

MINUTE ITEM

7/12/66

45. SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 20 RE CALIFORNIA WATERWAYS - W.O. 5666.2.

The attached Calendar Item 44 was presented to the Commission for information only, no Commission action being required.

Attachment

Calendar Item 44 (3 pages)

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44.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 20 RE CALIFORNIA WATERWAYS - W.O. 5666.2.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 20, relative to California waterways, has been adopted by the present session of the State Legislature (see Exhibit "A").

In part, the Resolution states:

"That the Legislature of the State of California hereby requests the Resources Agency to initiate such action as is necessary to secure the cooperation of all those federal, state and local agencies whose activities affect the environment of the waterways of California in developing recommendations for appropriate measures which will provide that planning by all such agencies shall include consideration for the preservation or enhancement of the fish and wildlife habitat, boating enjoyment, scenic and other recreational values of the waterways of California;..."

Further, the Secretary of the Senate is directed to forward a copy of the Resolution to various State and Federal agencies, among which the State Lands Commission is named. A copy, addressed to the Commission, was received by the Division on June 20, 1966.

The Commission is well aware of the importance it has attached to the preservation of those values stated in the Resolution. This, not only because the obligation exists under the Public Resources Code, but also because the Commission has recognized the inherent need for the addition of the element of quality to the management of the sovereign lands as such quality pertains to recreational and esthetic possibilities.

To this end, it has long extended a cooperative hand not only to the Resources Agency but to other agencies of whatever governmental level as well in order that common goals might be achieved.

This cooperative effort continues today and will be continued in the future.

Attachment
Exhibit "A"

EXHIBIT "A"

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 20

(Adopted in the Senate on May 5, 1966
and in the Assembly on June 13, 1966)

Whereas, The Legislature is vitally concerned with the preservation and enhancement of, and continuing the beneficial habitat for fish, wildlife, recreation, and the natural environment of the major rivers in California; and

Whereas, The President of the United States and the Governor of California have urged the nation and the state to identify and preserve free-flowing stretches of our great rivers before growth and development destroy the beauty and related beneficial uses of the waterways; and

Whereas, It is presently the recreation policy of the State of California to provide a variety of recreational opportunities, to recognize the human values in their broadest range, and to increase recreational opportunities commensurate with the need occasioned by growth; and

Whereas, Many of California's major rivers, including, but not limited to, the American, the Sacramento, the San Joaquin, and the Feather, possess unique water conservation, fish, wildlife, outdoor recreation, and scenic values of present and potential benefit to the people of California; and

Whereas, Vast amounts of public funds are being appropriated for flood control, drainage, domestic and industrial water supplies, navigation, irrigation, hydroelectric power, and highway construction which may have detrimental effects on the fish and wildlife habitat, boating enjoyment, recreational and other uses of such watercourses, including production and sustained yield of fish and wildlife if appropriate consideration for such uses is not made a part of the planning for such projects; and

Whereas, There is a need for immediate action to foster interagency planning for the preservation and enhancement of the environment of the state's waterway resources under a program which will anticipate the needs to accomplish such objective; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature of the State of California hereby requests the Resources Agency to initiate such action as is necessary to secure the cooperation of all those federal, state and local agencies whose activities affect the environment of the waterways of California in developing recommendations for appropriate measures which will provide that planning by all such agencies shall include consideration for the preservation or enhancement of the fish and wildlife habitat, boating enjoyment, scenic and other recreational values of the waterways of California; and be it further

EXHIBIT "A" (CONTD.)

Resolved, That the Resources Agency is requested to propose to the Legislature not later than the fifth legislative day of the 1967 Regular Session a list of waterways of the state which should receive particular attention in the preservation of fish and wildlife habitat, boating and other recreational uses, including protection of the natural scenic values of such waterways and recommend standards and requirements which would protect such waterways for these purposes; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate is directed to transmit copies of this resolution to the Governor of the State of California, to the Administrator of the Resources Agency, to the Secretaries of the Departments of the Interior and Agriculture of the United States, to the Chief of Engineers of the United States Corps of Engineers, to the President of the Reclamation Board of the State of California, to the Chairman of the California Water Commission, to the Chairman of the State Water Rights Board, to the Chairman of the State Lands Commission, and to the Chairman of the California Highway Commission.