

(c) Whenever a violation or apparent violation of this section becomes known to any commissioner, officer or employee, he shall forthwith bring the matter to the attention of the Commission. Any contract or agreement which the Commission finds was made in violation of this section shall be either ratified or declared void. In such latter event the consideration to be paid or transferred by the Commission under such agreement shall not be paid or transferred by the Commission, or, if paid or transferred, may be recovered, with interest, by the Commission.

15.06. Annual Independent Audit.—(a) As soon as practicable after the close of the fiscal year, an audit shall be made of the financial accounts of the Commission. The audit shall be made by one or more certified public accountants selected by the Commission, who have no personal interest, direct or indirect, in the financial affairs of the Commission or of any of its officers or employees. The report of audit shall be prepared in accordance with accepted accounting practices and shall be filed with the chairman and such other officers as the Commission shall direct. Copies of the report shall be distributed to each commissioner and shall be made available for public distribution.

(b) Without regard to the close of the fiscal year, each signatory shall be entitled to examine and audit all of the books, documents, records, files, accounts and property of the Commission, and shall be afforded full facilities for verifying transactions with the balances or securities held by depositaries, fiscal agents, and custodians.

15.07. Reports.—The Commission shall make an annual report to the signatories on its programs, operations, and finances. Copies shall be furnished to water resources agencies of the signatories and shall be made available to the public, upon request, at the Commission's offices.

15.08. Notice.—(a) Unless otherwise specified in this compact, whenever notice is required by any section in this compact, such notice shall be given by publication once a week for two successive weeks in a newspaper having general circulation in the area, or portion or portions, of the basin to be affected by the proposed action of the Commission. If the purpose of such notice is to give notice of a proposed public hearing, the notice shall identify the subject or subjects to be considered and specify the time, not less than twenty-one (21) days after first publication, and place of hearing at which interested persons may appear and present their views. In addition to newspaper publication, notice of the proposed action of the Commission, or of public hearing, shall be posted in a conspicuous place at the offices of the Commission. Whenever the matter in question is the adoption, amendment or revision of the comprehensive water resources plan or the amenities plan, there shall be at least one public hearing in the affected area or as near thereto as may be feasible.

(b) The Commission may mail a copy of the notice to each person and governmental agency which the Commission believes may be affected by the proposed action of the Commission or by the action it may take after such public hearing, and may also mail a copy of the notice to any other person or governmental agency who shall request such notice. The Commission may provide for other means of giving notice to the end that all persons and governmental agen-