

# OBJECTIVE, FUNCTIONS, AND OPERATIONS OF THE PUBLIC LAND LAW REVIEW COMMISSION

## INTRODUCTION

This paper sets forth the overall program for the accomplishment of the tasks assigned to the Public Land Law Review Commission. It will provide guidance in identifying and conducting specific studies. It provides the Commission, the Advisory Council, and the Governors' Representatives with a guide to the planned activities of the Commission staff.

The plan contains, first, a statement and discussion of the Commission's objective; second, a description of the methods of operation and general procedures to be followed by the Commission and its staff; and, third, a general description of the study program and the way in which it will be organized. It does not contain a list of individual studies or specific issues that will be considered; the approach to these will, however, follow logically from the program. All studies will be based on the reasoning of, and follow the procedures indicated in, the program.

The program provides a set of guidelines to be used by the staff to develop detailed study plans. All major studies of the Commission are visualized as being a part of this overall plan.

The design and conduct of individual studies will be the work of the legal and resources groups in their respective areas. Where appropriate, the two groups will act jointly on a single study with one being given primary responsibility. The results of the studies will be correlated by the third of the groups into which the professional staff is organized, i.e., the evaluation group.

For the purposes of our program, the following definitions apply:

### *Program*

A comprehensive statement of the objective, functions, and operations of the Public Land Law Review Commission and its staff, including a listing of the major fields of study into which the overall program is divided. Unless specifically indicated, the sequence in which fields of study are listed does not indicate priority or relative importance.

### *Study program*

An overall, broad outline indicating the scope of the studies to be accomplished. (See p. 9.)

### *Field of study*

Subject matter that forms a logical segment within which several individual studies would be made. (See p. 9.)