

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

Amount budgeted .....	\$441,575
Legislative Auditor's recommendation .....	441,575
Reduction .....	None

**Yuba River Debris Control—\$15,000**

Chapter 686, Statutes of 1935, provides for control of mining and other debris along the Yuba River. Funds are to be expended on a matching basis with the Federal Government.

The proposed expenditure of \$15,000 for 1951-52 is the same as 1950-51.

We recommend approval.

**Topographic Mapping—\$300,000**

This function provides for a ten year mapping program in cooperation with the United States Geodetic Survey to provide for basic topographic maps in the counties and conservation of the natural and economic resources of the State.

The proposed expenditure of \$300,000 for 1951-52 is the same as 1950-51.

We recommend approval.

**Stream Gauging—\$111,575**

This program is in cooperation with the United States Geological Survey. It provides data and water supply and utilization of streams in California not otherwise covered by the Division of Water Resources.

We recommend approval.

**Irrigation Investigation—\$7,500**

This function provides for investigations conducted by the Soil Conservation Service of the United States Department of Agriculture, including the use of transportation and loss of evaporation of irrigation waters.

We recommend approval.

**Establishment of Gauging Stations—\$7,500**

This is to complete the establishment of 30 gauging stations in the north coastal area where data on water supply and utilization is not available.

We recommend approval.

**AERONAUTICS COMMISSION**

ITEM 246 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 782  
Budget line No. 8

**For Support of the Aeronautics Commission From the General Fund**

Amount requested .....	\$115,069
Estimated to be expended in 1950-51 Fiscal Year .....	99,830
Increase (15.2 percent) .....	\$15,239

Summary of Increase

	Total increase	INCREASE DUE TO		Budget page	Line No.
		Work load or salary adjus.ments	New services		
Salaries and wages -----	\$11,616	\$6,884	\$5,232	782	52
Operating expense -----	1,573	583	990	782	72
Equipment -----	2,050	2,050	---	783	6
<b>Total increase -----</b>	<b>\$15,239</b>	<b>\$9,017</b>	<b>\$6,222</b>		

RECOMMENDATIONS

Amount budgeted -----	\$115,069
Legislative Auditor's recommendation -----	108,447
<b>Reduction -----</b>	<b>\$6,622</b>

ANALYSIS

We recommend the deletion of the position of airport planning engineer at a saving of \$5,232 in salary, Budget page 782, line 47.

This position is being requested to assist the engineer in Southern California on long-range planning of airports. Since this is a long-range plan, and the agency has an airport planning engineer at present, we fail to see the urgency of the work involved requiring an additional position. Further, we feel that since there are three airport engineers at present, one engineer could be used to assist in the work of the southern area.

We recommend approval of the new proposed positions of administrative assistant and intermediate stenographer.

The administrative assistant is requested to assist the director, so that he can devote more of his time to more important commission problems and affairs.

The stenographer is needed to carry the current work load which is more than the present staff can handle.

We recommend a reduction of \$400 in overtime. By allowing an additional secretarial position, this will reduce overtime work which required about 10 percent overtime of the present clerical staff.

We recommend a reduction of \$990 in traveling expense predicated on the deletion of the position of airport planning engineer.

The amount requested for equipment is \$2,500. This is an increase of \$2,050 over the amount of \$450 requested in the 1950-51 Fiscal Year. This increase is due to the replacement of radio equipment in the airplanes operated by the commission and is in line with federal policies.

Although the Aeronautics Commission is supported from the General Fund of the State, its chief activities are in the nature of technical services for airport planning by cities. Because it does not have extensive regulatory or operating responsibilities and its activities are mainly promotion, coordination, and planning, we believe that consideration should be given to the assessment of all or a greater part of the cost of the activity to the agencies, public and private, which build and operate airports. Where technical engineering and other services are performed for private airport operators, it is reasonable to require partial reimbursement for those services. Where services are performed for cities or counties, reasonable reimbursement might be made from the unrefunded part of the Aviation Fuel Tax Fund. During the Fiscal Year 1949-50, \$198,684 was paid to counties and \$112,666 to cities from unrefunded aviation fuel tax.