

61. REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF 1968-69 BUDGET REQUEST, POSITIONS IN STATE LANDS DIVISION - GEN. DATA, ACCOUNTING, BUDGETS 1968-69.

After consideration of Calendar Item 60 attached, and upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

DUE TO THE ACUTE SHORTAGE OF POSITIONS IN STATE LANDS DIVISION TO HANDLE THE INCREASING NUMBER OF TITLE AND BOUNDARY PROBLEMS PRESENTED TO IT BY THE CITIZENS OF THE STATE AND THE HIGH LAND VALUES INVOLVED, THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION URGES THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE TO PROVIDE A BUDGET AUGMENTATION (\$388,000 as shown on the attached exhibit) TO FUND POSITIONS IN THE STATE LANDS DIVISION TO MEET THE INCREASED WORK LOAD IN THE LAND TITLE AND BOUNDARY WORK DETERMINATIONS BY THE DIVISION.

Attachment

Calendar Item 60 (2 pages)

60.

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POSITIONS IN STATE LANDS DIVISION.

In September 1967, the State Lands Commission approved the submission of a total support budget of \$1,996,516 for the 1968-69 fiscal year.

Included within that request were funds for additional staff to work on resolving the many land title and boundary problems confronting the Commission. Budget approval by the Department of Finance was limited to \$1,510,842.

Based on the number of projects open and active in 1964-65 as measured against the engineering, title and legal staff authorized during that period, the Division is 18 man-years short of providing the level of service provided in 1964-65. This dilution of the Division's level of service has continued.

The additional staff requested previously would be assigned to resolution of immediate problems. Further staffing will still be needed to work on a reasonable and rational comprehensive boundary line for all of the State's ownership. This latter staff should have the capability of starting in high priority areas such as the Delta area, San Francisco Bay, Colorado River, Clear Lake, etc. and developing a boundary line based upon a total area review. The present staff of the Division is solving problems on a "fire-fighting" basis as they arise, and, while they seek to be as consistent as possible, there is a greater potential for inconsistent determinations to be made in the latter approach.

IT IS RECOMMENDED, DUE TO THE ACUTE SHORTAGE OF POSITIONS IN STATE LANDS DIVISION TO HANDLE THE INCREASING NUMBER OF TITLE AND BOUNDARY PROBLEMS PRESENTED TO IT BY THE CITIZENS OF THE STATE AND THE HIGH LAND VALUES INVOLVED, THAT THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION URGE THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE TO PROVIDE A BUDGET AUGMENTATION (\$388,000 as shown on the attached exhibit) TO FUND POSITIONS IN THE STATE LANDS DIVISION TO MEET THE INCREASED WORK LOAD IN THE LAND TITLE AND BOUNDARY WORK DETERMINATIONS BY THE DIVISION.

Attachment
Exhibit "A"

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REQUESTED AUGMENTATION OF 68/69 BUDGET

PROPOSED 5-23-68

Merit Salary Adjustments	\$26,500
Related Staff Benefits	2,650
Increased Staff Benefits (Exist. pos.)	4,200
Price Increase (Op. Exp.)	10,200
Reduce Salary Savings	22,000
Replace Equipment	12,770
New Equipment (Survey)	2,014
Title Research & Invest.	10,000
New Positions (Incl. personal services, equipment and op. exp.)	147,230
Colorado River - Resetting missing section corners and establishing horizontal control	<u>150,000</u>
Total	\$387,564