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EXECUTIVE ORDER B-77-81

WHEREAS, an economically sound and sustainable agriculture is vital to California; and

WHEREAS, California's agricultural future depends upon finding innovative and cost-effective solutions to problems of energy and water availability and cost, air, soil, and water quality, and pest prevention and control; and

WHEREAS, investment of State resources is proper where significant public benefit can be realized; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's budget for fiscal year 1981-82 will propose that funds from the Energy and Resources Fund be available to the Department of Food and Agriculture for the Agriculture Investment Program to invest in the state's agricultural resources and specifically into the problems affecting the protection of renewable resources in agriculture as well as in resource related problems and projects to assure the future existence of a viable agriculture in the State; and

WHEREAS, consultation and advice from farmers, scientists, educators, the financial community, and the public is needed to fully evaluate problems affecting our agricultural resources;

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, do hereby issue this order to become effective immediately:

1. The Director of the Department of Food and Agriculture shall select an Advisory Committee consisting of sixteen (16) members to make recommendations to the Director with respect to implementation of this Order. Eight of the Advisory Committee members shall be selected by the Director from nominations received from representatives of the agricultural community; the agricultural members of the Advisory Committee shall be selected to represent the geographic, commodity, and size diversity of the State's agriculture. The Director shall appoint eight additional persons as follows:

- (a) a representative of the University of California;
- (b) the Director of the State Department of Conservation, or a designee;
- (c) the President of the Resource Conservation Districts Association, or a designee;
- (d) the Director of the State Department of Water Resources, or a designee;

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- (e) a member of the State Water Resources Control Board;
- (f) the State Chair of the California Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee, or a designee;
- (g) a representative of the financial community;
- (h) one public member.

The Director shall yearly designate one member to act as Chair.

2. The Advisory Committee shall make recommendations to the Director of the Department of Food and Agriculture with respect to the implementation of this Executive Order, and shall determine that the use of funds allocated to the Department under this Executive Order is appropriate, effective, and compatible with the objective of finding innovative and cost effective solutions to the challenge of maintaining and enhancing California's agricultural energy, water, air, soil, and genetic resources, and in accordance with the following purposes:

Increasing agriculture's independence from nonrenewable resources of agricultural energy;

Maintaining the productive capacity of California soils by addressing the problems of soil erosion, salt accumulation, inadequate drainage, soil movement, compaction, decline in fertility; and urban encroachment;

Increasing the availability and efficiency of water use in agriculture;

Encouraging a broad spectrum of agricultural strategies and techniques aimed at preventing the spread of and ensuring the control of plant and animal pests;

Identifying strategies, programs, and incentives that increase the compatibility of agricultural activities with long-term maintenance of wildlife habitat and air and water quality.

3. The Director shall not undertake the disbursement of funds available under this Executive Order except for the purposes and proposals adopted and recommended by the Advisory Committee; however, the Director shall not be required to adopt all proposals or programs recommended. All appropriations for the Agriculture Investment Program shall be made through the Governor's annual budget.

4. The Advisory Committee shall additionally:

Identify renewable resource investment needs in agriculture and develop criteria for evaluating problems affecting the preservation, conservation, or enhancement or renewable agricultural resources in the State.

Publicly request proposals from the research community, and other agencies, organizations, and investigators for the investigation and solution of specific problems and recommend to the Director the funding of those proposals which, in the estimation of the Advisory Committee, may reasonably be expected to be successful and usable.

Provide liaison with other groups, agencies, institutions, and individuals with similar interests and responsibilities for maintaining, improving, and enhancing renewable agricultural resources and act cooperatively with them in attaining such goals. Such cooperation may include, but not be limited to, funding, in part or in whole, by grant or by loan, projects or programs recommended by other groups, agencies, institutions, and individuals.

Review all applications for funding and make recommendations to the Director based upon the purposes established in this Executive Order and the criteria established by the Advisory Committee. The Committee's recommendations should emphasize innovative approaches that are unlikely to find support through other state or federal funding channels, and the Committee shall ensure that its recommendations do not duplicate ongoing programs within the Department of Food and Agriculture or other state agencies or commissions. The Advisory Committee shall seek to maximize the potential public benefit that might result from the allocation of state funds under this program, and shall encourage cost-sharing efforts to provide the most effective use of state funds.

Annually describe and report progress on projects funded to the Governor and the public.

Make recommendations to the Director of the Department of Food and Agriculture with respect to the implementation of this program.

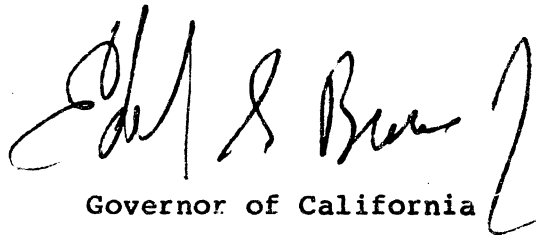
5. Members shall be appointed to the Advisory Committee for a term of four years, but may not serve more than two consecutive terms.

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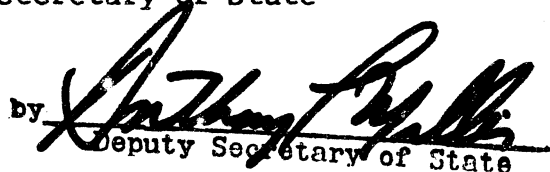
6. The Advisory Committee shall serve without compensation, but shall receive necessary travel expenses, technical advisors, and staff assistance in carrying out its responsibilities. Annual administrative costs shall be limited to not more than one and one-half percent of the Agricultural Resources Investment Fund.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have
hereunto set my hand and
caused the Great Seal of
the State of California
to be affixed this 11th
day of February, 1981


Governor of California

ATTEST:


Secretary of State

by 
Deputy Secretary of State

