

the orderly, integrated development of the region; and

(15) execute any and all instruments and do and perform any and all acts or things necessary, convenient, or desirable for its purposes or to carry out the powers expressly given in this section.

(e) Organization and committees. The Council shall elect a chairman from among its members and shall publish rules and establish committees to carry on its work. Such committees may have as members persons other than members of the Council and other than elected officials.

(f) Director and staff. The Council shall appoint a director who shall be qualified by training and experience and shall serve at the pleasure of the Council. The director shall be the chief administrative and planning officer and regular technical advisor of the Council and shall appoint and remove the staff of the Council. The director may make agreements with local planning agencies, within the jurisdiction of the Tri-County Council of Public Officials, for temporary transfer or joint use of staff employees and may contract for professional or consultant services from other governmental and private agencies.

(g) General development plan. Tri-County Council shall prepare, adopt, and from time to time revise or amend a general development plan for the development of the Region. The plan shall guide a coordinated, adjusted, efficient and economic development of the Region which will, in accordance with present and future needs and resources best promote the health, safety, order, convenience, prosperity and welfare of the citizens, provide for patterns of urbanization and the uses of land and resources for trade, industry, recreation, forestry, agriculture, and tourism, and create conditions favorable to the development of human resources, and otherwise promote the general welfare of the citizens. Such plan shall identify the public interest and the necessity for public action and intergovernmental cooperation and coordination within the Region and shall be coordinated with the efforts of the private sector within the Region. The general development plan shall embody the policy recommendations of the Council and shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) a statement of the objectives, standards and principles sought to be expressed in the plan;

(2) recommendations for the most desirable pattern and intensity of general land use within the region in the light of the best available information concerning natural environmental factors, the present and prospective economic and demographic basis of the area, and the relation of land use within the area to land use in the adjoining areas;