

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.

<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:		
Salaries and wages (authorized) -----	\$8,086	694
Estimated salary savings -----	6,410	694
Operating expense -----	2,681	694
Equipment -----	341	694
Total -----	\$17,518	
Budgeted increase for new or expanded service:		
None -----		
 <i>Recommendations</i>		
Amount budgeted -----		\$158,034
Legislative Auditor's recommendation -----		\$153,694
Reduction -----		\$4,340
 <i>Recommended Items of Reduction</i>		
Operating expense		
Miscellaneous items -----		\$600
Dictionary -----		40
Total -----		\$640
Equipment		
Automobile -----		\$3,700
Net total -----		\$4,340

Analysis

We recommend that the amount of \$3,700 budgeted for two additional light cars be deleted. The present seven cars with a replacement of a 1941 Chevrolet car requested is sufficient for the number of traveling personnel, considering that there is no increase in the number of traveling personnel for 1949-50. The amount budgeted for miscellaneous items for 1949-50 is \$1,250. This miscellaneous amount in proportion to other agencies of similar size is excessive. We recommend a reduction of \$600.

We further recommend that the request for the replacement of an unabridged dictionary at a cost of \$40 be deleted. *This dictionary was personally inspected and found to be in good condition.*

WATER RESOURCES BOARD

For Support of the Water Resources Board from the General Fund

Item 258, page 58 of the Budget Bill, and page 696 of the Budget. The amount requested is \$30,146 from the General Fund for support of the Water Resources Board. This is an increase of \$3,132 or 11.6 percent over the amount of \$27,014 estimated to be expended in 1948-49.

<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 -----	\$498	696
Operating expense -----	2,634	696
Total -----	\$3,132	
Budgeted increase for new or expanded service:		
None -----		

Recommendations

Amount budgeted	\$30,146
Legislative Auditor's recommendations	\$22,848
Reduction	\$7,298

Recommended Reduction

Salaries and wages :	
Administrative assistant	\$7,298

Analysis

The Water Resources Board was created by Chapter 1514, Statutes of 1945. The board is the agency empowered to conduct investigations and report to the Legislature on water conservation and flood control matters. It represents the State in securing authorization and appropriations for federal flood control funds.

We recommend that the activities of the Water Resources Board be coordinated with the Water Project Authority and with the Division of Water Resources. *The law specifies that the State Engineer shall serve as secretary, and engineer to the Water Resources Board.* Inasmuch as the work is being done by the Water Resources Division of Public Works, we, therefore, recommend that the position of administrative assistant be eliminated, and a direct working relationship between both boards be established accordingly.

Operating expense increase is for the transfer of accounting service from the State Engineer's staff, where it was previously carried as operating expense, to the board. This identical service was performed previously by the State Engineer's staff so in effect this is merely a bookkeeping transaction.

We recommend approval of the amount requested.

COOPERATIVE MINOR WATER RESOURCES BOARD INVESTIGATIONS

For Support of the Water Resources Board, Minor Investigations from the General Fund

Item 259, page 58 of the Budget Bill, and page 697 of the Budget. The amount requested is \$29,500 from the General Fund for support of the Water Resources Board, Minor Investigations. This is a decrease of \$28,500, or 49.1 percent under the \$58,000 estimated to be expended in 1948-49.

<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	None	---
Budgeted increase for new or expanded service :		
None	None	---

Recommendations

Amount budgeted	\$29,500
Legislative Auditor's recommendations	29,500
Reduction	None

Analysis

The investigations are cooperative projects in which the county or district pays one-half of the cost of the investigations and the Water Resources Board contributes the other half.

The five investigations to which the State contributes one-half of the cost are:

1. Mokelumne River Area	\$6,000
2. Livermore Valley Area	4,500
3. Santa Cruz County Area	9,000
4. Placer County	7,000
5. Lake County	3,000
 Total	 <u>\$29,500</u>

We recommend the amount requested be approved.

STATE-WIDE RESOURCES INVESTIGATION

For Support of the Board of Water Resources, State-wide Resources Investigation

Item 260, page 58 of the Budget Bill and page 696 of the Budget. The amount requested is \$413,000 from the General Fund for support of the Board of Water Resources, State-wide Resources Investigation. Included in this is \$370,785 for investigations, plans, and reports on a state water plan, as well as \$25,000 for Geological Investigations and \$17,215 for services rendered by the State Engineer. This is an increase of \$201,800 or 95.5 percent over \$211,200 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:		
State-wide Investigation	\$180,235	697
Services by State Engineer	—3,435	
Total	<u>\$176,800</u>	
Budgeted increase for new or expanded service:		
Geological Service	\$25,000	697
Total	<u>\$25,000</u>	

Recommendations

Amount budgeted	\$413,000
Legislative Auditor's recommendations	275,000
Reduction	<u>\$138,000</u>

Analysis

Included in the total increase of \$201,800 is \$180,235 for an increase of engineering personnel to be transferred from the Santa Ana River Investigation to the State-wide Resources Investigation.

The Geological Investigation is a cooperative agreement with the Federal Government. The Federal Government agrees to match the state expenditures. It is proposed to complete the Sacramento Valley investigation in 1949 and expand the investigation to cover the north coastal

areas and the west side of the San Joaquin Valley south of Mendota. We recommend that this amount of \$25,000 be approved as requested.

Assurance has been given by the U. S. Geological Survey that subject to availability of funds it will enter into an agreement to continue the Geological investigation through 1949-50 and assume its share of one-half of the cost.

We recommend that the sum of \$25,000 for the Geological Survey be approved providing that if the funds allocated by the government are less, the State reduce its appropriation accordingly.

We recommend that the \$17,215 be approved for services rendered by the State Engineer and \$232,785 be available for the investigation of the State-wide Water Plan. This is an increase of \$21,185 over the \$211,200 estimated to be expended for 1948-49 or 10 percent increase for this purpose. The total increase is \$63,800 or 30.21 percent.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE

For Support of the Department of Social Welfare from the General Fund

Item 261, pages 58 and 59 of the Budget Bill and pages 700 through 710 of the Budget. The amount requested is \$8,200,113 from the General Fund. This is an increase of \$3,582,091 or 77.6 percent above the estimated expenditure for the 1948-49 Fiscal Year.

This comparison is not valid, however, due to the fact that the entire administration of aid to needy aged previously performed by the counties will be taken over by the State, and in addition the caseload will increase probably 30 percent.

<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 :		
Salaries and wages-----	\$350,703	701
Operating expenses-----	—134,745	701
Equipment-----	57,817	701
Contribution to Employees Retirement Fund-----	29,951	701
Total-----	\$303,726	
Reimbursement from sale of forms (decrease)-----	—1,788	701
Total-----	\$305,514	
Budgeted increase based on new or expanded service:		
Salaries and wages-----	\$8,103,123	701
Operating expenses-----	2,319,644	701
Operating expenses—county contracts—six months-----	4,244,571	701
Equipment-----	308,242	701
Contribution to Employees Retirement Fund-----	648,249	701
Total-----	\$7,134,687	
Federal grants—increase-----	3,858,110	
Total-----	\$3,276,577	

Recommendations

Amount budgeted-----	\$8,200,113
Legislative Auditor's recommendations-----	8,079,784
Reduction-----	\$120,329

Items of Recommended Reduction

<i>Item of increase</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Budget page</i>
Expenditures for license of private schools-----	\$120,329	699