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**Executive Department**  
**State of California**

EXECUTIVE ORDER # B99-82

WHEREAS, the State of California has great concern for the health of its citizens and the well-being of its livestock industry and wildlife populations that share our rangelands; and

WHEREAS, predator control methods and materials now being proposed by the Department of Interior and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency may have an impact upon these concerns;

WHEREAS, the public has had limited opportunity to review, assess and comment on current predator control programs, and

WHEREAS, there is some disagreement among experts as to the need and safety of current predator control programs in California;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Edmund G. Brown Jr., Governor of the State of California, pursuant to the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby establish the California Vertebrate Pest Control Task Force to become effective immediately:

1. The Vertebrate Pest Control Task Force is created consisting of seven members: three members representing public and wildlife interests, three members representing agricultural interest and a Task Force Chair to be designated by the Governor.
2. The Task Force shall meet at the direction of its Chair to undertake the following responsibilities:
  - . review the scientific literature on predator control methods and materials
  - . solicit public comment from interested parties on all aspects of predator control in California
  - . review existing state predator control methods and materials in regard to their effectiveness, impact on public health, the environment and wildlife population and the availability and extent of use of alternative control methods
  - . review the new federal predator control proposals in light of California's current programs and assess their usefulness and potential impact on the livestock industry as well as other values associated with California range resources

The Task Force shall submit a preliminary report to the Governor and Legislature by April 15, 1982, and a final report no later than December 1, 1982, with its recommendations for any changes in the current programs the Task Force finds necessary.

3. Members of the Task Force shall serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed by the Office of Planning and Research for their necessary expenses if approved in advance by the Director. The Office shall provide any staff support necessary for the Task Force.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 12th day of March, 1982.



*Ed M. Brown*  
Governor of California

ATTEST:

*March Long*  
Secretary of State

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Deputy Secretary