§ 1230-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 city, any other municipality, the state, and any other person 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, the city, or any other municipality.

7. To apply to the appropriate agencies and officials of the federal, state and local governments, any municipality, 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 agents as may be required for the performance of its duties, to fix and determine their qualifications, duties and compensation, subject to the provisions of the civil service law and the rules of the civil service commission of the city, and to retain or employ counsel, auditors, engineers, private consultants and

other independent contractors on a contractual or otherwise for rendering management, 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, the city, any municipality, any person 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, grants, 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 city clerk and secretary of the water board.

14. To enter into cooperative agreements with the state, any state agency, the city, any municipality, 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 the city or a municipality within the service area, to use officers and employees of the city or municipality and to pay a proper portion of compensation or costs for the services rendered to the authority by such officers or employees.

16. To do all things necessary, convenient or desirable to carry out its purposes and for the exercise of the powers granted in this title provided that the authority shall not have power, within the city, to collect rentals, charges, rates or fees from the owners of real property, or the occupants of real property (other than the occupants of premises owned or controlled by the authority), for services or facilities furnished or supplied in connection with such real property, if such services or facilities are of a character or nature then or formerly furnished or supplied by the city.