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1. The heads of all state agencies shall provide leadership in efforts to minimize the risk of flood losses in connection with state lands and installations and state financed, insured, or assisted improvements. The heads of such agencies shall take particular care to avoid unwise or hazardous use of flood plains in connection with all activities under their authority. Specifically:

- a. All agencies responsible for the construction of state facilities shall, in writing, evaluate flood hazards when planning the location of new facilities. The evaluation shall consist of a determination of whether the proposed site lies in a flood-hazard area and, if so, what precautions have been taken to minimize the hazard. If the facility does not have to be in the flood plain to serve an essential purpose and the proposed site lies within an identified flood-hazard area, all feasible alternative locations for siting outside of the flood-prone area shall be given consideration. New structures proposed in flood plains must be constructed and maintained in accordance with the design and floodway standards set forth in the Code of Federal Regulations (24 CFR, Parts 1910.3, 1910.4 and 1910.5). Where the flood-hazard area has not been delineated by the federal government, the agency should contact the Department of Water Resources for assistance in evaluating the hazards in the area.
- b. With respect to existing state-owned buildings which have previously suffered flood damage or are in an identified flood-hazard area, the agencies shall require analysis of past and probable flood heights. In the case of the reconstruction, rehabilitation, or addition to existing publicly used state structures, such activities shall be carried out in accordance with the design and floodway

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standards set forth in the Code of Federal Regulations. Whenever practical and appropriate, floodproofing measures shall be applied to existing structures in identified flood-hazard areas.

- c. All agencies responsible for the administration of any form of direct or indirect state assistance involving construction or acquisition of any state facilities shall assure that the evaluation and mitigation of flood hazards in connection with such facilities is carried out in the manner specified in this Executive Order.
  - d. All agencies responsible for the disposal of state lands or properties shall evaluate and mitigate flood hazards. When lands or properties proposed for disposal are found to be susceptible to specified flooding hazards, the state agency shall obtain assurances that proposed uses are appropriate under the provisions of the Cobey-Alquist Flood Plain Management Act.
  - e. All agencies responsible for programs which affect land use planning, including state permit programs, shall take flood hazards into account in accordance with recognized floodway and 100-year frequency flood design standards when evaluating plans and shall encourage land use appropriate to the degree of hazard involved.
2. Technical evaluations of flood hazard can be obtained from the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers and the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The California Department of Water Resources is hereby designated to coordinate requests for flood hazard information from the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers and other governmental agencies.

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3. Assistance in compliance with this order is available through the Department of Water Resources.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have here-  
unto set my hand and caused  
the Great Seal of the State of  
California to be affixed this  
26th day of November, nineteen  
hundred and seventy-seven.



*E. M. S. Brown*  
Governor of California

ATTEST:

*Walter Taylor*  
Secretary of State