New board appointed by Block

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policy board is Deputy

Assistant Secretary for

WASHINGTON, D.C. Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block has established a policy board of key U.S. Department of Agriculture officials to advise him on the operation of the resource conservation development and program.

The program, adsince 1964, provides technical and financial assistance, including loans, for projects in rural communities to conserve and improve the use of land, develop natural resource and enhance social, economic and environmental conditions.

There are 194 local volunteer councils that govern the program These councils cover 1.355 counties in every state except Alaska, as well as in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands The resource conservation and development program provided more than \$26 million of USDA technical and financial assistance in fiscal year 1984

The policy board has members representing USDA agencies and



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