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Deputy

EXECUTIVE ORDER B-7681

WHEREAS, the State of California may be subjected to a great earthquake with catastrophic consequences in the foreseeable future; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the State to maintain a maximum degree of preparedness for such an event;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Edmund G. Brown Jr., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, including but not limited to, Sections 8550, 8567 and 8595 of the Government Code, do hereby issue this order to become effective immediately:

1. There is established an Emergency Task Force on Earthquakes composed of experts in all functional fields relevant to preparedness for, response to and recovery from a great earthquake; members shall be appointed by the Governor from both the public and private sector. Members of the Task Force, other than the Director, shall serve voluntarily and without compensation, but may be reimbursed for their necessary expenses.

2. The Emergency Task Force on Earthquakes shall have the following responsibilities:

a. By July 1, 1981, define an integrated system of impact magnitudes and operational goals and measures of readiness for a "catastrophic earthquake";

b. By July 1, 1981, review all plans and prepare a statement of tasks and guidelines for attainment of those goals by July 1, 1982, in each of the following emergency functional fields:

- 1) Policy issues and legal authorities
- 2) Command and control
- 3) Public information
- 4) Threat assessment
- 5) Emergency management information
- 6) Plan evaluations and tests
- 7) Recovery strategy
- 8) Communications
- 9) Volunteer and neighborhood training
- 10) Search and rescue
- 11) Medical and mortuary services

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- 12) Mass care services (feeding, housing, clothing, evacuation)
- 13) Legal services
- 14) Financial services
- 15) Fire services
- 16) Law enforcement services
- 17) Route recovery and traffic regulation
- 18) Construction and demolition
- 19) Transportation
- 20) Food and water distribution
- 21) Electrical power distribution
- 22) Petroleum fuel distribution
- 23) Preservation of productivity

- c. By July 1, 1981, design specific plans to identify and train or otherwise earmark critical personnel and material resources in both the public sector and the private sector necessary for completion of critical tasks. The priorities of such plans should be: (1) save life, (2) preserve productivity, and (3) minimize property damage.
- d. By July 1, 1981, provide a scale of "levels of readiness" to assist all public and private sector planners to define procedures and earmark resources for an ascending order of alertness for a catastrophic earthquake.
- e. By May 1, 1981, provide recommendations for a proposed Comprehensive Emergency Management Agency, or its equivalent, to which Task Force management functions may be transferred on or about July 1, 1981.

3. The Director of the Office of Emergency Services, who is also the State Director of Civil Defense, shall be responsible for providing necessary support staff and resources to the Task Force and coordinating participation by all other State Agencies, departments, boards and commissions with the Task Force. The Director of the Office of Emergency Services shall have ultimate administrative responsibility for the Task Force.

4. In order to achieve maximum preparedness for a great earthquake by July 1, 1982, the Task Force may direct each State agency, department, board or commission to:

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- a. Assign a representative to Steering, Advisory or the State Earthquake Planning Committees;
- b. Review and refine existing emergency plans;
- c. Develop courses of action to accelerate attainment of a high state of readiness;
- d. Train employees for emergency assignments; and
- e. Facilitate attainment of operational goals to be outlined by July 1, 1981.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California this 9th day of February, 1981.

Ed R. Brown
Governor of California

ATTEST:

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Secretary of State

Carmelle M. Gray
Deputy Secretary of State

