COAST FARM BOARD RUNS OUT OF MONEY

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Feb. 7 (AP)—The Agricultural Labor Relations Board ran out of money yesterday and closed its four regional offices after presiding over five months of relative peace in the state’s fields.

More than 400 secret-ballot elections, the first for California’s farm workers, have been held under the law. Disputes, though sometimes heated, have not been violent as the previous decade of union-grower conflict often was.

But growers who were part of the agreement Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. achieved last summer now say they were taken in by the Governor and betrayed by a board they call partial to Cesar Chavez’s United Farm Workers.

The growers’ legislative allies, demanding changes in the law, have blocked a $3.8 million appropriation the board needs to keep operating through June.