

state-wide system of air ports. There is no need for the State to assign regular airfield or airport technicians and engineers to do this job. The above functions are not essential functions of government. We recommend that all nonessential agencies be eliminated from the standpoint of efficiency and economy in State Government.

COLORADO RIVER BOARD

For Support of the Colorado River Board from the General Fund

Item 255, page 57 of the Budget Bill and page 692 of the Budget. The amount requested is \$97,889 from the General Fund for the support of the Colorado River Board. This is an increase of \$6,513 or 7.1 percent over the amount of \$91,376 estimated to be expended in the 1948-49 Fiscal Year.

This board was created under Chapter 838, Statutes of 1937. The duties include preparations for appearances before congressional committees and conferences with interested federal agencies regarding legislation; authorizing litigation for settlement of water rights; clarifying administration of the Mexican Water Treaty; making legal and engineering studies in preparation for possible litigation; gathering, compiling, and analysing basic data on water supply and utilization, and the Central Arizona Project Bill; and conferences with representatives of other Colorado River Basin states.

<i>Item of increase</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Budget page</i>
Budgeted increase based on work load, price increase, or salary adjustment at existing level of service:		
Merit salary adjustment.....	\$262	692
Associate hydraulic engineers.....	9,960	692
Operating expense	2,885	692
Equipment	824	692
Total	\$6,513	
Budgeted increase for new or expanded service:		
None		

Recommendations

Amount budgeted	\$97,889
Legislative Auditor's recommendation.....	\$92,409
Reduction	\$5,480

Analysis

We recommend the addition of one associate hydraulic engineer at a salary of \$4,980, instead of two as requested.

The Colorado River Board, having been in existence for approximately eleven years, has compiled most of the fundamental data necessary in the adjudication of issues involving the rights to the Colorado River water, and the work of the board should therefore diminish rather than expand. Moreover, the staff of the Colorado River Board, consisting of one chief engineer, one senior hydraulic engineer, and one senior civil engineer, was augmented last year by the addition of a special consultant at a salary of \$12,000. For these reasons, the addition of an associate hydraulic engineer should be sufficient to continue the work program of the board.

Traveling expense requested for engineers is \$5,000 which is an increase of \$1,000 over the 1948-49 Budget.

We recommend an increase of \$500, predicated on the addition of one associate hydraulic engineer.

BOARD OF HARBOR COMMISSIONERS FOR HUMBOLDT BAY

For Support of the Board of Harbor Commissioners from the General Fund

Item 256, page 58 of the Budget Bill, and page 693 of the Budget. The amount requested is \$3,112 from the General Fund for support of the Board of Harbor Commissioners for Humboldt Bay. This is the same amount as estimated to be expended in the 1948-49 Fiscal Year.

<i>Item of increase</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Budget page</i>
Budgeted increase based on work load, price increase, or salary adjustment at existing level of service:		
None -----	-----	-----
Budgeted increase for new or expanded service:		
None -----	-----	-----

Recommendations

Amount budgeted -----	\$3,112
Legislative Auditor's recommendations -----	\$2,962
Reduction -----	\$150

Recommended Items of Reduction

Operating expense	
Travel -----	\$100
Automobile mileage -----	50
Total -----	\$150

Analysis

We recommend the deletion of \$100 for traveling expense. Automobile mileage request is for \$150. We recommend a reduction of \$50 in this item.

The Harbor Commissioners for Humboldt Bay have the responsibility of keeping records on the shipping and tonnage entering Humboldt Bay which are used as the basis for federal assistance in maintaining harbor facilities.

Since this work is confined to the Humboldt Bay area we fail to see where the request for traveling expense is justified. We also feel that \$100 is sufficient for automobile mileage.

RÉCLAMATION BOARD

For Support of the Reclamation Board from the General Fund

Item 257, page 58 of the Budget Bill, and pages 694-5 of the Budget. The amount requested is \$158,034 from the General Fund for support of the Reclamation Board. This is an increase of \$17,518 or 12.5 percent over the amount of \$140,516 estimated to be expended in the 1948-49 Fiscal Year.