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WHEREAS, the State Constitution requires that all waters of the State be put to beneficial use to the fullest extent of which they are capable and that they not be wasted; and

WHEREAS, California water rights law includes impediments to the fullest beneficial use of California's water resources; and

WHEREAS, the current drought has forcefully underlined the need to review all aspects of water resources management in California, including water rights law;

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 executive order to become effective immediately:

1. A Governor's Commission to Review California Water Rights Law is hereby established.
2. This Commission shall be composed of leaders from the water law, water engineering, and agricultural communities and shall be assisted by appropriate staff. Commission members shall be reimbursed for their reasonable expenses and Commission members who are not State employees shall receive an honorarium of one hundred dollars (\$100) per meeting day.
3. The Commission shall review California water rights law, shall evaluate proposals for modifications in this law, and shall recommend appropriate legislation in a report to be submitted to me by June 30, 1978.

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 May, nineteen hundred and seventy-seven

*Edmund G. Brown Jr.*  
Governor of California

ATTEST: *March Fong Eu*  
Secretary of State



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