

**Summary of Increases**

	Total increase	INCREASE DUE TO		Budget page	Line No.
		Work load or salary adjustments	New services		
Salaries and Wages-----	\$5,849	\$5,849	---	724	46
Operating Expenses-----	2,831	2,831	---	724	47
Equipment-----	-2,447	-2,447	---	724	48
<b>Total Increase-----</b>	<b>\$6,233</b>	<b>\$6,233</b>			

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

Amount budgeted-----	\$156,238
Legislative Auditor's Recommendation-----	156,238
Reduction-----	None

**ANALYSIS**

Increase in salaries and wages covers a normal increase in salary adjustments. The increase in operating expense of \$2,831 can be accounted for in contractual service for legal assistance. This is to reimburse the Department of Finance for part-time legal service, which had been performed previously by the Attorney General's office.

**GENERAL SUMMARY**

The Reclamation Board cooperates with the Federal Government in the establishment, planning, and construction of flood control works on the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers and their tributaries. It is the governing body of the Sacramento and San Joaquin Drainage District. It passes on all plans for irrigation and drainage structures, or other construction that is on, in, or through the levees or flood channels of the two river systems. It provides all rights of way, easements, relocation of utilities, can borrow materials, etc., required for levee construction, or for construction of the Merced County or Fresno County stream group dams. It fulfills such other construction obligations as the State has assumed in its cooperative agreement with the Federal Government on the two river systems. It passes on assessments of reclamation districts within the drainage district.

**WATER RESOURCES BOARD**

ITEM 256 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 726  
Budget line No. 59

**For Support of the Water Resources Board From the General Fund**

Amount requested-----	\$26,845
Estimated to be expended in 1949-50 Fiscal Year-----	27,362
Decrease (1.9 percent)-----	\$517

**Summary of Increases**

	Total increase	INCREASE DUE TO		Budget page	Line No.
		Work load or salary adjustments	New services		
Salaries and Wages-----	\$1,866	\$1,866	---	726	71
Operating Expense-----	1,349	1,349	---	726	72
Equipment-----	---	---	---		
<b>Total Decrease-----</b>	<b>\$517</b>	<b>\$517</b>			

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

Amount Budgeted -----	\$26,845
Legislative Auditor's Recommendation -----	19,239
Reduction -----	<u>\$7,606</u>

**ANALYSIS**

**Salaries and Wages**

Request for salaries and wages for the 1950-51 Fiscal Year is \$15,728. This is a decrease of \$1,866, or 10.6 percent under the amount of \$17,594 estimated to be expended in the 1949-50 Fiscal Year. This is brought about by a decrease in the per diem of board members. *We recommend a further reduction of \$7,356 in salaries and wages for the position of administrative assistant.* This can be done by coordinating the activities of the Water Resources Board 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. A direct working relationship between both boards should be established.

**Operating Expense**

The amount requested for operating expense for the 1950-51 Fiscal Year is \$11,117. This is an increase of \$1,349 or 13.8 percent over the amount of \$9,768 estimated to be expended in the 1949-50 Fiscal Year. For the 1950-51 Fiscal Year \$400 is requested in office expense. This is an increase of \$250 over the amount of \$150 estimated to be expended in 1949-50 Fiscal Year. Considering that this expense is for miscellaneous items for an office consisting of two positions, \$150 is adequate and we are unable to reconcile an increase of this proportion. *We therefore recommend a reduction of \$250 in this item.*

**GENERAL SUMMARY**

The State Water Resources Board was created by Chapter 1514, Statutes of 1945. The board is the agency directed by law to conduct investigations and report to the Legislature on water conservation and flood control matters. The board further investigates and recommends to the Legislature the amount of allocations from the Flood Control Fund of 1946 and reallocates these funds to local agencies to cover cost of local cooperation in federal control projects. It also represents the state and local agencies in seeking federal appropriations and authorization for flood control projects.

**Water Resources Board  
COOPERATIVE MINOR WATER RESOURCES BOARD INVESTIGATIONS**

ITEM 257 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 727  
Budget line No. 21

**For Support of the Cooperative Minor Water Resources Investigations From the General Fund**

Amount requested .....	\$54,500
Estimated to be expended in 1949-50 Fiscal Year .....	44,000
 Increase (23.8 percent) .....	 \$10,500

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

Amount budgeted .....	\$54,500
Legislative Auditor's Recommendation .....	39,500
 Reduction .....	 \$15,000

**ANALYSIS**

The Water Resources Board has entered into a cooperative agreement with local agencies in areas where there are special water problems requiring more intensive studies than are required under state-wide investigations. Agreements provide that local agencies contribute one-half of the cost of investigations and the board contributes the other half.

The 1950-51 Budget provides for investigations in the following areas and amounts:

Placer County .....	\$17,500
Southern Alameda .....	15,000
Farmington Area .....	7,000
Additional special investigations not yet defined .....	15,000
 Total .....	 \$54,500

*We recommend deletion of the \$15,000 item for anticipated additional projects not yet defined.*

We believe the funds should be budgeted and approved only for specific projects as has been the policy in the past.

**Water Resources Board  
STATE-WIDE WATER RESOURCES INVESTIGATION**

ITEM 258 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 727  
Budget line No. 58

**For Support of the State-wide Water Resources Investigation From the General Fund**

Amount requested .....	\$438,948
Estimated to be expended in 1949-50 Fiscal Year .....	412,536
 Increase (6.4 percent) .....	 \$26,412

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

Amount budgeted .....	\$438,948
Legislative Auditor's Recommendation .....	438,948
 Reduction .....	 None

**ANALYSIS**

The following is a break-down of the \$438,948 requested :

Investigations, surveys, studies, preparation of plans and estimates, and preparation of reports on state-wide water plan -----	\$370,911
Geological investigations in cooperation with the Federal Government -----	25,000
Services rendered by State Engineer -----	43,037
<b>Total -----</b>	<b>\$438,948</b>

The \$43,037 for the services of the State Engineer is an increase of \$25,822 from 1949-50. The increase is due primarily to additional services to be rendered for auditing and processing claims of flood control districts in which the State is participating in right-of-way acquisition of flood control projects.

**GENERAL SUMMARY**

The State-wide Resources Investigation comprises a study of present water utilization plans. This includes collection and compilation of data regarding land use and cultural surveys in potential water service areas embracing about 40,000 square miles. These are supplemented with field work in areas where inadequate or no information is available. This is about half completed.

Preliminary reconnaissance and geological examinations have been made of approximately 40 percent of 150 dam and reservoir sites which are considerations. A number of other sites have already been surveyed.

Collection of power data from previous studies, reports, and installations, has been made for most of the Sierra and Coastal streams.

The geological investigation is carried out on a cooperative fifty-fifty fund matching basis with the Federal Government.

To date field work has been 90 percent completed in the Sacramento Basin. It is planned to investigate geological features of the ground water basins on the west side of the San Joaquin Valley and all ground water basins in the north coastal areas during the current fiscal year.

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE**

ITEM 259 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 734  
Budget line No. 8

**For Support of the Department of Social Welfare From the General Fund**

Amount requested -----	\$1,501,227
Estimated to be expended in 1949-50 Fiscal Year -----	6,482,073
<b>Decrease (76.8 percent) -----</b>	<b>\$4,980,846</b>