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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. 2023-06 HELD ON FEBRUARY 27, 2023, 9:30 AM AT THE OSEC CONFERENCE ROOM**

DATE : MAR 07 2023

We are furnishing herewith the Highlights of Meeting No. 2023-06 held on February 27, 2023, 9:30 AM at the OSEC Conference Room, with the following agenda:

1. Proposed design of the Roundtable Discussion (RTD) for Reclamation/Mining;
2. Briefing on the Multi-Partite Monitoring Teams (MMT) for Reclamation;
3. List and status of commitment of companies to clean Manila Bay;
4. Updates on the following:
 - a. Site visit in Clark, i.e., redundant office
 - b. Project TRANSFORM for Bataan
 - c. Venue for the APMCDRR
5. Report on UNFCCC events;
6. Plan/site for DENR Cafeteria;
7. Briefer on the response to Brooke's Point and other issues in the press/news; and
8. Other matters:
 - a. Update on Siargao
 - b. Youth Engagement Program

FOR INFORMATION AND/OR APPROPRIATE ACTION.


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**NOTICE OF MEETING NO. 2023 -
06**

FOR/TO : All Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretary, Luzon and Visayas and Concurrent Director, EMB
Assistant Secretary Noralene M. Uy
Director, Strategic Communication
Director, FASPO
Director, CCS
Director, Administrative Service
Executive Director, MBCO
RED, DENR-NCR
Secretariat (3-PPS, 1-OHEA)

FROM : The Undersecretary and Chief of Staff

Please be informed that there will be an **Executive Committee Meeting No. 2023-06** on **February 27, 2023, 9:00 A.M.** onwards at **OSEC Conference Room**.

AGENDA

Topic	Presenter	Time	Attendees
1. Proposed design of the RTD for Reclamation/mining	USEC Jonas R. Leones USEC Carlos Primo C. David ASEC Noralene M. Uy	20-30 minutes	All Undersecretaries Director, FASPO
2. Briefing on the MMT for reclamation	USEC Miguel T. Cuna ASEC Gilbert C. Gonzales	20 minutes	All Undersecretaries
3. List and status of commitment of companies to clean Manila Bay	USEC Jonas R. Leones Director Jacob F. Meimban	15 minutes	All Undersecretaries RED, DENR-NCR
4. Updates on the following: a. site visit in Clark i.e. redundant office; b. Project TRANSFORM for Bataan; and c. Venue of the APMCDRR	USEC Analiza Rebuella-Teh USEC Jonas R. Leones USEC Marilou G. Erni USEC Augusto D. Dela Pena	15 minutes	All Undersecretaries
5. Report on UNFCC events	USEC Analiza Rebuella-Teh Director Elenida DR. Basug	15 minutes	All Undersecretaries
6. Briefer on the response to Brooke's point and other issues in the press/news	Director Karmela Beatriz L. Galura USEC Marilou G. Erni	15 minutes	All Undersecretaries
7. Plan/site for DENR Cafeteria	Undersecretary Ernesto D. Adobo, Jr. Director Roland R. Castro	15 minutes	All Undersecretaries
8. Other matters a. Update on Siargao b. Brief report on the Youth Engagement Program	USEC Marilou G. Erni	15 minutes	All Undersecretaries

Your attendance is enjoined.

MARILOU G. ERNI

DENR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 2023 - 06
27 February 2023, 0930H - 1350H (PST)
4F DENR OSEC Conference Room, Visayas Ave., Diliman, Quezon City

PRESIDED BY: SEC. MARIA ANTONIA YULO LOYZAGA

ATTENDEES: HEA Jose Joaquin Y. Loyzaga
Usec. Marilou G. Erni
Usec. Analiza Rebuelta-Teh
Usec. Jonas R. Leones
Usec. Joselin Marcus E. Fragada
Usec. Augusto D. Dela Peña
Usec. Juan Miguel T. Cuna
Asec. Noralene M. Uy
Asec. Gilbert C. Gonzales
Dir. Cheryl Loise T. Leal
Dir. Karmela Beatriz L. Galura
Dir. Elenida DR. Basug
Dir. Rolando R. Castro
Dir. Al O. Orolfo
Dir. Jacob F. Meimban
Atty. Angela Consuelo Ibay
Mr. Albert Magalang
Secretariat

REFERENCE: NOTICE OF MEETING NO. 2023-06

The meeting commenced at 9:38 AM and was presided over by Secretary Maria Antonia Yulo Loyzaga.

AGENDA	DISCUSSIONS/AGREEMENTS/INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE SECRETARY	PERSON/ OFFICE RESPONSIBLE	Timeline
<p>1. Proposed design of the RTD for Reclamation/Mining by Undersecretary Jonas R. Leones, Undersecretary Carlos Primo C. David, and Assistant Secretary Noralene M. Uy</p>	<p><u>On the background of the RTD</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Highlight that the initiative is part of the Department’s continuous evaluation of the process instead of saying that the environmental, social, and economic consequences of reclamation are not clear ● Establish proper contextualization and the rationale. Outputs and outcomes of the activity must be clearly stated. Cite that statements in the background are from subject matter experts and not from the DENR ● Simplify the presentation. Use bullet points instead of paragraph format ● Cite the PDP, and eight-point agenda, as references ● On the role of PRA, apart from recording, highlight that PRA receives and processes reclamation projects. Highlight the role of the OP in the approval of reclamation projects through the PRA. ● Include in the background the evolution of the agency involved in the reclamation process, the mandates, scope of authority, and the legal basis. ● Conduct benefit-cost analysis to establish the balance between development, SDGs, climate change, biodiversity, ecosystem services. Identify experts from said sector to discuss. Categorize the potential impact versus economic benefits. <p><u>On the process flow</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Provide background on the mandate of PRA, evolution of said agency, where it was previously lodged, authority, and scope of work ● Highlight what is in the process flow that needs to be 	<p>Undersecretary Jonas R. Leones, Assistant Secretary Noralene M. Uy</p>	<p>March 2023</p>

	<p>adjusted/amended to have a clear procedure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Highlight the specific role of the DENR or where it fits into the reclamation process. Revisit the objective of the issuance by the DENR of Area Clearance. ● Present the DENR's proposed solutions with regard to reclamation, i.e., What can the DENR do to effectively perform its function in the processing of reclamation projects? <p><u>Other directives:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Conduct a small group meeting between DENR and PRA before the RTD. ● The RTD may be moved after the Holy Week (April 2023). Usec. Leones and Asec. Uy to finalize the concept note. ● Consider inviting in the RTD foreign government agencies with policies on reclamation such as Singapore. 		
<p>2. Briefing on the Multi-Partite Monitoring Teams (MMT) for Reclamation by Undersecretary Juan Miguel T. Cuna and Assistant Secretary Gilbert C. Gonzales</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Provide a copy of the DAO issued by former Secretary Gina Lopez excluding the EMB in the MMT. ● Consider the issuance of a policy regarding the monitoring by the MMT, with EMB as a member, of a project from the exploration stage up to the issuance of the mineral agreement. Consider in the draft policy the use/invoking precautionary principle as basis for the monitoring by the MMT starting from the exploration stage. ● Rationalize resources and capacities (human, financial, technical, technological, policy support) with reference to geographical location, high-impact projects, and environmental issues. EMB to determine the type of technology, human resources and relevant roles, and financial resources that will be required by the MMT to scale up its monitoring capacity and effectively perform its functions on compliance monitoring. EMB to come up with a plan for financial resources that may be realigned. 	<p>Undersecretary Juan Miguel T. Cuna, Assistant Secretary Gilbert C. Gonzales, and Undersecretary Jonas R. Leones</p>	

<p>R. Leones and Director Jacob F. Meimban</p>	<p>Other directives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Clarify the context of “adoption” (for adopt-an-estero, adopt-a-river), scope of support, levels of partnerships, and the actual tasks involved ● Identify the outcome and provide the impacts of the intervention ● Determine who monitors the impact of the adoption, overall requirements, metrics for rehabilitation, and who analyzes the impact of intervention ● Determine the universe of esteros to be adopted, the component activities of adoption, the number of esteros that have been adopted, status of adoption, and provide a map of the esteros ● Revisit the template for adoption and check whether there is a need for a new type of instrument/agreement. ● Rectify the data in the presentation on adopt-a-river (i.e., Marikina River coverage) ● DENR to package the adoption program as a high impact project, with menu of interventions ● Prepare a high-level and holistic presentation showing the current situation, partnerships, impacts of interventions, etc. ● Submit updated status of the adoption program 		<p>February 28, 2023</p>
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<p>4. Updates on the following:</p> <p>a. Site visit in Clark, i.e., redundant office (by Undersecretary Analiza Rebuelta-Teh);</p> <p>b. Project TRANSFORM for Bataan (by Undersecretary Marilou G. Erni); and</p> <p>c. Venue for the APMCDRR</p>	<p>a. Site visit in Clark, i.e., redundant office</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a copy of the draft public service continuity plan to Asec Noralene Uy and Dir. Joe-Mar Perez for review • Redesign the proposed floor plan, consider a well-ventilated room for servers • The concept of the redundant office is to have a reduced number of deployed personnel but increased level of technology. • Create a DENR TWG to work on the proposed redundant office <p>b. Project TRANSFORM for Bataan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launch Project Transform in Bataan on April 5, 2023 as part of the Earth month celebration <p>c. Venue for the APMCDRR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deferred 	<p>Undersecretary Analiza Rebuelta-Teh</p> <p>Undersecretary Marilou G. Erni</p>	<p>April 5, 2023</p>
<p>5. Report on UNFCCC events by Undersecretary Analiza Rebuelta-Teh and Director Elenida DR. Basug</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invite Dr. Rosa T. Perez, and Dr. Faye Abigail Cruz in the informal gathering of Excom members and briefing session • On the formulation of the National Adaptation Plan, the DENR will take the lead, with the technical assistance from ADB and in collaboration with the DILG • Ensure that there is a written request from the UNFCCC for the DENR to take the lead in UNFCCC-related activities • Draft a memo for CCC to clarify its role and expected deliverables in UNFCCC-related activities, as support to DENR as Chair. • Conduct a small group discussion with relevant national government agencies on climate finance to firm up the Philippine position • On the creative action of the Youth Advocates for Climate Action Phils, do a risk analysis of the potential impact of the dialogue. 	<p>Undersecretary Analiza Rebuelta-Teh</p> <p>Dir. Elenida DR. Basug, Mr. Albert Magalang</p>	<p>February 27, 2023</p>

<p>6. Plan/site for DENR Cafeteria by Director Rolando R. Castro</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Propose a decent space to establish the cafeteria where employees can buy food and eat • Review the CNA, particularly on the establishment/provision of cafeteria for employees. Review existing conflicts, if any. • Determine the exact area/ space under the control of the DENR Employees Union • Defer the discussions until all the details are available for presentation to SENR. 	<p>Dir. Rolando R. Castro</p>	
<p>7. Briefer on the response to Brooke's Point and other issues in the press/news by Director Karmela Beatriz L. Galura and Undersecretary Marilou G. Erni</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit to the Secretary a one-paragraph statement for the following issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Brooke's Point, Palawan b. BuCor in Masungi c. Kaliwa Dam - DENR statement indicating the post conditions related to the ECC issued by the Department d. Pamalakaya on the Manila Bay Reclamation e. Plastic Pollution issue • Avoid using Rappler as reference. Include the sources of information. 	<p>Usec Juan Miguel T. Cuna, Usec Jonas R. Leones, Dir. Karmela Beatriz Galura</p>	<p>Immediate</p>
<p>8. Other matters: a. Update on Siargao b. Youth Engagement Program by Usec Marilou G. Erni, Usec. Jonas R. Leones</p>			