seep monkey flower.

The San Diego Coast horned lizards and the Orange-throated whiptail, both species of special concern, are found in open, sandy spaces within the Coastal Sage Scrub. Birds utilizing the habitats include California Black-tailed gnatcatcher, which is nearly always confined to Coastal Sage Scrub habitat, and is undergoing population declines as the habitat is destroyed, and the Yellow warbler which was once found in riparian habitats throughout the state in the summer and which has been confirmed in riparian habitats on the subject site. Tricolored blackbirds, associated with riparian areas, have been observed on-site during the breeding season and the Coastal Cactus Wren is found associated with stand of Coast Cholla in the drier areas of the Coastal Sage Scrub throughout Laguna Canyon. Canada geese feed annually on this property in late fall or early winter.

Resident mammals include mule deer, bobcat, coyote, skunk, fox, raccoon, hare, rabbit, as well as an occasional visit by mountain lions. Raptors inhabiting the area include red-tailed hawks, Cooper's hawks, black-shouldered kites, red-shouldered hawks, barn owls and screech owls.

The Department of Fish and Game has highly recommended this purchase and plans to participate in a cooperative management agreement with the other agencies involved in this project. While some very limited fishing may be available on the project area, most public use will be limited to nonconsumptive uses. This will include hiking, photography, bird watching and educational uses.

The 82+ acre parcel proposed for WCB purchase has an approved market value of \$4,000,000. The City of Laguna Beach has agreed to sell this portion of the optioned area at this price. In addition, it is anticipated \$15,000 will be needed to cover acquisition costs of acquiring the property including title, escrow and Department of General Services charges. Funding is available for this purchase from the 1988 Bond Act (Proposition 70) as noted in the staff recommendation below.

The proposed acquisition is within Class 13 of Categorical Exemptions from CEQA as an acquisition of land for wildlife conservation purposes.

Mr. Schmidt reported that the project has received heavy support and letters had been received from Senator Bergeson, Angeles Chapter of the Sierra Club, League of Women Voters, Coastal Conservancy, Orange County Board of Supervisor Thomas Riley, Village Laguna Incorporated, Temple Hill Community Association, Leisure World Community Association, Laguna Hills Audubon Society, Planning and Conservation League, Homeland Foundation, Defenders of Wildlife, Mountain Lion Foundation and several private letters. Mr. Schmidt also noted that Mr. Bob Fisher, Orange County, and Mr. Rob Clark, Deputy City Manager of the City of Laguna Beach and Mr. Bill Geyer from the Irvine company were present.

Staff recommended that the Board approve the acquisition of the Laguna Laurel project as proposed; allocate a total of \$4,015,000.00: \$2,000,000.00 from the California Wildlife, Coastal and Park Land Conservation Fund of 1988, as designated for southern California riparian habitat under Section 5907 (c)(3), and \$2,015,000.00 from the Wildlife and Natural Areas Conservation Fund, Section 2720 (a) as established by the California

Wildlife, Coastal and Park Land Conservation Act of 1988 (P-70) to cover the purchase price and related costs; and authorize staff and the Department of Fish and Game to proceed substantially as planned.

Mr. Rob Clark, Deputy City Manager of the City of Laguna Beach, expressed his appreciation and enthusiasm for our participation in this joint venture and was happy to answer any questions there might be.

Mr. Bob Fisher, Director of Harbors, Beaches and Parks for the County of Orange, also thanked the Board for considering this acquisition. He added that the City, County and DFG expect to manage this property as a cooperative venture. The County has expressed a willingness to finance all the operation and maintenance expenses of this property and the surrounding 15,000 acres. The voters of the City of Laguna Beach adopted a \$20 M General Obligation Bond, which had an 80% approval. The County is contributing \$10 M toward the acquisition costs, as well.

Mr. Bontadelli clarified for the record that two very specific funds were used to ensure appropriate utilization of Prop. 70 funds. Pursuant to the correct subsections of Prop 70, riparian funds and endangered species funds were used to acquire the areas which have the highest endangered species and riparian values are the ones that DFG technically acquired. The City and County are then cooperating on the balance of the areas for a total integrated project.

Ms. Burton asked what was the source of funds for the operation and maintenance. Mr. Fisher responded that the County has agreed, in an agreement with the City of Laguna Beach, to serve as the managing entity and provide ongoing operation and maintenance expenses through the Harbors, Beaches and Parks fund which is a dedicated property tax source.

Chairman McCracken expressed his opinion, after having read several pages of written material and hearing testimony before the Fish and Game Commission to list the Black-tailed gnatcatcher as an endangered specie, that there is no justification that this bird is rapidly declining. He further added that this was a good project and a good contribution for this Board to make towards the acquisition.

IT WAS MOVED BY MS. BURTON THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE ACQUISITION OF THE LAGUNA LAUREL ECOLOGICAL RESERVE, ORANGE COUNTY, AS PROPOSED; ALLOCATE A TOTAL OF \$4,015,000.00; \$2,000,000.00 FROM THE CALIFORNIA WILDLIFE, COASTAL AND PARK LAND CONSERVATION FUND OF 1988 (P-70), AS DESIGNATED FOR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RIPARIAN HABITAT UNDER SECTION 5907 (c)(3), AND \$2,015,000.00 FROM THE WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AREAS CONSERVATION FUND, SECTION 2720 (a) AS ESTABLISHED BY THE CALIFORNIA WILDLIFE, COASTAL AND PARK LAND CONSERVATION ACT OF 1988 (P-70) TO COVER THE PURCHASE PRICE AND RELATED COSTS; AND AUTHORIZE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED.

MOTION CARRIED.

15. Monache Meadows Wildlife Area, Tulare County

\$905,000.00

Mr. Schmidt reported that this proposal was to consider the acquisition of a 248+ acre parcel of land in the high Sierra about 10 air miles west of Highway 395. Mr. Dick described the location. The area, known as Monache Meadows, is located within the Inyo National Forest, near the central east portion of Tulare County. The meadow area lies at roughly 8,000 feet in elevation and offers some of the most spectacular scenery in the State of California. Monache Meadows is bounded by Kingfisher Ridge to the west, Brown Mountain to the north, the Sequoia National Forest to the south and Olancho Peak to the east. Brown Mountain and Kingfisher Ridge both lie in the Golden Trout Wilderness and Olancho Peak rises above the valley floor to 12,000 feet, dominating the eastern skyline. Mt. Whitney is visible 25 miles to the north. Access to the parcel is difficult, but a seasonal four-wheel drive road from Black Rock Ranger Station and Sherman Pass Road via Monache Jeep Trail can be used.

Monache Creek and the South Fork of the Kern River, home to some of the last wild Golden trout (State fish) traverse the property. Fisheries management in this area emphasizes maintaining and restoring golden trout populations which have experienced dramatic reductions due to loss of suitable habitat. Much of this habitat loss is a result of streambank vegetation loss and erosion, largely due to cattle grazing along the stream banks. Acquisition will allow the Department to restore key streambank habitat thereby decreasing erosion, increasing food supplies and enhancing cover for hiding. Instream restoration measures would then be taken as appropriate.

In addition to the Golden trout, the property contains unique and varied habitat providing home to many plant and wildlife species of special concern. These include the threatened Sierra Nevada Fox and wolverine, the endangered Great gray owl and the rare Bedeckers lupine. Others of special concern include the pine marten, Pacific fisher, goshawk, the spotted owl and the Kern County milk vetch.

The property, as well as the surrounding area, also provides key habitat to the Monache deer herd, a migratory herd of mule deer located in eastern Tulare and Kern counties. In fact, it is estimated that 6,000-8,000 deer migrate through, or utilize holding areas in the Monache Meadow area, with approximately half of them summering in this area.

Forty acres of the property is subject to a life estate and buildings on this property include two groups of buildings referred to as "East Camp and West Camp". The value of the life estate has been estimated to be \$46,562.00, an amount already reduced from the proposed allocation necessary to complete this purchase.

The Department of Fish and Game has recommended acquisition of this property and management objectives in addition to those already discussed will include reintroduction of extirpated species like the willow flycatcher and yellow warbler and improvement of access via hiking trails. While providing hiking opportunities, the area also provides many other recreational opportunities including primitive camping, wildlife observation, scientific study, photography, hunting and fishing.

The Trust for Public Land acquired the property some time ago to preclude further development of the area which would lead to continued and possibly accelerated degradation of this habitat. As is normal with their program, areas are acquired for future sale to public agencies with the goal in this case being habitat preservation and restoration. They have agreed to sell the subject land at the approved fair market value of \$895,000. Acquisition costs are estimated to be an additional \$10,000 for title insurance, escrow fees and the Department of General Services review charges. The acquisition is exempt from CEQA under Section 15313 as an acquisition of land for wildlife conservation purposes and a Notice of Exemption has been filed.

Staff recommended that the Board approve the acquisition of this 248+ acre parcel as proposed; allocate a total of \$905,000.00 from the Wildlife and Natural Areas Conservation Fund, \$700,000.00 from Section 2720 (a) and \$205,000.00 from Section 2720 (c), as established by the California Wildlife, Coastal and Park Land Conservation Act of 1988 (P-70) for the purchase price and related costs; and authorize staff and the Department of Fish and Game to proceed substantially as planned.

Mr. Schmidt noted that Mr. Lee Ashford, from the Department of Fish and Game's Region 4 Office, was present should there be any questions. He also noted that letters of support had been received from the Defenders of Wildlife and the Mountain Lion Foundation. Mr. Schmidt thanked his staff and The Trust for Public Land, who was also present, for putting together this acquisition.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. BONTADELLI THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE ACQUISITION OF THE MONACHE MEADOWS WILDLIFE AREA, TULARE COUNTY, AS PROPOSED; ALLOCATE A TOTAL OF \$905,000.00 FROM THE WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AREAS CONSERVATION FUND, \$700,000.00 FROM SECTION 2720 (a)-SIGNIFICANT NATURAL AREAS PORTION AND \$205,000.00 FROM SECTION 2720 (c)-THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES PORTION, AS ESTABLISHED BY THE CALIFORNIA WILDLIFE, COASTAL AND PARK LAND CONSERVATION ACT OF 1988 (P-70) FOR THE PURCHASE PRICE AND RELATED COSTS; AND AUTHORIZE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED.

MOTION CARRIED.

16. Boggs Lake Ecological Reserve, Lake County

\$140,000.00

Mr. Schmidt reported that this item was to consider the acquisition of five parcels of land totaling 45.57+ acres. The properties are located along the edge of Boggs Lake, which is eight miles southwest of Clear Lake and north of the town of Cobb in Lake County. All of the lands are adjacent to The Nature Conservancy's Boggs Lake Preserve and are proposed to be managed by the Conservancy as part of their Preserve. This acquisition will enable The Nature Conservancy (TNC) to include the last private holding to the north within the Preserve program, thereby protecting the entire lake shoreline. Ms. Lipphardt explained the project and its location.

Boggs Lake is an unusual example of an upland vernal pool which occurs on volcanic substrate. This natural community type, Volcanic Ash Flow Vernal Pool, is ranked highly rare and threatened by the Natural Diversity Data Base and is known from only a few localities in Lake County. The community supports at least four rare and highly threatened plant species adapted to this unique environment. The lake also provides wetland habitat for a variety of waterfowl and marsh birds.

The vernal pool is formed by a shallow depression in the volcanic ash which lies over an impermeable layer of rock or clay. The pool is not fed by streams or springs, but acts as a catch basin for rainfall and run-off, and gradually evaporates through the summer. As the lake dries, a number of vernal pool plant species bloom in concentric rings along the diminishing shoreline. The lake's peculiar geological and hydrological conditions give rise to a unique flora of species adapted to survive the extreme seasonal variation in moisture. However, this is a fragile community, easily damaged by erosion, heavy runoff, or direct disturbance of the soils.

Of the rare plants associated with the vernal pool, the two Navarretia species, Many-flowered navarretia and Few-flowered Navarretia and Boggs Lake hedge hyssop are among the rarest. Many-flowered navarretia and Boggs Lake hedge hyssop are State-listed endangered plants found in a dozen or fewer locations, most of which are highly disturbed or damaged. Boggs Lake supports excellent populations of the hyssop in a relatively undisturbed condition, and historically has supported the Few-flowered navarretia. The lake shore area also supports one of the last three known populations of Bolander's Horkelia.

The margins of the vernal pool are fringed by grassland and mixed conifer forest dominated by California Black Oak, Ponderosa Pine, Douglas Fir and Madrone. On the west shore of the lake, a wet meadow area supports additional populations of Many-flowered navarretia.

The vernal pool at Boggs Lake is unusual in its size and its location amidst a mixed conifer forest. The variety of community types -- vernal pool, meadow, oak-pine forest -- provide habitat for a diverse flora and fauna. The lake is a particular attraction to waterfowl such as wood ducks and hooded mergansers, and marsh birds such as Green and Great blue herons. The lake shore is utilized by numerous insectivorous birds, such as the Willow flycatcher. Including the surrounding meadow, grassland and conifer forest,

Boggs Lake supports 142 species of migratory and resident birds. Notable winter visitors are osprey and bald eagle. Golden eagles are also occasional visitors.

Boggs Lake is listed in the 1988 Annual Report of Significant Natural Areas of California prepared by the Lands and Natural Areas Project.

One of the parcels involved in this proposal has been optioned by The Nature Conservancy and will be purchased directly from them after they exercise their option. The balance of the parcels are owned by TNC and they have agreed to sell the optioned parcel and the other properties to the State at their combined approved appraised value of \$132,980. Processing costs are estimated to be \$7,020 which includes the costs of title, escrow and Department of General Services review. The acquisition is exempt from CEQA under Class 13 of Categorical Exemptions as an acquisition for wildlife conservation purposes. The State Lands Commission has been notified of the Board's intention to acquire these parcels and has indicated that the subject lands do not involve any State sovereign interest.

Staff recommended that the Board approve this acquisition as proposed; allocate a total of \$140,000.00 from the Wildlife and Natural Areas Conservation Fund, Section 2720 (a) pursuant to Section 2721 (b), (c), and (d), as established by the California Wildlife, Coastal and Park Land Conservation Act of 1988; and authorize staff and the Department of Fish and Game to proceed substantially as planned.

Letters of support were received from Defenders of Wildlife and the Mountain Lion Foundation.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. BONIADELLI THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE ACQUISITION OF THE BOGGS LAKE ECOLOGICAL RESERVE, LAKE COUNTY, AS PROPOSED; ALLOCATE \$140,000.00 FROM THE WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AREAS CONSERVATION FUND, SECTION 2720 (a) PURSUANT TO SECTION 2721 (b), (c) and (d), AS ESTABLISHED BY THE CALIFORNIA WILDLIFE, COASTAL AND PARK LAND CONSERVATION ACT OF 1988 (P-70); AND AUTHORIZE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED.

MOTION CARRIED.

17. Goat Rock Ecological Reserve, Sonoma County

\$40,000.00

Mr. Schmidt report this proposal was to consider the acquisition of a conservation easement over 28+ acres within a 72+ acre mountain recreational homesite located about three miles northerly of Cazadero and two air miles west of the Austin Creek State Recreation Area. Mr. Dick explained the project's location. The parcel lies about 12 miles northerly of the Russian River, in Sonoma County and has frontage on King Ridge Road. The conservation easement area covers an area known as Goat Rock, a steep cliff that ranges from 360 feet to 1,080 feet in elevation. The site is an active nesting area for peregrine falcon which nest on the steep cliff of Goat Rock, perch on the trees on the ridge above the cliff and hunt over the deep canyons. The falcon is currently listed both State and Federally, as an endangered species.

The area has potential for increased development which would negatively impact the eyrie site, therefore the Department of Fish and Game has recommended acquiring a conservation easement over the area to provide long-term nest site protection as well as management capability for the Department. Management costs are anticipated to be minimal since the primary purpose is to preserve the existing habitat and Department management would be limited to monitoring compliance with the terms of the conservation easement.

The owners have agreed to sell a conservation easement over this 28+ acre portion of their property for the approved appraised value of \$34,000.00. In addition to the appraised value, it is anticipated that an additional \$6,000 will be needed to cover appraisal, escrow and Department of General Services charges which would bring the total allocation necessary to acquire this conservation easement to \$40,000.00. The project is exempt from CEQA under Class 13 of categorical exemptions as an acquisition of land for wildlife conservation purposes.

Staff recommended that the Board approve the purchase of this conservation easement as proposed; allocate \$40,000.00 from the Wildlife and Natural Areas Conservation Fund [Section 2720 (c) - threatened and endangered species], as established by the California Wildlife, Coastal and Park Land Conservation Act of 1988 for the purchase and related costs; and authorize staff and the Department of Fish and Game to proceed substantially as planned.

Mr. Schmidt noted that letters of support had been received from the Defenders of Wildlife and the Mountain Lion Foundation.

IT WAS MOVED BY MS. BURTON THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE ACQUISITION OF A CONSERVATION EASEMENT AT THE GOAT ROCK ECOLOGICAL RESERVE, SONOMA COUNTY, AS PROPOSED; ALLOCATE \$40,000.00 FROM THE WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AREAS CONSERVATION FUND, AS DESIGNATED FOR THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES UNDER SECTION 2720 (c), AS ESTABLISHED BY THE CALIFORNIA WILDLIFE, COASTAL AND PARK LAND CONSERVATION ACT OF 1988 (P-70) FOR THE PURCHASE AND RELATED COSTS; AND AUTHORIZE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED.

MOTION CARRIED.

HABITAT CONSERVATION FUND (P-117)
(Items 18 and 19)

With concurrence of the Chair, Mr. Schmidt reported that he would like to consider Items 18 and 19 as one item as they are related. Mr. Schmidt reported that in preparing the 1991/92 budget, the Department of Finance choose to fund some Department of Fish and Game and Department of Water Resource proposals through the WCB in order to meet the funding requirements of Proposition 117. Proposition 117 provides no funds but is a funding mechanism for \$30 M/year, to five different agencies, for 30 years for wildlife projects, including \$11 M/year to WCB which after five years increases to \$21 M/year for the remaining 25 years. Funds are to be obtained from various areas chosen by the Legislature with the Department of Finance's input to include Environmental License Plate Funds, Prop. 99 funds, bond act funds or general funds if they can't get them from other sources. In order to put this together, the Department of Finance, and the Legislature chose to fund \$5,380,000 for stream restoration projects as noted in Item #18 and \$1,023,000 (Item #19) in wetland restoration projects through the Wildlife Conservation Board. The projects are identified in the budget.

Therefore, the 1991 Budget Act appropriates \$6.3 million to the Wildlife Conservation Board to be expended on specific projects pursuant to the requirements of the California Wildlife Protection Act of 1990, commonly known as Proposition 117 or the Mountain Lion Initiative. In addition, the Budget Act explicitly requires that \$5.7 million be available for the Department of Fish and Game and \$605,000 be expended by the Department of Water Resources for specific projects. The purpose of Agenda Items #18 and #19 was to seek Board approval for the expenditure of these funds.

18. Stream Restoration and Fishery Enhancement Projects \$5,380,000.00
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Pursuant to the requirements of the Salmon, Steelhead, Trout, and Anadromous Fisheries Act, the Department of Fish and Game (DFG) is mandated to increase the number of salmon and steelhead trout through habitat restoration, and where appropriate, artificial propagation. In addition, the Trinity River Basin Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act of 1984 requires the Department of Fish and Game, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR), to restore anadromous fish and wildlife resources on the Trinity River Basin to levels that existed in the basin prior to the construction of the Central Valley Water Project.

It was proposed that the Board allocate funds for the following seven projects pursuant to the above mandates and the requirements of the 1991 Budget Act.

- a. Department of Fish and Game Contracts and Grants Program
for the Salmon/Steelhead Habitat Restoration (\$777,000.00)

The Department of Fish and Game is proposing to continue their fishery restoration and grant program designed to restore and enhance salmon and steelhead trout habitat. The Department proposes to grant these funds to other agencies that will allow them to undertake the habitat restoration work throughout California.

The type of projects to be funded range from the placement of log weirs that allow a stream to dig a pool where salmon or steelhead can live, to the construction of fish ladders for passage of anadromous fish around stream barriers.

- b. Department of Fish and Game Salmon/Steelhead, and
Anadromous Fisheries Studies Program (Chapter 1545-1988) . (\$663,000.00)

The Department of Fish and Game proposes to conduct a study on the effectiveness of the Salmon and Steelhead Restoration Program. This evaluation (required under the Salmon, Steelhead, Trout, and Anadromous Fisheries Act) will require the Department to inventory and categorize streams and anadromous fish populations in order to determine what measures must be taken in specific areas to fulfill the restoration requirements of the Act.

- c. Department of Fish and Game Administrative Support for
Anadromous Fisheries Program (Chapter 1545-1988) (\$70,000.00)

The Department of Fish and Game is requesting the administrative support costs associated with the Salmon, Steelhead, and Anadromous Fish project. Specifically, these funds will support the administration and implementation of this entire program.

- d. Department of Fish and Game Little Kern River
Golden Trout Restoration Program (\$252,000.00)

The Threatened Salmonids Project was established in 1977 to provide direction, coordination and funding support for the protection and restoration of threatened, endangered, and depleted native salmonids on the Little Kern River. This project involves the development of management plans for threatened and endangered salmonids; chemically treating selected waters to remove competing fish species and in turn restocking those waters with preferred salmonids; and monitoring of reestablished populations to determine the success of the project and whether additional management action are needed.

- e. Department of Fish and Game/California Conservation Corps
Contract for Salmon/Steelhead Habitat Restoration (\$991,000.00)

For the past 10 years, the Department of Fish and Game and the California Conservation Corps have cooperated in restoration of salmon and steelhead habitat. Under the direction of fish habitat specialists, the corpsmembers undertake projects to restore salmon and steelhead habitat many of which are located in remote areas throughout California. The goal of this program is to restore 100 miles of anadromous stream habitat each year.

TRINITY RIVER RESTORATION

The Trinity River Basin Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act (PL 98-541) was enacted in October of 1984. The Act authorized and funded a 10-year program designed to restore anadromous fish and wildlife resources of the Trinity River Basin to levels that existed in the basin prior to construction by the USBR of the Trinity River Division of the Central Valley Project. The restoration program is administered by the U.S. Department of the Interior through the USBR.

Under terms of a 1989 Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the USBR, the Department of Fish and Game, and the Department of Water Resources, the Department of Fish and Game is obligated to pay 7.5 percent of the Trinity River Restoration Program costs, or \$2,022,000 for Fiscal Year 1991-92. Respectively, the Department of Water Resources is obligated to pay its 7.5 percent of their costs or \$605,000 for Fiscal Year 1991-92.

Consistent with the 1989 MOA, the Department of Fish and Game and the Department of Water Resources propose to implement the following activities to fulfill their respective obligations for Fiscal Year 1991-92.

- f. Department of Fish and Game Trinity River Restoration .. (\$2,022,000.00)
(PL 98-541)

- (1) Grass Valley Creek sediment control and watershed stabilization. [\$625,000.00]
- (2) Construct adult salmon holding ponds; stockpile spawning gravel; restore spawning/rearing riffles in the main stem Trinity River below Lewiston Dam. [\$350,000.00]
- (3) Main stem Trinity River side channel development and maintenance. [\$80,000.00]
- (4) Tributary salmon/steelhead habitat restoration on various tributaries including but not limited to, North Fork Trinity River, New River, and Canyon, Horse Linto, Hostler, Browns, Willow, Mill, Supply, Socktish, Tish Tang, Weaver, Rush, Indian and Big French Creeks. [\$200,000.00]

- (5) Watershed stabilization and erosion control on various tributary watersheds along the Trinity River. [\$500,000.00]
 - (6) South Fork Trinity River Watershed/Fisheries Assessment. [\$70,000.00]
 - (7) Capabilities Assessment for modified Trinity River Hatchery. [\$80,000.00]
 - (8) Deer habitat management (browse manipulation and impact analysis) at selected sites in Trinity River Basin. [\$117,000.00]
- g. Department of Water Resources Trinity River Restoration .. (\$605,000.00)
(PL 98-541)
- (1) Institutional Organization and Permits. [\$108,900.00]
 - (2) Grass Valley Creek Sediment Load. [\$78,650.00]
 - (3) Rehabilitation of main stem Trinity River. [\$78,650.00]
 - (4) Rehabilitate main stem Tributaries. [\$36,300.00]
 - (5) Rehabilitate and maintain watersheds. [\$72,600.00]
 - (6) Rehabilitate South Fork Trinity River. [\$48,400.00]
 - (7) Interim use of artificial propagation. [\$12,100.00]
 - (8) Wildlife Management Program. [\$42,350.00]
 - (9) Monitor Anadromous Fish Stocks. [\$121,000.00]
 - (10) Stream and Land Use Evaluations. [\$6,050.00]

Pursuant to the provisions of the 1991 Budget Act, all projects are to be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Wildlife Conservation Law of 1947.

Staff recommended that the Board approve these seven Stream Restoration and Fishery Enhancement Projects, as budgeted, as one item as proposed; allocate \$5,380,000.00 from the Habitat Conservation Fund (P-117), as designated for stream restoration; and authorize staff and the Department of Fish and Game to proceed substantially as planned. Mr. Schmidt indicated that contracts would be written with the agencies involved and monitoring of projects with inspections as is done with all WCB projects.

Mr. Schmidt noted that representatives from the Department of Fish and Game and Department of Water Resources were present should there be any questions. He also reported that operation and maintenance will be either by the Department of Fish and Game or the Department of Water Resources based on who received the funds.

Mr. Bontadelli stated that in conformance with the Budget, and because contracts will be entered into to ensure compliance with the required mandates of the Wildlife Conservation Board Act for the appropriate utilization of funds both by the Department of Fish and Game and Department of Water Resources, he moved the two projects.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. BONTADELLI THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE SEVEN STREAM RESTORATION AND FISHERY ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS AS BUDGETED, AS ONE ITEM AS PROPOSED; ALLOCATE A TOTAL OF \$5,380,000.00 FROM THE HABITAT CONSERVATION FUND (P-117), AS DESIGNATED FOR STREAM RESTORATION; AND AUTHORIZE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME PROCEED SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED.

MOTION CARRIED.

Ms. Burton noted that concerns had been expressed about the funding mechanisms that were put in place because they seem to be very unusual. The Department of Finance's staff recognize this and concur with the effort WCB makes to make sure that the projects are consistent with the purposes for which the funds were made available. Finance staff will be taking another look at this funding mechanism when this year's budget is put together.

Mr. Schmidt reported that the Mountain Lion Foundation had expressed concerns regarding the proper use of Proposition 117 funds for portions of these projects, but realizing the fiscal problems in the State they did recommend approval of the projects.

19. Wetland Development and Restoration Projects

\$1,023,000.00

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a. The Department of Fish and Game is proposing to implement various wetland restoration activities such as cleaning irrigation and drainage ditches, wetland surveys, replacement of irrigation pumps, enhancing nesting habitats for waterfowl production, and the construction of nesting boxes (\$248,000.00)

b. In addition, the Department proposes several projects for wetland development and restoration. Specifically the Department proposes to initiate the following activities (\$275,000.00)

(1) Upper Butte Basin Wildlife Area, Dry Creek Unit, Butte Co.
Purchase of water, and costs associated with the water pumping operations. [\$120,000.00]

(2) Gray Lodge Wildlife Area, Butte Co.
Purchase of water. [\$50,000.00]

(3) Upper Butte Basin Wildlife Area, Howard Slough, Butte Co.
Prepare topo and resource survey of area prior to development. [\$20,000.00]

- (4) Mendota Wildlife Area, Traction Unit, Fresno Co.
Purchase water. [\$30,000.00]
 - (5) Mendota Wildlife Area (new parcel), Fresno Co.
Purchase water. [\$9,000.00]
 - (6) Joint Venture Prospectus
Contribution towards the publication of the Central Valley Habitat Joint Venture Prospectus. [\$8,000.00]
 - (7) Los Banos Wildlife Area, Merced Co.
Removal of selenium buildup. [\$38,000.00]
- c. In addition to the above mentioned development and restoration projects, the Department proposes to implement several minor capital outlay projects to further enhance the Department's Comprehensive Wetland Habitat Program. Specifically, the Department proposes the following minor capital outlay ... (\$500,000.00)
- (1) North Grasslands Wildlife Area, Salt Slough Unit, Merced Co.
Develop 433 acres of wetlands from existing cattle pasture. Construct five miles of low levees, excavate channels to obtain the earth fill for the levees, and install 13 corrugated metal pipes with gates or risers to control the water level in the wetlands. [\$130,000.00]
 - (2) Los Banos Wildlife Area, Wolfsen Unit, Merced Co.
Increase permanent pond area from 25 to 35 acres to provide additional duck habitat. Construction includes 2,750 feet of earth and small dam, along with six assorted water control measures. [\$72,000.00]
 - (3) Gray Lodge Wildlife Area, Field 65, Butte Co.
Excavate 20 acres to reconstruct existing perimeter levees, thus creating 50 acres of new marsh. Total earth removed will be 32,300 cubic yards. [\$74,000.00]
 - (4) Gray Lodge Wildlife Area, Field 52, Butte Co.
Construct approximately 4,000 feet of earth levees and three 1-acre nesting islands to provide essential brood water for nesting birds and food, water and cover for fall migrant birds. [\$224,000.00]

Pursuant to the provisions of the 1991 Budget Act, all projects are to be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Wildlife Conservation Law of 1947.

Staff recommended that the Board approve the three Wetland Development and Restoration projects as one item as proposed; allocate \$1,023,000.00 from the Habitat Conservation Fund (P-117); and authorize staff and the Department of Fish and Game to proceed substantially as planned.

Mr. Schmidt noted that Defenders of Wildlife supported this item.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. BONTADELLI THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE THREE WETLAND DEVELOPMENT RESTORATION PROJECTS AS BUDGETED, AS ONE ITEM AS PROPOSED; ALLOCATE A TOTAL OF \$1,023,000.00 FROM THE HABITAT CONSERVATION FUND (P-117); AND AUTHORIZE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO PROCEED SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED.

MOTION CARRIED.

20. Other Business

a. CONSENT CALENDAR

Mr. Schmidt advised that a vote was needed on the Consent Calendar Items #6, 7, 9 and 10, unless someone wanted an item pulled.


Mr. McCracken asked if there were any questions or concerns, and since there was no further discussion, the following action was taken.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. BONTADELLI THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS #6, #7, #9 AND #10 AS PROPOSED IN THE INDIVIDUAL AGENDA EXPLANATIONS, INCLUDING FUNDING AS NOTED THEREIN.

MOTION CARRIED.

There being no further business to consider, the meeting was adjourned at 11:03 a.m. by Chairman McCracken.

Respectfully submitted,



W. John Schmidt
Executive Director

PROGRAM STATEMENT

At the close of the meeting on August 14, 1991, the amount allocated to projects since the Wildlife Conservation Board's inception in 1947 totaled \$295,176,970.21. 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, the Pittman-Robertson Program, and the Estuarine Sanctuary Program.

The statement includes projects completed under the 1964 State Beach, Park, Recreational and Historical Facilities Bond Act, the 1970 Recreation and Fish and Wildlife Enhancement Bond Fund, the Bagley Conservation Fund, the State Beach, Park, Recreational and Historical Facilities Bond Act of 1974, the General Fund, the Energy Resources Fund, the Environmental License Plate Fund, the State, Urban and Coastal Park Bond Act of 1976, the 1984 Parklands Bond Act, the 1984 Fish and Wildlife Habitat Enhancement Bond Act, the California Wildlife Coastal and Park Land Conservation Act of 1988, Cigarette and Tobacco Products Surtax Fund of 1988, California Wildlife Protection Act of 1990 and the Wildlife Restoration Fund.

a.	Fish Hatchery and Stocking Projects	\$16,005,271.06
b.	Fish Habitat Preservation, Development & Improvement	17,569,090.35
	1. Reservoir Construction or Improvement .	\$ 3,063,613.05
	2. Stream Clearance and Improvement	11,668,289.11
	3. Stream Flow Maintenance Dams	467,219.86
	4. Marine Habitat	646,619.07
	5. Fish Screens, Ladders and Weir Projects	1,723,349.26
c.	Fishing Access Projects	33,441,414.37
	1. Coastal and Bay	\$ 3,073,374.92
	2. River and Aqueduct Access	7,032,819.31
	3. Lake and Reservoir Access	6,238,050.84
	4. Piers	17,097,169.30
d.	Game Farm Projects	146,894.49
e.	Wildlife Habitat Acq., Development & Improvement Projects ..	220,252,932.45
	1. Wildlife Areas (General)	\$ 142,233,255.43
	2. Miscellaneous Wildlife Habitat Dev. ..	4,730,841.55
	3. Wildlife Areas/EcoReserves, (Threatened, Endangered or Unique Habitat)	73,288,835.47
f.	Hunting Access Projects	533,743.57
g.	Miscellaneous Projects	6,258,012.87
h.	Special Project Allocations	311,995.42
i.	Miscellaneous Public Access Projects	657,615.63

Total Allocated to Projects \$295,176,970.21