

**13:1B-49.2 Water supply advisory council.**

18. a. There is established in the department a Water Supply Advisory Council which shall consist of eleven members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. Each of these members shall be appointed for a term of three years, provided that, of the members first appointed by the Governor, three shall serve for terms of one year, two shall serve for terms of two years, and two shall serve for terms of three years. Of these members, one shall be a representative of the agricultural community, one shall be a representative of industrial and commercial water users, one shall be a representative of residential water users, two shall be representatives of investor-owned water companies, two shall be representatives of municipal or county water companies, one shall be a representative of private watershed protection associations, one shall be a representative of the academic community, one shall be a representative of golf course superintendents located in the State, and one shall be a representative of the nursery or landscape industry or a landscape irrigation contractor in the State as recommended by the Alliance for Water Conservation

b. A majority of the membership of the council shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of council business. Action may be taken and motions and resolutions adopted by the council at any meeting thereof by the affirmative vote of a majority of the full membership of the council.

c. The council shall meet regularly as it may determine, and shall also meet at the call of the commissioner.

d. The council shall appoint a chairperson from among its members and such other officers as may be necessary. The council may, within the limits of any funds appropriated or otherwise made available to it for this purpose, appoint such staff or hire such experts as it may require.

e. Members of the council shall serve without compensation, but the council may, within the limits of funds appropriated or otherwise made available for such purposes, reimburse its members for necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of their official duties.

L.1981,c.262,s.18; amended 2005, c.307.

**13:1B-49.3. Duties of water supply advisory council**

The council shall:

a. Advise the department concerning the preparation, adoption and revision of the New Jersey Statewide Water Supply Plan;

b. Advise the department concerning the implementation of the permit program required by this act;

c. Advise the New Jersey Water Supply Authority concerning the construction, maintenance and operation of State water supply facilities and projects; and

d. Advise the department concerning the preparation and implementation of the Emergency Water Supply Allocation Plan.

L.1981, c. 262, s. 19, eff. Aug. 13, 1981.

**13:1B-49.4. Powers of water supply advisory council**

The council may:

a. Review any matter relating to water supply and to transmit such recommendations thereon to the department or to the New Jersey Water Supply Authority as it may deem appropriate;

b. Hold public meetings or hearings within this State on any matter related to water supply; and

c. Call to its assistance and avail itself of the services of such employees of any State, county or municipal department, board, commission or agency as may be required and made available for such purposes.

L.1981, c. 262, s. 20, eff. Aug. 13, 1981.