

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

Summary of Increase

	Total increase	INCREASE DUE TO		Budget page	Line No.
		Work load or salary adjustments	New services		
Salaries and wages -----	\$1,971	—\$1,971	---	787	58
Operating expense -----	284	284	---	787	77
Equipment -----	—1,339	—1,339	---	788	8
Total increase -----	—\$3,026	—\$3,026	---		

RECOMMENDATIONS.

Amount budgeted -----	\$148,542
Legislative Auditor's recommendation -----	148,542
Reduction -----	None

ANALYSIS

The program of the Reclamation Board will continue on the same level in 1951-52 as in 1950-51. There is a decrease in salaries and wages which is due to an increase in salary savings.

The slight increase in operating expense is occasioned by an increase in contractual services for legal assistance performed by the Department of Finance.

GENERAL SUMMARY

The Reclamation Board approves construction on levee systems and flood channels, cooperates with the Federal Government in the construction of flood control projects, and assumes obligations of the State in agreements with the Federal Government. It is the governing body for the Sacramento and San Joaquin Drainage districts.

WATER RESOURCES BOARD

ITEM 250 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 788
Budget line No. 7

For Support of the Water Resources Board From the General Fund

Amount requested -----	\$70,513
Estimated to be expended in 1950-51 Fiscal Year -----	24,410
Increase (188.9 percent) -----	\$46,103

RECOMMENDATIONS

Amount budgeted -----	\$70,513
Legislative Auditor's recommendation -----	70,513
Reduction -----	None

ANALYSIS

Although the amount requested for 1951-52 indicates an increase of \$46,056, there is actually no increase since \$43,200 represents services of the staff of the state engineer which had been previously included as part of the state-wide water resources investigations, and \$2,873 is for an increase in the amount requested for accounting services performed by the Department of Public Works. An analysis indicates that the increased charge is necessary for proper reporting of costs.

Since these are General Fund agencies, no over-all increase will result.