

(except as provided in Section 5 of this Article), and direct its activities;

(c) Act as the secretary of the State Planning Commission or designate a staff member of the Planning Department to act in his stead;

(d) Keep the State Planning Commission advised of the activities of the State Planning Department, and submit to the Commission for its consideration and advice the state development plan or any substantial phase or part, amendment, revision or extension thereof or addition thereto, prior to filing the same in accordance with the provisions of Section 8;

(e) Have access, or designate staff members of the Planning Department who shall have access, to information, reports and data which relate to state planning in the possession of departments, agencies or instrumentalities of the state, or in the possession of regional, metropolitan, county, municipal or other local agencies and instrumentalities;

(f) Enter, or designate staff members of the Planning Department who may enter, at reasonable times and in such a manner as to cause no unnecessary injury upon any land in order to make examinations and surveys related to state planning;

(g) Hold hearings whenever he deems it necessary on matters of state planning, after notice to interested parties;

(h) Attend meetings of regional or metropolitan planning commissions and interstate and other planning conferences, in the interest of intergovernmental planning cooperation;

(i) Exercise all other powers necessary and proper for the discharge of his duties.

5. State Planning Department; staff

The Director of State Planning shall appoint and remove the staff of the State Planning Department. Such appointments and removals shall be in accordance with the provisions of the classified service laws in Article 64A of this Code, except that the Director may appoint two members of the staff outside the provisions of Article 64A, to serve at his pleasure. The Director may make agreements with heads of other state departments, agencies or local governments, or regional, metropolitan, county, municipal or other local planning agencies, for the temporary transfer of employees of such departments, agencies, local governments or such planning agencies to the State Planning Department or for the temporary transfer of employees of the State Planning Department to such departments, agencies, local governments or such planning agencies, and for the temporary exchange of employees between the State Planning Department and such other agencies, for periods not exceeding ninety days for any one transfer. Such agreements shall not require the approval of the State Commissioner of Personnel, and employees so transferred shall, for purposes of the provisions of the classified service law, be deemed to have continued to serve in the position from which they were temporarily transferred or exchanged. In connection with such temporary transfers or exchanges of employees, the Director may agree to reimburse, or to receive reimbursement