

## STATE OF COLORADO

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## EXECUTIVE ORDER

## IMPROVING THE ALIGNMENT OF STATE PLANS WITH REGIONAL VISIONS

- WHEREAS, Colorado grants the majority of responsibility and control of development to the local level of government, enabling counties and municipalities to prepare and adopt policies and plans for the development of their respective jurisdictions; and
- WHEREAS, local communities are encouraged to recognize diverse factors in developing long range visions and plans, and to promote programs safeguarding local identities including public safety, diversified communities and lifestyles, rational and logical patterns of growth, and a safe and desirable level of environmental quality; and
- WHEREAS, these local policies and plans play an integral role in maintaining the character and integrity of both the localities and the State of Colorado; and
- WHEREAS, policies and plans implemented by state agencies at times may not conform to regional desires and visions, and at times may be inconsistent with these regional visions; and
- WHEREAS, pursuant to a plan promulgated by my office in September of 1994, state and local officials and citizens have engaged in the Smart Growth and Development initiative, governed by a council of representatives from 11 regions of Colorado, and have developed 76 action items to achieve smart growth and development in Colorado; and
- WHEREAS, one of those action items requests the Governor to issue an executive order directing state agencies to align their plans with regional visions to the extent practicable; and
- WHEREAS, the Interregional Council of the Smart Growth and Development initiative recommends that cooperation among all levels of government is integral in establishing responsible growth practices in the State of Colorado.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Roy Romer, Governor of the State of Colorado, under the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Colorado, DO HEREBY ORDER THAT:

1. To the greatest extent practicable and to the extent permitted by law:
  - a. State agencies shall consider local and regional visions in their policies and planning efforts;
  - b. State agencies should actively consult with local governments, communities, private land owners, and local citizens when developing state agency policies and plans;
  - c. State facilities will be planned and built in a manner consistent with local and regional plans, policies and regulations;
  - d. State policies and plans should acknowledge and complement regional planning for the enhancement of the arts, culture and recreational opportunities.
2. The executive director or chief operating officer of each agency shall be responsible for ensuring the implementation of and compliance with this order.
3. "Agency" means any authority of the State of Colorado that is an "agency" pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-3-101.
4. This order is intended only to improve the internal management of the executive branch and is not intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the State of Colorado, its agencies and instrumentalities, its officers or employees, or any other person.
5. This order shall be effective 30 days after the date of this order.



GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this fourth day of November, 1995.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Roy Romer".

Roy Romer  
Governor

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