

29. (PROPOSED NEW POSITIONS, 1953-54 FISCAL YEAR, INTERAGENCY SERVICES - W.O. 1278D.) By Chapter 1693/53, the Legislature created the Colorado River Boundary Commission, consisting of the Executive Officer, State Lands Commission, the Attorney General and the State Engineer. This agency was charged with the duty of making an investigation as to the location of the common boundary of Arizona and California along the Colorado River and a report to the Legislature on the advisability of a compact between the two States defining or relocating said common boundary.

The Boundary Commission proposed to organize its own staff to carry out its mission. However, it quickly developed that the short-term nature of the project and the scarcity of personnel in higher level engineering classifications made this procedure virtually impossible. In this extremity the Boundary Commission requested help from the State Lands Commission.

A proposal was made that the State Lands Commission undertake, under an inter-agency agreement, to perform the engineering work required in connection with the project and also furnish such administrative and fiscal services as the Boundary Commission might require, the entire costs of all such services to be reimbursed by the Boundary Commission. Among other things, this plan had the merit of using a "going" organization to carry out the work.

Informal inquiries determined that the State Personnel Board and the Department of Finance were agreeable to this plan. Accordingly, estimates were made as to probable costs and the additional personnel that would be required if such an agreement were put into effect. These estimates indicated that the work would necessitate the establishment of seven new positions (for the life of the project) on the Cadastral staff of the Division of State Lands and one stenographic position in the Administration Section. Estimates of the reimbursable costs involved for the period October 1, 1953, through June 30, 1954, are as follows:

1. LABOR:		
1 Senior Civil Engineer	\$2,820	
2 Assistant Civil Engineers	5,460	
3 Junior Civil Engineers	7,410	
1 Delineator	<u>2,240</u>	\$17,930
2. OPERATING EXPENSES:		
Engineering supplies, etc.	1,800	
Travel	4,350	
Rental, office	<u>900</u>	7,050
3. INDIRECT CHARGES		<u>4,510</u>
TOTAL		\$29,400

In view of the importance of this project and the fact that the establishment of a definite boundary between California and Arizona will be of substantial value to the State Lands Commission in the settlement of many land problems,

UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, IT WAS RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

The Executive Officer is authorized to undertake the furnishing of all required services to the Colorado River Boundary Commission, said services to be furnished under an interagency agreement, costs to be reimbursed by the Colorado River Boundary Commission. The Executive Officer is further authorized to establish the following new positions on the staff of the State Lands Commission to carry out the terms of this recommendation:

- 1 Senior Civil Engineer
- 2 Assistant Civil Engineers
- 3 Junior Civil Engineers
- 1 Delineator
- 1 Intermediate Stenographer-clerk

30. (AUTHORITY AND DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE OFFICER - W.O. 1087.) At the meeting of the Commission on December 17, 1953, the following resolution was passed:

"UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, IT WAS RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS: The Executive Officer is authorized to review previous delegations of authority to him, and to present to the Commission at a subsequent meeting his recommendations in the premises."

At the meeting of the Commission on March 24, 1953 (Items 29 and 30, Minute Pages 1782-1797), the Executive Officer presented a review of previous delegations of authority by the Commission, and submitted for approval a codification of these delegations which was approved. Subsequently a few additional delegations were made. In the recommendation which follows, all of the delegations made on March 24, 1953, and subsequent thereto are included. The only modifications suggested are as follows:

In what are now Paragraphs 9 and 14, the words "modifications or terminations" have been added after the word "renewals".

Former Paragraph 12 has been superseded by Paragraph 15, which spells out the detailed requirements of the State Treasurer.

Former Paragraph 13 now becomes Paragraph 12 and is proposed to be amended to permit the Executive Officer to approve alterations to structures or the erection of new structures where the cost thereof does not exceed \$5,000. This increases the previous authorization, which limited the cost to \$1,000. It is believed that this change will relieve the Commission of additional detailed consideration.

The other proposed change has to do with former Paragraph 14 (now Paragraph 13). As it was approved on March 24, 1953, it had to do with powers and authorities granted as of that date. To make the delegation more flexible, it is suggested that the Executive Officer may redelagate any powers and authorities granted to him whenever such action is in the interest of the State.