

Committee in session at 7:30 a.m. Senator Floyd R. Lamb was in the Chair.

PRESENT: ~~Senator Floyd R. Lamb, Chairman~~
Senator James I. Gibson, Vice Chairman
~~Senator Eugene V. Echols~~
Senator Norman D. Glaser (absent for part of voting)
Senator Thomas R.C. Wilson
Senator Lawrence E. Jacobsen
Senator Clifford E. McCorkle

ABSENT: Senators Lamb and Echols

OTHERS Ronald W. Sparks, Chief Fiscal Analyst
Eugene Pieretti, Deputy Fiscal Analyst
Howard Barrett, Budget Director
Assemblyman Bob Robinson
Assemblyman Tod Bedrosian
Assemblyman Jack Fielding
Assemblyman Dean Rhoads
Stan Colton, State Treasurer
Jim Wadhams, Director, Dept. of Commerce
Charles Wolff, Jr., Warden, Director, Dept. of Prisons
Russ McDonald, lobbyist-at-large
Jean Stoess, Washoe County Commissioner
Virginia Kirby, Co-chairman, Citizens for San Rafael Ranch
Dale Boumont, Dept. of Agriculture
Jim Costa, Deputy Director, Dept. of Education
John Meder, Administrator, Parks Division
Jack Daringer, Nevada Fish and Game Department
Kay Winters, member, Lyon County Parks and Recreation Dept.
Paul Deloy, Chairman, Firefighters of Nevada
Kelly Jackson, Deputy Director, Dept. of Energy
Roy Nickson, Dept. of Taxation
Cy Ryan, United Press
John Rice, Associated Press
Alice McMorris, Channel 8, Reno

AB 85 Adopts Uniform Disposition of Unclaimed Property Act, with modifications.

Assemblyman Bob Robinson reviewed the bill, item by item, with the Committee. Mr. Robinson brought to the Committee's attention the sub-committee report on unclaimed property in Nevada. The sub-committee was appointed by the Legislative Commission to investigate unclaimed property in Nevada during the interim, as a result of several bills being introduced in the 1977 session. The primary bill is the Uniform Act on Unclaimed Property proposed by the Office of the Attorney General, which is to bring Nevada into conformity with other states who have unclaimed property acts.

Assemblyman Robinson stated the purpose of an unclaimed property act is to attempt to return to the rightful owner property which belongs to them through inheritance.

During the interim studies, Assemblyman Robinson said no state agencies were interested in this act. Now the Department of Commerce and the State Treasurer are both interested in participation in the program.

The sub-committee felt the Department of Commerce would be the best agency suited for this plan because of their close ties with the Commission on Savings and Loan Associations, Bank Commissioner, and Insurance Commissioner, and others in the Commerce Department.

Assemblyman Robinson stated that Section 28 creates the trust fund in the State Treasury in which the funds will be held for claims and for perpetual records.

Jim Wadhams, State Commerce Director, stated it is his understanding that the first year appropriation in the bill was reduced by half

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for personnel and related expenses because the first half of the year, the law will not be in effect. Mr. Wadhams said he thought this was a well-conceived bill which organizes, for the first time, an opportunity in this state for consumers who have misplaced or forgotten about funds or heirs who are not aware of funds that are available, to reclaim these funds. In cases of dispute or processing claims against this account, the bill will provide for an adjudicatory function. (Attachment A)

Stan Colton, State Treasurer, said he did not agree with Mr. Wadhams. He stated this is a uniform act which calls for the State Treasurer to administer it. At the present time, 18 state treasurers presently administer the unclaimed property act in their state, as a uniform act.

Mr. Colton remarked that, at the time of the subcommittee's hearings on this matter, there were three states which did not have a uniform act or any kind of act. Mr. Colton feels the Treasurer's Office could operate this program effectively for \$188,645 over the next two years, as opposed to the \$199,571 for a year and a half, as proposed by the Dept. of Commerce.

ACR 8 Allocates park bond proceeds for park purposes and acquisition of San Rafael Ranch.

Assemblyman Tod Bedrosian testified for this bill. (Attachment B) He explained that ACR 8 calls for the allocation of \$840,000 in park bond funds for the purchase of land for park purposes. (Attachments C and D)

Russ McDonald, stated he had negotiated a contract between Washoe County and the State Retirement System for acquisition of the land. The Retirement System bought it for \$7.5 million, cash.

Ms. Jean Stoess, Washoe County Commissioner, and Vice Chairman of the Commission, spoke in favor of ACR 8.

Ms. Virginia Kirby, Co-chairman for Citizens for a Park at San Rafael Ranch concurred, as being very much in support of ACR 8.

Senator Jacobsen moved "Do Pass" ACR 8.

Seconded by Senator Wilson.

Senators Lamb and Echols absent.

Motion carried.

AB 396 Requires gift of clothing and increases amount of money which may be given an offender upon release from prison.

Charles Wolff, Warden, and Director, Dept. of Prisons, stated this bill provides for the cost of transportation, suitable clothing, and expense money for inmates upon release from prison. The estimated cost would be \$139,000 the first year, and \$165,000 the second. Assembly Ways and Means Committee concurred on this bill.

Senator Jacobsen moved "Do Pass" AB 396.

Seconded by Senator Wilson.

Senators Lamb and Echols absent.

Motion carried.

AB 521 Makes appropriation for construction of an agricultural research laboratory in Pahrump Valley.

Assemblyman Jack Fielding stated this bill was for an appropriation of \$120,000 for the construction of an agricultural research laboratory in Pahrump. It will be used solely for research and development,

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especially in cotton research.

Dale Boumont, Director, Department of Agriculture at UNR, stated students of the high school utilize the facility. Mr. Boumont said this is a community request that they do something in this line. (Attachment E)

Senator Jacobsen moved "Do Pass" AB 521.

Seconded by Senator Glaser.

Senators Lamb and Echols absent.

Motion carried.

AB 529 Extends provision for special education of handicapped persons.

Jim Costa, Deputy Superintendent, Department of Education, testified on behalf of AB 529. (Attachment F) He said it provides for the placement of a handicapped person, up to the age of 22, in a facility outside their home counties or outside the State of Nevada. As the law is presently constructed, there are limits on the placement of these persons who may be mute, deaf, or blind. Mr. Costa said the purpose of AB 529 is to extend out-of-state placement opportunities to the handicapped when it is impossible to provide an appropriate program for them in their own communities or some place in the State of Nevada. Presently there are 32 youngsters placed out-of-state in handicapped facilities.

Senator Gibson asked how much money was in the budget. Mr. Costa replied \$181,000 the first year, and \$226,000 the second year of the biennium.

Senator Wilson moved "Do Pass" AB 529.

Seconded by Senator Jacobsen.

Senators Lamb and Echols absent.

Motion carried.

AB 809 Allocates certain proceeds of 1976 park bond issue and makes appropriation for and authorizes development of certain land within Wildhorse Recreation Area in Elko County.

Assemblyman Dean Rhoads and John Meder, Administrator, State Parks Division, testified in favor of AB 809. Assemblyman Rhoads stated this bill provides for the allocation of the 1976 park bond proceeds for development of 80 acres of land for park purposes within Wildhorse Recreation Area, in Elko County. The 1976 park issue provided \$10 million in bond proceeds. Out of that money, \$5 million was allocated for local government use, \$3 million allocated for State parks, and \$1 million allocated to the Fish and Game Department, and \$1/2 million each for historic preservation and bicycle paths.

John Meder, explained that the proposal is to take \$782,000 of the remaining \$1.5 million bond monies available to State parks, and develop a facility at the 80 acre site in Elko County. He said they propose to develop a 25-unit campground, a 25-unit day use or picnic area, boat launching facilities, and a maintenance and service area. The budget is attached. (Attachment G)

Senator Gibson asked why this was in a bill. Mr. Meder explained this was not part of the initial program that was reviewed by the Budget Office. The emphasis for this legislation has come from the residents of Elko County.

AB 327 Makes appropriation to division of state parks of state department of natural resources for capital improvement to state parks.

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(AB 327 cont.)

Kay Winters, member, Lyon County Parks and Recreation Department, from Dayton, said the park at Dayton is important to the economy of Dayton. It is also important to the historical district of Virginia City, Carson City, and the Dayton area, because it is the only overnight facility in the entire area.

Senator Gibson asked her if the delay of the development has been worked out. Ms. Winters said it was her understanding that it was. Mr. Meder commented that a contract has been awarded, subject to the approval of the Board of Examiners next week.

Senator Jacobsen moved "Do Pass and Amend to include the Dayton Park" for AB 327.

Seconded by Senator Wilson.

Senator Echols and Lamb absent.

Motion carried.

SB 469 Allows fire departments to recover costs of fighting fires on state-owned property.

Paul Deloy, Chairman, Firefighters of Nevada, testified that the purpose of this bill is for reimbursement for fighting fires on state-owned property.

Senator Jacobsen moved "Do Pass as Amended to provide reimbursement out of the Statutory Contingency Fund" for SB 469.

Seconded by Senator McCorkle.

Senators Lamb, Glaser and Echols absent.

Motion carried.

SB 525 Increases types of building for which allowance against property tax is granted for systems of heating or cooling using renewable sources of energy.

Kelly Jackson, deputy director, Department of Energy, said this legislation extends a property tax allowance to commercial and industrial buildings.

Senator Wilson asked how much of a tax break would be necessary to induce the installation and use of these systems. Mr. Jackson said the experience is extremely divided. California has a 20 percent income tax credit. In Northern California, it has been very effective.

Roy Nickson, Executive Director, Dept. of Taxation, stated he was unable to obtain any specific information from the County Assessor. There is a new hotel in Las Vegas that is on solar power. There are some very economical advantages to the businessman if this bill is passed. Mr. Nickson said he would prefer to go along with Senator Glaser and the fiscal analyst and provide \$40,000 in the first year of the biennium and \$80,000 the second year for these tax allowances. If this isn't adequate, they could always go to the Interim Finance Committee.

Senator Wilson moved to amend SB 525 by adding an appropriation of \$40,000 the first year, and \$80,000 the second year.

Seconded by Senator Jacobsen.

Senators Lamb, Glaser and Echols absent.

Motion carried.

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AB 302 Makes appropriation from state general fund to contingency fund.

Senator Gibson asked if this money is in the budget. Mr. Barrett replied that it was. No further discussion.

Senator Jacobsen moved "Do Pass" AB 302.

Seconded by Senator McCorkle.

Senators Lamb, Glaser and Echols absent.

Motion carried.

AB 520 Corrects error in law concerning renewal of real estate license fees and provides credit or refund for excess payments.

Senator Gibson read the amendment to refund real estate fees, the new section reading:

"Section 2. The real estate division of the Department of Commerce shall upon the next renewal of a licensed real estate broker, broker salesman, corporate broker or real estate salesman credit to his account any amount of money paid by him for the biennial renewal of his license between July 1, 1977 and the effective date of this act.

a) an excess of \$80,00 in case of the real estate broker salesman, corporate broker, and

b) an excess of \$50,000 in case of a real estate salesman.

c) if the licensee is not renewing his license in an amount which would otherwise be credited to his account pursuant to the refund, must be paid to him or a person authorized to accept the payment on his behalf."

Ron Sparks said there is a problem with amendment in that there is no money available to provide for payment. There is no mechanism available to the Real Estate Division to withdraw money from the General Fund.

Howard Barrett replied there is a general provision that provides the Board of Examiners to refund money if it is paid in error. This was paid in error, because the law was in error.

Mr. Sparks said he spoke with Frank Daykin about this and Mr. Daykin thought it would be unlawful. There are two alternatives; to appropriate that amount of money, or provide the Real Estate Division with the authority to make those refunds out of current collections. Mr. Sparks recommends taking it out of current collections. Senator Gibson asked Mr. Sparks to work out another amendment.

Senator Wilson moved to change the amendment on AB 520 accordingly.

Seconded by Senator Jacobsen.

Senators Lamb and Echols absent.

Motion carried.

AB 534 Lowers age of eligibility and revises benefits for surviving spouses of deceased supreme court justices and district judges.

Senator read the amendment to the bill to the Committee.

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(AB 534 continued)

Senator Jacobsen moved "Do Pass as Amended" AB 534.

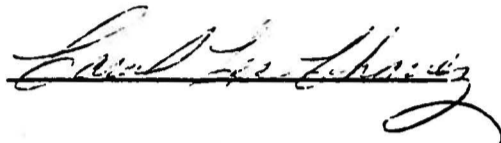
Seconded by Senator Wilson.

Senators Lamb and Echols absent.

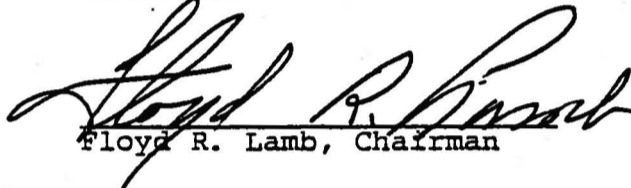
Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:



APPROVED:



Floyd R. Lamb, Chairman

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A G E N D A

Senate Committee on Finance

Date Thursday, May 17, 1979

Time 7:30 a.m. Room 231

<u>Bills or Resolutions to be considered</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Counsel Requested*</u>
ACR-8 ✓	Allocates park bond proceeds for park purposes and for acquisition of San Rafael Ranch.	
A.B. 85 ✓	Adopts Uniform Disposition of Unclaimed Property Act, with modifications.	
A.B. 396 ✓	Requires gift of clothing and increases amount of money which may be given to an offender upon release from prison.	
A.B. 521 ✓	Makes appropriation for construction of an agricultural research laboratory in Pahrump Valley.	
A.B. 529 ✓	Extends provisions for special education of handicapped persons.	
A.B. 809 ✓	Allocates certain proceeds of 1976 park bond issue and makes an appropriation for and authorizes development of certain land within Wildhorse Recreation Area in Elko County.	
S.B. 469 ✓	Allows fire departments to recover costs of fighting fires on state-owned property	
S.B. 525 ✓	Increases types of buildings for which allowance against property tax is granted for systems of heating or cooling using renewable sources of energy.	
A.B. 302 ✓	Makes appropriation from state general fund to contingency fund.	
A.B. 327 ✓	Makes appropriation to division of state parks of state department of conservation and natural resources for capital improvement to state parks.	

*Please do not ask for Counsel unless necessary.



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ROBERT LIST
GOVERNOR

JAMES L. WADHAMS
DIRECTOR

March 29, 1979

Honorable Donald R. Mello, Chairman
Assembly Ways and Means Committee
Room 236, Legislative Building
Carson City, Nevada 89710

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Dear Assemblyman Mello:

Re: A.B. 85 - Unclaimed Property Act

With apologies for not having sufficient copies at the hearing (rarely have we bureaucrats been accused of having too little paper), I submit my proposed budget.

As you will recall from my presentation, I have prepared what I feel to be an adequate budget conditioned by adding personnel only as needed. As I pointed out, any monies which are not spent would revert to the to General Fund and the program should be selfsustaining fairly soon.

I do not feel that it is appropriate to enter into a bidding process because the Legislature should make those determinations and not administrative agencies.

The Commerce Department has the existing capability to perform all three functions required under this bill: compliance verification, consumer contact, and administrative adjudication.

If the Legislature concurs and directs us to administer this program, we will do so to the best of our ability with the funds the Legislature would appropriate.

Very truly yours,

James L. Wadhams
Director

JLW/JK
Encl.

PROPOSED BUDGET

Because the Commerce Department through the Insurance Division currently administers an unclaimed property fund, we would not have the "systems development" costs of a different agency.

Because, with one exception (utilities), the Commerce Department currently audits or examines most of the financial institutions covered by the act, certain economies in staffing could be achieved in the early years.

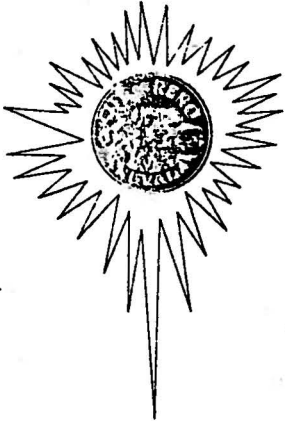
As a result, the estimated costs would be as follows:

<u>Personnel</u>	<u>FY 1979-80</u>	<u>FY 1980-81</u>
Program Administrator	\$ 21,500	\$ 23,000
Senior Accountant	16,750	17,900
Account Clerk	9,390	10,050
Administrative Aide	<u>10,225</u>	<u>10,950</u>
	\$ 57,865	\$ 61,900
Payroll Costs at 15%	<u>8,680</u>	<u>9,285</u>
<u>Total Personnel Costs</u>	\$ 66,545	\$ 71,185
<u>Travel</u>	30,000	35,000
<u>Operating (25% of Salaries)</u>	16,636	17,796
<u>Electronic Data Processing Systems</u>	3,000	
Equipment	7,000	2,000
Training	<u>7,000</u>	<u></u>
<u>Grand Total</u>	\$130,181	\$126,481

This proposal is further modified by the following priorities:

1. At inception, I would employ only a Senior Accountant and an Administrative Aide. The Director would function as Program Administrator initially.
2. A Program Administrator or an Account Clerk would only be added as needed. If they were not needed, the monies appropriated therefor would revert to the General Fund at the end of the fiscal year pursuant to Section 38, Subsection 4 of the bill.

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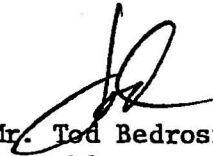


CITY OF RENO

From the Office of: Mayor Bruno Menicucci

April 23, 1979

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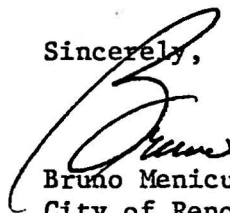

Mr. Tod Bedrosian
Assemblyman, District 24
Capitol Complex
Carson City, Nevada 89710

Dear Tod:

I am in receipt of your April 10, 1979 letter regarding ACR 8 and feel I would be following previous Council action and concern with respect to the San Rafael issue by restating our earlier support for funding by the State of any portion of the San Rafael issue.

In conclusion, in restating our previous actions, we would ask for the support and passage of ACR 8 and any assistance in the acquisition of the San Rafael Ranch.

Sincerely,


Bruno Menicucci, Mayor
City of Reno

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*The
City of
Sparks*

Office of the
MAYOR

April 12, 1979

Tod Bedrosian
The Honorable Assemblyman
Nevada State Legislature
401 South Carson Street
Carson City, NV 89710

Dear Tod:

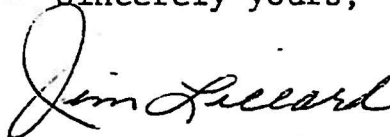
The purpose of this letter is to voice my support for A.C.R. 8, dealing with a State appropriation for Rancho San Rafael.

The Sparks staff participated in the discussion which resulted in the division of State Park bonds funds between the City of Sparks for park purposes and to Washoe County for the acquisition of land commonly called the San Rafael Ranch for use as a public park.

We believe that A.C.R. 8 will serve the best interest of the entire Truckee Meadows.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely yours,



JAMES C. LILLARD
Mayor

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WASHOE COUNTY

"To Protect and To Serve"



F. W. "BILL" FARR
WASHOE COUNTY COMMISSIONER

5699 WEDEKIND ROAD
SPARKS, NEVADA 89431
PHONE: RES. 358-2294
BUS. 785-5454

April 19, 1979

Assemblyman Tod Bedrosian
1181 Wagon Wheel Circle
Reno, Nevada 89503

Dear Tod:

Reference is made to your letter of April 9, 1979, regarding A.C.R. 8 which provides a State appropriation to assist in the acquisition of the Rancho San Rafael. Please be assured that the Washoe County Commissioners support any and all efforts for State funding to assist the citizens and residents of Washoe County in this project.

As you are very aware, the County Commissioners have been extremely supportive of this project and no doubt will continue their support as the project hopefully comes to fruition. Also, let me state that we very much appreciate your assistance in getting this very worthwhile project underway.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill".

Bill Farr, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners
Washoe County

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United States Department of the Interior

IN REPLY REFER TO

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BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
District Office
1050 E. Williams Street, Suite 335
Carson City, Nevada 89701

February 6, 1979

The Honorable Todd Bedrosian
The State Assembly
Carson City, Nevada 89701

Dear Mr. Bedrosian:

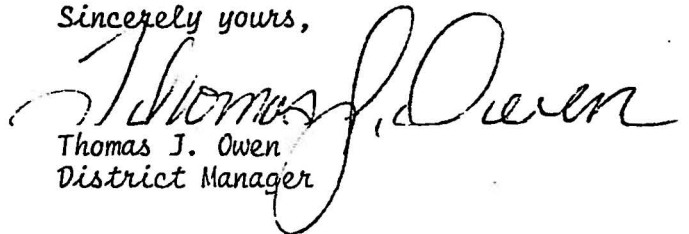
In response to your inquiry, I have some information for you concerning the availability of public lands north of Reno near the Rancho San Rafael.

The ranch property corners on a large tract (about 5,400 acres) of BLM-administered land, commonly referred to as Peavine Mountain. There are various uses made of this land, such as rights-of-way, recreation, occasional mining, etc., and most of the tract has been classified for retention in public ownership because it is a valuable watershed for the city of Reno.

The public lands adjacent to Rancho San Rafael are rugged and have steep topography. They are suitable mainly for watershed, scenic purposes and light recreational use, such as hiking and horseback riding. If Rancho San Rafael was developed as a regional park, it would seem appropriate to add some of the adjoining public land to the park if light recreational lands would be useful. We estimate that about 450 acres of public lands would be compatible for this purpose.

Under the Recreational and Public Purposes Act, BLM can sell lands to local and state governmental agencies for \$2.50 per acre if the land is used for general recreational purposes. From BLM's standpoint, the lands in question certainly seem suitable for this project, and we will be happy to work with you.

Sincerely yours,


Thomas J. Owen
District Manager



Save Energy and You Serve America!

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University of Nevada System Board of Regents

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
405 MARSH AVENUE RENO, NEVADA 89509
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Bonnie M. Smotony
Secretary
Barbara J. Summers
Assistant Secretary

February 20, 1979

The Honorable Joseph E. Dini, Jr., Chairman
Government Affairs Committee
Nevada State Assembly

Dear Mr. Dini:

It is my understanding that the Assembly Government Affairs Committee will hold a hearing on Wednesday, February 21, 1979, concerning the proposed acquisition of Rancho San Rafael for park and recreation and other community purposes. To that end, I have been asked to inform the Committee of the action taken by the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada on June 17, 1977, at which time the Board unanimously "endorsed the efforts underway for the acquisition by appropriate city and county entities of Rancho San Rafael for park and recreation purposes and for community and university uses."

I believe that I can accurately represent to you that the position of the Board of Regents remains the same in regard to the possible acquisition of Rancho San Rafael for public purposes, and I have been asked by Chairman Robert Cashell to so inform you.

Very truly yours,

Bonnie M. Smotony
Secretary to the Board

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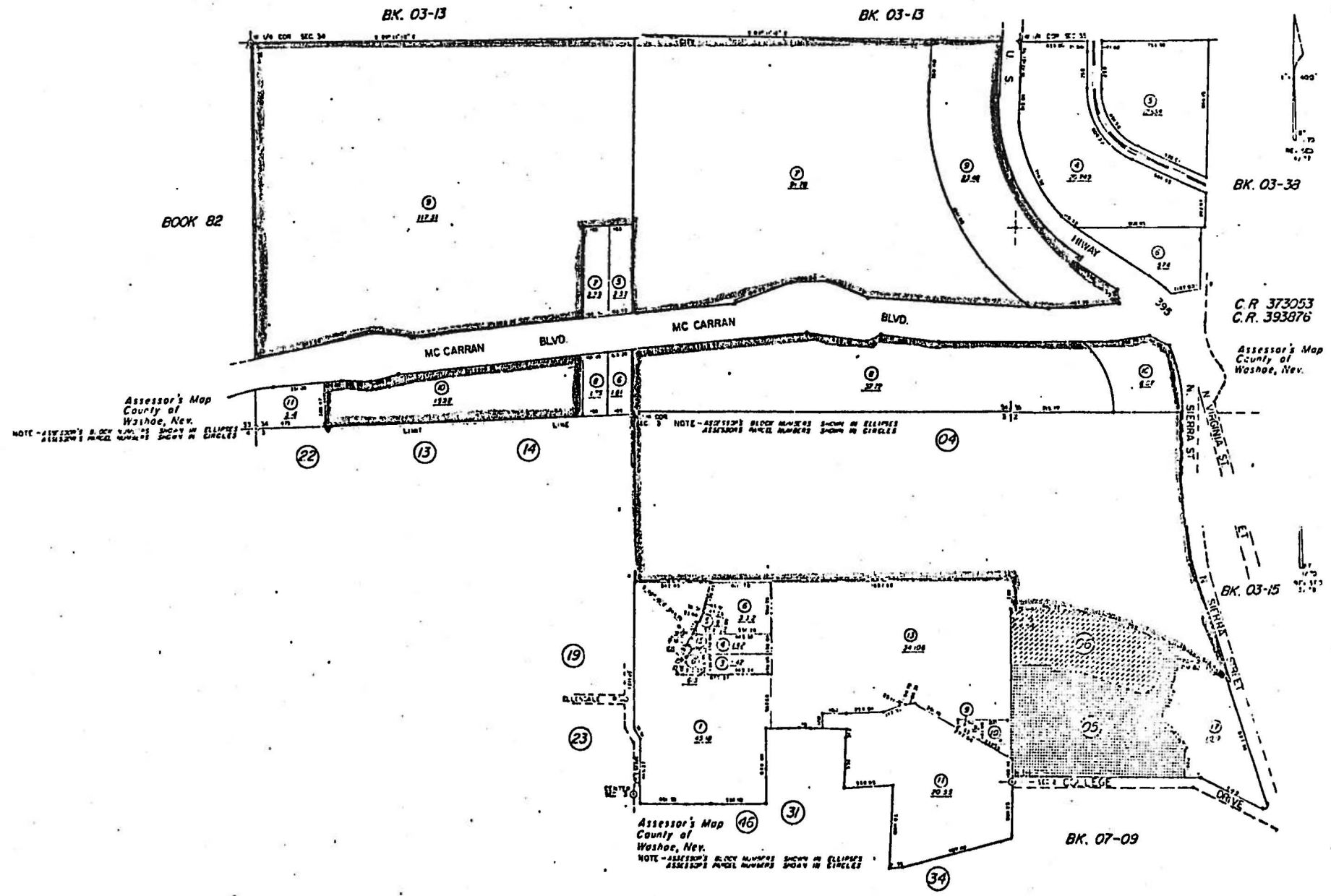
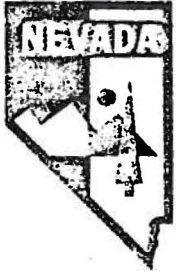


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**DIVISION
OF
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PARKS**

MEMO

TO Assemblyman Tod Bedrosian
 FROM John L. Meder *J Meder*
 SUBJECT 1976 PARK AND RECREATION BOND -
 LOCAL GOVERNMENT PORTION

DATE April 24, 1979

As you requested, we have determined that Washoe County, Reno and Sparks would be entitled to \$840,000 of the remaining \$3.5 million local government portion of the 1976 Park and Recreation Bond. This amount was determined by using the same formula by which the initial \$1.5 million was distributed to the local governments by ACR-26 in 1977.

By removing the Washoe County, Reno and Sparks portion the distribution by region is listed below.

Region I	\$ 325,500*
Region II	70,000
Region III	2,023,000
Region IV	73,500
Region V	94,500
Region VI	<u>73,500</u>
Subtotal	\$2,660,000
Washoe County	<u>840,000</u>
TOTAL	\$3,500,000

*Carson City, Churchill, Douglas, Lyon and Storey Counties only

If you have any question or desire additional information, please call.

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Nevada North Shore Property Owners Association Inc.

PO BOX 896 INCLINE VILLAGE NEVADA 89450

May 10, 1979

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE
Nevada State Legislature
State Legislative Building
Carson City, Nevada 89701

Subject: OBJECTION TO ASSEMBLY BILL AB347: \$9 MILLION GENERAL
OBLIGATION WASHOE COUNTY BOND ISSUE AS UNFAIR TO
TAHOE BASIN TAXPAYERS.

Gentlemen:

As chairman of our fourteen year old taxpayers organization covering the Tahoe Basin portion of Washoe County* and as a representative of some 4980** taxpayers, I object to your authorizing the sale of \$9 Million in bonds which will create a financial obligation on our property owners for the purchase of a park site in North Reno which will be of no material benefit to our taxpayers here in the Tahoe Basin.

Our area represents some 10% of Washoe County assessed valuation so unless you rewrite AB347 to eliminate our Tahoe Basin area from any dollar obligation, we would be stuck with \$9 Million as follows:

Park site purchase price	\$900,000
Estimated improvement costs	600,000
Bond interest, first 3 yrs.	400,000
Interest over 22 yr. amort.	<u>2,200,000</u>
Total bond cost to Incline/Crystal Bay Taxpayers.	<u>\$4,100,000</u>

This four million dollars does not include the extra taxes to pay the maintenance and operation costs which we'd be stuck with so long as we remain part of Washoe County.

It's been suggested that our remedy might be to defeat the bond issue at the June 5 election; I submit that with only 5% of the County vote, we can't have much influence in this Reno/Sparks matter.

Assembly Committee Testimony regarding the need for this facility included statements of how Reno's other parks were overcrowded and how this acquisition would also be used by the City of Sparks.

It should be noted that our Incline Village Area has built or purchased what is probably the finest complex of recreation facilities per capita in the Nation. Incline, through its Improvement District

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owns a ski hill with 5 double chair lifts, two excellent Robert Trent Jones Golf Courses, the two beautiful sand beaches with a boat launching ramp, the Chateau, and a community building. In addition, we have purchased 58 acres of prime recreation land for a park where ground has been broken for 7 tennis courts and an open playing field. (Incidentally, our purchase of the 58 acres eliminated a site for a large casino-hotel, and without federal or state funding.)

All of these properties and facilities, which total in value perhaps \$10 Million, have been purchased and developed with our own local funds and bonds, without costing Washoe County one cent.

Why should our Incline Village/Crystal Bay area be stuck with an unnecessary obligation to pay approximately \$4 Million for a park in Reno?

In conclusion, we urgently request that you amend AB 347 to eliminate the geographic area of Washoe County Park Construction Tax District #9 from any obligations under this bond issue.

Although it is none of our business unless we get stuck with the debts and payments, it would seem a misuse of the people's money to pay approximately \$20,000 per acre when there is reportedly better park land available at \$3-5,000 per acre.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

NEVADA NORTH SHORE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSN.


Roger C. Steele, Chairman

- * The geographical area proposed for "Tahoe County"
- ** Washoe County tax rolls show about 7000 property owners, but some own more than one property.

Nevada North Shore Property Owners Association, Inc.

P.O. BOX 3066 INCLINE VILLAGE NEVADA 89450

May 10, 1979

Senator Floyd Lamb, Chairman
Senate Finance Committee
Nevada State Legislature
Carson City, Nevada

SUBJECT: TAXPAYER'S OPPOSITION TO THE \$9,000,000 BOND ISSUE
AB-347

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Gentlemen:

Please accept this letter as our taxpayer's testimony in opposition to the proposed \$9,000,000 Washoe County General Obligation Bond on the June 5 ballot.

The Assembly Daily History of May 4, page 106 showed this bill as passed by the Assembly on March 5, and sent to the Senate; then referred to the Senate Government Affairs Committee. About 6 p.m. Monday, May 7, the Chairman of Government Affairs, Senator Gibson told me Government Affairs had that day referred the bill to the Senate Finance Committee.

As of the 9th of May, we still have not heard when you will hold a hearing on this bond issue that is so unfair to the Incline Village/ Crystal Bay Taxpayers.

The proposed North Reno Park at Rancho San Rafael would cost our property owners about \$4,000,000 over the years for a site, park improvements, and interest, etc. but the park would be of no material benefit to our taxpayers over the mountains at Lake Tahoe.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger C. Steele
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Chairman

enclosure: N.N.S.P.O.A., Inc.
Testimony dated 5-10-79

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FACILITY NEEDS AT HOLLY PARK FIELD LABORATORY

OCTOBER 1978

HISTORY OF PAHRUMP VALLEY FIELD LABORATORY

Prior to 1967, research and demonstration work related to agriculture was conducted in the Pahrump Valley by research and extension personnel stationed in Logandale and Las Vegas, Nevada. Local citizens as represented by the Southern Nevada Citizens Advisory Committee felt that there was sufficient need to request special consideration for the Pahrump area and Southern Nye County from the Legislature in the establishment of a new station. 5/17
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The 1967 Legislature made a special appropriation for the establishment of a Field Laboratory in Pahrump. This station was set up as a combination research and extension center with personnel having joint extension-research appointments. A Citizens Advisory Committee made up of Pahrump and Amargosa ranchers and property owners was appointed to advise in directing the station. The Committee assisted in the selection of a suitable site. Twenty-five acres of farm land with underground water rights were leased from Bolling Enterprises, Incorporated in 1967 for \$1,100 per year for five years. The rental price was reduced by Mr. Bolling to \$10 per year including water prior to the date of the first payment. In 1972, the lease was extended for another five years.

NEW HOLLY PARK PROPERTY

In 1977, Mr. Bolling elected not to extend the lease. Local citizens felt that it was essential to maintain a field laboratory as the center for agricultural and homeowner research and extension activities in Pahrump, Sandy and Amargosa Valleys. The Southwest Nevada Citizens Advisory Council,

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consisting of citizens from these valleys took action to obtain a gift of land to the University for the establishment of a new field laboratory. On September 30, 1977, Preferred Equities Corporation transferred to the University of Nevada System 15.22 acres of undeveloped land in the Pahrump Valley along with water rights for agricultural and domestic use, with the stipulation that the new field laboratory carry the name Holly Park Field Laboratory.

Preferred Equities Corporation and other local citizens have been very helpful in the early phases of development of the 15.22 acres of raw land into an operating field laboratory. Progress to date has included leveling, planting of an annual crop, installation of a borrowed field irrigation system adequate to handle bulk plantings, and the development of planting plans for windbreak, fuel wood, and fruit and nut trees. Also, plans are well along for the buildings and for the irrigation systems for experimental plantings.

RESEARCH-EXTENSION PROGRAM

The program planned for Holly Park Field Laboratory in response to needs expressed by local citizens will emphasize tree plantings for wind protection and production of fuel wood and home fruits and nuts. In addition, considerable emphasis will be given to small fruits, plants for landscaping, annual horticultural crops and forage crops and pastures for both the suburban homeowner and the commercial rancher. It will serve as a headquarters for cotton research, but the cotton research will be conducted on the fields of cooperating farmers. The Field Laboratory will serve as a headquarters for the extension function in the Pahrump area including Sandy and Amargosa Valleys. The operating budgets previously allotted to the Pahrump Field Laboratory have been reassigned to the Holly Park research and extension

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programs. Resources to carry out meaningful research and extension programs are part of the University's continuing budget request. Construction of needed buildings to serve these programs properly has been included on the Board of Regents list of projects to be financed by other than University of Nevada appropriated facility moneys. Facility designs will meet local zoning ordinances.

FACILITY NEEDS

Research stations and extension programs have certain minimum requirements for physical facilities if they are to be successful. A research field laboratory emphasizing plant production requires buildings for storing agricultural chemicals, processing plant products, housing and repairing farm and experimental equipment and office space for personnel. The extension function requires an office complex which incorporates space for display of publications and other educational material and a room for conducting meetings. The Pahrump Valley has facilities for large meetings but nothing very satisfactory for meetings of 10 to 20 people.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BUILDINGS

Facilities recommended by the Southwest Nevada Citizens Advisory Council reflect the needs imposed by the type of research and extension programs approved for the area. They include an equipment yard in which will be two buildings. One will have outside dimensions of 30 x 80 feet and include a 40 x 30 foot area for machinery storage, a 20 x 30 foot shop and a 20 x 30 foot plant materials handling laboratory. The second will be a pesticide and agricultural chemical storage building of about 120 square feet equipped with a heater to prevent freezing and a good ventilation and cooling system to prohibit temperatures above about 90°F. An office-conference room building

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designed to accommodate professional and technical staff and small extension type meetings will be placed near the Northeast corner of the Field Laboratory where access by the public is easy. This building will have outside dimensions of 30 x 40 feet. It is recommended that it be heated and cooled by solar energy. This is important because of the impending shortage of fossil fuels in this Country, and the fact that the Pahrump area is blessed with an adequate supply of solar energy. Demonstration of the feasibility of heating and cooling buildings with solar energy is deemed to be a very desirable objective.

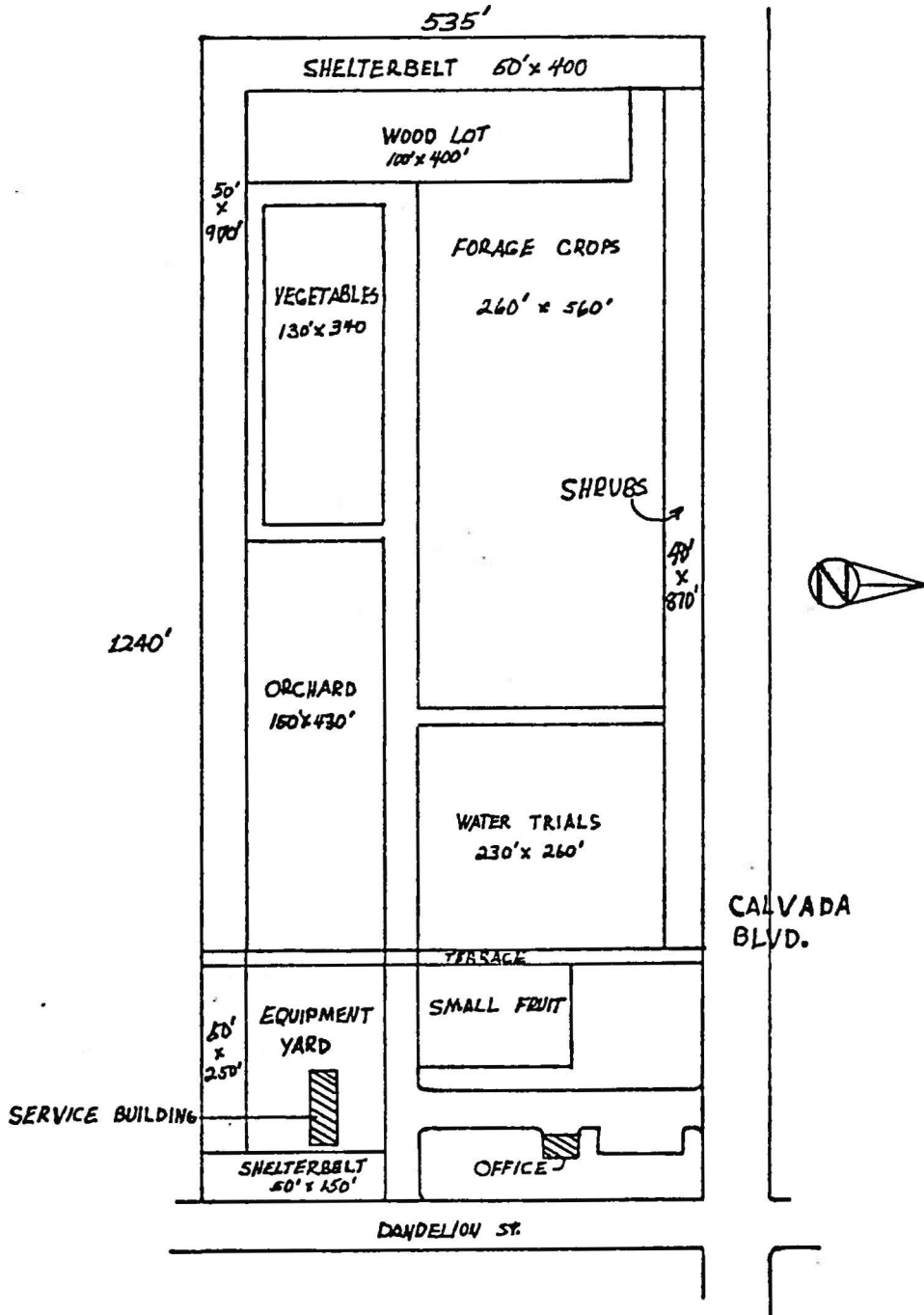
Attached are drawings which illustrate (1) the proposed field and building layout of Holly Park Field Laboratory, (2) the floor plans of the office-conference room building, and (3) floor plan of the machinery shed-shop-plant materials handling laboratory building.

FUND REQUIREMENTS

It is estimated that capital improvements on the Holly Park Field Laboratory will cost the amounts set forth below.

1. Office-conference building, 1200 square feet, equipped with solar heating-cooling (including design)	\$ 65,000
2. Machine-shed building encompassing a shop and crop products handling laboratory, 2400 square feet	35,000
3. Agricultural chemicals storage building equipped with ventilation, heating and cooling, about 120 square feet	5,000
4. Related development costs, fencing, road surfacing, irrigation systems, etc.	15,000
TOTAL	\$120,000

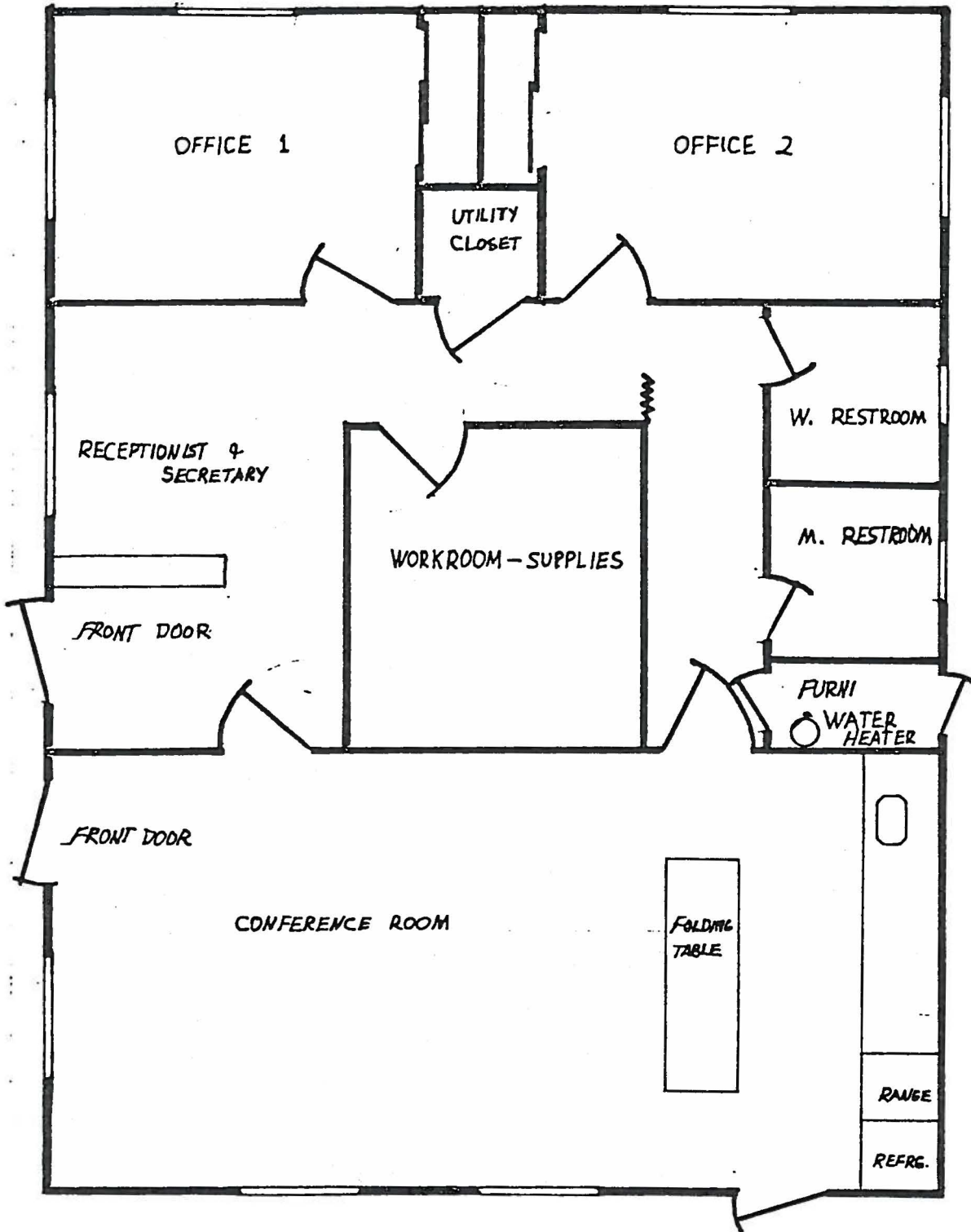
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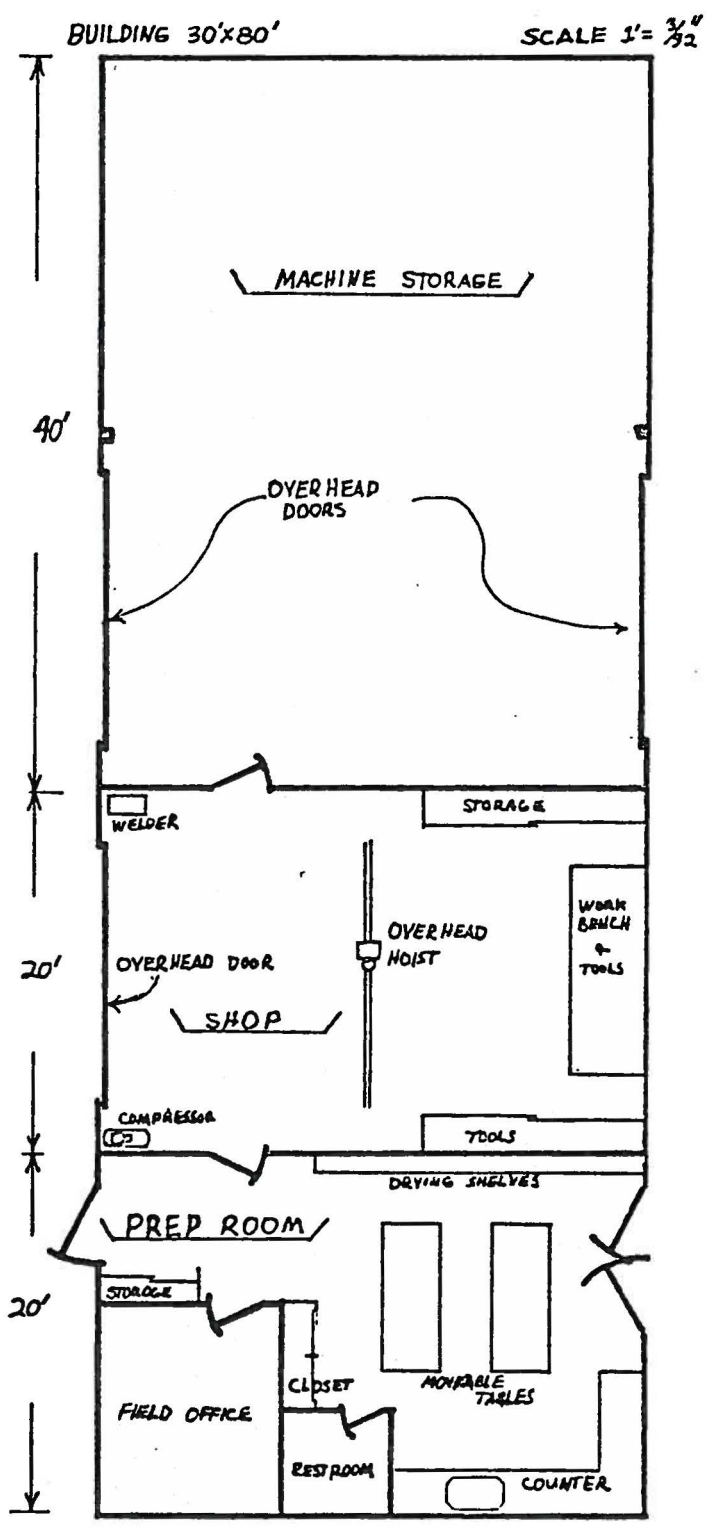
OFFICE BUILDING

BUILDING 30' x 40'

SCALE 1" = 3/16"



SERVICE BUILDING



STATEMENT OF
NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
TO THE
SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

May 17, 1979
8:00 a.m., Room 251

A.B. 529 extends provisions for special education of
handicapped persons

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

The State Board of Education and the Superintendent of Public Instruction support Assembly Bill 529.

A.B. 529 is proposed to amend the provisions of NRS 395, "Education of Handicapped Persons." NRS 395 was enacted to assure that an appropriate educational opportunity outside their school district would be available to students who are deaf, blind, or mute when these services were not available within their local school district. In such cases, the needed services are first sought in other local school districts or agencies within the State. But, if the needs of the child cannot be met within the State, NRS 395 enables that student to be placed in a residential facility outside of the State.

In addition to students who are deaf, blind, or mute, there are other students within the State whose needs are so unique that they cannot be met within the local districts and oftentimes within the State. Parents of these students have appealed to their districts and to the Nevada Department of Education to be afforded the same opportunity for an appropriate education that the deaf, blind, or mute have received under the provisions of NRS 395. Accordingly, the Nevada Department of Education sought an Attorney General's opinion on the matter. In a letter dated February 17, 1977, the Attorney General's office stated in part, that it may be unconstitutional to deny some handicapped children benefits and services that other handicapped children receive simply on the basis of a different set of handicaps.

If enacted, A.B. 529 would extend the provisions of NRS 395 to all students, regardless of handicapping condition, whose needs are such that they cannot be met in the local district or the State of Nevada.

Currently, provisions are made to allow for up to 48 deaf, blind, or mute students under NRS 395. The Nevada Department of Education projects that an additional 26 students in the first year of the biennium and 38 students in the second year of the biennium would profit from the changes proposed in A.B. 529. These additional students have multiple handicaps or are seriously emotionally disturbed, and their needs are not adequately being met in this State. The additional funds to accommodate this change in the statutes and the corresponding increase in numbers are contained in Executive Budget Account 2670.

In administering this program the Nevada Department of Education will make certain that:

1. The appropriate services needed by this student are not available within the local school district.
2. Alternatives will be sought for placement within the State of Nevada.
3. If nothing is available within the State, an appropriate program will be found for the student in another state.
4. Each student's placement will be reviewed annually to determine first whether or not services can be provided in-state and second, if the program is out-of-state, that it is appropriate to the student's needs.

It is, therefore, again, Mr. Chairman that we testify in support of this bill and ask for support from your Committee.

SUMMARY OF BUDGET REQUEST FOR WILDHORSE

	<u>FY 1979-80</u>	<u>FY 1980-81</u>
Personnel	\$ 22,310	\$ 31,380
Operating	7,331	7,201
Equipment	17,980	8,735
Training	300	300
Travel	200	200
TOTAL BUDGET	\$ 48,121	\$ 47,816

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