

We recommend that a study be made by the Aeronautics Commission to determine the feasibility of various arrangements for assessing to the primary beneficiaries a part of the cost of airport planning services.

COLORADO RIVER BOARD

ITEM 247 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 785
Budget line No. 7

For Support of the Colorado River Board From the General Fund

Amount requested	\$103,531
Estimated to be expended in 1950-51 Fiscal Year	102,323
Increase (1.2 percent)	\$1,208

Summary of Increase

	Total increase	INCREASE DUE TO		Budget page	Line No.
		Work load or salary adjustments	New services		
Salaries and wages	\$1,482	\$1,482	---	785	44
Operating expense	—170	—170	---	785	65
Equipment	—104	—104	---	785	72
Total increase	\$1,208	\$1,208	---		

RECOMMENDATIONS

Amount budgeted	\$103,531
Legislative Auditor's recommendation	103,531
Reduction	None

ANALYSIS

The increase of \$1,482 in salaries and wages is due to an adjustment based upon annual salary increments.

GENERAL SUMMARY

The Colorado River Board of California has a responsibility under Chapter 838, Statutes of 1937, to protect the rights and interests of the State of California, its agencies and citizens in and to the waters of the Colorado River system.

1. It makes legal engineering studies and appears before congressional committees and conferences with interested federal agencies regarding legislation pending before Congress affecting California's rights and interests in the Colorado River.

2. It collects, compiles, and analyzes all available basic information on the water supply of the Colorado River system and the present and future use thereof.

3. It makes detailed analyses of the operation of existing and proposed projects to determine their effects upon the water supply available to the lower basin and upon the rights of California.

BOARD OF HARBOR COMMISSIONERS FOR HUMBOLDT BAY

ITEM 248 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 785
Budget line No. 7

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

Amount requested	\$2,854
Estimated to be expended in 1950-51 Fiscal Year	2,300
Increase (24.1 percent)	\$554

Summary of Increase

	Total increase	INCREASE DUE TO		Budget page	Line No.
		Work load or salary adjustments	New services		
Salaries and wages-----	---	---	---	785	28
Operating expense-----	\$554	---	\$554	785	36
Equipment-----	---	---	---	---	---
Total increase-----	\$554	---	\$554	---	---

RECOMMENDATIONS

Amount budgeted-----	\$2,854
Legislative Auditor's recommendation-----	2,854
Reduction-----	None

ANALYSIS

The increase of \$554 represents rental of office and other facilities which have been provided heretofore without charge to the board. If the board is to continue as presently constituted, the total sum of \$2,854 requested for support for the 1951-52 Fiscal Year appears to be needed. However, in our opinion, the functions of the board could be performed more economically by some other existing agency.

The Board of Harbor Commissioners for Humboldt Bay was created by enactment of Chapter 179 of the Statutes of 1945. The board is composed of three members appointed for terms of four years by the Governor, and has the responsibility for controlling the Port of Eureka. The functions of the board consist of the recording of all steam and sailing vessels entering or departing from the Humboldt Bay and the keeping of detailed records of the ships cargoes and the ports of origin and destination.

Prior to the enactment of Chapter 179 of the Statutes of 1945, these activities and responsibilities rested within the Department of Public Works and were performed out of a local office of the department located in Eureka. According to the most recent audit report submitted by the Division of Audits, Department of Finance, covering the activities of the board for the period August 9, 1947 to August 15, 1949, only one meeting of the commission was held during this period. The meeting was held in July of 1949 to pass upon the only application requiring board action received during the two-year period, and, due to such limited activity, it was suggested in the audit report that the functions of the board could be performed more economically by some other existing agency.

In view of the foregoing and in the interest of economy, it is recommended that the Legislature consider the advisability of abolishing the board and transferring the present functions to some other existing agency operating within the City of Eureka or its approximate vicinity.

RECLAMATION BOARD

ITEM 249 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 787
Budget line No. 7

For Support of the Reclamation Board From the General Fund

Amount requested-----	\$148,542
Estimated to be expended in 1950-51 Fiscal Year-----	151,568
Decrease (2.0 percent)-----	\$3,026