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11 February 2021

MEMORANDUM

TO : **The Directors**
Environmental Management Bureau
Forest Management Bureau
National Water Resources Board
Policy and Planning Service
Legal Affairs Service

FROM : **The Assistant Secretary**
Field Operations-Mindanao and Legislative Affairs

SUBJECT : **INVITATION FROM THE COMMITTEE ON METRO MANILA DEVELOPMENT**

This pertains to the letter dated 09 February 2021, received 11 February 2021, from Hon. **MANUEL LUIS T. LOPEZ**, Chairperson, Committee on Metro Manila Development, House of Representatives, inviting the DENR to a meeting on **17 February 2021 (Wednesday) at 1:30 pm via Zoom Video conferencing with Meeting ID and Passcode** to be provided before the meeting schedule, and continue its deliberation on 1) Viability of Laguna Bay as an Alternative Source of Potable Water for Metro Manila and 2) House Resolution No. 1191, re: Inquiry in aid of legislation, on the current water levels at Angat Dam, La Mesa Dam, and other water sources for Metro Manila and the saving measures to be implemented by water concessionaires to prevent another water crisis. (See attached).

Kindly inform this Office of your attendance before the scheduled date of the meeting and submit presentation, comments and/or position paper in hard and soft copy at the Legislative Liaison Office at telephone number 8920-1761 and e-mail address denrlegislative@yahoo.com for consolidation.


JOAN A. LAGUNDA, D.M., D.P.A.

Encls: As stated.

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Office of the Secretary <osec@denr.gov.ph>

Letter of Invitation for 17 February 2021 meeting




1 message

Committee on Metro Manila Development <metromaniladev@yahoo.com> Tue, Feb 9, 2021 at 3:18 PM
To: "osec@denr.gov.ph" <osec@denr.gov.ph>, "ohea.denr@gmail.com" <ohea.denr@gmail.com>

Please see attached invitation. Thank you.

Committee Secretariat

3 attachments

-  **CMMD INVIT 17february2021cimat.docx**
28K
-  **HR1191repmartinez.pdf**
1017K
-  **letterfinalrepcampos.pdf**
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COMMITTEE ON METRO MANILA DEVELOPMENT

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09 February 2021

SEC. ROY A. CIMATU

Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)
Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City

Dear Sec. Cimat,

The Committee on Metro Manila Development will continue its deliberation on **17 February 2021 (Wednesday)** at 1:30 pm., *re: 1) Viability of Laguna Bay as an Alternative Source of Potable Water for Metro Manila, subject of the letter of Rep. Luis N. Campos, Jr. dated 19 January 2021 and 2) House Resolution No. 1191, re: Inquiry in aid of legislation, on the current water levels at Angat Dam, La Mesa Dam, and other water sources for Metro Manila, and the saving measures to be implemented by water concessionaires to prevent another water crisis*, authored by Rep. Eric M. Martinez. Please see attached.

This meeting will be held at Conference Rooms 1&2 Ramon V. Mitra Bldg., House of Representatives, Quezon City, and partly via the zoom video-conference facility where you can join using a meeting ID and a passcode that we will provide you on or before our meeting schedule.

During the meeting of the Committee on Metro Manila Development held on 02 February 2021 on the same subject, the Members requested the presence of DENR officials to discuss the DENR's watershed protection programs for Laguna Lake and Angat River.

It is ardently hoped that you will make time to be in this meeting. If you have any query, kindly email our Secretariat at metromaniladev@yahoo.com or call at 0925-7117711.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

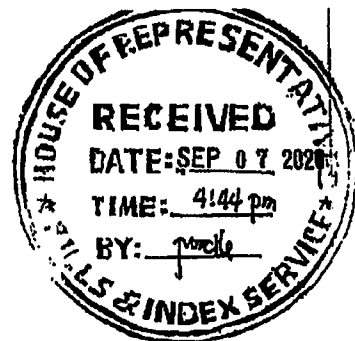
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MANUEL LUIS T. LOPEZ
Chairman
Committee on Metro Manila Development

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Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS
Second Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 1191



Introduced By Representative ERIC M. MARTINEZ

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE METRO MANILA DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE CURRENT WATER LEVELS AT ANGAT DAM, LA MESA DAM, AND OTHER WATER SOURCES FOR METRO MANILA, AND THE SAVING MEASURES TO BE IMPLEMENTED BY WATER CONCESSIONAIRES TO PREVENT ANOTHER WATER CRISIS

WHEREAS, in March 2019, the Metro Manila suffered the worst water crisis of the decade which affected more than six million people, including businesses, schools, and hospitals;

WHEREAS, the public did not know that it was going to happen until the water service concessionaires, Manila Water and Maynilad, surprisingly announced that they need to cut or reduce the water supply in parts of Metro Manila and Rizal due to low water levels at Angat Dam and La Mesa Dam;

WHEREAS, there are reports that the water levels at Angat Dam and La Mesa Dam remain below normal levels despite a series of heavy rains for the past few days;

WHEREAS, there are rotational water interruptions implemented by water service concessionaires, the latest is on 03 September 2020 which affected almost 300,000 people in 79,076 households in the National Capital Region¹;

WHEREAS, maintaining enough water supply is more critical than ever in implementing preventive measures against the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID19) pandemic such as hand washing and other hygiene and sanitation needs;

¹ <https://www.gmanetwork.com/news/ncr-barangays-to-have-water-service-interruption-on-sept-3>.

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WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to verify the current water levels at Angat Dam, La Mesa Dam, and other water sources for Metro Manila, and determine whether the existing water service concessionaires are performing their duties to ensure that there will be sustainable water supply in Metro Manila;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED TO DIRECT THE THE METRO MANILA DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE CURRENT WATER LEVELS AT ANGAT DAM, LA MESA DAM, AND OTHER WATER SOURCES FOR METRO MANILA, AND THE SAVING MEASURES TO BE IMPLEMENTED BY WATER CONCESSIONAIRES TO PREVENT ANOTHER WATER CRISIS.

Adopted 07 September 2020



ERIC M. MARTINEZ



Republic of the Philippines
House of Representatives
Quezon City

HON. LUIS JOSE ANGEL N. CAMPOS, JR.
2nd District, Makati City

19 January 2021

HON. MANUEL LUIS LOPEZ
Chairman
Committee on Metro Manila Development
House of Representative
Quezon City

Thru: COMMITTEE SECRETARY RAMOS

Dear Chairman Lopez:

I write to respectfully request an inquiry or study into the viability of tapping Laguna de Bay as a source of potable water for Metro Manila.

As discussed with you earlier, my office has done some research on the matter and my consultants believe that there is merit in considering such possibility. Thus, the professional opinion of our experts from the public and private sector would be invaluable in determining whether Laguna de Bay could indeed provide the Metro Manila area potable water.

Hoping for your kind consideration of the said request.

Thank you and best regards.

With you in service,

HON. LUIS N. CAMPOS JR.

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