

MINUTES

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

NEVADA STATE LEGISLATURE - 59TH SESSION

May 5, 1977

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mello at 8:35 a.m.

PRESENT: Chairman Mello, Mr. Bremner, Mr. Dryer, Mr. Glover, Mr. Hickey, Mrs. Howard, Mr. Kosinski, Mr. Rhoads, Mr. Serpa and Mr. Vergiels. Mrs. Brookman was excused due to illness.

ALSO PRESENT: Norman Hall, Director of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources; John Fransway, Chairman of the Environmental Commission; Lawrence Jacobsen, Mayor of Carson City; Assemblyman Jake Jacobsen; Senator Bill Raggio; Jim Thompson of the Attorney General's office; Senator Wilbur Faiss; Robert Haley, Nevada Industrial Commission; Warren Goddard, Nevada Trial Lawyers Association; Assemblyman Paul May; John Dolan, Assembly Fiscal Analyst; and Bill Bible, Budget Division.

S.B. 153

Norm Hall read the attached information.

Mr. Kosinski asked Mr. Hall about the justification for creating the Water Planning Division, rather than putting those functions under the Division of Water Resources. Mr. Hall said this was proposed by the last Session of the Legislature when they passed SCR 8 which set up an interim study of all the resources departments within the state. They came back with a recommendation for a water planning section which went to Senate Government Affairs. It was felt that Water Planning should come out of Water Resources. Water Resources is a regulatory, adjudicatory division, while Water Planning looks at helping local governments when they need new sources of water. The State Engineer, he said, couldn't very well tell Carson City to go buy a ranch somewhere and then act as a judge later on in terms of his recommendations.

John Fransway said that the Executive Secretary listed as a Research Analyst is badly needed and should not be deleted. They were granted a clerk typist position which they feel they do without in lieu of the position of Executive Secretary which must be maintained.

Mr. Mello informed the Committee that this position is on page 636 of the Executive Budget.

Mr. Serpa asked Mr. Fransway if he objected to the transfer of the Environmental Commission to Ernie Gregory's office, and he said he had no objection as long as the Executive Secretary position continues. Assemblyman Jacobsen commented that it is important to have a buffer between the state and the federal government. Rules and regulations have a tendency to create situations where immediate action is needed. He said that taking this position away could create real problems for the entire operation of the Commission.

Mr. Rhoads asked how often the Commission meets in a year, and Mr. Fransway said they have been meeting at least once a month, and often twice a month. He said they have run completely out of budget and have had to transfer some other funds, but feel this is necessary.

S.B. 469

Bill Raggio explained that the doctrine of sovereign immunity has gone through an era of new understanding and has become rather suspect in the eyes of most courts. The general rule for over 150 years in this country was that the state was not liable for torts, and this had its genesis in the common law. He said many courts have finally knocked down the common law doctrine of sovereign immunity. Quoting from one

in Minnesota, "it's revolting to have no better reason for a rule of law than that it was laid down at the time of Henry IV. And it's still more revolting if the grounds on which it was laid have vanished long since. The rule simply persists from blind imitation in the past."

Mr. Raggio continued that many courts have adopted this and have said that they would not follow the common law doctrine, and where legislatures have then imposed limited liability, courts are now in the process of taking a look to see if this is merely a retention of the common law doctrine of sovereign immunity. Obviously the deciding factor may well be whether the amount is really meaningful; if it is in fact meaningful or if it is really a limitation which does not serve any public purpose but is an attempt to maintain a suspect doctrine of sovereign immunity.

So this bill is an attempt to re-establish a more meaningful amount which could be justified as against an attack in a court. Mr. Raggio said he certainly did not want to suggest to any committee that sovereign immunity be done away with. He said he'd rather try to preserve the doctrine to the extent that it is reasonable. The \$100,000 figure which was in the first bill was an attempt to recognize that there has been a great amount of inflation since the \$25,000 was set down as the limitation on matters of this kind. He pointed out that someone who has suffered severe injuries as a result of negligence of a public entity is perhaps due more than this today when the \$25,000 doesn't go very far. The raise to \$35,000 isn't much but at least is some

Jim Thompson offered the Committee some background information regarding the cost of this since 1965 under the present limitation of \$25,000. He said the cost has been rather small: approximately \$475,000 paid out in law suits, either the result of settlements through the Board of Examiners after suit has been filed, or going on to trial and judgment. So that figures out to less than \$40,000 a year. On an overall basis over 12 years, the impact has been small.

#### S.B. 281

Senator Faiss said this bill refers to lump sum payments for workers compensation claims. Up to this time, there was a limit of disability, not to exceed 12% they may elect to receive as compensation in a lump sum. The bill changes this. Where a need exists that a lump sum payment may exceed 12%, and a few other changes. He said this bill is actually a result of the Nevada Trial Lawyers Association. He then introduced Robert Haley of the Nevada Industrial Commission.

Mr. Mello commented that he wondered why this bill is in the Ways and Means Committee, and Mr. Faiss said he believed there was at one time a fiscal impact, but that has been amended out of the bill. Mr. Haley explained that Mr. Banner had closed the Labor Committee hearings, so it was referred to Ways and Means.

Mr. Haley then said this bill does not have impact on the general fund and will not have any effect on the Nevada Industrial Commission rates. Mr. Mello asked him if he favored the bill, and he said he did. Mr. Haley added that there is a technical correction needed on page 3, item 8. He said Mr. Reiser sent a memo to Senator Wilson requesting that the wording be changed in paragraph 8 to read "the increase in compensation of benefits affected by the amendment of this section is not retroactive to accidents that occurred prior to July, 1973." He said that as it reads now, it doesn't make sense. (A copy of the referenced memo is attached.)

Mr. Haley said the only thing they have said on the fiscal impact is that it will have no effect on Nevada Industrial Commission premium rates on the second reprint. Mr. Mello asked if Senator Wilson stated a reason why it wasn't amended, and Mr. Haley said it was a mix-up

in communications. Mr. Mello asked if they would still be able to live with the bill if it were not amended, and Mr. Haley said they might have some legal interpretations which could cause some problems. He said he thought the legislative intent in pretty clear, although the wording is not.

Warren Goddard told the Committee they have no objection to the technical amendment suggested, however the wordage may not be as well as that suggested. He said it certainly does limit the retro-active application of this bill so that it will not go in reverse from 1973, which is what the intent is.

Mr. Goddard said the Nevada Trial Lawyers Association favor the bill as it is and think it cures some inequities and would help assist those people partially disabled. In some instances, people could take a lump sum and invest it in some sort of business or endeavor that could afford them a living.

Mr. Hickey asked about the interest of the trial lawyers in this matter, and Mr. Goddard said they have clients who cannot survive on the \$200 or \$300 given them annually, or the small amounts per month such as \$100. He said that if they could get a lump sum, they could turn that money into some kind of business in order to help support themselves in the future. He added that Nevada trial lawyers have nothing more than this to gain from the bill.

#### A.B. 597

Mr. Glover pointed out that it is not only Carson City's problem, but water quantity and quality is also the state's problem. Mr. Mello said the reason he was bringing this bill out now is because there is not time to hold the bill longer while people jockey for votes. He said he didn't think there was time to amend the bill, and that if this happened, it would be the same thing as killing it.

Mr. Kosinski said it was his understanding that the existing provisions in law permitted Carson City to float a bond to make the necessary improvements, but that the city's objection is that it is too expensive and that the state should pick up a portion of that cost. He said that from the figures presented to him, he could not see how the state of Nevada would benefit from this project. He continued that it was difficult to project the figures contained in the 1973 engineering report, but it seemed to him that the present system is adequate to take care of the needs of the capitol complex and contractual obligations to Storey County.

Mr. Glover pointed out that there are state offices all over Carson City, such as at Capital Plaza, the Welfare Division and several others who are the responsibility of the state. They use the city's water, too. Also, he added, under this proposal the state will continue to own the dam and reservoir and all the pipeline to it, and the city would pay for the whole thing under the present proposal, but wouldn't own it at the end of the time. He said it is on state park land and would be a benefit to everyone in the state.

Mr. Kosinski commented that he thought the ownership issue is a "red herring." It doesn't really make any difference who owns it, he said. Once the state permits Carson City to begin using "x" gallons of water out of the system, there will be a continuing obligation.

Mr. Bremner added that the state would be responsible for the maintenance of the system, the dam, the pipes, etc, which is another expense.

Mr. Glover asked the Mayor if the city would provide the maintenance, and he said that would have to be worked out in the contract, and that he was not sure exactly how that would work. Assemblyman Jacobsen said that in regard to maintenance on the line, if they were talking about from Hobart down to the tanks over on the hill, that would be

minimum. He said that over the last 20 years, he thought maintenance could be directly related to accidents which resulted in repairs. He also pointed out that the same line is going to be used that has been there since its existence. The only thing planned is to put a cement liner inside of it.

In answer to Mr. Kosinski's question, he said it is true that presently there is adequate water to take care of the capitol complex, and it is costing about \$22,000 to supply that complex with no additional charge to each building for water. The only thing is--by providing this dam, it will improve the quality of the water, which is one of the things the state is faced with anyway. Years from now there will be some additional improvements the state will have to make, so doing this now in cooperation with Carson City is going to mean the state will still own it, while Carson City would pick up half the cost of the dam.

Mayor Jacobsen commented that he wished he had been a part of Carson City's government when there was an opportunity to buy the system for \$1,800,000, and assured the Committee that he was not trying to "take" the state. He said he knew Washoe Lake was going to dry up this year, and if there had been water in the reservoir up there, it wouldn't dry up this year. He said he knew the state of Nevada spent several million dollars buying Washoe Lake and Washoe Valley as well as property around it, and if the state invested in this property, they ought to take care of it. He referred to the fact that the Legislature had passed a bill to spend \$6 million to renovate the Capitol Building.

Mr. Bremner said it seemed to him that the state was being asked to help build a system to bring state-owned water to Carson City, and he could not justify that.

Mr. Hickey asked if Carson City could issue bonds for the water system improvements, and the Mayor said the present law states that there can be \$5 million of bonds issued; that the state has already provided that this can be done.

Mr. Glover made a motion to amend A.B. 597 by authorizing \$45,000 to service the bonds that would come out of the \$5 million. Also, to further amend the bill by appropriating \$45,000 in the first year of the biennium, and \$138,500 in the second year to meet the state's obligations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rhoads. The motion failed with four voting YES: Mr. Glover, Mrs. Howard, Mr. Mello and Mr. Rhoads.

A motion was made by Mr. Glover DO PASS A.B. 597, seconded by Mr. Rhoads. The motion failed with four voting YES: Mr. Glover, Mrs. Howard, Mr. Mello and Mr. Rhoads.

S.B. 469

A motion was made by Mr. Vergiels DO PASS, seconded by Mr. Serpa. The motion was approved.

S.B. 281

A motion was made by Mr. Vergiels DO PASS, seconded by Mr. Serpa. The motion was approved.

The Committee took a break from 10:00 until 10:15 a.m.

S.B. 281

Upon resuming the hearing, Mr. Mello said he talked to Senator Wilson and read the language proposed by NIC. Mr. Wilson thought this new language should be amended into the bill: Page 3, lines 14 and 15 should read "...This section is not retroactive for accidents which were incurred before July 1, 1973."

A motion was made by Mr. Dryer to amend S.B. 281 with the new language. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vergiels and was approved. A motion was made by Mr. Dryer DO PASS as amended, seconded by Mr. Vergiels. The motion was approved.

S.B. 496

Mr. Kosinski said on page 2 of the first reprint, Section 2, 3, and 4, under the existing language of Chapter 394, there was a requirement for two appraisers, and the bill presented provides that this would be reduced to one appraiser.

Mr. Kosinski then made a motion to amend this bill to go back to the original language contained in those three sections to require that there be two appraisers, and that the average of the two appraisals be the amount used by the state in determining the minimum bid for the property. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hickey. and was approved. Mr. Kosinski made a motion DO PASS as amended, seconded by Mr. Hickey. The motion was approved.

S.B. 153

Assemblyman Paul May addressed the Committee as Vice Chairman of the Assembly Committee on Government Affairs.

Mr. Mello commented that there would be amendments to this bill from Government Affairs. He said that was why they didn't have the bill yet, but the Committee can still act on it and have the report ready when the bill is printed. He asked if the amendments would have any bearing on the budget areas, and Mr. May said yes. The State Energy Resources Advisory Board appointed by the Governor has been created within the Department. The fifteen members appointed by the Governor are proposed to meet once every two months. They are not proposed to receive a salary but are to receive per diem and travel allowance as well as clerical and technical assistance when necessary.

Mr. Mello said this would be hard to budget for, and asked who had requested that language. Mr. May said it was a recommendation from the Public Service Commission. Mr. Mello asked if Norm Hall had agreed to this, and Mr. May said he only testified the first time. The bill as first proposed had the Director appointing those people and some committee members thought that was not a good idea, so they took the whole thing out. Then, they agreed to put seven members back in as appointed by the Governor. That went up to fifteen because Mr. Clark said there were too many energy factors in the state.

John Dolan left the hearing and reported back to Chairman Mello and the Committee that Senator Gibson had said it had been agreed among all those who had been working on this to go ahead and put the Energy Resources Advisory Board on page 609 of the Budget back into the General Appropriation Act. Then, they will recall A.B. 28, which both houses have passed and sent to the Governor, and amend some of the money that is in it back out of it.

Specifically, the budget on page 609 is the Energy Resources Advisory Board which had been in existence, which was then amended out of S.B. 153 when it was over in the Senate. The Senate Finance Committee then went in and indefinitely postponed this budget and deleted the \$25,000+ per year. The Ways and Means Committee passed it Governor's recommend because they had not yet seen S.B. 153, and went ahead and passed A.B. 28 which directed the Public Service Commission to be involved in the Energy Conservation Program. Now, from Senator Gibson's testimony, the plan is that Government Affairs will amend back into S.B. 153 the State Energy Resources Advisory Board, which then means they have to reinstate the Energy Resources Advisory Board so we can leave this budget alone and recall A.B. 28 to take that language out of that bill.

Department of Conservation (Page 634)

John Dolan said that according to the testimony given by Norm Hall and which the Senate has concurred in, the Committee would delete from this budget the Public Information Officer and add the second Assistant Director shown on his flow chart.

Mr. Bremner made a motion to open the budget, seconded by Mr. Rhoads. Motion Approved. Mr. Bremner made a motion to delete the Public Information Officer and add the Assistant Director, which increases the general fund \$5,411 the first year, and \$5,390 the second year of the biennium. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rhoads and was approved. Mr. Kosinski voted NO. Mr. Bremner made a motion Governor's recommendation as amended, seconded by Mr. Rhoads. The motion was approved.

State Environmental Commission Division (Page 637)

John Dolan said both Senate Finance and Ways and Means had increased in-state travel but differ in that the Senate had deleted the Research Analyst or so-called Executive Secretary for the Environmental Commission. This is the position Fransway wanted to trade for the Senior Clerk Steno.

Mr. Glover made a motion to open the budget, seconded by Mr. Bremner. Motion approved. Mr. Glover made a motion to delete the Senior Clerk Steno, seconded by Mr. Bremner. Motion approved. Mr. Serpa made a motion Governor's recommendation as amended, seconded by Mr. Hickey. Motion approved.

Division of Water Resources (Page 640)

Mr. Bremner made a motion to open the budget, seconded by Mr. Glover. Motion approved. Mr. Bremner made a motion to delete the Hydraulic Engineer III, seconded by Mr. Rhoads. Motion approved. Mr. Bremner made a motion DO PASS Governor's recommendation as amended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hickey and was approved.

Division of State Lands (Page 648)

Mr. Bremner made a motion to open the budget, seconded by Mr. Glover. Motion approved. Mr. Bremner made a motion to amend the budget on page 648 to add the positions and include the required travel, equipment and operating information on the attached handout. The motion was seconded by Mr. Glover and was approved. Mr. Bremner made a motion DO PASS Governor's recommendation as amended, seconded by Mr. Glover. Motion approved.

Division of Forestry (Page 650)

Mr. Bremner made a motion to open the budget, seconded by Mr. Hickey. Motion approved. Mr. Bremner made a motion to delete the Deputy, seconded by Mr. Glover. Motion approved. Mr. Bremner made a motion DO PASS Governor's recommendation as amended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hickey and was approved.

Mr. Dolan said the next budget is a new one which would fund a new Division of Water Planning per the handout attached and Norm Hall's specifications at the hearing. Mr. Bremner made a motion to create a new budget which has the necessary language, seconded by Mr. Glover. Motion approved. Mr. Bremner made a motion to close the budget as recommended, seconded by Mr. Glover. Motion approved.

Mr. Bremner made a motion to create a new Department of Energy per the handout which is attached. The motion was seconded by Mr. Glover and was approved. Mr. Bremner made a motion to close the budget as recommended, seconded by Mr. Hickey. Motion approved.

S.B. 233

Chairman Mello said the Senate has reinstated everyone to a minimum of a 5.5% increase. He instructed the Committee to go through and see which ones they did not go along with.

Page 2	Line 10	Director of Commerce	\$28,500
Page 2	Line 11	Superintendent of Public Instruction	\$28,829
Page 2	Line 14	Director of Agriculture	\$27,500
Page 3	Lines 15 & 16	Executive Assistant to the Governor	\$21,478
Page 3	Line 35	Deputy Real Estate	\$18,967
Page 4	Line 19	Executive Assistant to the Governor	\$18,533
Page 5	Line 29	Director-Office of Economic Opportunity	\$17,342

Chairman Mello then asked the Committee if they wanted to go with Senate Finance or stay with the Ways and Means subcommittee recommendations.

Mr. Glover made a motion to go along with Senate Finance, seconded by Mr. Hickey. The motion failed.

Mr. Vergiels amended the motion to stay with the Ways and Means recommendation, seconded by Mr. Kosinski. The motion was approved with Mr. Bremner, Mr. Glover, and Mr. Hickey voting NO.

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Mr. Vergiels made a motion DO PASS, seconded by Mr. Rhoads. Motion approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

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STATE OF NEVADA  
Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

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April 28, 1977

TO: Assembly Committee on Ways and Means  
FROM: Norman Hall, Director  
SUBJECT: SB 153 Fiscal Impact on Department of Conservation  
and Natural Resources

Attached is the detailed fiscal impact of SB 153 as it relates to new Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. In summary, the amended version of SB 153 does the following:

1. Places resource agencies, with the exception of Fish and Game, under a single Director answerable to the Governor.
2. Establishes a visible departmental level energy agency with the Division of Colorado River Resources serving as a staffing core.
3. Establishes and gives visibility to the mineral industry through a new Division of Mineral Resources, and provides administrative staff for combined old Mining Advisory Board and old Oil and Gas Commission.
4. Establishes as a separate division a water planning agency with the charge to explore the new alternatives to water use and sources.
5. Consolidates the Environmental Commission and the old Environmental Protection Services under a single department.
6. Adds and consolidates land acquisition, administration, and pier permitting at Lake Tahoe to the existing Division of State Lands.





Budget Summary

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

	1977-78	1978-79
Division of Water Planning	\$15,144.00	\$15,144.00
Division of Lands (Increase)	19,856.00	48,156.00
Mineral Resources	1,500.00	1,500.00
Director's Office	<u>4,629.00</u>	<u>4,629.00</u>
SUB-TOTAL	\$41,129.00	\$69,429.00
Less Federal Funds	<u>15,144.00</u>	<u>15,144.00</u>
New General Funds	\$25,985.00	\$54,285.00

Fiscal Note - SB 153

Division of Water Planning

SB 153 establishes a new Water Planning Division.

We proposed to staff this new Water Planning Division with a Planner, an Engineer, and a Secretary; based on the following assumptions:

1. Deletion of the existing position of Research Analyst (Executive Secretary to the Environmental Commission. Ernie Gregory says he can supply services to the Commission. (Grade 33-15: Savings \$19,165.)
2. Deletion of Deputy State Forester (Position has been vacant but recruitment is underway). Grade 39-1: Savings \$18,963.)
3. Delete Hydraulic Engineer III from Water Resources and transfer to Water Planning (Grade 37-15: Savings \$20,808.)

This will give us an opportunity to begin priority programming and to further analyze and evaluate existing staffing and budgets. The Director will report to the Governor and the next Legislative Session with suggestions and recommendations concerning the necessary changes based on the evaluation.

Recently identified federal funds will provide the money necessary (\$15,144 per year) for the upcoming biennium. For instance, the State Planning Coordinator has available federal

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SB 153 - Division of Water Planning

planning funds that can be used by the proposed Water Planning Division. The funds are not sufficient to support personnel but can offset the increased operating costs of \$15,144 per year.

Attached is an itemized fiscal note for the proposed Water Planning Division.

Fiscal Note - S.B. 153

## Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

Water Planning Division

Senior Planner (Grade 39 Top Step)	\$22,861.30
Hydraulic Eng. III (Grade 37 Top Step)	20,808.17
Senior Clerk Steno (Grade 21 Top Step)	<u>10,030.96</u>
	\$53,700.43
Fringe @ 15%	<u>8,055.06</u>
	\$61,755.49
Travel - In State	2,500.00
Travel - Out-of-State	750.00
	<u>\$ 3,250.00</u>

Operating

Rent - 450 sq.ft. @ \$4.80 sq.ft./yr.	2,160.00
Office Supplies and Operating	1,000.00
Communication	3,000.00
Printing	1,500.00
Publications	100.00
Insurance	250.00
Equipment Repair	100.00
Other Contract Services	<u>2,500.00</u>
	\$10,610.00
Furniture (2 units - doesn't include drafting table, files, etc.)	<u>2,286.00</u>
	\$77,901.49

Net Increase - - \$15,144.00

Division of Lands

SB 153 proposes additional responsibilities to the Division of Lands. This will include:

1. A Quit Claiming of land owned by the State of Nevada, except University and Highway, to the Division of Lands.
2. Issuing Pier Permits at Lake Tahoe.
3. Identification and inventorying of State Lands.
4. Acquisition responsibilities.

I feel we can start this program with minimal staff. We proposed to hire a Program Specialist the first fiscal year, 1977-78 and the second year, employ a Land Title Specialist. The detailed fiscal note is attached.

I would propose to watch this division very closely and make recommendations to the Governor in the next session of the Legislature for improved operation. If emergency or unforeseen demands from the public and/or state agencies occur, we would like authority to request additional funds from Interim Finance Committee.

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SB 153 - Fiscal Note

Division of Lands		1977-78	1978-79
Prog. Spec. (29-7)	Salary	\$11,987.00	\$12,540.00
	Ret.	960.00	1,032.00
	Admin.	9.60	9.60
	Pers. Cost	108.00	113.00
	Controller Cost	16.87	16.87
	Grp. Ins.	384.00	384.00
	NIC	170.00	177.00
		<u>\$13,635.47</u>	<u>\$14,272.47</u>
R/W Agent II (34-15)	Salary		\$18,097.00
	Ret.		1,448.00
	Admin.		9.60
	Pers. Cost		163.00
	Controller Cost		16.87
	Grp. Ins.		384.00
	NIC		265.00
			<u>\$20,374.47</u>
		1977-78	1978-79
Salaries & Payroll Costs		\$13,636.00	\$34,648.00
Travel		500.00	4,000.00
Operating Expenses			
Office Supplies		500.00	1,000.00
Operating Supplies		500.00	1,500.00
Communications		500.00	1,500.00
Dup. & Printing		1,200.00	2,400.00
Other Contract Service		200.00	200.00
Rent		<u>1,200.00</u>	<u>1,350.00</u>
Total Operating		4,100.00	7,950.00
Equipment			
1-Sec. Unit		1,420.00	
1-Exec. Unit			866.00
Drafting Equipment			500.00
Misc.		<u>200.00</u>	<u>200.00</u>
Total Equipment		1,620.00	1,566.00
Total Work Program		\$19,856.00	\$48,164.00

Division of Mineral Resources

SB 153 establishes a Division of Mineral Resources which will provide administrative staff for the old Mining Advisory Board and the Oil and Gas Commission. This will be staffed by 1/2 Engineer from the Division of Water Resources who has been carrying out the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission regulatory duties. The board will become advisory and the regulating responsibilities will be carried out by the Division. Secretarial support will be provided by the Division of Water Resources.

We are requesting \$1,500.00 per year for per diem and travel expenses for the new advisory Oil, Gas and Minerals Board.

The Director's office will be monitoring this division closely and will report to the Governor and the next session of the Legislature with recommendations for better efficiency.

Environment

SB 153 will move the Environmental Protection Services from the Human Resources Department to this Department. The Environmental Commission will continue to operate as it has in the past.

Director's Office

SB 359 proposes to establish a new division of Historic Preservation and Archeology within this Department. A separate fiscal note is attached to SB 359.

Because of the additional responsibilities placed within this department, I am requesting the abolishment of the Public Information Officer's position in the Department's office and re-establishing it with another Assistant Director.

The fiscal analysis is based on minimal staffing to begin the new programs the Legislature has mandated. While it is possible to operate for two years under these conditions, I propose to report to the Governor and the next session of the Legislature with recommendations for better meeting the responsibilities required by legislation.



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DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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AGING COMMISSION	618	<u>Closed</u> Gov. Rec.	<u>Closed</u> Gov. Rec.		
AGING CONTROL BOARD	619	<u>Closed</u>	<u>Closed</u>		
<u>Senate and Assembly</u>					
<u>Salaries and Payroll Costs</u>					
- Senior Auditors		\$ 44,118	\$ 43,950	\$ 44,118	\$ 43,950
- Auditor II		42,235	42,073	42,235	42,073
- Auditor I		120,952	120,487	120,952	120,487
- Auditor 1			100,405		100,405
- Senior Clerk		8,102	8,422	8,102	8,422
- Senior Clerk			8,102		8,102
- Senior Account Clerk (Recommended 2nd year)		9,120		9,120	
Total Salaries and Payroll Costs		<u>\$224,527</u>	<u>\$323,439</u>	<u>\$224,527</u>	<u>\$323,439</u>
<u>Operating</u>					
ment		\$ 8,232	\$ 12,625	\$ 8,232	\$ 12,625
ommunication Expense		1,000	1,500	1,000	1,500
otal Operating		<u>\$ 9,232</u>	<u>\$ 14,125</u>	<u>\$ 9,232</u>	<u>\$ 14,125</u>
in-State Travel		\$ 4,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 6,000
quipment		\$ 9,125	\$ 3,035	\$ 9,125	\$ 3,035
aining		\$ 1,500	\$ 750	\$ 1,500	\$ 750
Total		<u>\$248,384</u>	<u>\$347,349</u>	<u>\$248,384</u>	<u>\$347,349</u>
INVESTIGATIVE FUND	626	<u>Closed</u> Gov. Rec.	<u>Closed</u> Gov. Rec.		
OR COMMISSION	627	<u>Closed</u> Gov. Rec.	<u>Closed</u> Gov. Rec.		
RY COMMISSION	630	<u>Closed</u> Gov. Rec.	<u>Closed</u> Gov. Rec.		
<u>CONSERVATION AND AGRICULTURE</u>					
ARTMENT OF CONSERVATION	634	<u>Closed</u>	<u>Closed</u>		
enate <b>SB 153</b>					
Deleted Public Information Officer		(\$22,639)	(\$22,553)		
Deleted Assistant Director		28,050	27,943		
Increased General Fund		<u>\$ 5,411</u>	<u>\$ 5,390</u>		
STATE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION					
DIVISION	636	<u>Closed</u>	<u>Closed</u>		
Increased In-State Travel		\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
Deleted Research Analyst (General Fund) <b>SB 153</b>		( 20,205)	( 19,617)		
Total General Fund		<u>(\$17,705)</u>	<u>(\$17,117)</u>		
VISION OF SOIL CONSERVATION					
DISTRICTS	638	<u>Closed</u> Gov. Rec.	<u>Closed</u> Gov. Rec.		
VISION OF WATER RESOURCES	640	<u>Closed</u>	<u>Closed</u>		
enate <b>SB 153</b>					
Deleted Hydraulic Engineer III (General Fund)		(\$23,721)	(\$23,631)		
CALIFORNIA NEVADA COMPACT					
COMMISSION	643	<u>Closed</u> Gov. Rec.	<u>Closed</u> Gov. Rec.		

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		1977-78	1978-79	1977-78	1978-79
DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION (Continued)					
DIVISION OF COLORADO RIVER RESOURCES					
	644	<u>Closed</u>		<u>Closed</u>	
		Gov. Rec.		Gov. Rec.	
LAHORE REGIONAL PLANNING					
	646	<u>Closed</u>		<u>Closed</u>	
		Gov. Rec.		Gov. Rec.	
FEDERAL LAND LAWS					
	647	<u>Closed</u>		<u>Closed</u>	
		Gov. Rec.		Gov. Rec.	
DIVISION OF STATE LANDS					
	648	<u>Closed</u>		<u>Closed</u>	
Senate	<u>SB 153</u>				
Added Program Specialist		\$13,635	\$14,272		
Added Right-of-Way Agent II			20,374		
Added Travel		500	4,000		
Added Operating Expenses		4,100	7,950		
Added Equipment		1,620	1,566		
Total General Fund		<u>\$19,855</u>	<u>\$48,162</u>		
DIVISION OF FORESTRY					
	650	<u>Closed</u>		<u>Closed</u>	
Senate	<u>SB 153</u>				
Deleted Deputy		(\$19,788)	(\$20,698)		
FORESTRY COMPREHENSIVE EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ACT (CETA) PROGRAM					
	655	<u>Closed</u>		<u>Closed</u>	
		Gov. Rec.		Gov. Rec.	
COMPREHENSIVE EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ACT, TITLE I (CETA I) FORESTRY, CLARK					
	656	<u>Closed</u>		<u>Closed</u>	
		Gov. Rec.		Gov. Rec.	
FORESTRY NURSERIES					
	657	<u>Closed</u>		<u>Closed</u>	
		Gov. Rec.		Gov. Rec.	
FOREST FIRE SUPPRESSION					
	660	<u>Closed</u>		<u>Closed</u>	
		Gov. Rec.		Gov. Rec.	
FOREST AND WATERSHED REHABILITATION					
	661	<u>Closed</u>		<u>Closed</u>	
		Gov. Rec.		Gov. Rec.	

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DIVISION OF STATE PARKS	662	<u>Closed</u>	<u>Closed</u>
<u>Senate and Assembly</u>			
Added Operating Costs for Tule Springs			
<u>Salary and Payroll Costs</u>			
<u>(Permanent Positions)</u>			
	\$ 75,498	\$ 79,201	\$ 75,498 \$ 79,201
1 - Park Supervisor II			
1 - Park Ranger II			
1 - Park Ranger I			
1 - General Building Tradesman			
2 - General Craftsman Helpers			
1 - Senior Clerk Typist			
<u>Seasonal Positions</u>			
	32,106	34,131	32,106 34,131
<u>Increased In-State Travel</u>			
	500	500	500 500
<u>Increased Operating</u>			
	31,540	35,565	31,540 35,565
<u>Equipment:</u>			
<u>Trucks</u>			
	20,500		20,500
<u>Office</u>			
	3,311		3,311
<u>Other</u>			
	24,650	4,000	24,650 4,000
<u>Training</u>			
	3,700	3,850	3,700 3,850
<u>Total Tule Springs (All General Fund)</u>			
	<u>\$191,805</u>	<u>\$157,247</u>	<u>\$191,805</u> <u>\$157,247</u>
STATE PARK PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT	668	<u>Closed</u> Gov. Rec.	<u>Closed</u> Gov. Rec.
ACQUISITION, GRANTS AND STATEWIDE PROJECTS	671	<u>Closed</u> Gov. Rec.	<u>Closed</u> Gov. Rec.
PARKS YCC PROGRAM	674	<u>Closed</u> Gov. Rec.	<u>Closed</u> Gov. Rec.
VIRGINIA AND TRUCKEE RAILROAD	675	<u>Closed</u> Gov. Rec.	<u>Closed</u> Gov. Rec.
OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION	676	<u>Closed</u> Gov. Rec.	<u>Closed</u> Gov. Rec.
DIVISION OF WATER PLANNING	--	<u>Closed</u>	
<u>Senate SB 153</u>			
Added Senior Planner			
	\$26,062	\$25,963	
Added Hydraulic Engineer III			
	23,721	23,631	
Added Senior Clerk Stenographer			
	11,435	11,392	
Added In-State Travel			
	2,500	2,500	
Added Out-of-State Travel			
	750	750	
Added Operating			
	10,610	10,610	
Added Equipment			
	2,286	1,000	
<u>Total</u>			
	<u>\$77,364</u>	<u>\$75,846</u>	
(Federal Funds--\$15,144 and \$15,144)			
(General Funds--\$62,220 and \$60,702)			
PARTMENT OF ENERGY	--	<u>Closed</u>	
<u>Senate SB 153</u>			
Added Engineering Specialist			
	\$24,852	\$ 24,758	
Added Engineering Specialist			
	16,245	21,578	
Added Senior Clerk Stenographer			
		11,392	
Added Contract Services			
	25,000	25,000	
Added Travel			
	2,150	2,150	
Added Operating			
	28,475	30,975	
<u>Total General Fund</u>			
	<u>\$96,722</u>	<u>\$115,853</u>	