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Roy Romer Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER

WATER USE EFFICIENCY IN STATE GOVERNMENT

- WHEREAS, the Colorado General Assembly has enacted the Water Conservation Act of 1991, H.B. 91-1154; and
- WHEREAS, the act requires the development of water conservation plans for construction or renovation of state facilities and lands and requires the use of water-efficient plumbing fixtures; and
- WHEREAS, Colorado agencies have an opportunity to demonstrate leadership in water-use efficiency by reducing the cost of water service and maximizing water use efficiency; and
- whereas, an Office of Water Conservation has been established within the Colorado Water Conservation Board to provide information on water-use efficiency measures to assist in preparation of state agency water conservation plans and to coordinate statewide activities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Roy Romer, Governor of the State of Colorado, under the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Colorado DO HEREBY ORDER THAT:

1. State departments with responsibility for, management of, or involvement with state lands or buildings shall develop water-use efficiency plans. Such water-use efficiency plans shall include water-efficient landscape design and irrigation techniques, water audits for state buildings, and installation of water-efficient plumbing fixtures in new construction and renovation as addressed in section 37-96-103, 15 C.R.S. (1990 and 1991 Supp.). Specifically, H.B. 91-1154 requires:

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- a. New plumbing specifications for state building construction or renovation by January 1, 1992;
- b. Water audits for state buildings by January 1, 1992, if local water supplier provides audit service; and
- c. Water-efficiency plans for state agencies for construction or renovation of facilities beginning January 1, 1993.
- A State Facilities Water Conservation Coordinating Council shall be established and will be coordinated through the state Office of Water Conservation. Each executive director shall designate an individual within his/her department to serve on this Coordinating Council and shall notify the Executive Director of the Department of Natural Resources of such designee by March 20, 1992. Coordinating Council members shall determine if requirements 91-1154 are applicable to his/her department; provide communications to his/her regarding water-efficiency efforts; develop water-use efficiency plans and provide general communications with the Office of Water Department of Natural Conservation in the Resources. The Coordinating Council shall meet at least quarterly with the first such meeting held in April 1992.
- 3. The Colorado Water Conservation Board shall provide a written report to the Governor and the Executive Director of the Department of Natural Resources on the status of implementation of this order by December 31, 1992.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado this 3rd of March, 1992.

Roy Romer Governor