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State of California

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In the office of the Secretary of State
of the State of California

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MARCH FONG EU, Secretary of State

By *[Signature]*
Secretary

EXECUTIVE ORDER B-68-80

WHEREAS, California's water resources are the lifeblood of our economy and way of life; and

WHEREAS, Article X, Section 2 of the California Constitution states that the conservation of the State's waters is to be exercised with a view to the reasonable and beneficial use thereof, in the interest of the people and for the public welfare; and

WHEREAS, wise stewardship of our natural resources is an obligation of all regions of the State, and this obligation has been heightened by the continued development of the State Water Resources Development System.

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 effectitvely immediately:

1. The Department of Water Resources is hereby directed to prepare a plan of water conservation, reclamation, and management for the State Water Project to be submitted to the State Water Resources Control Board, such plan to recommend actions that could be undertaken by the State and its water service contractors to reduce the demand for water, to reclaim urban and agricultural waste water, to store water underground in order to provide for dry years, and to provide for consideration of pricing changes, water exchanges, and other methods for reducing the demand for new water facilities.

2. The Department of Water Resources is hereby directed to implement as quickly as possible a program of recycling agricultural drainage and other brackish water to increase the supplies available in the State Water Project with the objective of desalting 4000,000 acre-feet by the year 2000, and thereby deferring the need for additional Northern California surface supplies.

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3. The State Water Resources Control Board is hereby urged to require water conservation plans in the exercise of its water rights authority. The Board is also urged to implement water reclamation and conservation programs as a condition of federal and state grants.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 18th day of July, 1980.



Ed. J. Brown
Governor of California

ATTEST:

March Fong Eu
Secretary of State

BY *Rhea Duda*
Deputy Secretary of State