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STATE OF MONTANA  
EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 6-74  
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Executive Order Recognizing the Central Montana District Council.

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It is the policy of the State of Montana to encourage its units of local government to establish voluntary associations in order to discuss challenges of mutual interest and concern, develop policy and action recommendations for joint implementation by member local governments, engage in areawide comprehensive planning, coordinate areawide functional planning and development activities, and administer certain federal and state grant-in-aid programs;

Guidelines have been developed to enable the State to recognize such associations of local government or district councils within the multi-county districts established by Executive Order 2-71;

By joint interlocal agreement, the elected officials in District No. 6 have agreed to establish such a District Council;

THEREFORE, I, THOMAS L. JUDGE, Governor of the State of Montana, by virtue of the authority vested in me do hereby recognize the Central Montana District Council, for District No. 6.

As a recognized district council, the Central Montana District Council shall be delegated the following authority:

1. Review of certain federally-assisted projects.

The Central Montana District Council shall review all applications submitted by units of general local government, special districts, and private non-profit organizations within District No. 6 for a loan or grant from a federal department or agency for programs and purposes as required by federal law or regulation. If the Council finds the application to be inconsistent with its officially adopted comprehensive district development plan, it shall resolve these inconsistencies before submission of the application to the pertinent federal department or agency for funding consideration.

2. Review of state plans and projects.

(a) Each state agency shall submit to the Central Montana District Council for review, comment, and recommendation all comprehensive plans and annual work programs that will have a significant effect within its boundaries. The Council shall have 30 days from the date of submission of these plans and programs to conduct its review and to make comments and recommendations, during which period the state agency shall take no action to implement the plans and programs.

(b) The Central Montana District Council shall review any proposed state major capital facilities project to be located within its boundaries. The Council shall advise the state agency within 30 days from the date

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of submission as to whether the proposed project is in conflict with its officially adopted comprehensive regional development plan and implementing policies or is not properly coordinated with other existing or proposed projects within the district. If the Council finds the proposed project conflicts with the plan or implementing policies or lacks proper coordination, it shall resolve all inconsistencies before project initiation.


3. Federal and state agency use of Central Montana District Councils.

(a) The Central Montana District Council shall be the authorized agency in each district to receive federal grants-in-aid for areawide planning, coordination, and development purposes.

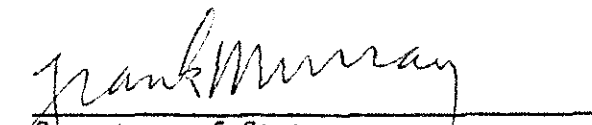
(b) All state agencies shall use the Central Montana District Council in each district for any areawide planning, program operations, coordination, development, and districting activities in which they engage, except those state agencies exempted from conforming to substate district boundaries.

(c) To avoid duplication of the staffs of various district planning bodies assisted by the state and federal governments, the Central Montana District Council shall provide basic planning, administrative, and research services for all district planning bodies heretofore or hereafter established in Montana.

GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT SEAL of the State of Montana this Eleventh day of June, in the Year of our LORD, One Thousand, Nine Hundred and Seventy-four.

  
THOMAS L. JUDGE, Governor

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Secretary of State