

*water supply, sewerage systems provided for under this sub-title, and it may construct in any such street, road, alley or public highway, a water main, sewer or drain or any appurtenance thereof, without the receipt of a permit or the payment of a charge; provided, that whenever any State, county or municipal highway is to be disturbed the public authority having control thereof shall be duly notified; and provided further, that said highway shall be repaired and left by the Commission in the same condition as, or in a condition not inferior to, that existing before said highway was torn up, and that all costs incident thereto shall be borne by the Commission.*

*(14) To receive and accept from any Federal agency grants for or in aid of the construction, acquisition or operation of any project, and to receive and accept aid or contributions from any source of either money, property, labor or other things of value, to be held, used and applied only for the purposes for which such grants and contributions may be made.*

*(15) In the event of any annexation by a county not a member of the District of lands, areas, or territory served by the District, to continue to do business, exercise its jurisdiction over its properties and facilities in and, upon or over such lands, areas or territory as long as any bonds or indebtedness of such District remain outstanding or unpaid, or any contracts or other obligations remain in force.*

*583. None of the powers granted by this sub-title shall be exercised in the construction, improvement, maintenance, extension or operation of any project or projects which in whole or in part shall duplicate or compete with existing utilities, public or private, serving substantially the same purposes. The county or counties organizing such a District may, in the resolution or ordinance signifying their intention so to do, or from time to time by subsequent resolution or ordinance, specify the project or projects to be undertaken by the said District. If the county or counties organizing a District fail to specify the project or projects to be undertaken, then the District shall be deemed to have all the power granted by this sub-title.*

*No county which shall have created a District under the provisions of this sub-title shall thereafter create any other District serving the whole or any part of the same area. No county which shall have joined with any other county or counties in the creation of a District under the provisions of this sub-title shall thereafter create or join in the creation of any other District unless such other county or counties shall consent thereto by ordinance or resolution.*

*584. Whenever twenty-five property owners, residing in any locality in a county, shall in writing petition the Commission to have said locality, (the boundaries whereof shall be definitely stated in said petition) constituted as a new sanitary district, then if the Commission in its discretion shall deem it expedient to constitute said locality as a sanitary district in accordance with the prayer of said petition, and if the governing body of the county in which said locality lies consents thereto, the Commission shall cause plats of such locality to be made under the supervision of its chief engineer, showing the proposed water, sewerage or drainage systems, one copy of which plat shall be filed in the office of the Commission, one in the office of the county and one in a plat book indexed ". . . Sanitary Commissions", in the office where the land records of the county are kept;*