

State of California
The Resources Agency
Department of Fish and Game
WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD

Minutes, Meeting of December 1, 1983

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Pursuant to the call of the Chairman, the Wildlife Conservation Board met in Room 317, State Capitol, Sacramento, California, on December 1, 1983. 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
	Don Carper	Member
	Katherine Hackney, vice Assemblyman Costa	Joint Interim Committee
<u>ABSENT:</u>	Nancy Ordway	Member
	Senator Barry Keene	Joint Interim Committee
	Senator Robert Presley	" " "
	Senator David Roberti	" " "
	Assemblyman Phillip Isenberg	" " "
	Assemblyman Norman S. Waters	" " "

STAFF PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Richard Conzelmann	Greater Vallejo Recreation Dist.
Mervyn J. Goodman	Landowner
Val Bramblett	Sacramento County Parks
Frances Brigmann	Marin Co. Open Space District

2. Approval of Minutes

Mr. W. John Schmidt, Executive Officer, advised that minutes of the September 16, 1983, meeting of the Wildlife Conservation Board on page 17, paragraph 4, in reference to the author of SB 512 should have been noted as "Senator Gary Hart", rather than "Senator Sam Farr". With this correction, he stated the minutes could be approved.

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IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 16, 1983, MEETING OF THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD BE CORRECTED ON PAGE 17, PARAGRAPH 4, TO INDICATE SENATOR GARY HART AS AUTHOR OF SB 512, AND THAT THE MINUTES THEN BE APPROVED AS CORRECTED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Funding Status

Mr. Schmidt provided the following report as an informational item and clarified that Item a. indicates the total balance of the Wildlife Restoration Fund after the September 16, 1983, meeting, while Item b. gives the balance of that portion appropriated by the legislature for capital outlay projects for 1983-84.

a. Wildlife Restoration Fund total

Unallocated balance at end of 5/24/83 meeting	\$4,049,452.88
Plus misc. revenues, interest & adjustments	+248,535.38
Plus 83/84 horseracing revenue	+750,000.00
Less 83/84 budget for support	-503,000.00
Less allocation of 8/8/83 meeting	-368,000.00
Less allocation of 9/16/83 meeting	-438,000.00
Present unallocated balance	\$3,738,988.26

b. 1983/84 Wildlife Restoration Fund Capital Outlay Budget

Budgeted amount	\$3,943,000.00
8/8/83 meeting allocation	-368,000.00
9/16/83 meeting allocation	-438,000.00
Unallocated balance at beginning 12/1/83 meeting	\$3,137,000.00

c. 1976 State, Urban and Coastal Park Fund

1. Coastal Wetlands

Unallocated balance at beginning of 12/1/83 meeting ... \$1,321,187.69

2. Interior Wetlands

Unallocated balance at beginning of 12/1/83 meeting ... 24,794.86

3. Development

Unallocated balance at beginning of 12/1/83 meeting ... 70,000.00

4. Camp Cady Wildlife Area Expansion, San Bernardino County \$19,000.00

Mr. Schmidt advised that this proposal is to acquire an additional 22.56+ acres of riparian habitat along the Mojave River, San Bernardino County. The subject parcel is adjacent to the 1,245.56+ acre Camp Cady Wildlife Area, which was authorized for acquisition by the Board at the April 16, 1979, and May 25, 1983, meetings. This acquisition, in addition to protecting additional prime habitat, will also serve to round out the State's property lines in this area thereby providing a more manageable unit.

Mr. Howard Dick, Land Agent, indicated on a map the proposed acquisition, and the Camp Cady Wildlife Area which is located approximately 25 miles easterly of the City of Barstow, and is readily accessible from Harvard Road. This road, which is served by two interstate freeways (I-40 is 7 miles to the south and I-15 is 3 miles to the north), provides convenient public access to this area.

Mr. Schmidt advised that there will be several more acquisitions that staff will be bringing before the Board at a later date in an effort to round out the property line in this area. He advised that the wildlife area includes approximately three miles of river frontage and is composed of areas within the river bottom, floodplain, and some adjacent uplands. The area provides a desert oasis setting, unique to this area. These circumstances are created by the surfacing of the Mojave River at this point and unique geological substrata formations which bring subsurface waters from nearby mountains. This combination of "spring" water and river water has created prime riparian habitat found nowhere else in this vicinity of the Mojave Desert.

The overall habitat supports a variety of both game and nongame species. Resident and migratory waterfowl, as well as other water associated species, occur in the ponded area located within the wildlife area. Numerous quail, doves, and other species of birds are present in the upland and wooded areas. Various hawks, owls, and other raptors use the tall trees as roosting and nesting areas while a variety of reptiles are found in the drier sandy wash areas. Bighorn sheep have been observed obtaining water from the easterly end of the property.

In addition to protecting this unique habitat from degradation by almost certain development, the acquisition of this area would provide the public with additional area for many compatible recreational opportunities, such as nature observation, hiking, fishing, hunting, horseback riding, picnicking, and primitive camping.

The proposed acquisition falls within Class 13 of Categorical Exemptions from CEQA requirements. Class 13 consists of the acquisition of lands for 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. It is anticipated that this parcel will be managed by the Department of Fish and Game in its present condition, as part of the overall wildlife area.

The owner of this 22.56+ acre parcel has agreed to sell the property at its appraised value of \$16,920 (or \$750/acre). An estimated \$2,080 will be required for processing, including appraisal cost, title and escrow fees and General Services review costs.

Staff recommended the Board approve the acquisition of this 22.56+ acre addition to the Camp Cady Wildlife Area as proposed, allocate \$19,000 to cover the estimated acquisition and related costs from the 1976 Bond Act funds available for interior wetland acquisitions, and authorize staff and the Department to proceed substantially as planned.

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY FOR THE CAMP CADY WILDLIFE AREA EXPANSION, SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, AS PROPOSED; ALLOCATE \$19,000 TO COVER THE ESTIMATED ACQUISITION AND RELATED COSTS FROM THE 1976 BOND ACT FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR INTERIOR WETLANDS ACQUISITIONS; AND AUTHORIZE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT TO PROCEED SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. San Pablo Bay Wildlife Area Expansion, Marin County \$185,000.00

Mr. Schmidt advised that this proposal is to acquire a total of 214.56+ acres of coastal wetlands in Marin County. Mr. Dick indicated on a map the subject parcels proposed for acquisition which are located within the San Pablo Bay Wildlife Area and which lies between the Petaluma River and Galinas Creek. San Rafael and Marin County Civic Center are located within one to three miles to the south and west of this wildlife area. The parcel proposed for acquisition is comprised of six separate assessor parcels, varying in size from 15.36 acres to 88.6 acres. Of the total 214.56+ acres, 163.94 acres is pickleweed marsh and 50.62 acres are tidelands.

Studies by the Department of Fish and Game indicate that economic pressures and urbanization have brought on reclamation and conversion of much of the San Pablo Bay area marshes to residential, commercial, industrial, and agricultural uses. This has resulted in the destruction of key habitat and various rare and endangered species, such as the California clapper rail, the black rail, and salt marsh harvest mouse, as well as the loss of other important natural values of the area. In fact, a study by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in 1980 indicated that total wetland losses due to various forms of development had reached 80% of the historic marshes. Generally, marshes and estuarine areas are considered a very important and productive habitat for fish and wildlife resources.

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The proposed acquisition is within Class 13 of Categorical Exemptions from CEQA requirements. Class 13 consists of the acquisition of lands for fish and wildlife conservation purposes, including fish and wildlife habitat, establishing ecological reserves under Fish and Game Code Section 1580, and preserving access to public lands and water where the purpose of the acquisition is to preserve the land in its natural condition.

The owners have agreed to sell all of this acreage at its appraised fair market value of \$174,064, and, in fact, may make a partial donation as part of the final settlement. In addition, The Nature Conservancy has indicated that they may contribute approximately \$15,000 towards this purchase. However, these offers of possible donations, which may total over \$25,000, will only be formalized during final negotiations. Because of this property's high wildlife values, it is recommended that the Board pursue this acquisition at its full value and authorize staff to negotiate for, and accept, any donations possible. In addition to the appraised value of \$174,064, an additional \$10,936 is necessary for related acquisition costs, such as appraisals, title insurance and processing costs.

Mr. Schmidt recommended the Board approve the acquisition of the San Pablo Bay Wildlife Area Expansion as proposed, allocate \$185,000 for the purchase and related costs from the 1976 Bond Funds available for coastal wetland acquisitions, and authorize staff and the Department to proceed substantially as planned. Mr. Schmidt suggested the approval of the project should also include authorization to negotiate for and accept any donations that may become available on this property.

Mr. Mervyn Goodman, representing the property owners and who is one of the property owners, was in attendance. Mr. Schmidt and Chairman Livermore acknowledged his presence and thanked him for the offer to make a donation on two parcels amounting to approximately \$10,000.

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY FOR THE SAN PABLO BAY WILDLIFE AREA EXPANSION, MARIN COUNTY, AS PROPOSED; ALLOCATE \$185,000 FROM THE 1976 BOND ACT FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR COASTAL WETLAND ACQUISITIONS FOR THE PURCHASE AND RELATED COSTS; AND AUTHORIZE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT TO PROCEED SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED, INCLUDING THE AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE FOR AND ACCEPT WHATEVER DONATIONS MAY BECOME AVAILABLE.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. Petaluma Marsh, Rush Creek (Phase II), Marin County \$117,520.00

On May 24, 1983, the Board authorized the purchase of 136+ acres of coastal marshland habitat in the Petaluma River Marsh complex. At that time, staff advised the Board it would be pursuing negotiations for an additional 113+ acres of adjoining lands for inclusion in the DFG's managed wetlands program in the marsh. This proposal, Mr. Schmidt advised, is for the purchase of 58.71 acres of these abutting lands.

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Mr. Jim Sarro, Senior Land Agent, provided a recapitulation of the Board's acquisition program in the Petaluma Marsh complex and pointed out the property under consideration today, which is located about halfway between Petaluma and San Rafael, just to the east of the City of Novato along U.S. Highway 101. It is bounded by the Board's previously acquired parcel on the north and Rush Creek on the east.

The major portions of the land area consist of historical bay plain marsh and wetlands draining portions of Novato, Mount Burdell and Pinheiro Ridge. Near the turn of the century a system of levees and dikes were constructed to protect the lands from the intrusion of brackish waters and extended periods of winter flooding. This has permitted the growing of some oat hay and fodder but primarily grazing over large portions of land. With the exception of a strip of land along the west side of the parcel which is slightly higher ground, the property's elevation is between 0 and 1 foot below mean sea level.

Studies by the Department of Fish and Game indicate that economic pressures and urbanization have brought on reclamation and conversion of much of the San Pablo Bay area marshes to residential, commercial, industrial, and agricultural uses. This has resulted in the destruction of key habitat and various rare and endangered species, such as the California clapper rail and salt marsh harvest mouse, as well as the loss of other important natural values of the area. In fact, a study by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in 1980 indicated that total wetland losses due to various forms of development had reached 80% of the historic marshes. Generally, marshes and estuarine areas are considered a very important and productive habitat for fish and wildlife resources.

To date, the Board has acquired about 2,100 acres for preservation of the remaining Petaluma Marsh habitat.

The proposed acquisition is part of a coordinated effort involving the Marin County Open Space District, the State Coastal Conservancy, and the Wildlife Conservation Board. In addition, funds are being sought from the San Francisco Foundation, and assistance in the negotiations for adjacent lands is being received from the Marin Agricultural Land Trust, both of which are private, non-profit organizations. The overall 635-acre project calls for acquisition of conservation easements and fee title. The WCB's activity would be limited to purchase of the previously acquired 136 acres, the subject property and in the near future, possibly 50 acres of low-lying land on the east. Interest in the remaining 383+ acres is being acquired by the other project participants. Eventually, parking, foot-trails, water control structures and ponds would be constructed to accomplish several important objectives:

1. Reverse the degradation of the once-extensive Petaluma River Estuary, and complement existing state and federal owned lands in creating the largest contiguous habitat remaining in the San Francisco Bay area.
2. Provide a permanent open space buffer between Sonoma and Marin counties by eliminating development pressure on agricultural land and historic wetland areas zoned for industrial development.

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3. Provide access opportunities and associated educational benefits through a series of public improvements, creating a model effort for the combination of habitat restoration, agricultural land protection, and public use of the shoreline.

Engineering and construction costs would be borne by the other participants in the project. WCB's involvement is limited to the purchase of lands as outlined here.

Management of the lands will be by the Department of Fish and Game, and it is presently contemplated that the Department would enter into an agreement with Marin County whereby the County would operate and maintain the properties as part of the overall project.

The property has a fair market value of \$115,020, as approved by the Department of General Services, and staff is in a position to offer this sum to the landowners with WCB approval. Appraisal costs, escrow and closing expenses are estimated to be \$2,500. Funds are available for this purchase from the 1976 Bond Act for coastal wetlands acquisition.

This acquisition is exempt from CEQA under Class 13 of categorical exemptions.

Staff recommended the Board approve this acquisition as outlined, allocate \$117,520 for the purchase and related costs from the 1976 Bond Act funds available for coastal wetland acquisitions and authorize staff to proceed substantially as planned.

Miss Fran Brigmann who represented the Marin County Open Space District, the agency with which the Department of Fish and Game is negotiating for operation and management of the subject properties, was in attendance and was introduced by Mr. Sarro.

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY FOR PETALUMA MARSH, RUSH CREEK (PHASE II) MARIN COUNTY, AS PROPOSED; ALLOCATE \$117,520 FOR THE PURCHASE AND RELATED COSTS FROM THE 1976 BOND ACT FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR COASTAL WETLAND ACQUISITIONS; AND AUTHORIZE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT TO PROCEED SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. Calaveras River Wildlife Area, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Calaveras Counties \$3,000.00

This proposal was to acquire, through a donation, a conservation easement covering an area of approximately 107.8+ acres in San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Calaveras County, as proposed by the Department of Fish and Game.

Mr. Dick advised that the property is located at the base of the Sierra foothills,

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approximately twelve miles easterly of the community of Linden, upstream from the Sheldon Road bridge crossing the Calaveras River. Its location is unique in that it is intersected by three separate county lines.

The Calaveras River and its immediate riparian habitat are the primary wildlife features of the area. Together they occupy approximately 20 acres of the parcel. The remaining 88 acres is planted with walnut trees. The stretch of river running through the parcel is about as lush as any remaining along the Calaveras River in this area. The higher flows through the area have created a floodplain which maintains an excellent riparian plant community with its attendant wildlife species.

Although the acceptance of a conservation easement over orchard land is rather unique, the Department of Fish and Game has highly recommended it as a means of preserving the riparian habitat and allowing for protection of the immediate adjacent lands.

According to the Department of Fish and Game, the adjacent orchard provides foraging areas for wildlife such as mourning doves, crows, and numerous song birds, as well as various field mice species. The river-associated habitat supports species such as red-tailed hawks, great horned owls, gray foxes, muskrats, brush rabbits, cottontails, black-tailed deer, raccoons, and coyotes. These wildlife species would be benefited by this conservation easement since it would effectively preclude further land use changes to their habitat.

Under terms of the easement, the portion of the property used for orchard will continue to be used for this purpose, or for other agricultural or agricultural related uses that will not adversely affect fish and wildlife habitat. The property owners are granting full development rights to the State, except for improvements necessary for maintaining the existing orchard, or for alternative agricultural uses as noted above.

The benefits to the landowner will be similar to a permanent Williamson Act contract. The State will benefit from permanent protection of the existing wildlife habitat values of the area.

Acceptance of this donation will protect this habitat from the increasing threat of eventual subdivision development. Management of this conservation easement will be assumed by the Department of Fish and Game. However, this will, no doubt, be limited to leaving the parcel in its existing condition with some possible minor habitat improvements in the future. The easement does not include the right of public access over the property but does give the Department the right of access for management and to assure the conditions of the easement are upheld.

The only obligation to the Department will be to appropriately post the area as a State wildlife area that is not open to hunting.

This proposal falls within Class 13 of Categorical Exemptions from CEQA requirements. Class 13 consists of the acquisition of lands for fish and wildlife conservation purposes.

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It was Mr. Schmidt's recommendation that the Board approve the acceptance of this conservation easement by donation, allocate \$3,000 from the Wildlife Restoration Fund for related processing costs, and authorize staff and the Department to proceed substantially as planned.

In the discussion it was brought out that the appraised value of the property is \$701,900 and that the value of the conservation easement is estimated at 35% of value. This is the third piece of property this particular family has donated to the State in the past several years. The property owners will, in providing this conservation easement to the State, give up their right to hunt. There will be no public access, although the Department will have the right of access for management purposes.

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE ACCEPTANCE OF A CONSERVATION EASEMENT DONATION FOR THE CALAVERAS RIVER WILDLIFE AREA, SAN JOAQUIN, STANISLAUS AND CALAVERAS COUNTIES; ALLOCATE \$3,000 FROM THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND FOR RELATED PROCESSING COSTS; AND AUTHORIZE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT TO PROCEED SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. Cliff House Public Access Addition, Sacramento County \$300.00

Mr. Schmidt advised that this proposal is for the acceptance of a grant of 1.09 acres of Sacramento County owned land which the State presently leases as a part of the Cliff House Public Access project. The location and delineation of the State-owned and County-owned property were pointed out on a map by Mr. Sarro. This fishing access is located on the left bank of the Sacramento River on Brannan Island, approximately one mile upstream from the Rio Vista bridge. The County and State own adjacent properties, which combined, form the 3.01+ acre fishing access site. The County-owned property, approximately 45' by 1200', is located between the levee road (Highway 24) and the State-owned property and the river.

In 1961, the County purchased the subject parcel through condemnation proceedings for the purpose of leasing it to the State, thereby providing access to the riverside property for the ultimate development of a fishing access site. In May, 1962, the County and the Department entered into a 20 year lease agreement wherein the County agreed to lease its property to the State and to provide maintenance upon completion of the State's development of recreation facilities on the site. The WCB proceeded to build and pave access roads on the county property, and a 28-space parking area on the State property.

The lease and operation and maintenance agreement providing for County operation of this facility has now expired. Because of the County's limited funding for operation of this type of project, they do not wish to extend their agreement. However, the property continues to provide fishing access as well

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as some clam digging activity. It also provides parking for general enjoyment of the riverfront environment.

The Department has therefore indicated a firm desire to keep this project open to the public, and acquisition of the subject parcel is a necessity for this continued operation. The Department has agreed to assume operation and maintenance responsibilities in the interim while seeking to find alternatives for future maintenance. If this cannot be arranged, the Department would likely recommend that the entire 3+ acres be sold. Transfer of this parcel to the State will include a reversionary clause which will come into play if the County parcel ceases to be used for public access purposes. Any future owner, therefore, would be required to tailor the use of the property accordingly, or it would revert to the County.

The only costs involved would be processing and closing expenses, estimated to be \$300.00. Funding would be from the Wildlife Restoration Fund. The project is exempt from CEQA under Class 13, Section 15113, as providing public access to public lands and waters.

Mr. Schmidt recommended the Board approve this acquisition as proposed, allocate \$300 from the Wildlife Restoration Fund for costs, and authorize staff and the Department to proceed substantially as outlined.

Mr. Schmidt noted that Val Bramblett from Sacramento County Parks was present and added that she would be able to answer any questions the Board might have regarding this proposal.

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE THE ACCEPTANCE OF THIS PROPERTY, WHICH IS CURRENTLY A PORTION OF THE CLIFF HOUSE PUBLIC ACCESS PROJECT, SACRAMENTO COUNTY; ALLOCATE \$300 FROM THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND FOR PROCESSING COSTS; AND AUTHORIZE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT TO PROCEED SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. Vallejo Fishing Pier, Solano County \$48,000.00

The Vallejo Fishing Pier was developed by the Board in 1971. It is a conversion of the easterly approach of the old Highway 37 bridge over the Napa River. The Department of Fish and Game has owned the pier and adjacent land since its acquisition by the Board in 1968 as authorized by a 1964 action. The local agency handling pier operation and maintenance is the Greater Vallejo Recreation District.

A fire recently damaged a portion of the pier, which is of all-wood construction except for the concrete deck. The pier has been closed to public use until the necessary repairs can be made. An estimate of the cost of repairs and a request for an allocation of funds for this purpose has been received from the District.

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Staff has investigated the problem and reviewed the proposed repairs with the District. It has been determined that the work is necessary, the repairs are feasible, and the estimate is sufficient to make the project once again fully operational. The closure of this pier is being felt over a wide area of the City and surrounding communities, including those in adjacent counties, so the repair and reopening is considered urgent.

The fire, of undetermined origin, was contained in two of the spans of the structure, approximately halfway out the 1,050 foot long pier. Damaged or destroyed piles, caps, stringers, braces, blocking, railing and light standards in the affected area will need to be replaced. The deck did not fall, but in order to get access to the fire, holes had to be cut through the concrete, and these need to be repaired also, and the slab re-levelled.

This is the second time a fire has damaged the pier, a minor one having occurred just before the initial renovation of the pier. The Board has allocated a total of \$164,361 to this project to date for acquisition, renovation, repairs and improvements. The District reports the pier has an average of over 50,000 annual visitor days of use, so the public benefits returned by this project have fully justified the State's investment.

If funds are approved as proposed, the District will prepare plans, bid out the repairs and administer the construction contract in the usual manner by agreement with the Department of Fish and Game. It is estimated the work could be completed in 90 days after agreements are approved and the District is permitted to proceed with the project.

The District recommends that steel plates be put over the holes in the deck and chain-link fencing be erected around the damaged area as a temporary measure so that the pier could be opened to the public in this interim period. The cost of the temporary repair is included in the total cost estimate, which has been submitted as follows.

Permanent repairs	\$37,500
Temporary repairs	<u>2,500</u>
Estimated contract cost	\$40,000
Contingencies, 10%.....	4,000
Administration & Engineering, 10%.	<u>4,000</u>
Estimated project cost	\$48,000

The work is exempt from CEQA under Section 15101, Class 1(d) and Section 15102, Class 2, and a Notice of Exemption has been filed with the Resources Agency in accordance with the Act.

Mr. Schmidt recommended that the Board approve the Vallejo Fishing Pier fire damage repairs, allocate \$48,000 therefor from the Wildlife Restoration Fund, and authorize staff and the Department of Fish and Game to proceed with the project substantially as planned. He announced that Mr. Dick Conzelmann from the Greater Vallejo Recreation District was present and would be happy to respond to any questions the Board might have.

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Katherine Hackney noted that in the past several months the Board has funded hundreds of thousands of dollars for repairs to storm damaged piers, and asked if it was common practice of the Board to fund repairs to recreational piers damaged by man. Mr. Schmidt indicated that it is not common practice, but that the State owns this particular pier, and must consequently pay for its repair. The Greater Vallejo Recreation District is unable to get fire insurance because it does not own the pier. It is similar to the situation where you cannot buy fire insurance for a house that does not belong to you. It was brought out in the discussion that the State is self-insured and must pay for costs for repairs on property it owns, and it was the consensus that the WCB must fund this repair. In response to Mr. Carper's question, Mr. Schmidt advised that the temporary repairs would amount to \$2,500 and would permit public use of the pier while the permanent repairs were being made.

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD APPROVE FIRE DAMAGE REPAIRS FOR THE VALLEJO FISHING PIER, SOLANO COUNTY; ALLOCATE \$48,000 THEREFOR FROM THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND; AND AUTHORIZE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT SUBSTANTIALLY AS PLANNED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. 1970 Bond Act Program Report

Mr. Schmidt advised that this item, as well as No. 11 on this agenda, requires no action by the Board, since it is for information only, and its main purpose is to advise the Board of projects completed and to get this report into the official minutes of the Board.

The Recreation and Fish and Wildlife Enhancement Bond Act of 1970 provided \$6,000,000 to the WCB and DFG for development of recreational facilities and fish and wildlife enhancement at the waters of the State Water Project. The majority of the funds were used to rebuild or expand hatchery facilities to increase production of catchable trout for stocking Water Project reservoirs, canals, and streams. The balance of the funds were used for wildlife habitat development, for improvement of fisheries habitat, and for development of access facilities at waters or lands of the State Water Project. Following is the breakdown of fund expenditures.

HATCHERY EXPANSION AND IMPROVEMENT (8 projects)

Fillmore Hatchery - Expansion	\$157,088.00
Black Rock Rearing Ponds - Ph. I Expansion & Equipment ..	198,649.29
Black Rock Rearing Ponds - Phase II Expansion	249,914.00
Fish Springs Hatchery, Expansion & Equipment	882,665.00
Mojave River Hatchery - Reconstruction, Modernization and Equipment	1,445,500.00
Crystal Lake Hatchery - Modernization, Expansion and Equipment	1,309,585.83

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HATCHERY EXPANSION AND IMPROVEMENT - Continued

Mt. Shasta Hatchery - Expansion & Construction of Broodstock Facilities	\$310,743.63
Mt. Whitney Hatchery-Modernization of Broodstock Fac. .	<u>382,309.58</u>
TOTAL	\$4,936,455.33

WILDLIFE HABITAT DEVELOPMENT, AQUEDUCT (8 projects)

Region IV - California Aqueduct Wildlife Plantings	\$19,780.77
Region V - Antelope Valley Area Wildlife Plantings	15,859.51
Region IV - Aqueduct - Wildlife Habitat Plantings	14,455.93
Region V - Los Angeles Co. Wildlife Habitat Plantings	43,529.10
Region IV - Aqueduct - Wildlife Habitat Plantings	11,969.71
Region V - Los Angeles Co. Wildlife Habitat Plantings	37,689.22
Region IV - Aqueduct, Wildlife Habitat Plantings	9,850.91
Region V - Los Angeles Co. Wildlife Habitat Plantings	<u>35,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$188,135.15

WILDLIFE HABITAT DEVELOPMENT, OROVILLE WLA (2 projects)

Habitat Development	\$107,373.53
Office, shop, parking, roadwork	<u>96,924.25</u>
TOTAL	\$204,297.78

FISHERIES HABITAT IMPROVEMENT

Feather River Fisheries Enhancement	\$ 52,032.82
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FISHING ACCESS DEVELOPMENT - AQUEDUCT (13 projects)

Orestimba, Stanislaus County	\$14,620.85
Fairfax, Fresno County	12,095.80
Huron, Fresno County	10,936.06
Kettleman City, Kings County	14,890.32
Avenal Cutoff, Kings County	16,942.54
Lost Hills, Kern County	11,578.65
Buttonwillow, Kern County	11,564.34
Cadet Road, Kern County	15,949.32
Longview Road, Los Angeles County	32,020.95
77th Street East, Los Angeles County	29,493.73
Quartz Hill, Los Angeles County	39,895.00
Ave. S, Los Angeles County	39,895.00
Munz Ranch Road, Los Angeles County	<u>39,895.00</u>
TOTAL	\$289,777.56

FISHING ACCESS DEVELOPMENT - LAKE OROVILLE (4 projects)

Dark Canyon Road, Butte County, Boat launching	\$28,054.66
Vinton Gulch, Butte County, Boat launching	42,611.25
Old Nelson Bar Road, Butte County, Boat launching	54,611.25
Stringtown Road, Butte County, Boat launching	<u>36,411.25</u>
TOTAL	\$161,688.41

FISHING ACCESS DEVELOPMENT - RIVER

Feather River Parkway, Sutter County	\$164,989.27
MISCELLANEOUS	<u>2,623.68</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES, 1970 BOND FUND PROGRAM	<u>\$6,000,000.00</u>

(Total projects - 37)

11. 1974 Bond Act Program Report

The State Beach, Park, Recreational and Historical Facilities Bond Act of 1974 included \$10,000,000 in supplemental funding for the Wildlife Conservation Board. Primary emphasis was placed upon acquiring key areas of threatened wildlife and fisheries habitat.

Five major types of habitat were covered under this program. These were Coastal Wetlands; Interior Wetlands and Riparian Habitat; Deer Winter Range; Bighorn Sheep Range; and Wild Trout, Salmon and Steelhead Habitat.

In all, 43 projects for acquisition of critical fish and wildlife habitat were completed, including a pre-acquisition study of Elkhorn Slough. This program included the fee acquisition of 34,715 acres and a conservation easement on 136 acres. In most cases, these lands also provide a wide variety of public outdoor recreation opportunities.

The following tabulation summarizes the program accomplishments:

<u>PROJECTS</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>ACREAGE</u>
<u>Coastal Wetlands</u>		
San Elijo Lagoon	San Diego	268
Hill Slough Expansion	Solano	18
Day Island	Marin	127
Petaluma Marsh	Marin	1,844
Elkhorn Slough Pre-acquisition Study	Monterey	
Elkhorn Slough, No. 1	Monterey	162
Elkhorn Slough - Elkhorn Ranch	Monterey	752
Lakes Earl/Talawa	Del Norte	1,544
Napa Marsh - Fagan Slough	Napa	135
Napa Marsh - White Slough	Solano	292
Batiquitos Lagoon	San Diego	38

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Summary: 11 Projects - 5,180 acres acquired
Bond Funds Expended: \$6,186,848
Donations valued at: \$ 70,000
Federal Reimbursements: \$2,628,913

Interior Wetlands and Riparian Habitat

Hidden Valley Wildlife Area, Phase III	Riverside	818
Napa River - Yountville Crossing	Napa	73
Sacramento River - Jacinto	Glenn	201
Sacramento River - Mouth of Pine Creek	Butte	112
Sacramento River - Shannon Slough	Glenn	150
Little Lake Wildlife Area	Inyo	345
Putah Creek - Cold Canyon	Solano	181
Mendota Wildlife Area	Fresno	10
Deep Springs Wildlife Area	Inyo	720
Acker Island	San Joaquin	25
Coon Hollow	Butte	113

Summary: 11 projects - 2,748 acres acquired
Bond Funds Expended: \$2,048,705
Federal Reimbursements: \$ 894,766

Deer Winter Range

Kinsman Flat	Madera	80
Kinsman Flat - Expansion	Madera	90
Fay Canyon	Alpine	366
Bass Hill Wildlife Area	Lassen	1,878
Bass Hill Wildlife Area - Expansion	Lassen	200
Bass Hill Wildlife Area - Expansion, No. 2	Lassen	5
Surprise Valley Wildlife Area	Modoc	420
Slinkard/Little Antelope Valleys	Mono	2,471

Summary: 8 projects - 5,510 acres acquired
Bond Funds Expended: \$1,244,852
Federal Reimbursements: \$ 519,826

Bighorn Sheep Range

Martinez Canyon	Riverside	4,743
Santa Rosa Mountain	Riverside	10,146
Eisenhower Mountain	Riverside	1,945
Deep Canyon to Martinez Canyon	Riverside	3,394

Summary: 4 projects - 20,228 acres acquired
Bond Funds Expended: \$ 704,894
Donations Valued at: \$ 740,755
Federal Reimbursements: \$1,152,954

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Wild Trout, Salmon and Steelhead Habitat

Truckee River, No. 1	Placer/Nevada	41
Truckee River, No. 2	Nevada	544
Truckee River, No. 3	Nevada	76
Truckee River, No. 4	Nevada	48
Truckee River, No. 5	Nevada	33
Keyes Creek	Marin	20
Trinity River - Deadwood Hole	Trinity	4
Rubicon River	El Dorado	282
Sacramento River - Lower Box Canyon	Siskiyou	1
(plus 136 acre conservation easement)		

Summary: 9 projects - 1,049 acres (fee acquisition)
136 acres (conservation easement)
Bond Funds Expended: \$957,556
Donations valued at: \$ 96,100
Federal Reimbursements: \$482,593

1974 Bond Act Program Summary

Bond Funds Expended:

Acquisitions	\$11,125,335
Project Planning	348,349
Elkhorn Slough Pre-Acquisition	17,520
Total Bond Funds Expended	\$11,491,204
Total Federal Reimbursements (LWCF)	5,679,052
Total Value of Donations	\$ 906,855

Chairman Livermore asked when it was planned to combine the 1970 and 1974 Bond Act projects in the program statement as shown on page 19 of the September, 1983 minutes, which would reflect the cumulative figures from pages 10-13 of the agenda. Mr. Schmidt acknowledged that the program statement attached as an addendum to the minutes of meetings does not now include the 1970 and 1974 bond act projects and that the next set of minutes that the Board members will receive will include those figures. Mr. Livermore also noted that the program statement lists five different sources of funding, and suggested the two bond funds not listed be included. This, Mr. Schmidt agreed to do.

Ms. Hackney stated that the Board members attend meetings and are asked to allocate funds for acquisitions on which the staff has put in a lot of work. She believed it would be helpful for the Board members to learn how the staff prioritizes acquisition projects. Mr. Schmidt advised that the Department of Fish and Game has developed a format which staff of the Department and Board follow and which explains the various ways they go about prioritizing acquisitions. He promised to send the Board members a copy of that format. He commented that it all looks good on paper, but many times it finally comes down to who is willing to sell and who isn't.

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12. Other Business

Mr. Schmidt stated that he was just informed that this was to be Mr. Livermore's last meeting as Chairman of the Wildlife Conservation Board, and wanted to thank him for all he has done for the Board for the past two years. He mentioned that Mr. Livermore also served previously as Chairman and expressed the appreciation of staff for his time and effort in behalf of the WCB.

Mr. Livermore stated it was a pleasure to work with the WCB and wished that the Fish and Game Commission deliberations were as simple. He commented that when he first came to Sacramento, comments were made to him about the unique character of the Board, and he came to find out that the WCB was a very special organization which has very few problems.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Mr. Livermore at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



W. John Schmidt
Executive Officer

PROGRAM STATEMENT

At the close of the meeting on December 1, 1983, the amount allocated to projects since the Wildlife Conservation Board's inception in 1947, totaled \$72,921,066.74. 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, and the 1974 Bond Act. Projects funded under the 1976 Bond Act will be included in this statement after completion of this program.

a. Fish Hatchery and Stocking Projects	\$15,729,485.80
b. Fish Habitat Development	5,262,970.24
1. Reservoir Construction or Improvement ...	\$2,966,312.39
2. Stream Clearance and Improvement	456,115.44
3. Stream Flow Maintenance Dams	439,503.32
4. Marine Habitat	497,957.20
5. Fish Screens, Ladders and Weir Projects .	903,081.89
c. Fishing Access Projects	19,476,059.05
1. Coastal and Bay Access	1,773,428.74
2. River and Aqueduct Access	5,675,996.85
3. Lake and Reservoir Access	4,097,854.91
4. Piers	7,928,778.55
d. Game Farm Projects	146,894.49
e. Wildlife Habitat Development and Improvement Projects	30,890,370.86
1. Wildlife Areas	29,707,643.63
2. Miscellaneous Wildlife Habitat Dev. ...	1,182,727.23
f. Hunting Access	546,069.66
g. Miscellaneous Projects	748,816.64
h. Special Project Allocations	120,400.00
Total Allocated to Projects	<u>\$72,921,066.74</u>

STATUS OF FUNDS
WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND

Unallocated balance at beginning of December 1, 1983, meeting .	\$3,738,988.26
Less allocations	<u>-51,300.00</u>
Unallocated balance at end of December 1, 1983, meeting	\$3,687,688.26