

ment, Poultry Improvement Commission *payable from the Fair and Exposition Fund*. \$2,150 of this proposed appropriation is for painting exteriors of buildings, and \$500 for paving roadways.

Recommendation

We recommend approval of Item 42 for \$2,650.

Poultry Industry Request

Representatives of the poultry industry at a meeting December 13, 1946, proposed that the activities represented in this budget should be expanded to include a random sampling test of egg production and a test of fryer meat production. These new activities would require additional grants of funds. *If this is allowed it should come from the Fair and Exposition Fund, to provide additional equipment and operating expense.* Subsequent to this meeting the Poultry Improvement Commission formulated a schedule of the amounts which would be necessary to carry out the program recommended by the industry. These amounts are itemized as follows:

Capital Outlay	
5 poultry houses.....	\$25,000
40 fryer batteries	4,500
50 electric brooders and brooding equipment.....	1,500
1 superintendent's residence.....	15,000
Alteration to present residence.....	1,000
All steel boundary fence for grounds.....	3,500
Sewers, roads, extension of present water system.....	2,000
3 acres additional land.....	5,000
Garage	1,000
Total Capital Outlay.....	\$58,500
Annual Support:	
Assistant General Manager and Additional Personnel.....	\$10,000
Compensation for Commission Members.....	2,000
Miscellaneous Supplies and Equipment.....	3,000
Operating Expenses	10,000
	\$25,000

In addition it was proposed to request that \$5,000 annually be made available from the Fair and Exposition Fund for cash awards to entrants in the three tests to encourage wider participation. This would increase total additional annual support proposed to \$30,000.

This is a question of policy which must be determined by the Legislature. If the program recommended by the poultry industry is approved, the amounts requested appear necessary to put into effect the proposed program.

Soil Conservation Commission

For Support of Soil Conservation Commission

Item 43, page 7 of the Budget Bill, and page 94 of the Budget. Amount requested, \$10,300 for support—from the General Fund.

This represents a decrease of \$2,200 or 17.6 percent from the amount of \$12,500 allowed for expenditure in the 1946-47 Fiscal Year.

The Soil Conservation Commission was created in 1940 (Ch. 21, Statutes First Ex. Session) but no money was appropriated for its operation until the 1945 session effective September 15, 1945, and no expenditures until 1946-47. In 1945 \$17,500 was appropriated for the 1945-46 and 1946-47 fiscal years.

The Commission is composed of five non-paid members: the State Engineer, the Dean of the College of Agriculture of the University of California, the Director of Agriculture Extension of the University of California, all serving ex officio, and two members appointed by the Governor.

No new positions are requested. One full-time employee and two part-time employees are now employed.

Recommendation

We recommend that Item 43 be approved for the amount of \$10,300 as requested, but that the money be made available from the Fairs and Exposition Fund rather than from the General Fund.