

WHEREAS, the State of Texas has completed and adopted a State Water Plan for the development and use of its water resources for beneficial purposes for present and future generations; and,

WHEREAS, the Texas Water Development Board, Texas Water Rights Commission, and Texas Water Quality Board are conducting effective studies and investigations in carrying out their duties and functions; and,

WHEREAS, the Senate of Texas, in S.R. 812, charged the Lieutenant Governor with responsibility for creating regional councils to work with State and local agencies involved in water matters; and,

WHEREAS, river authorities, local units of government and coalitions of local governmental units have developed plans for water development for their own needs; and,

WHEREAS, the course selected by the State for developing its water resources must be rationally linked to the demands for and development of other resources and services; and,

WHEREAS, the Federal Government, long a major participant of public works investment, appears to be altering its traditional role in support of water development, thus creating a need for strong State-level action to meet these trends at the Federal level. At the same time, the State must pursue all available courses to assure an equitable level of continued Federal participation.

THEREFORE, because of my growing concern that the maximum effective use be made of the vast planning effort for water resource development that has been accomplished here in Texas, and the urgent need to translate these plans and other related activities into a strong action program coordinating the efforts of the State and local levels of government with appropriate Federal actions, I am creating the Governor's Water Resource Conservation and Development Task Force. This action is essential at this time as a means of establishing priorities, and focusing and channelling the extensive plans and capabilities of State and local levels of government to meet water needs throughout the State.

The Task Force will be charged with the following duties:

- 1) Develop and recommend economic, social, and environmental goals to be met by water development in Texas.
- 2) Examine all feasible plans and proposals for water resource development required to meet the foreseeable needs of the State.
- 3) Outline a statewide program for coordinated action of all State, regional, and local government agencies to assure continued, effective, and timely implementation of water conservation projects in Texas, with or without Federal participation.

Membership of the Task Force will be drawn from the reservoir of knowledgeable professionals in the water resource field available here in Texas. Its deliberations will be aided and supplemented by related disciplines as appropriate. Initial membership is listed as Attachment A to this Executive Order.

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The Task Force will operate in a personal advisory capacity to me. The Director of the Division of Planning Coordination will chair the Task Force, and will provide staff from the Division as required.

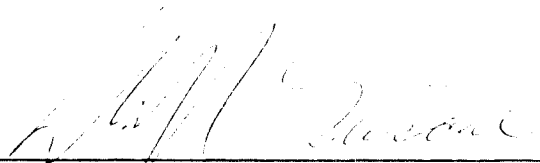
The first meeting of the Task Force will be held here in Austin on November 27th and 28th, 1973. The urgency of its mission is great, and I will work closely with its membership as its program evolves.

The Task Force will report its findings, recommendations and conclusions to me and make such interim reports as may be requested.

This Executive Order shall be effective immediately and shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded by me.

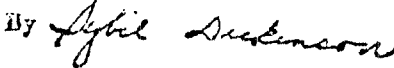
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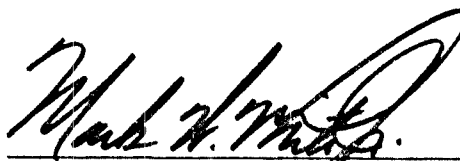



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