

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

ITEM 234 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 737
Budget line No. 23

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

Amount requested	\$383,952
Estimated to be expended in 1950-51 Fiscal Year	335,086
Increase (14.6 percent)	\$48,866

Summary of Increase

	Total increase	INCREASE DUE TO		Budget page	Line No.
		Work load or salary adjustments	New services		
Salaries and wages	\$50,934	\$50,934	---	739	22
Operating expense	14,874	14,874	---	739	23
Equipment	—16,942	—16,942	---	739	24
Total increase	\$48,866	\$48,866	---		

RECOMMENDATIONS

Amount budgeted	\$383,952
Legislative Auditor's recommendation	333,952
Reduction	None

ANALYSIS

The amount of \$383,952 is requested for support of the Water Pollution Control Board in the Fiscal Year 1951-52. This is an increase of \$48,866, or 14.6 percent over the amount of \$335,086 estimated for expenditure during the current year.

Salaries and wages are scheduled to increase \$50,934, or 24.4 percent over estimated expenditures during the current year. One additional clerical position is requested on a work load basis. The increase is primarily due to budgeting authorized positions for a full year's employment.

The amount of \$2,619 requested for equipment seems in line with agency requirements.

Expenditures for state board operation show only a minor increase for 1951-52. The organization of the regional boards has of necessity been gradual and personnel have been added during the current year as expansion of activities has justified. It is contemplated that the proposed regional organization will be fully activated during the entire budget year.

Board responsibilities were delegated to the pollution control boards by legislation passed in 1949, commonly known as the "Dickey Bills." Further planning and the experience of actual operation will be necessary to determine ultimate requirements of the various boards in carrying out their responsibilities. We believe development to date has been reasonable in view of the unknown factors.

We recommend approval as submitted.

**Water Pollution Control Board
OTHER CURRENT EXPENSES—RESEARCH**

ITEM 235 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 739
Budget line No. 56

*For Support of Research in Technical Phases of Water Pollution Control,
Water Pollution Control Board, From the General Fund*

Amount requested.....	\$67,141.
Estimated to be expended in 1950-51 Fiscal Year.....	32,725
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Increase (105.2 percent).....	\$34,416

RECOMMENDATIONS

Amount budgeted.....	\$67,141
Legislative Auditor's recommendation.....	67,141
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Reduction	None

ANALYSIS

The amount requested will provide funds in the amount of \$41,575 to complete three investigations started during the current year. The additional \$25,566 is requested for an investigation of relationship of pollution of ground waters to rates of percolation.

The State Water Pollution Control Board has determined that research projects in process and proposed are those in which additional information is required.

We recommend approval.

**Water Pollution Control Board
SERVICES TO OTHER AGENCIES**

ITEM 236 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 739
Budget line No. 74

*For Support of the Water Pollution Control Board, for Services
to Other Agencies, From the General Fund*

Amount requested.....	\$243,020
Estimated to be expended in 1950-51 Fiscal Year.....	---
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Increase	\$243,020

RECOMMENDATIONS

Amount budgeted.....	\$243,020
Legislative Auditor's recommendation.....	243,020
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Reduction	None

ANALYSIS

This fund will provide for services from other state agencies as required by the state and regional pollution boards. The establishing of such a fund is sound administration. Provision for additional work load resulting from investigations requested by these boards need no longer be made in the various agency budgets. It will centralize records as to total cost of activities of the various pollution boards and minimize the possibility of duplication in services requested.

We recommend approval.