

to construction of the project. Actual payment of the initial cost may be extended over a 50-year period beginning when augmented flow is first available from the project.

(j) For the purposes of this subtitle, the term "the District," unless otherwise indicated in the text to mean the District of Columbia, means the area of jurisdiction of the Authority, which includes the following counties: Allegany, Frederick, Garrett, Montgomery, Prince George's, and Washington.

90.

The Maryland Potomac Water Authority is created as a governmental agency and body politic and corporate, vested with all the authority granted under the constitution and laws of the State; and shall have and be recognized to exercise all such authority to conserve, control, and utilize to beneficial service the storm and flood waters of the rivers and streams of the Potomac River watershed in the District. The Authority may adopt and use a corporate seal, contract, sue and be sued, and do any and all other corporate acts for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this subtitle.

91.

The Authority shall consist of ~~nine~~ TEN members. The department heads of the Department of Water Resources and State Department of Planning AND THE GENERAL MANAGER OF THE WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY DISTRICT shall be ex-officio, non-voting, members. These ex-officio members may designate alternates from among the senior employees in their places at meetings of the Authority, when the members are unable to attend. The governing bodies of each of the represented counties within the District shall appoint one of its members to serve as a member and one to serve as an alternate on the Authority at the pleasure of the governing body. Such members shall be voting members except the member of the governing body of Garrett county, who shall be a non-voting member until such time as that county is assessed for payments to the Authority under the provisions of Section 96 of this subtitle. The Governor shall appoint one voting member who shall serve as chairman of the Authority and serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The members shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

92.

All actions of the Authority must be approved by unanimous vote of the voting members.

93.

The Authority may appoint subcommittees and shall MAY utilize the services of existing state and local agencies.

94.

The Authority may contract with the United States of America, or any agency thereof FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, for the purpose of ~~providing a dam, reservoir, and appurtenant facilities on the~~