

**Department of Public Works  
RECLAMATION BOARD**

ITEM 267 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 813  
Budget line No. 7

*For Support of the Reclamation Board From the General Fund*

Amount requested .....	\$183,694
Estimated to be expended in 1951-52 Fiscal Year .....	171,604
<b>Increase (7.0 percent) .....</b>	<b>\$12,090</b>

**Summary of Increase**

	Total increase	INCREASE DUE TO		Budget page	Line No.
		Work load or salary adjustments	New services		
Salaries and wages .....	\$7,663	\$7,663	---	813	63
Operating expense .....	—373	—373	---	814	10
Equipment .....	4,800	4,800	---	814	20
<b>Total increase .....</b>	<b>\$12,090</b>	<b>\$12,090</b>	<b>---</b>		

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

Amount budgeted .....	\$183,694
<b>Legislative Auditor's recommendation .....</b>	<b>183,694</b>
<b>Reduction .....</b>	<b>None</b>

**ANALYSIS**

The amount of \$183,694 requested for 1952-53 represents an increase of \$12,090 or 7 percent over the amount estimated to have been expended in 1951-52.

Due to the decision of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers to eliminate property ties and preparation of descriptions from their duties, the Reclamation Board is faced with a backlog of over 1,000 man-days of work, and payments for rights of way are long overdue. To meet this work load the agency is requesting for 1952-53 an additional position of senior engineering aid at a salary of \$3,372 per year.

Operating expenses have decreased by \$373, while equipment expenses have increased by \$4,800 over the amount estimated to have been expended in 1951-52. The increase in equipment expense is caused by an over-all increase in office and engineering replacements and additions and the replacement of three cars.

Approval of the amount requested is recommended.

**GENERAL SUMMARY**

The Reclamation Board approves construction on levee systems and flood channels, cooperates with the U. S. Army Engineers in construction of flood control projects through acquisition of rights of way for such projects, acts as governing body for the Sacramento and San Joaquin Drainage District, which comprises over 1,500,000 acres.

Elsewhere in this analysis the recommendation is made that consideration should be given by the Legislature to a reorganization which would integrate into a single state agency under central authority the various agencies presently dealing with California's water problems. The functions and operation of the Reclamation Board should be reviewed in this connection.

Department of Public Works  
WATER RESOURCES BOARD

ITEM 268 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 817  
Budget line No. 7

For Support of Water Resources Board From the General Fund

Amount requested .....	\$74,858
Estimated to be expended in 1951-52 Fiscal Year .....	74,158
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Increase (0.9 percent) .....	\$700

Summary of Increase

	Total increase	INCREASE DUE TO		Budget page	Line No.
		Work load or salary adjustments	New services		
Salaries and wages .....	---	---	---	817	66
Operating expense .....	\$700	\$700	---	818	12
Equipment .....	---	---	---	---	---
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Total increase .....	\$700	\$700	---		

RECOMMENDATIONS

Amount budgeted .....	\$74,858
Legislative Auditor's recommendation .....	74,858
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Reduction .....	None

ANALYSIS

The increase of \$700 over the 1951-52 Budget is due primarily to an increase of \$547 in accounting service, and miscellaneous increase in operating expense.

GENERAL SUMMARY

The State Water Resources Board was created by Chapter 1514, Statutes of 1945. The board is the agency designated to conduct investigations and make reports to the Legislature on water conservation and flood control matters; to investigate and recommend amount of allocations from the Flood Control Fund of 1946 and reallocate these funds to local agencies to cover the cost of construction in federal control projects. It represents the state and local agencies in seeking federal appropriations and authorization for flood control projects.

Under provisions of Chapters 1500 and 1596, Statutes of 1951, the board is further responsible for formulating plans for the correction or prevention of damage to underground waters by sea water intrusion, and conducting studies of rainfall by artificial means.

Water Problems

The rapid expansion of California's population and the development of new agricultural lands have made more urgent the need for a coordinated program of water resources development. In the past, as new problems arose relating to the development and control of water there has been a tendency to create boards, commissions, and agencies with limited jurisdiction designed to deal with specific water problems. As a result, there are now at least nine agencies concerned primarily with water and another 13 having secondary functions in connection with it. The consequent lack of well-defined lines of authority has led to widespread confusion. It has made more difficult the task of the individual who calls upon the State to determine his rights and duties in connection with such things as flood control, water rights, and water pollution.

The picture has been complicated further by the active role which the United States Bureau of Reclamation has assumed in California's water development. The water user often finds it necessary to deal with several state agencies, as well as with the Bureau of Reclamation, in order to meet a given water problem. Moreover, in making representation from congressional committees, the State has been handicapped by the fact that it has not always been clear which of the state agencies dealing with water should speak for the State on a particular water question.

The execution of a comprehensive plan for the development of the water resources in California suggests the desirability of a reorganization and coordination of the various boards and agencies concerned with water. *For these reasons it is recommended that the Legislature, at the next regular session, consider the enactment of legislation which would eliminate duplication and confusion among existing agencies and create an administrative organization responsible for dealing with all major water problems, in which there would be clearly defined lines of authority.*

**Department of Public Works  
WATER RESOURCES BOARD**

ITEM 269 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 818  
Budget line No. 45

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

Amount requested .....	\$28,250
Estimated to be expended in 1951-52 Fiscal Year .....	54,500
Decrease (48.2 percent) .....	\$26,250

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

Amount budgeted .....	\$28,250
Legislative Auditor's recommendation .....	28,250
Reduction .....	None

**ANALYSIS**

The 1952-53 Budget provides for the following:

Ventura County investigations .....	\$10,000
Additional investigations .....	18,250
Total .....	\$28,250

The board has entered into agreements with local agencies on a cooperative matching basis where there are special water problems requiring immediate and more extensive studies than is required under state-wide investigations.

The program for the 1952-53 Fiscal Year includes \$10,000 for Ventura County for the continuation of studies, \$10,000 for additional cooperative investigations that may be approved; \$8,250 for a continuing program for collection of basic data in areas in which the original projects have been completed but in which the accumulation of additional data is necessary to verify findings based upon short-time experience.

Approval of the amount requested is recommended.

**Department of Public Works  
WATER RESOURCES BOARD**

ITEM 270 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 818  
Budget line No. 75

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

Amount requested .....	\$470,430
Estimated to be expended in 1951-52 Fiscal Year .....	423,892
<b>Increase (11.0 percent) .....</b>	<b>\$46,538</b>

**Summary of Increase**

Detailed by project:	Total increase	INCREASE DUE TO		Budget page	Line No.
		Work load or salary adjustments	New services		
Investigations, surveys and studies, prepara- tion of plans, and esti- mates and preparation and publication of state- wide water plan.....	\$21,538	\$21,538	---	818	71
Geological investigations in cooperation with the Federal Government --	25,000	---	\$25,000	818	72
<b>Total increase .....</b>	<b>\$46,538</b>	<b>\$21,538</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>		

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

Amount budgeted .....	\$470,430
Legislative Auditor's recommendation .....	470,430
<b>Reduction .....</b>	<b>None</b>

**ANALYSIS**

The amount requested for the Fiscal Year 1952-53 represents an increase of \$46,538 over that estimated to have been expended in 1951-52. It is requested that funds for geological investigation of ground water basins be increased from \$25,000 to \$50,000 for 1952-53, so that results will be available for the formulation of the California Water Plan which is expected to be completed by July, 1953. This increase represents an expanded service for 1952-53.

This survey is being done on a cooperative matching basis with the United States Geological Survey.

The balance of \$28,877 is partially offset by a reduction of \$7,339 in operating expense, or a net increase of \$21,538 in salaries and wages.

**SUMMARY**

The objective of the State-wide Water Resources Investigations is a revision and completion of a State Water Plan for the full conservation, control, and utilization of the State's water resources, both surface and underground, to meet present and future water needs in all areas of the State, insofar as practicable.

Bulletin No. 1 containing a complete inventory of water resources of the State for each of seven major hydrographic units is completed.

Field work on Bulletin No. 2 on water utilization and requirements of California has been completed, and 75 percent of the general office work by the engineering staff is completed and 10 percent for the drafting of plates is complete. The final editing and printing will be done in 1952-53.

Field work on Bulletin No. 3 for the development of water resources of the State is about 60 percent complete. Present plans call for the completion of this work in the first half of 1952-53. It is anticipated that office studies for Bulletin No. 3 will be complete in 1952-53. Preparations of this bulletin will be started in 1952-53 but may require a portion of 1953-54 to complete. A review of the program appears to show a more comprehensive program than was initially planned.

**Interim San Francisco Bay Ports Commission**

ITEM 271 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 815  
Budget line No. 8

*For Support of the Interim San Francisco Bay Ports Commission From the General Fund*

Amount requested .....	\$25,000
Estimated to be expended in 1951-52 Fiscal Year.....	15,000
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$40,000</b>

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

Amount budgeted .....	\$25,000
Legislative Auditor's recommendation.....	25,000
<b>Reduction</b> .....	<b>None</b>

**ANALYSIS**

This is a request for extension of the balance estimated to remain from the \$40,000 appropriated by item 252.5 of the 1951 Budget Act providing for an investigation and study of the needs for a cooperative Bay Area Ports program.

To date the commission has not been appointed; however, the sum of \$15,000 is budgeted for the current year in anticipation of the appointment of the commission by the Governor, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 727 of the Statutes of 1951.

We recommend approval of the amount budgeted. Although the commission has not been appointed as yet, the act, by which it is created, will expire on the ninety-first day after the adjournment of the 1953 Legislature and any money unexpended will revert to the General Fund.

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE**

ITEM 272 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 820  
Budget line No. 9

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

Amount requested .....	\$1,938,177
Estimated to be expended in 1951-52 Fiscal Year.....	1,836,493
<b>Increase (5.5 percent)</b> .....	<b>\$101,684</b>