

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

rights to Colorado River water (in the lower basin); (b) recommending legislation to authorize additional hydroelectric power development in the lower Colorado River, and other legislation affecting California's developments and interest in the Colorado River; and (c) gathering, compiling, and analyzing basic data on water supply and utilization, existing water and power developments and operations, economic factors, etc., in the Colorado River Basin.

BOARD OF HARBOR COMMISSIONERS FOR HUMBOLDT BAY

ITEM 254 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 723
Budget line No. 55

*For Support of the Board of Harbor Commissioners for Humboldt Bay
From the General Fund*

Amount requested	\$2,300
Estimated to be expended in 1949-50 Fiscal Year	2,300
Increase	None

RECOMMENDATIONS

Amount budgeted	\$2,300
Legislative Auditor's Recommendation	2,300
Reduction	None

ANALYSIS

It is of interest to note that the Legislature appropriated for the 1949-50 Fiscal Year the sum of \$3,112 of which \$812 remains as an unexpended balance or estimated saving for the current fiscal year. Therefore, for practical purposes the amount requested for the 1950-51 Fiscal Year represents a reduction below activities previously forecast.

The Board of Harbor Commissioners for Humboldt Bay was created by Chapter 179, Statutes of 1945, and is vested with the responsibility for controlling the Port of Eureka. Prior to this time the Port of Eureka was under the control of the Department of Public Works. The major activity of the board consists of keeping full and correct records of all steam and sailing vessels entering or departing from Humboldt Bay, together with a detailed record of the cargoes and the ports of origin and destination. This information is used to qualify for federal support in behalf of the Port of Eureka.

RECLAMATION BOARD

ITEM 255 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 724
Budget line No. 30

For Support of the Reclamation Board From the General Fund

Amount requested	\$156,238
Estimated to be expended in 1949-50 Fiscal Year	150,005
Increase (4.1 percent)	\$6,233