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Comments on Statement by  
Rolin Sparrowe, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service  
ON H.R. 2548 - July 31, 1990

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The three Col. Fish & Game staffers on the Technical Advisory Committee agreed completely with the concept of a National Wildlife Refuge in the Laguna de Santa Rosa. The term "Ecological Reserve" was never used in discussions by the Committee.

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While some of these items may go beyond the normal authority of U.S.F.W.S., coordination of the efforts of the several other land and water use agencies is vital in this situation.

If the concept of joint management is completely UNacceptable to U.S.F.W.S., we have something of a new ball game!

Page 2 - P-2 - a differing opinion on what constitutes "important" wintering and nesting areas. Some 3000 to 5000 ducks use the area during winter flooding. Nesting by Mallard and Cinnamon Teal is wide spread over the Laguna. Waterfowl use of the Laguna should increase considerably under a management program.

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A mis-understanding here, the 9000 acre figure would include 6000 acres to be acquired by U.S.F.W.S.; 1600 acres owned by the City of Santa Rosa to be included in the Refuge; 400 plus acres owned by Col. Fish & Game. There was complete agreement on this point by all the agencies involved. Col. Fish & Game is likely to add another 200-300 acres in the next year or so.

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The "willing seller" concept was adopted to help overcome the objections of many of the ranchers in the Laguna basin.