§ 1226-d. Powers of the authority. The authority shall have the power:

1. To sue and be sued.

2. To have a seal and alter the same at pleasure.

3. To borrow money and issue bonds or other obligations for its corporate purposes and to provide for the rights of the holders thereof.

4. To enter into contracts and to execute all instruments necessary or convenient or desirable for the purposes of the authority to carry out any powers expressly given to it in this title.

5. To enter into agreements with the water board, the board of water supply and any municipality for the financing by the authority of projects as herein provided.

6. To acquire by purchase, gift, grant, transfer, contract or lease or by condemnation pursuant to the eminent domain procedure law, lease as lessee, hold, and use any property, real, personal or mixed or any interest therein, as the authority may deem necessary, convenient or desirable to carry out the purpose of this title, provided, however, the authority shall not have the power to condemn property of the water board.

7. To apply to the appropriate agencies and officials of the federal, state and local governments for such licenses, permits or approvals of its plans or projects as it may deem necessary or advisable, and upon such terms and conditions as it may deem appropriate, and to accept, in its discretion, such licenses, permits or approvals as may be tendered to it by such agencies and officials.

8. To appoint such officers and employees as may be required for the performance of its duties, to fix and determine their qualifications, duties and compensation, and to retain or employ counsel, auditors, engineers and private consultants on a contract basis or otherwise for rendering professional or technical services and advice.

9. To make plans and studies necessary, convenient or desirable for the effectuation of the purposes and powers of the authority and to prepare recommendations in regard thereto.

10. To make use of existing studies, surveys, plans, data and other material in the possession of any state agency, any municipality or the water board in order to avoid duplication of effort.

11. To enter upon such lands, waters or premises as in the judgment of the authority shall be necessary for the purpose of making surveys, soundings, borings and examinations to accomplish any purpose authorized by this title, the authority being liable only for actual damage done.

12. To apply for and to accept any gifts or grants or loans of funds or property or financial or other aid in any form from the federal government or any agency or instrumentality thereof, or from the state or any agency or instrumentality thereof or from any other source, for any or all of the purposes specified in this title, and to comply, subject to the provisions of this title, with the terms and conditions thereof.

13. To make and amend by-laws for its organization and management and regulation of its affairs and rules and regulations governing the exercise of its powers and the fulfillment of its purposes under this title. A copy of such rules, regulations and by-laws, and all amendments thereto, duly certified by the secretary of the authority shall be filed in the office of the clerk of each municipality within the service area.

14. To enter into cooperative agreements with other authorities, the board of water supply, municipalities, utility companies, individuals, or corporations, within or without the service area, for any lawful purposes necessary or desirable to effect the purposes of this title upon such terms and conditions as shall be determined to be reasonable.

15. With the consent of the chief executive officer of a municipality within the service area, to use officers and employees of such

municipality and to pay a proper portion of compensation or costs for the services of such officers or employees.

16. For the purposes of article fifteen-A of the executive law only, the authority shall be deemed a state agency as that term is used in such article, and its contracts for procurement, design, construction, services and materials shall be deemed state contracts within the meaning of that term as set forth in such article.

17. To do all things necessary, convenient or desirable to carry out its purposes and for the exercise of the powers granted in this title.