COLORADO RIVER BOARD

ITEM 258 of the Budget Bill — Budget page 849, Budget line No. 7

For Support of Colorado River Board From the General Fund

Amount requested	$112,564
Estimated to be expended in 1952-53 Fiscal Year	106,206
Increase (6.0 percent)	$6,358

Summary of Increase

	Total increase	INCREASE DUE TO: Work load or salary adjustments	INCREASE DUE TO: New services	Budget page	Line No.
Salaries and wages	$1,710	$1,710	---	849	48
Operating expense	2,765	2,765	---	849	69
Equipment	1,883	1,883	---	849	76
Total increase	$6,358	$6,358	---		

RECOMMENDATIONS

Amount budgeted	$112,564
Legislative Auditor's recommendation	109,564
Reduction	$3,000

ANALYSIS

Attention is directed to the item of $3,000 increase in the per diem allowance for a legal representative in Washington, D. C. Beginning with the 1947-48 Fiscal Year, the approved budget allotment for the board has included an item of $6,000 for services of an attorney and special representative at Washington, D. C., pursuant to the original contract executed March 1, 1947, and subsequently modified October 23, 1950, between the Colorado River Board and the legal firm which has acted as such special representative continuously since that time. The $6,000 provided for a per diem allowance of $100. On June 4, 1952, the board unanimously adopted a motion recommending that the contract for the services of the special representative be amended to specify a per diem of $150 instead of $100, an increase of 50 percent, and that the compensation should not aggregate over $2,250 per quarter or total more than $9,000 per year.

The civil service schedule includes the position of consulting attorney, with a salary range from $10-$100 per diem. Although the law firm in question is under contract to the board and is not subject to the civil service schedule, it is not clear in the justification furnished by the agency why the maximum amount allowed by the Personnel Board should be exceeded in this case. *We recommend that the $3,000 increase requested for this item be disapproved.*

With this exception we recommend approval of the budget as submitted.