*** § 73-0105. Task force composition.**

1. The task force shall consist of fourteen members; nine of whom shall be the director of the canal corporation, commissioner of the department of environmental conservation, the secretary of state, the commissioner of transportation, the director of the state emergency management office, the commissioner of parks, recreation and historic preservation, the commissioner of agriculture and markets, the chairman of the power authority of the state of New York and the commissioner of economic development or designee; and five additional members who shall be from outside the public offices listed in this section and who shall have professional experience in the fields of hydrology, civil engineering, climatology, emergency management and soil and water conservation. The governor shall appoint three of the five additional members and the temporary president of the senate and speaker of the assembly shall each appoint one of each of the five additional members.

2. The task force shall appoint a chairperson from among its members.

3. The members of the task force shall receive no compensation for their services, but shall be allowed their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

4. The task force shall consult with the emergency management officer, or appropriate county officer, from each county adjacent or intersected by the canal system or the Oswego river basin and each such officer shall provide to the task force a document listing their concerns and recommendations related to flooding along the canal system. The task force shall consider such concerns and recommendations in its deliberations and in the formulation of its determinations and recommendations.

5. The task force shall also solicit the views of persons who reside adjacent to the canal system or major bodies within the Oswego river basin to assist it in making its determinations and formulating its recommendations.

6. To help ensure the task force's receipt of a comprehensive and diverse array of views, a citizen advisory board to the task force shall be established. The advisory board shall consist of up to thirteen members appointed for two years, seven members shall be appointed following the recommendation of the governor; two members shall be appointed following the recommendation of the temporary president of the senate; two members shall be appointed following the recommendation of the speaker of the assembly; one member shall be appointed following the recommendation of the minority leader of the senate; and one member shall be appointed following the recommendation of the minority leader of the assembly. The advisory board shall represent a diverse array of interests, including property owners residing adjacent to or in close proximity to the canal system or major water bodies within the Oswego river basin, recreational and commercial users of the canal system, environmental groups and hydroelectric power generators that operate facilities within the canal system. No member of the advisory board may be concurrently employed by, or provide goods or services to, any agency or public corporation which is represented on the task force. The commissioner shall select a member of the advisory board to serve as chairperson.

7. The members of the advisory board shall receive no compensation for their services, but shall be allowed their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

8. The advisory board shall advise the task force on relevant information and issues related to flooding and flood mitigation in the canal system or the Oswego river basin; make recommendations to fulfill the purposes of this article; and provide advice and assistance required by the task force.

9. The task force shall meet at least six times at the call of the chairperson.

* NB Repealed 120 days after the New York State canal flood mitigation task force has submitted its completed report (see ch. 456/2007 §2)