

Executive Document

Governor's Executive Order Establishing the Utah Water Conservation Advisory Board.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER

WHEREAS, the Congress has passed the Central Utah Project Completion Act (Public Law 102-575); and

WHEREAS, Section 207(f) of the Act allows the Governor to establish the nine member Utah Water Conservation Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board is required to recommend water conservation standards and regulations for possible promulgation by State or local authorities; and

WHEREAS, these standards and regulations may include, but are not limited to:

- (a) metering or measuring water to all customers;
 - (b) elimination of declining block rate schedules from any system of water or wastewater treatment charges;
 - (c) a program of leak detection and repair that provides for the inspection of all conveyance and distribution mains, and the performance of repairs, at intervals of three years or less;
 - (d) low consumption performance standards applicable to the sale and installation of plumbing fixtures and fittings in new construction;
 - (e) requirements for the recycling and reuse of water by all newly constructed commercial laundries and vehicle wash facilities;
 - (f) requirements for soil preparation prior to the installation or seeding of turf grass in new residential and commercial construction;
 - (g) requirements for the insulation of hot water pipes in all new construction;
 - (h) requirements for the installation of water recycling or reuse systems or any newly installed commercial and industrial water operative air conditioning and refrigeration systems;
 - (i) standards governing the sale, installation, and removal of self-regenerating water softeners, including the identification of public water supply system service areas where such devices are prohibited, and the establishment of standards for the control of regeneration in all newly installed devices; and
 - (j) elimination of evaporation as a principal method of wastewater treatment;
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WHEREAS, the conservation of water is an important water management tool, and a necessary complement to the construction of water collection and delivery systems; and

WHEREAS, the eight member Utah Board of Water Resources is charged by law to "make studies, investigations and recommendations...on behalf of the state for any purpose which relates to the development, conservation,

protection and control of the water and power resources of the state"; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Water Resources has extensive experience in matters related to the use and conservation of water in the state; and

WHEREAS, use of this expertise to address the water conservation issues raised in the Act would be an efficient and economical use of available resources; and

WHEREAS, Utah's outdoor interest communities have an interest in issues related to the use and conservation of water in the state; and

WHEREAS, this interest would be of great value to the Utah Water Conservation Advisory Board during its deliberations; and

WHEREAS, the Board is to make its studies and deliver its report to the Governor and the Secretary of the Interior by October 30, 1995.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael O. Leavitt, Governor of the State of Utah, by authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this state, and by the Central Utah Project Completion Act, do hereby establish the Utah Water Conservation Advisory Board for the purpose designated in the Act. The Board shall expire upon completion of its duties.

IT IS ORDERED that the Utah Water Conservation Advisory Board be composed of the eight members of the Utah Board of Water Resources and a ninth member appointed from Utah's outdoor interest community. Membership of the eight members from the Board of Water Resources shall be determined according to the statute governing that Board. The ninth member shall be appointed by the Governor from a list of at least three nominees submitted by the Utah Outdoor Interest Coordinating Council. Vacancies in the eight positions from the Board of Water Resources shall be filled according to statute. A vacancy in the ninth position shall be filled by the same process established above.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Chair and Vice Chair of the Utah Water Conservation Advisory Board shall be the same as the Chair and Vice Chair of the Board of Water Resources.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that administrative control over activities of the Utah Water Conservation Advisory Board shall be within the Department of Natural Resources, as directed by the Executive Director thereof. Members shall be entitled to compensation at the state per diem rate for official activities of the Board, however, state employees who may serve on the Board are not eligible for such compensation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Chair of the Utah Water Conservation Advisory Board shall be responsible for setting the time, place, frequency, and agenda for meetings, unless the board, by a two-thirds majority vote, establishes a different procedure. Meetings of the Board shall be subject to Utah open meetings laws.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Board shall submit a draft of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the public, and receive back comments to be considered in preparation of the final report.

IT IS REQUESTED that the Central Utah Water Conservancy District designate a liaison to the Utah Water Conservation Advisory Board, and to otherwise assist the Board in the furtherance of its charge.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have here unto set my hand and cause to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Utah. Done at the State Capitol in Salt Lake City, Utah, this 4th day of February, 1994.

(State Seal)

Michael O. Leavitt
Governor

Attest:

Olene S. Walker
Lieutenant Governor

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