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MEMORANDUM

FOR/TO : All Undersecretaries
All Assistant Secretaries
The Head Executive Assistant
All Bureau Directors
All Service Directors
Executive Directors of MBCO, RBCO, ELEPS
Heads of Attached Agencies (NAMRIA, NRDC, NWRB, LLDA)

FROM : The Undersecretary
Policy, Planning and International Affairs

SUBJECT : **HIGHLIGHTS OF MEETING NO. 2023-04 HELD ON
FEBRUARY 08, 2023, 9:00 AM**

DATE : **FEB 21 2023**

We are furnishing herewith the Highlights of Meeting No. 2023-04 held on February 08, 2023, 9:00 AM via Zoom and 4/ F DENR Conference Room, with the following agenda:

1. Briefing on the Sibuyan incident;
2. WRMO Staffing, budget requirements, and ways forward;
3. Manila Bay project implementation and water quality;
4. Update on Bohol water;
5. Updates on Legislative Liaison Office;
6. Other Matters
 - Draft DAO for bulk metallurgical sampling
 - MGB OIC
 - HR matters

For Information and/or appropriate action.


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MEETING NO. 2023-04
HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MEETING

08 February 2023, 9:00 AM, via zoom, and 4/ FDENR Conference Room Central Office Building
Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City

ATTENDEES:

In person attendees:

HEA Jose Joaquin Y. Loyzaga
Usec. Marilou G. Erni
Usec. Augusto D. Dela Peña
Usec. Carlos Primo C. David
Usec. Ernesto D. Adobo, Jr.
Usec. Analiza Rebuelta-Teh
Usec. Jonas R. Leones
Usec. Juan Miguel T. Cuna
OIC Director Cheryl Loise T. Leal
EXECOM Secretariat

Virtual attendees:

Secretary Maria Antonia Yulo Loyzaga
Assistant Secretary Gilbert Gonzales
Usec. Ignatius Loyola A. Rodriguez
MGB MIMAROPA Dir. Glenn Marcelo Noble
DENR MIMAROPA RED Lormelyn Claudio
MBCO Executive Director Jacob F. Meimban
EMB MIMAROPA Dir. Joe Amil M. Soriano
EMB NCR Dir. Michael Drake P. Matias

The meeting commenced at 9:05 AM and was presided over by Secretary Maria Antonia Yulo Loyzaga.

AGENDA	DISCUSSIONS/ AGREEMENTS/ INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE SECRETARY	PERSON/ OFFICE RESPONSIBLE	TIMELINE
1. Briefing on the Sibuyan incident By Usec. Juan Miguel Cuna and RED	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Establish the basis for actions taken and not taken by the Department.• Determine the validity of 50,000 tons volume to conduct a metallurgical study.	Usec. Cuna	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minimize and simplify media coverage. Avoid amplifying the issue and focus on the DENR mandate.	Usec. Cuna	

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Lormelyn E. Claudio of DENR MIMAROPA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The gaps in the governance side should be fully prepared for possible senate investigation. 	Usec. Cuna	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make a map overlay of the mining and protected area to see whether the two exploration sites of Altai are within the protected area. Submit the exact Coordinates to validate the available Satellite Images. 	Usec. Cuna/ Usec. Carlos Primo C. David RED Claudio	Week of February 13-17, 2023
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Department must be ready for possible senate investigation. Conduct a small group discussion to develop a narrative and discuss further the issues and gaps on relevant permits and issuances such as the ECC for the stockyard, ECC for road construction, tons allowed to be extracted for metallurgical study, causeway permit, CDOs, etc. 	Usec. Ernesto D. Adobo, Jr. Adobo/Usec. Analiza Rebueta- Teh/Usec. Cuna	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor the area and make sure that the silt does not pollute the river, and determine possible interventions to prevent more environmental damage. 	Asec. Gilbert C. Gonzales, RD Glenn Marcelo, RED Claudio, and PENRO	
2. Water Resource Management Office (WRMO) Staffing, budget requirements,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct a small group discussion to plan for the financial and human resource requirements of the WRMO. The budgetary requirements and needs of WRMO should be informed by relevant agencies. 		

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<p>and ways forward</p> <p>By Usec. Carlos Primo David</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The budget support from concerned Bureaus/Offices can be backed up by the respective supervising Undersecretaries. • Consider realigning funds from ERDB to support the financial requirements of establishing the WRMO. 	<p>All concerned supervising Undersecretaries</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Look into the available data/resources in the ERDB. The ERDB's research direction should support the Bureau needs. 	<p>Usec. David/ Usec. Teh</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bureau programs should support the needs of the Central Office (i.e. Lidar data, river basin data sets, and other critical data. • Other government agencies should also use the datasets generated by DENR. • Coordinate with Philippine Space Agency (PhilSA) on the access of satellite data. • Bureau programs should support the needs of the Central Office (i.e. Lidar data, river basin data sets, and other critical data • Other government agencies should also use the datasets generated by DENR • On Copernicus agreement on free data access, there is a need to extend the access agreement • The Memorandum of Agreement with the UP-Marine Science Institute (MSI) should be done in support of WRM. 	<p>Usec David</p>	

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<p data-bbox="311 272 685 388">3. Manila Bay project implementation and water quality</p> <p data-bbox="361 421 685 669">By Usec. Jonas Leones and Executive Director Jacob F. Meimban of Manila Bay Coordinating Office (MBCO)</p>	<ul data-bbox="760 272 1594 379" style="list-style-type: none"> • Determine the impacts of the Manila Bay reclamation project on other related projects and water quality in the discussions on the rehabilitation of the Pasig River. 	<p data-bbox="1744 272 1844 305">MBCO</p>	
	<ul data-bbox="760 421 1594 578" style="list-style-type: none"> • The MBCO to review the institutionalization of agreement and to coordinate with the MMDA on the enhancement of Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) in Manila Baywalk. 		
	<ul data-bbox="760 619 1594 685" style="list-style-type: none"> • Find simple and inexpensive ways to enhance the aesthetics of the STPs along Libertad. 		
	<ul data-bbox="760 726 1594 801" style="list-style-type: none"> • Inauguration of the STP and distribution of backhoe to the LGUs. 		
	<ul data-bbox="760 817 1594 958" style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate with UP- MSI on how to improve the Manila Bay Rehabilitation. Establish a strategic and institutional partnership with them, not just a project-based one. 	<p data-bbox="1731 826 1856 859">OUPPIA</p>	
	<ul data-bbox="760 999 1594 1123" style="list-style-type: none"> • Revisit, evaluate, and review existing agreements with partners/ big corporations involved i.e. San Miguel Corporations, Gokongwei, etc. 	<p data-bbox="1744 1007 1844 1040">MBCO</p>	
	<ul data-bbox="760 1164 1594 1272" style="list-style-type: none"> • Include the Manila Bay Project implementation and water quality in the discussions of the rehabilitation of the Pasig River. 		

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<p>4. Update on Bohol water</p> <p>By Usec. Analiza Reuelta-Teh</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate a meeting with LGU Balilihan and to instruct the NWRB to resolve the issue on the petition of the LGU. • Submit a briefing paper regarding the updates on the petition re: LGU Balilihan and LGU Sevilla. 	<p>Usec. Teh</p>	
<p>5. Updates on Legislative Liaison Office</p> <p>By Usec. Ignatius Rodriguez</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deferred 		
<p>6. Other Matters</p>			
<p>6.1. Draft DAO for bulk metallurgical sampling</p> <p>By Usec. Carlos Primo David</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regroup with the key Legal officials of DENR to draft the DAO. 	<p>Usec Adobo and Usec David</p>	<p>Week of February 13-17, 2023</p>
<p>6.2. MGB OIC for day-to-day operations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Usec Adobo as the supervising Usec of MGB to take charge of pending documents until the designation of MGB head. 	<p>Usec Cuna</p>	

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6.3. HR matters (Designation of key officials)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue the deliberation on the designation and reassignment of key officials • Fast-track the designation of the heads of LLDA, and other attached agencies • Convene the REVCOM as soon as possible 		

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 AM.

REFERENCE: Notice of Meeting No. 2023-04