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## MEMORANDUM

FOR : **The Undersecretaries**  
Finance, Information Systems and Climate Change  
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River Basin Control Office

**The Directors**  
Legal Affairs Service  
Policy and Planning Service  
Climate Change Service  
Knowledge and Information Systems Service

**The Bureau Directors**  
Forest Management Bureau  
Land Management Bureau  
Environmental Management Bureau  
Biodiversity Management Bureau  
Ecosystems Research and Development Bureau

**The Regional Executive Directors**  
Region I, IV-B, VII

**The Administrator**  
National Mapping Resource and Information Authority

**The Executive Director**  
National Water Resources Board

**The Officer-in-Charge**  
Mines and Geosciences Bureau

FROM : **The Director**  
Legislative Liaison Office

SUBJECT : **REQUEST FOR COMMENTS AND INVITATION TO ATTEND  
THE FACE-TO-FACE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON  
NATURAL RESOURCES OF THE HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES AND THE CONSULTATIVE MEETING OF  
THE LEGISLATIVE LIAISON OFFICE**

DATE : 16 February 2023

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The Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives will be holding a face-to-face Committee Meeting on **22 February 2023 (Wednesday), 1:30 in the afternoon at Nograles Hall, House of Representatives** to deliberate on the following:

Bills approved on Third Reading in the 18th Congress

1. House Bill No. 1821, An Act Establishing The Final Forestland Boundary Of The Province Of Siquijor, by Rep. Zaldy S. Villa

2. House Bill No. 3891, An Act Declaring The Island Of Mindoro A Mining Free-Zone, Prohibiting All Forms Of Mining Operation And Activity, And Providing Penalties Therefor, by Rep. Arnan C. Panaligan
3. House Bill No. 6219, An Act Declaring The Island Of Mindoro As A Mining- Free Zone, And Providing Penalties For Violation Thereof, by Rep. Alfonso V. Umali, Jr.

Continuation of the Deliberation on the following:

Philippine Ecosystem And Natural Capital Accounting System (PENCAS) (included in the LEDAC Priorities)

1. House Bill No. 73, entitled “An Act Institutionalizing The Philippine Ecosystem And Natural Capital Accounting System (PENCAS), Mandating Its Use In Policy And Decision-Making, Designating The Agencies Responsible For Its Implementation, Providing Institutional Arrangements Among Responsible Agencies, Appropriating Funds Therefore And For Other Purposes”, authored by Rep. Jose Francisco “Kiko” B. Benitez, PhD.; and
2. House Bill No. 2604, entitled “An Act Institutionalizing The Philippine Ecosystem And Natural Capital Accounting System (PENCAS), Mandating Its Use In Policy And Decision-Making, Designating The Agencies Responsible For Its Implementation, Providing Institutional Arrangements Among Responsible Agencies, Appropriating Funds Therefor And For Other Purposes”, authored by Rep. Antonio “AA” B. Legarda.

Initial Deliberation of the Following Measures:

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House Bill No. 1418, An Act Declaring The Acacia Trees In The Municipality Of Binalonan, Province Of Pangasinan, As Local Heritage Trees And Appropriating Funds For Its Protection, Preservation, And Conservation, And Other Purposes, by Rep. Ramon N. Guico Jr.

In this regard, we would like to request your **comments/recommendations** on the above-mentioned bills on **or before February 20, 2023, at 5 PM**. Kindly submit it via email at [denrlllo@denr.gov.ph](mailto:denrlllo@denr.gov.ph) for the drafting of the position paper requested by the Committee.

Further, to be prepared for the upcoming Committee Meeting, we are inviting you or your representative for a consultative meeting to discuss the aforementioned bills on **February 20, 2023, at 2:00 PM at Social Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, DENR Central Office**.

Attached herewith are the invitation letter, and agenda. For your perusal, copies of the bills may be accessed through this link <https://bit.ly/3Ka7QES>.

Your attendance is highly encouraged.

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15 February 2023

**ATTY. JONAS R. LEONES, CESO I**

*Undersecretary for Policy, Planning, and International Affairs*  
Department of Environment and Natural  
Resources DENR Bldg. Visayas Avenue, Diliman,  
Quezon City

**Dear Undersecretary Leones:**

The Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives will be holding a face-to-face Committee Meeting on **22 February 2023 (Wednesday), 1:30 in the afternoon at Nograles Hall, 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:

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We would like to request the submission of your position paper on the aforementioned topic, or a draft thereof, on or before 20 February 2023 (Monday), in order to give the Committee Members enough time to read through the materials. Attached herewith is a copy of the House Bills, for your kind reference.

For confirmation of attendance or further inquiries, the Committee may be reached at [committee.naturalresources@house.gov.ph](mailto: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,



**HON. ELPIDIO F. BARZAGA JR.**

*Chairperson*

Committee on Natural Resources

Republic of the Philippines  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
Quezon City

**COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES**  
February 22, 2023 (Wednesday), 1:30 PM  
Nograles Hall, South Wing Annex  
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**  
    **Hon. Elpidio F. Barzaga Jr.**  
    **4<sup>th</sup> District Cavite**
- IV. **Approval per Sec. 48 of the House Rules**
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**Resource Persons**

1. Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)
2. Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA)
3. National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA)
4. Department of Agriculture (DA)
5. Department of Energy (DOE)
6. Department of Tourism (DOT)
7. Department of Transportation (DOTr)
8. Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH)
9. Department of Health (DOH)
10. Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)
11. Department of Science and Technology (DOST)
12. Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development (DHSUD)
13. Department of Budget and Management (DBM)

**V. Other Matters**

**VI. Adjournment**