

**Department of Public Health
WATER POLLUTION AND CONTAMINATION WORK**

ITEM 238 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 677
Budget line No. 21

For Additional Support, Bureau of Sanitary Engineering and Division of Laboratories from the General Fund

Amount requested	\$91,408
Estimated to be expended in the 1949-50 Fiscal Year	None
Increase	<u>\$91,408</u>

RECOMMENDATIONS

Amount budgeted	\$91,408
Legislative Auditor's Recommendation	<u>91,408</u>
Reduction	None

ANALYSIS

The amount requested will provide for additional work in the control of water contamination, and will cover the cost of technical services in the field of water pollution if and when requested by water pollution control boards.

The water pollution control program, being in the organizational stage, does not provide an experience pattern from which to determine accurate budget requirements.

This supplementary item will be subject to allocation by the Director of Finance as needs develop during the 1950-51 Fiscal Year.

We recommend approval.

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

ITEM 239 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 678
Budget line No. 53

For Support of the Water Pollution Control Board from the General Fund

Amount requested	\$249,399
Estimated to be expended in the 1949-50 Fiscal Year	<u>125,141</u>
Increase (99.3 percent)	\$124,258

Summary of Increases

	Total increase	INCREASE DUE TO		Budget page	Line No.
		Work load or salary adjustments	New services		
Salaries and Wages	\$85,164	\$85,164	---	678	63
Operating Expenses	65,579	65,579	---	678	64
Equipment	<u>26,485</u>	<u>26,485</u>	---	678	65
Total Increase	\$124,258	\$124,258			

RECOMMENDATIONS

Amount budgeted	\$249,399
Legislative Auditor's Recommendation	<u>249,399</u>
Reduction	None

ANALYSIS

The increase of \$124,258 in the support item for the Water Pollution Control Board results from extending the present level of service to a full year operation in 1950-51.

The broad powers and duties vested in water pollution control boards by Chapter 1549, Statutes of 1949, will require a gradual development of organization and procedures to insure coordination of activities between the several state agencies concerned with the water pollution and contamination project.

Because of the scope and magnitude of functions a tight control will be necessary on the part of the state board to insure the development of a sound operational structure consistent with requirements at both the state level and regional board levels.

We recommend approval of the amount budgeted.

GENERAL SUMMARY

The water pollution problem in California was the subject of a comprehensive report submitted to the 1949 Legislature by the Interim Fact-Finding Committee on Water Pollution. This report was basic in considerations that resulted in the passage of a series of bills by the 1949 Legislature, the purpose of which is to classify the problem, establish tighter controls and to coordinate the activities of all state agencies concerned.

The basic organizational change is established by Chapter 1549, Laws of 1949. This act provides for the establishment of a State Water Pollution Board and nine regional water pollution control boards. The areas covered by the regional boards are specifically set forth in the act.

The general powers and duties of the state board include the following:

- (1) Allocate funds to regional boards for necessary administrative expenses.
- (2) Require any state or local agency to inspect and report on technical factors involved in water pollution.
- (3) Formulate state-wide policy for control of water pollution.
- (4) Administer state-wide programs of financial assistance for water pollution control.
- (5) Administer state-wide programs of research in the technical phases of water pollution control.
- (6) Whenever a regional board fails to take appropriate action to correct existing or threatened conditions of pollution, the State Water Pollution Board may direct any state agency having jurisdiction to take such action or itself take action.

The general powers and duties of regional boards include the following:

- (1) Through meetings with parties concerned obtain coordinated action in abatement prevention and control of water pollution and nuisance.
- (2) Encourage and assist in self-policing waste disposal programs for industry.
- (3) Require any state or local agency to inspect and report on any technical factors involved.
- (4) Request enforcement of laws concerning water pollution or nuisance.
- (5) Formulate long-range plans and policies.
- (6) Recommend water pollution projects to state board for financial assistance.
- (7) Report cases of contamination not being corrected.
- (8) Prescribe requirements relative to any particular condition of pollution or nuisance.
- (9) Prescribe requirements in relation to discharge of sewage and industrial waste.
- (10) Investigate any source of water pollution or nuisance within its region.

These broad responsibilities indicate that technical staffs will be required to carry out the purposes of this act. Careful planning and the experience of actual operation will be necessary to determine essential requirements of the water pollution boards and state agencies who will be required to make technical surveys under terms of the act.

**Water Pollution Board
ADDITIONAL SUPPORT**

ITEM 240 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 679
Budget line No. 61

For Additional Support of Water Pollution Boards from the General Fund

Amount requested -----	\$214,725
Estimated to be expended in the 1949-50 Fiscal Year -----	51,200
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Increase (319.4 percent) -----	\$163,525

RECOMMENDATIONS

Amount budgeted -----	\$214,725
Legislative Auditor's Recommendation -----	214,725
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Reduction -----	None

ANALYSIS

The broad responsibilities of the newly created water pollution boards do not permit the making of accurate determinations as to technical assistance required to carry out mandatory functions. It is proposed therefore to provide the amount of \$214,725 in lump sum to be made available by executive order of the Director of Finance upon recommendation of the State Water Pollution Control Board.

We recommend approval.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

ITEM 241 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 682
Budget line No. 5

For Support of the Public Utilities Commission From the General Fund

Amount requested -----	\$1,512,713
Estimated to be expended in 1949-50 Fiscal Year -----	1,460,605
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Increase (3.6 percent) -----	\$52,108

Summary of Increases

	Total increase	INCREASE DUE TO		Budget page	Line No.
		Work load or salary adjustments	New services		
Salaries and Wages -----	\$71,094	\$66,354	\$4,740	682	22
Operating Expenses -----	—6,028	—6,028	---	682	23
Equipment -----	—12,958	—12,958	---	682	24
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Total Increase -----	\$52,108	\$47,368	\$4,740		