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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM : The Undersecretary
Policy, Planning and International Affairs

SUBJECT : **HIGHLIGHTS OF MEETING NO. 2023-09 HELD ON 03 APRIL 2023,
10:00 AM AT THE OSEC CONFERENCE ROOM**

DATE : APR 17 2023

We are furnishing herewith the Highlights of Meeting No. 2023-09 held on 03 April 2023, 10:00 AM at the OSEC Conference Room, with the following agenda:

1. Updates on the Preparations for El Niño;
2. Discussion on SONA Contributions, Assignments and Schedules;
3. MGB Policy Study on Seabed Quarry;
4. Roundtable Discussion on Reclamation;
5. Preparation for COP 28 / CCC TA;
6. EPR Implementation and Meeting with Obligated Enterprises;
7. Updates on Oil Spill; and
8. Management Conference

FOR INFORMATION AND/OR APPROPRIATE ACTION.


ATTY. JONAS R. LEONES

DENR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 2023 - 09

03 April 2023, 1000H - 01:30H (PST)

4F DENR OSEC Conference Room, Visayas Ave., Diliman, Quezon City

PRESIDED BY: SEC. MARIA ANTONIA YULO LOYZAGA

ATTENDEES: Usec. Marilou G. Erni
Usec. Ernesto D. Adobo, Jr.
Usec. Analiza Rebuelta-Teh
Usec. Jonas R. Leones
Usec. Joselin Marcus E. Fragada
Usec. Augusto D. Dela Peña
Usec. Juan Miguel T. Cuna
Usec. Carlos Primo C. David
Usec. Ignatius Loyola A. Rodriguez
Asec. Noralene M. Uy
Asec. Gilbert C. Gonzales
Dir. Cheryl Loise T. Leal
Dir. Danilo U. Uykieng
Dir. Elenida Basug
Atty. Angela Consuelo Ibay
Engr. Rogel A. Santos
Mr. Albert A. Magalang
Secretariat

REFERENCE: NOTICE OF MEETING NO. 2023-09

The meeting commenced at 10:00 AM and was presided over by Secretary Maria Antonia Yulo Loyzaga.

AGENDA	DISCUSSIONS/AGREEMENTS/INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE SECRETARY	PERSON/ OFFICE RESPONSIBLE	TIMELINE
<p>1. Updates on the Preparations for El Niño by Undersecretary Carlos Primo C. David</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conceptualize a flagship project re Water-for-All, in collaboration with water service providers, other sectors such as bottling companies, etc. Each business sector shall contribute to the program. • Conduct of a separate discussion regarding the issues involving the water concessionaires. 	<p>Undersecretary Carlos Primo C. David, Dr. Seville D. David, Jr.</p> <p>Undersecretary Carlos Primo C. David, Undersecretary Analiza Rebuelta – Teh</p>	
<p>2. Discussion on SONA Contributions, Assignments and Schedules by Undersecretary Jonas R. Leones, Undersecretary Marilou G. Erni and Director Cheryl Loise T. Leal</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request inputs from the Office of the Usec. for Integrated Environmental Science • PPS to consolidate inputs from the DENR offices • Include reclamation-related initiatives in the report 	<p>Undersecretary Jonas R. Leones</p> <p>Director Cheryl Loise T. Leal</p>	
<p>3. MGB Policy Study on Seabed Quarry by Undersecretary Jonas R. Leones, Dir. Danilo U. Uykieng, and Asst. Dir. Teodorico A. Sandoval</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal Affairs Service, in coordination with the Office of Usec. Adobo and MGB Legal Division, to come up with a policy paper establishing the legal framework for seabed quarrying, taking into consideration the legal and technical aspects of the activity. Contextualize the policy study by looking into the legislation, the policy on seabed quarrying, the change in policy, and the physical and engineering issues. • On the declining fish production vs. offshore extraction, it should 	<p>Undersecretary Ernesto D. Adobo, Jr. Dir. Norlito A. Eneran Dir. Danilo U. Uykieng</p>	<p>2 Months (April - May 30, 2023)</p>

	<p>be established whether offshore extraction operations caused or contributed to the decline in fish production.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Utilize ERDB's budget for CY 2024 for the conduct of a study regarding post-dredging scenarios, in cooperation with BMB and UP-MSI, to determine whether offshore extraction has an impact on fish production.• Conduct the study in cooperation with the fishing community, and avoid relying on project proponents' data.• Determine the socio-economic value of the impact of offshore extraction operations• Establish the guidelines and protocols for dredging in consultation with biologists/experts, determine the factors that will mitigate the impact, and consider compensatory mechanisms. Consider the conduct of consultations with local and foreign experts in order to come up with scientifically sound guidelines. Take into consideration the study of JICA and the Manila Bay Sustainable Master Plan in the crafting of the guidelines.• Usec David to convene a meeting to discuss the MOA with the UP-MSI and REECS• Determine the considerations for the lifting of the moratorium on offshore extraction to include legal, physical, and socio-economic aspects, for submission to the Office of the President.• Come up with a draft guidelines after one (1) month, and a final version after two (2) months.	<p>Asst. Secretary Marcial C. Amaro, Jr. and Dir. Danilo U. Uykieng</p> <p>Undersecretary Jonas R. Leones, Undersecretary Carlos Primo C. David and Dir. Danilo U. Uykieng</p>	<p>Two Months</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MGB to submit a copy of the proposal to Usec. David 		
<p>4. Roundtable Discussion on Reclamation by Undersecretary Jonas R. Leones and Assistant Secretary Noralene M. Uy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deferred • The Roundtable Discussion is scheduled on April 28, 2023 	<p>Undersecretary Jonas R. Leones and Assistant Secretary Noralene M. Uy</p>	<p>April 28, 2023</p>
<p>5. Preparations for COP 28 / CCC TA by Undersecretary Analiza Rebuelta – Teh</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider in the preparations the possible attendance of the President in the event • Ensure that the Emissions Avoidance Paper has undergone review by the technical advisers • Conduct a capacity-building workshop for the delegation • To beef up the legal side of the negotiations, include representation from the Legal Affairs Service as part of the delegation • Include the DFA in the Secretariat • Prepare a communications plan to inform the public regarding the activity • Usec. Teh to conduct a separate meeting with Atty. Ibay regarding the schedule • Ensure that only the government officials will sit in the negotiating table 	<p>Undersecretary Analiza Rebuelta – Teh and Dir. Elenida Basug</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalize the list of the DENR delegation, to include representations from the BMB and Legal Affairs Service. 		
6. EPR Implementation and Meeting with Obligated Enterprises by Undersecretary Jonas R. Leones, Undersecretary Juan Miguel T. Cuna, and Assistant Secretary Gilbert C. Gonzales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Come up with a strategic plan for engagements regarding the implementation of the EPR Law, in collaboration with other sectors, e.g., private sector or core group of large enterprises that will serve as lead advocate Establish the target universe of enterprises required to submit EPR Programs Prepare a concept paper on the creation of a Project Management Team within the EMB (technical and academe) for the full implementation of the EPR Law. Prepare a recommendation on the course of action to be taken regarding the delay in the implementation of the EPR Law On the EPR Communications Plan, clarify whether the funding support of CCC will come from the UNDP or from the CCC itself 	Assistant Secretary Gilbert C. Gonzales Undersecretary Jonas R. Leones, Undersecretary Juan Miguel T. Cuna and Assistant Secretary Gilbert C. Gonzales	April 11, 2023
7. Updates on Oil Spill by Undersecretary Marilou G. Erni and Undersecretary Augusto D. Dela Peña	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirm whether the information/update re ROV Hakuyo operations may be shared with Secretary Benhur Abalos of DILG Prepare a situation report, detailing the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> on water quality monitoring, whether exceedance in water quality guidelines in certain areas is directly attributable to the oil spill. Come up with a comparison of data of exceedance in water quality guidelines pre-oil spill versus after the oil spill incident. how the groundwater sampling was conducted how the oil spill waste was treated and disposed of. 	Undersecretary Augusto D. Dela Peña Assistant Secretary Gilbert C. Gonzales	

<p>8. Management Conference by Undersecretary Juan Miguel T. Cuna and Undersecretary Joselin Marcus E. Fragada</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Conduct a meeting with the Secretary regarding the rescheduling of the Management Conference to April 17-18, 2023 ● Consider the following suggestions for the Program of Activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The policy issues should be addressed at the ground level and aligned with the direction of the Central Office. - Identify the five (5) major issues that are national in scope to be presented during the conference. Bureaus concerned should come up with policy directions/statements addressing these issues, to be cascaded to the ground. - Require the REDs to do a 15-minute presentation, which will include inputs on best practices, recommendations on DENR reputation management. - Include a timeslot on information-sharing for the PENROs and CENROs ● Revise the Program of Activities in coordination with Usec Marilou G. Erni ● Consider areas in Luzon for the conduct of the Management Conference "Luzon Cluster" 	<p>Undersecretary Juan Miguel T. Cuna and Undersecretary Joselin Marcus E. Fragada</p>	
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The meeting adjourned at 01:30 PM, same day.

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