

GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

WHEREAS, the protection of the environment is of vital importance to the State of Arizona; and

WHEREAS, the State of Arizona and its political subdivisions must regulate and serve as models in the effort to protect the human environment and the natural resources of the State; and

WHEREAS, the design and location of projects initiated, funded, or authorized by the State, its departments and agencies, counties, cities, towns, and other appropriate political subdivisions may have substantial direct, indirect, and cumulative effects on the environment; and

WHEREAS, the protection of the environment, the management of development, and the prudent use of the State's land, water, and other resources will be fostered by the proper location and design of projects initiated, funded, or authorized by the State, its departments and agencies, counties, cities, towns, and other appropriate political subdivisions; and

WHEREAS, the potentially adverse environmental impacts of projects initiated, funded, or authorized by the State, its departments and agencies, counties, cities, towns, and other appropriate political subdivisions can be reduced or eliminated if such impacts are assessed before the approval of such project and reasonable and prudent mitigation methods are developed to minimize adverse impacts;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rose Mofford, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of this State, do hereby create the Governor's Task Force on Environmental Impact Assessments, and order and direct that:

- 1) The Task Force shall:
 - o Compare various policies and procedures used by the Federal government and states which require environmental impact assessments.
 - o Estimate the potential costs involved in preparing environmental impact assessments, and evaluate options for assessing financial responsibility for preparing such statements.
 - o Recommend activities which should require environmental impact assessments, and identify any possible exemptions.
 - o Identify the criteria for environmental impact assessments, and determine the time necessary for submittal and review.
 - o Develop recommendations for the implementation of an environmental impact review and approval process.
 - o Consider such other related issues as the Governor may direct.
- 2) Members of the Task Force shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor, and shall serve without compensation.
- 3) The Governor shall designate a Chairperson from the membership.
- 4) The Task Force shall meet at the call of the Chairperson.
- 5) The Department of Environmental Quality shall provide staff support.
- 6) The Task Force shall issue its final report by December 1, 1990.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

Rose Mofford
GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix this eighteenth day of May in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Fourteenth.

ATTEST:

Jim Shumway
Secretary of State



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