24-1213. General plan, estimate of costs and information as to benefits; transmittal to chief engineer, when; open to public; report to directors. Upon the incorporation of the watershed district the board shall cause work to be commenced on the preparation of a general plan of the district. In addition to the general plan there shall be prepared an estimate of costs as to installation, maintenance and operation of the proposed works and information as to the location and extent of areas that would be benefited by the proposed works. Upon completion of the general plan, estimates of costs and the information as to benefited areas, the board shall carefully examine and consider the same and if they approve the general plan, estimate of cost of proposed works and information on benefited areas, they shall transmit a complete copy thereof to the chief engineer and additional copies shall be made available to him upon request. Copies of such plans, estimates and information, in the office of the chief engineer shall be open to inspection by the public at all reasonable times.

The chief engineer shall examine and study said general plans as to: (1) Feasibility. (2) Co-ordination of the plan with any general plan for the watershed of which the district might be a part. (3) The safety of the works and improvements proposed. (4) Conformity with the intents and purposes of this act. The chief engineer shall transmit a written report of the results of his study and investigation to the board of directors which shall include any changes or modifications which he deems necessary and which shall include a specific approval or disapproval of the general plan.

History: L. 1953, ch. 477, § 13; L. 1957, ch. 226, § 6; L. 1961, ch. 193, §10; July 1.