

Assembly

MINUTES OF MEETING - WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE - NEVADA STATE LEGISLATURE

55th SESSION

MARCH 6, 1969

The meeting was called to order by Chairman R. Young at 2:30 P.M. in the Ways and Means Room.

Present: R. Young, Howard, Bowler, Ashworth, Webb, Jacobsen, Close, Glaser, F. Young

Absent: None

Mr. Elmo DeRico, Director of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources presented his Budget to Committee members.

Mr. DeRico stated that one of the two assistant directors has resigned and the funds assigned to that position have been used to start a program of water and related land resource planning in the Division of Water Resources. The special projects engineer's position presently listed on the Department's staff will be listed in the Division of Water Resources as a new Hydraulic Engineer. By shifting these technical programs to the proper divisions, there is increased efficiency. The Department's Budget has been decreased from approximately \$250,000 to less than \$140,000.

In-State and Out-of-State travel has been increased slightly to enable the Department to more adequately represent the state in the maze of Federal funding programs.

The major increase in operating expenditures is in building space rental. This item is in conformance with the rates established by the Division of Buildings and Grounds. The request for additional attorney services is not recommended.

Mr. Bowler asked if the item Subscriptions and Manuals was necessary.

Mr. DeRico stated that they are publications from Washington and every member should get a copy.

Mr. DeRico requested that the extra help category be shifted for the 1969-70 fiscal year so that a new typewriter could be purchased.

Oil and Gas Conservation Commission was discussed by Dean Vernon Scheid, Director and Mr. John Schilling, Executive Secretary.

Mr. Scheid distributed copies on the Nevada Oil and Gas Conservation Commission. In 1968 there were 17 wells drilled, 9 drilled in 1967. This and increasing requests for information and other services now require the equivalent of a full-time person to handle adequately the

business of the Commission. This means that Nevada Bureau of Mines employees must neglect other duties in order to handle Commission affairs. It is requested that money be budgeted to hire a full-time petroleum engineer, and that he be located in the office of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources in Carson City.

Mr. Close asked why the Governor recommends \$2,300 for Contract Services and the agency requests nothing. Mr. Schilling stated that this was in lieu of a new position.

Mr. Ivan Sac and Mr. John Meader spoke on the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency.

Division of Water Resources' Budget was presented by Mr Roland Westergard.

State participation in the U.S. Geological Survey Cooperative Program has been assigned from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to the Division of Water Resources. The supporting Budget in the amount of \$90,000 annually is reflected in the Budget for the first time.

The State Engineer has replaced the Director of the Department as a member of the Western States Water Council and the Budget to support the State's participation in Council activities, in the amount of \$15,300 annually is also included in the Budget for the first time. The Budget also reflects a Water Resource Planning function within the Division of Water Resources.

Listed as a new position is the Hydraulic Engineer IV position transferred from the Director's office. The addition of one Intermediate Clerk-Typist was recommended to meet the increased stenographic and clerical demands of the agency.

Mr. Glaser asked if most of the new positions would be in Water Resources Planning.

Mr. Westergard stated that they would.

Mr. Jacobsen wondered if a date had been set for the completion of the Water Resources Plan.

Mr. Westergard said there was not a date set and this would be a continuing expenditure.

Mr. George Zappittini presented the Division of Forestry's Budget.

Mr. Zappittini commented that the Division wants to move one ten-man crew from Reno and house them at Spooner's and replace the other ten inmates with seasonal help. Placing the men at Spooner's would not increase the inmate crew at Reno. It is recommended that seven new seasonal positions be established for a total of 18 man-months at the Nursery and 12 man-months at the Reno Base. A seasonal Forestry Aid is recommended for Wells to improve the fire program in the Elko District.

Because of fewer inmates available to man the work crews, Mr. Zappittini suggest his receipts will be down by \$10,000. This would require an additional \$10,000 being appropriated to balance this budget.

There is a decrease in operating due to elimination of transport costs of inmates to Reno and transfer of aerial tanker service to Fire Suppression account.

Two fire trucks and one carry-all are recommended for replacement vehicles. Replacement fire equipment, radios, nursery and station equipment are recommended. \$15,000 is recommended for a trailer for the Galena Creek Fire Station. Also needed are two replacement bulldozers and requested one per year. The governor has recommended the purchase of one at an estimated cost of \$38,000. This is not shown in the Budget but was placed in S.B. 93.

Mr. Roger, Mr. Teglia and Mr. Roy Pagni and Mr. John Meader discussed buying the bulldozer and recommended to the Committee that \$38,000 be appropriated.

Mr. Glaser asked what size bulldozer would it be. Mr. Zappittini stated that it would be a D 6.

Mr. Close asked if they were going to keep the other three bulldozers they already have. Mr. Zappittini said they are going to trade one in for approximately \$2,000.

#### Forest Fire Suppression

This account has usually been budgeted \$30,000. The money actually spent this year is \$138,340, they have been reimbursed for \$47,210, and now exceed the \$30,000 by \$61,130. They were also allocated \$49,000 from the Governor's emergency fund, leaving a balance of \$12,130. Most of the expense was incurred on the large Ash Canyon Fire, which cost \$83,000 to suppress.

Budgeted for the next two years is \$30,000 for suppression and \$7,500 for emergency aerial tankers.

#### Forest Pest Control

A \$5,000 General Fund appropriation is recommended with authorization to receive and expend \$10,000 in reimbursements.

#### Forest and Watershed Rehabilitation

Mr. Zappittini stated that we must attempt to restore the land to a productive situation in order to avert undue soil erosion or floods. Authorization for this is requested under A.B. 320 introduced by Mr. Jacobsen. Operation and support would be by Division of Forestry personnel.

Nevada Conservation Honor Camp

Present programs include housing facilities for 32 inmates at Spooner's Honor Camp.

This fund is financed by a percentage of income earned by Honor Camp crews on work projects.

Humboldt River Commission

This project was recently transferred to Forestry from the Director's office.

The one employee involved has been transferred to Forestry and is shown in that budget. Requested in State funds is \$2,972 for a replacement truck and authority to spend \$2,500 received from the Bureau of Reclamation.

It was recommended that we contact Mr. Ken Buck pertaining to a special bill on this.

Soil Conservation Committee

Support for this function has been assigned to the Division of Forestry since they work closely with soil conservation districts in tree planting and fire work.

It is recommended that the existing level be maintained.

It was suggested that Mr. Carl Hocker, Warden be called in to discuss the Nevada Honor Camp.

Mr. Tom Miller and Mr. Eric Cronkhite, Administrator discussed the Division of State Parks.

Three planning positions, Chief Recreation Land Use Planner, Recreation Park Planner and Senior Clerk Typist, have been transferred to the Division from the Director's office.

An extra  $\frac{1}{2}$  Clerical positions was added. A full-time Carpenter is recommended and an Interpreter Specialist and Draftsman are recommended for the State Office. A Park Manager is needed for the Eastern area. Also seasonal Park Managers, Park Aids, and Lifeguards are recommended for the Tahoe area.

Meeting adjourned at 5:12 P.M.

## WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE HEARING - March 6, 1969

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources - Account #10-60101

As outlined in the budget document, the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources has the responsibility to direct, coordinate and supervise all administrative and technical activities of the Division of Water Resources, Division of Forestry, Division of State Lands, Division of State Parks and the Division of Oil and Gas.

During the past year, one of the two assistant directors resigned. After a complete re-appraisal of the Department's role, it was decided not to fill the vacant assistant director's position. We had been carrying several technical programs at the department level which properly belonged in the various divisions. By shifting these technical programs to the proper divisions, increased efficiency resulted. Consequently, you will note the Department budget has been decreased from approximately \$250,000 to less than \$140,000. However, the divisions' budgets reflect an increase for the technical programs assigned to them.

In-state and out-of-state travel has been increased slightly to enable the Department to more adequately represent the state in the maze of Federal funding programs. We requested the extra help category be shifted for the 1969-70 fiscal year so that three typewriters can be purchased. We feel that this is an extremely urgent need.

If you have any questions as to detail, I would be most happy to explain them.

Item

Special Projects - 469 - Cost \$5,000 per year

This amount is needed for participation in a joint water pollution control surveillance program on Lake Tahoe between the States of Nevada and California and the Federal Water Pollution Control Administration.

**Continuous** surveillance of the waters of **Lake** Tahoe is necessary to locate sources of pollution and to provide background information which is essential to determine the long range effects of nutrients contributed to the waters by development in the Tahoe Basin.

The total program for the joint surveillance program for fiscal years 70-71 is expected to cost \$22,400 of which the federal government contributes \$6,000, California contributes \$10,000 and Nevada is requested to contribute \$5,000 in cash. The \$5,000 is Nevada's share of the operating cost for boats, special sampling equipment and laboratory supplies and the publishing of reports. In addition all agencies contribute manpower and laboratory services. California provides chemical analyses of the water samples, Nevada runs bacteriological examinations and the federal government provides for identification of the biological flora and fauna.

The California Department of Water Resources is the agency which has assumed over all fiscal and administrative responsibility for the joint surveillance program.

DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION & NATURAL RESOURCES  
DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES

COMMENTS BEFORE THE ASSEMBLY WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE  
March 6, 1969

The increases in the Division of Water Resources requests, as reflected in the Executive Budget, are due to three principle factors.

State participation in the U. S. Geological Survey Cooperative Program has been assigned from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to the Division of Water Resources. The supporting budget in the amount of \$90,000 annually is, therefore, reflected in the Division's budget for the first time.

The State Engineer has replaced the Director of the Department as a member of the Western States Water Council and the budget to support the State's participation in Council activities, in the amount of \$15,300 annually, is also included in the Division's budget for the first time.

The budget also reflects a request of approximately \$100,000 annually to support a Water Resources Planning function within the Division of Water Resources. This request was made at the direction of a Legislative Subcommittee, which investigated statewide water needs.

Other miscellaneous increases are necessary to meet increased operating expenses to continue existing programs.

The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources has assigned one position back to the Division of Water Resources. In 1967 the Assistant State Engineer position was eliminated and the second Assistant Director of the Department was appointed. Because numerous water resource programs, previously handled by the Department, have been reassigned to the Division the position, as indicated, has also been reassigned but at the Hydraulic IV level. Funds for this position and one additional Clerk-Typist, to handle increased volume of work due to the assignments from the Department, are included in the Division's budget.

**WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE HEARING - March 6, 1969**

State Committee on Federal Land Laws - Account #10-60114

This Committee was established and funded by the 1965 Legislature to represent and enunciate the Nevada position on public lands with other western states and before the (Federal) Public Land Law Review Commission. The Public Land Law Review Commission has thirty-four (34) in-depth studies scheduled on commodities producible on the public lands. Included are water, fish and wildlife, energy minerals, non-fuel minerals, forage, timber, outer-continental shelf, administrative procedures of federal land managing agencies, recreation, withdrawals and reservations, appraisal techniques, environment and ecology, revenue sharing, disposal techniques, economic impact, etc. A detailed list is attached for your information.

The Commission must have its report to Congress by June 30, 1970. It is most important that the State Committee on Federal Land Laws develop a position on each study that will provide the greatest benefit to Nevada now and in the foreseeable future. We are asking for an increase in contract services so we can contract for the necessary expertise to assist us in our review and analysis of the study plans.

After the Federal Commission completes its work, then Congress will begin modifying the existing federal land laws. It is extremely important that Nevada keep abreast and attempt to influence any modifications for the benefit of the state.



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(Not numbered by PLLRC)

March 6

February 5, 1969

NEVADA OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
c/o Nevada Bureau of Mines  
University of Nevada, Reno, Nevada 89507

Vernon E. Scheid  
Director

John H. Schilling  
Executive Secretary

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Eagle Springs Field Production, December 1968

Operator	Well	Production, <sup>cu</sup> ft.	Days Produced
Shell Oil Co.	1-35	715	31
Shell Oil Co.	15-35	0	Shut In
Shell Oil Co.	35-35	911	31
Shell Oil Co.	62-35	1,560	31
Subtotal, Shell		3,186	
*North American Resources Corp.	1-34	2,557	31
North American Resources Corp.	73-35	3,310	31
North American Resources Corp.	74-35	1,810	31
North American Resources Corp.	84-35	2,300	24
North American Resources Corp.	43-36	0	Shut In
North American Resources Corp.	45-36	45	3
Subtotal, North American Resources Corp.		10,022	
Western Oil Lands, Inc.	Penn. #1	379	31
Western Oil Lands, Inc.	Penn. #2	1,815	31
Western Oil Lands, Inc.	Penn. #4	4,040	31
Western Oil Lands, Inc.	Penn. #5	4,132	31
Subtotal, Western Oil Lands, Inc.		10,366	
TOTAL DECEMBER PRODUCTION OF FIELD		23,574 Bbls.	
TOTAL 1968 PRODUCTION OF FIELD		271,371 Bbls.	
TOTAL ACCUMULATIVE PRODUCTION OF THE EAGLE SPRINGS FIELD		2,040,743 Bbls.	

\*Texota Oil Co. changed name to North American Resources Corp. effective December 3, 1968.

NEVADA OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION Statement To  
WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE, March 6, 1969  
By Vernon E. Scheid, Chairman and Director

The Nevada Oil and Gas Conservation Commission was created by the 1953 Legislature to protect the State and its citizens from wasteful and harmful practices in exploring for and producing oil and natural gas. The Commission issues permits for all oil and gas wells drilled, and regulates drilling, completion, and production methods. It collects and maintains data on the wells drilled, including various types of logs and production records, which are available for public inspection.

The law (Chapter 202, Section 3, Statutes of the State of Nevada 1953) states that "Until such time as oil or gas is produced and marketed ..... the director of the Nevada Bureau of Mines shall serve without pay as the director of the Nevada Oil and Gas Conservation Commission." The Commission has no paid employees, and members of the Nevada Bureau of Mines staff continue to handle all of the Commission's business, although oil has been produced in the State since 1954.

Until a few years ago, only one-man-day per week was required to handle the Commission's business. In 1968, there were 17 wells drilled (9 were drilled in 1967). This plus increasing requests for information and other services now require the equivalent of a full-time person to handle adequately the business of the Commission. This means that Nevada Bureau of Mines employees must neglect other duties (which also are increasing as mining expands in the State) in order to handle Commission affairs. Further difficulties arise because the Nevada Bureau of Mines is a research and public service organization. Thus, it has no regulatory functions, yet those employees handling Commission affairs do regulate oil activities.

Therefore it is requested that money be budgeted to hire a full-time petroleum engineer, and that he be located in the office of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources in Carson City. (A petroleum engineer is requested to properly handle the increasingly complex and technical business of the Commission.)

March 6, 1969

TO: WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE  
FROM: GEORGE ZAPPETTINI, STATE FORESTER

THE MAIN MISSION OF THE NEVADA DIVISION OF FORESTRY IS TO PROTECT AND MANAGE NATURAL RESOURCES IN STATE AND PRIVATE OWNERSHIP. OUR CURRENT EFFORTS ARE CENTERED ON 2 1/2 MILLION ACRES LEAVING 2,700,000 ACRES FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION. VALUES AS SET BY THE TAX COMMISSION ON THE 2 1/2 MILLION ACRES ARE APPROXIMATELY \$167 MILLION. ON MUCH OF THIS AREA THE ONLY PROTECTION OF ANY KIND AT ALL IS PROVIDED BY NDF AND IT IS EXTENSIVE. INTENSIVE PROTECTION OR ADEQUATE PROTECTION IS PROVIDED ONLY FOR THE SIERRA NEVADA MOUNTAINS INCLUDING THE LAKE TAHOE BASIN, 250,000 ACRES, AND MT. CHARLESTON NEAR LAS VEGAS, 6,000 ACRES. WE WOULD LIKE TO DO MORE BUT CANNOT DUE TO BUDGET LIMITATIONS.

FOR THE EIGHT PROGRAMS AUTHORIZED WE HAVE 25 PERMANENT EMPLOYEES AND 7 SEASONAL. IN ADDITION WE UTILIZE 50 INMATES FROM THE STATE PRISON; 30 BOYS FROM THE NYTC IN ELKO AND HAVE ORGANIZED AND TRAINED OVER 300 VOLUNTEERS. WE ALSO HAVE AVAILABLE THROUGH MUTUAL AID AGREEMENTS, THE RESOURCES OF THE U. S. FOREST SERVICE AND BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT. WE OWN 115 VEHICLES OF VARIOUS TYPES, MOST OF WHICH ARE ON LOAN TO ORGANIZED VOLUNTEERS OR FIRE DISTRICTS. WE ALSO OWN ONE AIRCRAFT. MOST OF THIS WAS ACQUIRED FROM MILITARY SURPLUS AT ONLY NOMINAL COST.

THE CURRENT ORGANIZATION WITH THE EXCEPTION OF AN INCREASED NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS IS APPROXIMATELY THE SAME AS IT WAS IN 1960, AND WE ARE NOT KEEPING PACE WITH DEMAND. AS THE STATE HAS GROWN AND WITH INCREASED TOURISM, MORE AND MORE PEOPLE ARE USING THE OUT-OF-DOORS. IN 1960 WE ATTENDED 86 FIRES WITH 1,121 ACRES BURNED, IN 1968; 277 FIRES WITH 5,109 ACRES BURNED.

AS AN EXAMPLE OF USE, WE CAN TAKE THE SIERRA FOREST PROTECTION DISTRICT. OVER ONE MILLION PEOPLE USED THE HIGHWAYS THROUGH THE DISTRICT IN 1968. HOW MANY OF THESE SPILLED OVER INTO THE FOREST WE HAVE NO WAY OF KNOWING, BUT VISITS TO SAND HARBOR STATE PARK WHICH IS IN THE DISTRICT, TOTALED 300,549 IN 1968.

ANOTHER PROBLEM TO CONSIDER IS THE PURCHASE OF PARK LAND BY THE STATE. FORESTRY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROTECTION AND MANAGEMENT OF THESE LANDS UNTIL THEY ARE DEVELOPED. COUNTING THE MARLETTE PURCHASE IN 1963, THE STATE CURRENTLY HAS SOME 5 MILLION DOLLARS INVESTED. AT THE SAME TIME NDF HAS LOST TAX REVENUE FORMERLY PAID BY THE LANDOWNER. INCREASED PROTECTION AND RESTORATION OF REVENUE IS NEEDED IF THE INVESTMENT IS TO BE PRESERVED AND ENHANCED.

PRIOR TO GETTING INTO THE VARIOUS CATEGORIES, I WOULD LIKE TO CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO THE FORESTRY BUDGET SUMMARY ENTITLED OTHER RECEIPTS. THIS ENTAILS RECEIPTS FROM TREE SALES, SALE OF EXCESS PROPERTY AND INCOME FROM HONOR CAMP CONSERVATION PROJECTS. FOLLOWING A CHANGE IN PRISON RULES AND REGULATIONS WE ARE NO LONGER GETTING ENOUGH MEN TO MAINTAIN FULL CREWS. ACCORDINGLY DURING THE PAST FOUR MONTHS INCOME HAS DROPPED DRASTICALLY. WE HAVE MET WITH THE PRISON ON THIS AND THEY INSIST THEY SIMPLY DO NOT HAVE THE MANPOWER THAT CAN BE TRUSTED IN CAMP. WE CANNOT ARGUE WITH THIS.

WE ARE NOW OPERATING WITH 30 MEN. NORMALLY WE HAVE BEEN USING 50. WHEN THE INCOME FIGURE OF \$49,000, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR, WAS DEVELOPED, WE HAD FULL CREWS AND IT WAS REALISTIC. IT NOW LOOKS LIKE IT SHOULD BE REVISED DOWNWARD BY \$10,000. WITHOUT THE MEN WE SIMPLY CANNOT PRODUCE THE REVENUE AND, ACCORDING TO THE WARDEN, HE IS DOING THE BEST HE CAN BY US.

THE VARIOUS CATEGORIES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

SALARIES:

IN THIS CATEGORY WE WANT TO MOVE THE INMATE CREW CURRENTLY BEING TRANSPORTED TO RENO DAILY, FROM RENO TO SPOONERS. THIS WOULD PROVIDE FOR MORE PROTECTION AT THE LAKE AND MORE CONSERVATION WORK THERE ESPECIALLY IN THE STATE PARK. IT WOULD ALSO SAVE THE COST OF TRANSPORTATION AND OVERTIME FOR A SECURITY OFFICER. TO REPLACE THIS CREW WE ARE REQUESTING 30 MAN-MONTHS OF PAID SEASONAL HELP IN RENO. A SEASONAL FORESTRY AID IS ALSO REQUESTED FOR THE ELKO DISTRICT.

TRAVEL:

NO INCREASE IN OUT-OF-STATE.

SLIGHT INCREASE IN IN-STATE FOR TRAINING PURPOSES.

OPERATING:

DECREASE SHOWN DUE TO ELIMINATION OF TRANSPORT COSTS OF INMATES TO RENO AND TRANSFER OF AERIAL TANKER SERVICE TO FIRE SUPPRESSION ACCOUNT.

EQUIPMENT:

NO NEW EQUIPMENT PURCHASES ARE RECOMMENDED, ONLY REPLACEMENT OF 2 PICKUPS TO BE MADE INTO FIRE TRUCKS AND 1 TRUCK CARRYALL. ALSO RECOMMENDED IS REPLACEMENT OF WORN OUT FIRE PUMPERS, RADIOS, TREE NURSERY AND STATION EQUIPMENT.

THE FIRE STATION USED IN THE PAST AT GALENA CREEK BELONGS TO WASHOE COUNTY PARKS. THEY ARE NOW READY TO DEVELOP THE PARK AND NEED THE RESIDENCE FOR PARK PURPOSES. A FIRE STATION WAS REQUESTED OF THE STATE PLANNING BOARD. THEY DECLINED THE REQUEST AND RECOMMENDED A TRAILER ESTIMATED TO COST \$15,000. THIS IS INCLUDED IN THE BUDGET REQUEST.

WE ALSO NEED TWO REPLACEMENT BULLDOZERS AND REQUESTED ONE PER YEAR. THE GOVERNOR HAS RECOMMENDED THE PURCHASE OF ONE AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$38,000. THIS IS NOT SHOWN IN THE BUDGET BEFORE YOU BUT WAS PLACED IN SB 93. THIS WAS DELETED BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE WITHOUT CONSULTATION, AND WE ARE CURRENTLY ASKING FOR A HEARING. INFORMATION ON THIS ITEM IS AS FOLLOWS:

WE HAVE THREE BULLDOZERS:

- 1 - 1944 D-6 ..... 25 YEARS OLD - NO METER
- 1 - 1953 TD-18 ..... 16 YEARS OLD - 2,402 HOURS
- 1 - 1951 D-6 ..... 18 YEARS OLD - 3,049 HOURS

ESTIMATES IN PUTTING THE THREE INTO GOOD CONDITION ARE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF \$56,000.

WE ALSO MAKE USE OF CONTRACT RENTALS. THESE RUN:

REGULAR TIME - \$25-30 PER HOUR WITH OPERATOR PLUS TRANSPORTING, \$12-16 PER HOUR.

OVERTIME - \$35-45 PER HOUR PLUS TRANSPORTING, \$16-20 PER HOUR.

THE BIGGEST DRAWBACK IS THAT THESE MACHINES ARE NOT ALWAYS AVAILABLE, ESPECIALLY ON WEEKENDS WHEN MOST FIRE ACTIVITY OCCURS. NOT ONLY ARE THEY EXPENSIVE TO RENT, BUT THE TIME LAG IN GETTING TO A FIRE PERMITS THE FIRE TO INCREASE IN SIZE, CAUSING

OUR OLD MACHINES ALSO CREATE AN UNNECESSARY RISK TO THE OPERATOR IN THE FACE OF RAPIDLY MOVING FIRES DUE TO POWER LOSS, INABILITY TO DO THE PROPER JOB AND THEIR PRONENESS TO SIMPLY BREAK DOWN. WE DO NOT DARE TO MAKE DIRECT ATTACK ON A FIRE WITH THEM.

THIS PLACES THE MAJOR BURDEN FOR SUPPRESSING THE FIRE ON HAND LABOR WHICH HAS SEVERAL LIMITATIONS AND IS SLOW AND EXPENSIVE.

WE CANNOT SECURE A REPLACEMENT FROM MILITARY SURPLUS SINCE MOST USABLE EQUIPMENT IS NOW BEING RECONDITIONED AND SENT OVERSEAS.

#### FIRE SUPPRESSION ACCOUNT

WE HAVE NO WAY OF PREDICTING HOW MANY OF HOW LARGE THE FIRES WE HAVE WILL BE. THIS MAKES IT DIFFICULT TO PREPARE A CLOSE BUDGET. THEREFORE, THIS IS A LUMP SUM ACCOUNT WHICH IS USED FOR EXPENSES INCURRED ONLY ON ACTUAL FIRES. OVERTIME, PICKUP FIREFIGHTERS, BULLDOZER RENTALS AND AERIAL TANKER RENTAL ARE GOOD EXAMPLES. THROUGH OUR MUTUAL AID AGREEMENTS WE ASSIST OTHER AGENCIES WHEN CALLED, EXPENSE INCURRED IS THEN REIMBURSED. WE ALSO PROTECT SOME FEDERAL LAND AND ARE REIMBURSED FOR FIRES ON THESE LANDS. SO ALL IN ALL, THIS ACCOUNT SERVES AS AN EMERGENCY REVOLVING FUND. WITHOUT IT, OPERATIONS WOULD BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT.

IT HAS BEEN CUSTOMARY OVER THE YEARS TO BUDGET \$30,000 FOR THIS PURPOSE FROM STATE FUNDS WITH AN UNDETERMINED AMOUNT ALLOWED FOR REIMBURSEMENTS. HOWEVER, THIS IS A GAMBLE, SOME YEARS IT IS SUFFICIENT, SOME YEARS IT IS NOT. AS YOU CAN NOTE ON YOUR BUDGET SHEET, WE MADE IT IN 1966-67 AND 1967-68. IN 1968-69, WE WERE PROGRAMMED FOR \$55,000 TOTAL. WE ACTUALLY SPENT TO DATE \$138,340, WERE REIMBURSED FOR \$47,210, AND WENT OVER THE \$30,000 BY \$61,130. WE WERE ALLOCATED \$49,000, FROM THE GOVERNOR'S EMERGENCY FUND, LEAVING A BALANCE DUE OF \$12,130.

MOST OF THIS EXPENSE WAS INCURRED ON THE LARGE ASH CANYON FIRE OF JULY 1968, WHICH COST \$83,000 TO SUPPRESS.

BUDGETED FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS IS \$30,000 FOR SUPPRESSION AND \$7,500 FOR EMERGENCY AERIAL TANKERS. THIS IS NOT SUFFICIENT, BUT WITH THE CONTINUED BACKING OF THE GOVERNOR'S FUND AND/OR THE SUGGESTED LEGISLATIVE INTERIM FUND, WE ARE WILLING TO CONTINUE GAMBLING. HOWEVER, SOME BETTER ARRANGEMENT IS SORELY NEEDED.

### FOREST PEST CONTROL

WE HAVE EXPERIENCED INSECT AND DISEASE PROBLEMS ON OUR FOREST LANDS. THIS HAS BEEN MAINLY IN THE LAKE TAHOE BASIN. HOWEVER, A NEW INFESTATION NOW FACES US ON MT. CHARLESTON NEAR LAS VEGAS AND CONTROL WORK WILL BE NECESSARY THERE IN THE NEAR FUTURE. WE DO THIS WORK IN COOPERATION WITH THE LANDOWNER AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. AS IN FIRE SUPPRESSION, THIS IS A DIFFICULT ITEM TO BUDGET FOR. REIMBURSEMENTS TO THIS FUND ARE ALSO COMMON.

\$5,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND IS RECOMMENDED WITH AUTHORIZATION TO RECEIVE AND EXPEND \$10,000 IN REIMBURSEMENTS.

### FOREST AND WATERSHED REHABILITATION

UNDER MODERN CONDITIONS WE CAN NO LONGER AFFORD TO IGNORE DAMAGE DONE TO FORESTS AND WATERSHEDS BY FIRE AND OTHER DESTRUCTIVE AGENCIES. WE MUST ATTEMPT TO RESTORE THE LAND TO A PRODUCTIVE SITUATION IN ORDER TO AVERT UNDUE SOIL EROSION OR FLOODS. AUTHORIZATION FOR THIS IS REQUESTED UNDER AB 320 INTRODUCED BY MR. JACOBSEN. NEED FOR THIS IS GREAT ON CARSON CITY'S WATERSHED JUST WEST OF HERE WHICH WAS DESTROYED BY FIRE LAST JULY.

WE HOPE TO SECURE FEDERAL FUNDS FOR THIS AND ARE NOT ASKING FOR A STATE APPROPRIATION AT THIS TIME.

### HUMBOLDT RIVER INVESTIGATION - WINNEMUCCA

THIS PROJECT WAS RECENTLY TRANSFERRED TO FORESTRY FROM THE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE. THIS IS A COOPERATIVE PROJECT WITH THE U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, BUREAU OF RECLAMATION AND AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE. IT INVOLVES DETERMINING THE AMOUNT OF WATER WASTED BY WATER WASTERS SUCH AS GREASEWOOD, WILLOWS, RABBITBRUSH, WILD ROSE AND SALT CEDAR. PRECIPITATION DATA ON SEVERAL ADJACENT MOUNTAIN RANGES IS ALSO COLLECTED. WORK IS ALSO GOING ON AS TO THE POSSIBILITY OF REPLACING THE WATER WASTERS WITH BENEFICIAL PLANTS.

THE ONE EMPLOYEE INVOLVED HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED TO FORESTRY AND IS SHOWN IN THAT BUDGET. REQUESTED IN STATE FUNDS IS \$2,972 FOR A REPLACEMENT TRUCK AND AUTHORITY TO SPEND \$2,500 RECEIVED FROM THE BUREAU OF RECLAMATION.



SOIL CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

SINCE THE STATE SOIL CONSERVATION COMMITTEE DOES NOT HAVE A HOME, IT HAS MORE OR LESS ATTACHED ITSELF TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES. SUPPORT FOR THIS FUNCTION HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO THE DIVISION OF FORESTRY SINCE WE WORK CLOSELY WITH SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICTS IN TREE PLANTING AND FIRE WORK. THE COMMITTEE HAS SEVERAL FUNCTIONS, PRIMARILY THE COORDINATION OF THIRTY-SEVEN (37) SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICTS AND THE REVIEW OF WATERSHED PROJECTS UNDER PUBLIC LAW 566.

SINCE MY ASSOCIATION WITH THIS PROGRAM, I HAVE FOUND IT TO BE WORTHY AND NEEDED. TO REALIZE THE FULL BENEFITS, A FULL TIME MAN IS NEEDED, THIS WAS REQUESTED BUT NOT GRANTED. ONLY THE USUAL \$750 IS RECOMMENDED.



STATE OF NEVADA  
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February 17, 1969

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Dear Mr. Westergard:

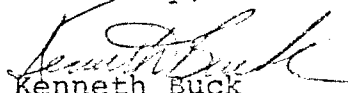
We have checked the information previously submitted to this office in connection with the retirement coverage of your water commissioners and we find the following:

1. You show a total retirement contribution due of \$7,609.70 for Humboldt River in 1950-67. The total is actually \$7,709.70.
2. You show \$31.50 contributions due for Muddy River in 1958. The total shown is actually \$32.50.
3. You show a total of \$884.57 overall for 1959. The total is actually \$879.57.

The above represents a total discrepancy of \$96.00. If this is added to your grand total of \$11,304.74 the grand total would be \$11,400.74. This is the amount that must be paid by the office of the state engineer to permit the service of the individual water commissioners to be accredited towards retirement. It is understood that the individual commissioners, who wish to have this time credited, must pay the employee contributions for their particular service.

Please call upon us if we may be of assistance. With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

  
Kenneth Buck  
Executive Secretary

DIVISION OF STATE PARKS

Explanation of Governor's 1969-71  
Budget Recommendation

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1. PERSONNEL

A. Existing Positions

I would like to call your attention to Page 397 of the Personnel Supplement to the Executive Budget. Under new positions, the three shown as Chief Recreation Land Use Planner, Recreation Park Planner and Senior Clerk Typist are actually existing positions. These positions were authorized and funded in the Department under Elmo DeRicco and are now proposed for transfer to the Division of State Parks. This group of employees is involved in both the Land and Water Conservation Fund program and the regular State Park System program, and have been assigned to the Division of State Parks.

B. New Positions

Under new positions on Page 397A, we ask that you approve the positions recommended in the Governor's budget. The Interpretive Specialist III will permit the establishment of interpretive services, as an aid to providing the visitor with a better understanding of the natural phenomena of our parks, such as is being developed at the Valley of Fire State Park in southern Nevada.

The Park and Recreation Specialist not recommended in this category (P. 397A) is shown as a Recreation Park Planner (should be Recreation Specialist) under the Statewide Park Planning Section on Page 404 (11-60203). This position is a must if we are to continue participation in the Federal Land and Water Conservation

Fund program which has been greatly accelerated as a result of the new legislation in the 90th Session of Congress. There will be many new county and city projects to be funded in addition to state projects.

In addition, Nevada's eligibility to participate in the Land and Water Conservation Fund expires in 1970, unless updating of the plan continues.

In the past, implementation of the Land and Water Conservation Fund projects has been relatively simple as we have worked with large projects, namely land acquisition. We are now, and will be in the future, working with a greater numerical volume of projects. With more projects mostly involving development of facilities by the cities and counties, a much proportionately greater work load exists than with the large land acquisition projects characterizing our activities of the past few years.

The Draftsman's position in addition to its need makes good economic sense. Cumulatively, a large share of the work carried out by the Park Planners and Engineer in the Division involves work that can be carried on satisfactorily by a Draftsman (lower grade classification) than the Planners and Engineer who were currently doing their own routine drafting. Approval of a draftsman's position would relieve some existing pressures, and would provide a supplementing service to the planning and engineering staff.

The number of clerical positions (2½) in the Division has remained virtually unchanged since 1960. Only during 1967-69 was an extra 1/2 position added as shown on Page 397. Seven staff members add to the work load of these clerical personnel. Presently this group is doing an excellent job and not balking at putting in overtime on numerous occasions. Any expansion of the Park

System program in 1969-71, will continue to add to the mounting load created in part by an expanded land and water conservation fund program, the historic site marker program, the state parks and the marina development fund programs.

I would like to call to your attention the ~~Mechanic~~ <sup>Carpenter + helper</sup> requested on Page 397A and the one listed under Existing Positions on Page 397, eastern area, are in error. This existing position request is for a carpenter. With increased development of park facilities in the past several years, and an increase in visitor use, more maintenance and rehabilitation has become mandatory. It is inefficient to move a carpenter and his helper throughout the state. The facilities in western Nevada now justify this position along with the general carpenter's (mechanic) helper as it is justified for eastern and southern Nevada.

The positions of Life Guard I, Park Manager Assistant, Park Aid are seasonal in nature and lumped as total months of seasonal positions needed to meet peak visitor periods. Attendance at the Nevada State Parks was 914,000 in 1968, which represents an increase of over 100,000 from 1967. An exception to the past statement is a request for one full time Park Manager Assistant for the western area to work at the Lake Tahoe-Nevada State Park. <sup>Life guard</sup> 1 - 300 ft.

## 2. TRAVEL

### A. Out-of-State

We are aware of legislative intent regarding out-of-state travel, but do request that you approve the Governor's recommendation in that it reflects no increase over the previous biennium. Involvement with Federal programs creates the need for additional out-of-state travel. These meetings are necessary to attend

in order to protect the state's share of federal funds. Emphasis on Federal aid meetings has diluted opportunities to attend an occasional meeting of one of the professional park and recreation societies annual meetings.

#### B. In-State

In-state travel becomes essential if we are to provide a reasonable level of service to southern Nevada and areas of the state outside the immediate Carson-Reno area.

#### C. Training Sessions

We would hope that the new section under Training on Page 400 would be left intact in order to provide field personnel with opportunities to attend workshop sessions sponsored each year in California and Colorado.

Our policy in regard to all out-of-state travel is to eliminate meetings in Miami, Florida, and take advantage of these meetings held in neighboring states so more personnel can be involved.

### 3. OPERATIONS

The Operational Budget recommended by the Governor is extremely delicate. In the past, the Operational Budget has been the most difficult to live within and still maintain a reasonable level of park operations.

### 4. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

#### A. Land Acquisition

Acquisition has been requested for the following areas:

1. Bristol Wells, Lincoln County, new area, no development proposed.
2. Eagle Valley Reservoir, Lincoln County, new area, development proposed, no acquisition funds needed.
3. Echo Canyon Reservoir, Lincoln County, new area, development proposed, no acquisition funds needed.

4. Gleason Canyon, Lincoln County, new area, no development proposed.
5. Ichthyosaur-Berlin, Nye County, no development proposed on Berlin site.
6. Valley of Fire, Clark County, development planned.
7. Ward Charcoal Ovens, White Pine County, no development proposed. Due to these lands remaining in private ownership, \$23,900 is required instead of \$1,600 budgeted. We originally had expected these lands to be available under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act.

#### B. Development

The development budget request is self-explanatory for the most part. Two items should be further explained.

##### 1. Residence

A residence is budgeted for Fort Churchill in Lyon County and Valley of Fire in Clark County. I cannot overstress the need for residences in the parks as a means of giving the park and its thousands of dollars of state investment adequate 24-hour protection.

##### 2. Utility System - Lake Tahoe

This item is high in cost but is a must to conform with local and state codes affecting sewage disposal in the Lake Tahoe basin. We are negotiating with the Incline Village Improvement District to export sewage in their planned facility. The System proposed is adequate to take care of future development from Sand Harbor north.

#### C. Historic Markers

A justification of the new historic markers program can best be made from a quote in the Reno Evening Gazette Editorial March 4, 1969;

"Those nifty historical markers being erected by the State Highway Department and the Division of State Parks around Nevada are a nice touch that tourists

will appreciate.

"To many a lonesome traveller, Nevada seems only an endless expanse of hostile wasteland where no one in his right mind would live for anything.

"But once the state's rich historical overlay is superimposed on the terrain, Nevada emerges in an entirely different perspective.

"Scraggly sagebrush takes on qualities that have inspired authors, artists and song writers. Every barren nook and cranny of the landscape invites exploration. Mournful ghost towns spring to life in the imagination. Surprises begin to pop out of the desert right and left.

"Even if the historical markers don't start a rush to homestead in Nevada, they'll at least help explain why so many people wouldn't trade the place for all the grass and trees in the country."

One of these markers is on the capital lawn.

#### 5. LEGISLATION

Passage of the following resolutions being handled in the Ways and Means Committee are necessary to authorize the Land Acquisition program to proceed:

ACR 24 - Berlin

ACR 25 - Valley of Fire

ACR 30 - Ward Charcoal Ovens

Resolutions will also be introduced for the following:

Gleason Canyon

Bristol Ovens

Eagle Valley Reservoir

Echo Canyon Reservoir

#### 6. STATEWIDE PARK PLANNING

This budget is line itemed separately as portions of it are eligible for federal funding. This budget request is designed to provide continuing participation in the Land and Water Conservation Fund program. During the next Biennium, we expect \$2 Million



of federal funds will be available for state, city and county recreation projects. In the absence of continuing to update the statewide outdoor recreation plan which expires in 1970, and to properly administer state and local project proposals, Nevada would lose its annual \$1 Million apportionment.

7. MARINA DEVELOPMENT FUND

Senate Bill 177 is under study by the Taxation Committee to increase recreational share of the motor vehicle fuel tax. As indicated on Page 406, a survey has revealed that portion of the fuel tax paid by boaters is considerably higher than now allocated for boating. The Governor's budget recommends the Division of State Parks receive the proposed increase of \$40,000 for the development of boating facilities.

A backlog of boater oriented projects now existing amounts to \$700,000. Even with the increase proposed in Senate Bill 177, it will take many years to accomplish present goals.

To clarify Senate Bill 177, it does not recommend an increase in the fuel tax, only an adjustment of distribution within the present tax framework.