

The Governor

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Executive Order

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WHEREAS, Water is the basic natural resource essential to sustain the State's business, industrial and agricultural economy and its use significantly determines the quality of life and the quality of the environment of the State; and

WHEREAS, Increasing demands for the limited quantities of water require that long range plans be developed to meet the many water resources needs of the future; and

WHEREAS, The quality of present supplies must be protected from pollution and contamination, while the quality of some supplies must be improved if they are to be useful; and

WHEREAS, It is essential that water resource management plans be continually reviewed in order to meet changing economic, social, physical, legal, institutional, and environmental conditions; and

WHEREAS, It is in the best interest of the State to provide coordinated water resource planning, development, management, utilization and regulation at the local, regional, and State levels;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William P. Clements, Jr., Governor of Texas, under the authority vested in me, do hereby create and establish the GOVERNOR'S COMMITTEE ON WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT, hereinafter referred to as the COMMITTEE.

The COMMITTEE shall consist of five members appointed by the governor, three members appointed by the lieutenant governor at least two of whom shall be senators, and three members appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives at least two of whom shall be members of the house of representatives.

The Governor shall designate the chairman and vice chairman of the COMMITTEE.

The COMMITTEE will be charged with the following responsibilities:

The COMMITTEE shall study, evaluate, and recommend in regard to structural relationships and coordination among the Texas Water Commission, the Texas Water Development Board, the various river authorities, and other entities involved in water resources management in Texas.

The Texas Water Commission shall provide staff necessary to assist the COMMITTEE in the performance of its duties.

The COMMITTEE shall be authorized to request the assistance, where necessary in the discharge of its duties, of state agencies, departments and offices and it shall be the duty of such state agencies, departments and offices to assist the Committee when requested to do so. The COMMITTEE shall have the power to inspect the records, documents and files of every agency, department and office of the State to the extent necessary to the discharge of its duties within the area of its jurisdiction.

On or before December 1, 1988, the COMMITTEE shall submit a report to the Governor containing the findings of the committee made in the course of the Committee's investigations and any recommendations the Committee considers necessary.

The COMMITTEE shall meet at the call of the Chairman. A majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum. The chairman shall, in consultation with the Governor, establish the agenda for COMMITTEE meetings.

Members of the COMMITTEE shall serve without compensation or expenses.

This executive order shall be effective on this 17th day of March, 1988, and shall remain in full force and effect until modified, amended, or rescinded by me.

Issued in Austin, Texas on March 23, 1988.

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William P. Clements, Jr.
Governor of Texas

