

**Division of Water Resources
ESTABLISHMENT OF GAUGING STATIONS**

ITEM 251 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 719
Budget line No. 28

For Support of the Establishment of Gauging Stations From the General Fund

Amount requested -----	\$50,000
Estimated to be expended in 1949-50 Fiscal Year -----	50,000
Increase -----	None

RECOMMENDATIONS

Amount budgeted -----	\$50,000
Legislative Auditor's Recommendation -----	50,000
Reduction -----	None

GENERAL SUMMARY

This is to provide for the establishment of 30 gauging stations on a fifty-fifty matching basis in cooperation with the United States Geological Survey. It was found that in many cases where stream flow records were required in large and important water producing areas these were unavailable due to a lack of gauging stations.

This is particularly noticeable in the north coastal and central coastal areas where a large portion of the surplus waters of California are produced. This information is essential to long range state plans for development and conservation of water resources.

AERONAUTICS COMMISSION

ITEM 252 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 720
Budget line No. 30

For Support of the Aeronautics Commission From the General Fund

Amount requested -----	\$112,699
Estimated to be expended in 1949-50 Fiscal Year -----	107,458
Increase (4.9 percent) -----	\$5,241

Summary of Increases

	Total increase	INCREASE DUE TO		Budget page	Line No.
		Work load or salary adjustments	New services		
Salaries and Wages -----	\$5,264	\$5,264	---	720	42
Operating Expenses -----	1,277	1,277	---	720	43
Equipment -----	-50	-50	---	720	44
Reimbursement (payment of airplane for photography) -----	-1,250	-1,250	---	720	49
Total Increase -----	\$5,241	\$5,241			

RECOMMENDATIONS

Amount budgeted -----	\$112,699
Legislative Auditor's Recommendation -----	97,546
Reduction -----	\$15,153

ANALYSIS

	Items of Reduction	
Administrative assistant -----		\$5,772
Field representative -----		\$5,496
Intermediate stenographer clerk -----		2,400
Airplane operation -----		785
Traveling expense -----		500
Operating expense -----		200
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Total -----		\$15,153

Salaries and Wages

Increase in this category is primarily due to normal salary increases. The additional increase is accounted for by assuming full time occupancy of two positions which are vacant. In view of the vacancy of the position of administrative assistant and the fact that the agency has not found it necessary to do the work, which was previously proposed as essential, and which formed the basis for the requested position, *we recommend that in the interests of economy this position be abolished at a saving of \$5,772.*

Analysis of the work performed in 1949 by the Aeronautics Commission shows that a considerable portion of the work done was for private firms and individuals in airport planning. *We, therefore, recommend the deletion of the position of Field Representative at a saving of \$5,496, since the Commission can operate without the position by confining its work to the furnishing of technical and airport engineering aid to political subdivisions interested in airport construction under the Federal Airport Program.* Predicated upon the elimination of the two above-mentioned positions, *we further recommend the deletion of one intermediate stenographer-clerk at a salary of \$2,400.*

Operating Expense

Operating expense for the 1950-51 Fiscal Year is \$39,900. This is an increase of \$1,277 or 3.3 percent over the amount of \$38,623 estimated to be expended in the 1949-50 Fiscal Year. The major part of this increase, or \$785 is for increase of airplane operations. *We recommend a reduction of this \$785 in airplane operation since no justification can be shown for increased activity requiring use of the airplanes.* Traveling expense for the 1950-51 Fiscal Year is \$7,200 and automobile operations are \$2,200. These amounts are the same as estimated to be expended in the 1949-50 Fiscal Year.

We recommend a reduction of \$500 in traveling expense, and \$200 in operating expenses predicated upon the elimination of the position of one field representative.

Equipment

This is a \$50 decrease under the \$500 estimated to be expended in the 1949-50 Fiscal Year for equipment, and is in line with anticipated needs.

GENERAL SUMMARY

The California Aeronautics Commission was created by Chapter 1379, Statutes of 1947, for the purpose of: (a) Furthering and promoting the public interest in aeronautics; (b) encouraging the development of private flying and the general use of air transportation; (c) fostering and promoting safety in aeronautics; (d) effecting uniformity

in laws and regulations pertaining to aeronautics; (e) developing a state-wide system of airports; and (f) assisting political subdivisions in developing aeronautical facilities.

The commission members were appointed by the Governor on October 31, 1947, and the Director of Aeronautics was selected by the commission December 8, 1947.

COLORADO RIVER BOARD

ITEM 253 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 722
Budget line No. 27

For Support of the Colorado River Board From the General Fund

Amount requested	\$95,234
Estimated to be expended in 1949-50 Fiscal Year	93,732
Increase (1.6 percent)	\$1,502

Summary of Increases

	Total increase	INCREASE DUE TO		Budget page	Line No.
		Work load or salary adjustments	New services		
Salaries and wages	\$2,773	\$2,773	---	722	44
Operating Expenses	—328	—328	---	722	45
Equipment	—943	—943	---	722	46
Total Increase	\$1,502	\$1,502			

RECOMMENDATIONS

Amount budgeted	\$95,234
Legislative Auditor's Recommendation	94,534
Reduction	\$700

ANALYSIS

Salaries and Wages

Salary increase is due primarily to normal salary adjustments and reclassification of a senior hydraulic engineer to supervisory hydraulic engineer. There is a small increase of temporary help which is justified on the basis of additional stenographic help for necessary correspondence.

Operating Expense

In view of the fact that printing expenses have decreased this year, we recommend a corresponding reduction in postage in the amount of \$300, since major cost of postage was for mailing printed material. Telephone and telegraph costs have increased \$91 to \$3,476, an increase of 2.7 percent over \$3,385 estimated to be expended in 1949-50. In view of the size of the agency and the work involved, we suggest that more emphasis be placed on transacting business by mail instead of telephone. We therefore recommend a reduction of \$400 in telephone and telegraph. All other operating expenses have remained practically the same in the 1950-51 Fiscal Year as in the current one.

GENERAL SUMMARY

The Colorado River Board was created under Chapter 838, Statutes of 1937, for the purpose of: (a) making legal and engineering studies and research in preparation for possible litigation for the settlement of