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63J-4-607 Resource management plan administration.

- (1) The office shall consult with the Commission for the Stewardship of Public Lands before expending funds appropriated by the Legislature for the implementation of this section.
- (2) To the extent that the Legislature appropriates sufficient funding, the office shall procure the services of a non-public entity in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 6a, Utah Procurement Code, to assist the office with the office's responsibilities described in Subsection (3).
- (3) The office shall:
 - (a) assist each county with the creation of the county's resource management plan by:
 - (i) consulting with the county on policy and legal issues related to the county's resource management plan;
 - (ii) helping the county ensure that the county's resource management plan meets the requirements of Subsection 17-27a-401(3); and
 - (iii) facilitating coordination between counties as required by Subsection 17-27a-403(2)(d);
 - (b) to the greatest extent possible, promote consistent quality standards among all counties' resource management plans; and
 - (c) calculate the estimated cost of providing the services described in this section to each county.
- (4)
 - (a) A county shall cooperate with the office, or an entity procured by the office under Subsection (2), with regards to the office's responsibilities under Subsection (3).
 - (b) A county that receives assistance from the office under this section shall place a deposit with the office in an amount equal to 50% of the estimated cost calculated under Subsection (3)(c).
 - (c) To the extent that the Legislature appropriates sufficient funding, the office shall reimburse a county in the amount described in Subsection (4)(d) when a county's resource management plan:
 - (i) meets the requirements described in Subsection 17-27a-401(3); and
 - (ii) is adopted under Subsection 17-27a-404(6)(d).
 - (d) The office shall reimburse a county under Subsection (4)(c) in an amount equal to the lesser of:
 - (i) the cost estimated under Subsection (3)(c); or
 - (ii) \$50,000.
- (5) To the extent that the Legislature appropriates sufficient funding, after the deadline established in Subsection 17-27a-404(6)(d) for a county to adopt a resource management plan, the office shall:
 - (a) obtain a copy of each county's resource management plan; and
 - (b) create a statewide resource management plan that:
 - (i) meets the same requirements described in Subsection 17-27a-401(3)(a); and
 - (ii) to the greatest extent possible, coordinates and is consistent with any resource management plan or land use plan established under Chapter 8, State of Utah Resource Management Plan for Federal Lands.
- (6) To the extent that the Legislature appropriates sufficient funding, the office shall provide legal support to a county that becomes involved in litigation with the federal government over the requirements of Subsection 17-27a-405(3).