



DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES
KAGAWARAN NG KAPALIGIRAN AT LIKAS YAMAN



MEMORANDUM

FOR : **The Directors**
Legal Affairs Service
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Climate Change Service

The Bureau Directors
Land Management Bureau
Forest Management Bureau
Biodiversity Management Bureau
Environmental Management Bureau

The Administrator
National Mapping Resource and Information Authority

The Regional Executive Directors
Regions I, II, III, IV-A, VI, XII, XIII, NCR, CAR

The Officer-In-Charge
Mines and Geosciences Bureau

FROM : **The Director**
Legislative Liaison Office

SUBJECT : **INVITATION TO THE MEETING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON HOUSE BILL NOS. 5055, 5893, 5976, 6133, 6963, 7958, 8010, 8066, 8164, 8401, 8533, 9306, 9428 RE: PROTECTED AREA BILLS AND RECLASSIFICATION BILLS FROM THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

DATE : 17 November 2023

In reference to the electronic letter received by our Office, the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives will hold its meeting on **29 November 2023, (Wednesday), 1:00 in the afternoon at Speaker Belmonte Hall, South Wing Annex, House of Representatives** to deliberate on the following bills:

1. **House Bill No. 5055**, entitled "An Act Declaring The Kaliwa River Forest And Wildlife Sanctuary In The Municipalities Of Tanay, Rizal And General Nakar,

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- Quezon, For Its Sustained Management And Protection, As A Protected Area Under The National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS) Of The Republic Of The Philippines Pursuant To National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS) Act Of 1992, As Amended By Expanded National Integrated Protected Areas System (ENIPAS) Act Of 2018”, authored by Rep. Emigdio P. Tanjuatco III
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 5. **House Bill No. 6963**, entitled “An Act Declaring The Cabadbaran River Watershed Forest Reserve As A Protected Area With The Category Of Protected Landscape Under The National Integrated Protected Area System, To Be Known As The Cabadbaran Santiago Protected Landscape, Providing For Its Management And Administration, And Appropriating Funds Therefor”, authored by Rep. Dale B. Corvera;
 6. **House Bill No. 7958**, “An Act Reclassifying A Parcel Of Land Of The Public Domain Located In Barangay Sinawal In The City Of General Santos As Alienable And Disposable Land Open To Disposition For Agricultural, Residential, Commercial, Industrial And For Other Purposes,” introduced by Rep. Loreto B. Acharon;
 7. **House Bill No. 8010**, entitled “An Act Reclassifying Certain Parcels Of Land Of The Public Domain Located In Barangay Tumbler In The City Of General Santos As Alienable And Disposable Open To Disposition For Agricultural, Residential, Commercial, Industrial And For Other Productive Purposes,” introduced by Rep. Loreto B. Acharon;
 8. **House Bill No. 8066**, entitled “An Act Reclassifying A Parcel Of Land Of The Public Domain Located In Barangay San Jose In The City Of General Santos As Alienable And Disposable Land Open To Disposition For Agricultural, Residential, Commercial, Industrial And For Other Purposes,” introduced by Rep. Loreto B. Acharon;
 9. **House Bill No. 8164**, entitled “An Act Reclassifying Parcels Of Land Of The Public Domain Located In Barangay Siguel In The City Of General Santos As Alienable And Disposable Land Open To Disposition For Agricultural, Residential, Commercial, Industrial And For Other Purposes,” introduced by Rep. Loreto B. Acharon;
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In this regard, we request your comments on the abovementioned bills. Kindly send them on or before **27 November 2023, at 5:00 PM** via email at denrillo@denr.gov.ph. Further, kindly inform us of the name/s of the representative/s from your office who will participate in the meeting so we may include him/her/them as resource person/s.

Attached are the Letter Invitation, and Agenda. The house bills can be accessed through this link <https://bit.ly/49DfPVt>.


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cc: Undersecretary for Special Concerns and Legislative Affairs



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16 November 2023

ATTY. JONAS R. LEONES, CESO I

Undersecretary for Policy, Planning, and International Affairs
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
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Quezon City

Dear Undersecretary Leones:

This has reference to our invitation dated 10 November 2023. Please be informed that the Regular Meeting (face-to-face) of the Committee on Natural Resources has been rescheduled to **29 November 2023, 1:00 in the afternoon at Speaker Belmonte Hall, South Wing Annex, House of Representatives.**

In light of this, we would like to invite you or your authorized representative to attend the said meeting and shed light on the following:

1. **House Bill No. 5055**, entitled "An Act Declaring The Kaliwa River Forest And Wildlife Sanctuary In The Municipalities Of Tanay, Rizal And General Nakar, Quezon, For Its Sustained Management And Protection, As A Protected Area Under The National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS) Of The Republic Of The Philippines Pursuant To National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS) Act Of 1992, As Amended By Expanded National Integrated Protected Areas Sytem (ENIPAS) Act Of 2018", authored by Rep. Emigdio P. Tanjuatco III
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We would like to request the submission of your **position paper** on the aforementioned measures, or a draft thereof, on or before **27 November 2023**, in order to give the Committee Members enough time to read through the materials. Attached herewith are the subject measures, for your kind reference.

For confirmation of attendance or further inquiries, the Committee may be reached at committee.naturalresources@house.gov.ph. We are looking forward to having a fruitful discussion with you on the said measures. Thank you very much!

Very truly yours,



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Chairperson
Committee on Natural Resources

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES
November 29, 2023 (Wednesday), 1:00 PM
Speaker Belmonte Hall, House of Representatives

REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING
(Face-to-Face Meeting)

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order/Roll Call/Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**
- II. Acknowledgment of Members and Resource Persons**
- III. Opening Remarks of the Chairperson**
- IV. Initial Deliberation of Measures:**
 1. **House Bill No. 5055**, entitled "An Act Declaring The Kaliwa River Forest And Wildlife Sanctuary In The Municipalities Of Tanay, Rizal And General Nakar, Quezon, For Its Sustained Management And Protection, As A Protected Area Under The National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS) Of The Republic Of The Philippines Pursuant To National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS) Act Of 1992, As Amended By Expanded National Integrated Protected Areas System (ENIPAS) Act Of 2018", authored by Rep. Emigdio P. Tanjuatco III
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V. Other Matters

VI. Adjournment

Resource Persons/Agencies

1. Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)
2. Forest Management Bureau (FMB)
3. Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB)
4. National Mapping and Resource Information Authority (NAMRIA)
5. Land Management Bureau (LMB)
6. Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB)
7. National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP)
8. Concerned LGUs