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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 THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON 28 MARCH

2023, 11:30 AM AT THE OSEC CONFERENCE ROOM

DATE

APR 17 2023

We are furnishing herewith the Highlights of the Special Meeting held on 28 March 2023, 11:30 AM at the OSEC Conference Room, with the following agenda:

- 1. M/T Princess Empress Oil Spill
- 2. Pasig Potrero
- 3. Executive Order on Water Resource Management Office
- 4. Other matters
  - 4.1. Forest Fire Incident in Occidental Mindoro
  - 4.2. HR matters: REVCOM; IBM Design Thinking Workshop
  - 4.3. Launch of Project Transform in Bagac, Bataan
  - 4.4. 2024 Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (APMCDRR)
  - 4.5. Reclamation under PRA
  - 4.6. Invitation on Ecotourism Fair

FOR INFORMATION AND/OR APPROPRIATE ACTION.

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## DENR SPECIAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

28 March 2023, 1130H – 1500H (PST) 4F DENR OSEC Conference Room, Visayas Ave., Diliman, Quezon City

PRESIDED BY: SEC. MARIA ANTONIA YULO LOYZAGA

ATTENDEES: Usec. Carlos Primo C. David

Usec. Jonas R. Leones

Usec. Marilou G. Erni

Usec. Ernesto D. Adobo, Jr. Usec. Analiza Rebuelta-Teh

Usec. Joselin Marcus E. Fragada

Usec. Augusto D. Dela Peña

Usec. Ignatius Loyola A. Rodriguez

HEA Jose Joaquin Y. Loyzaga

Asec. Arleigh J. Adorable

Asec. Gilbert C. Gonzales

Asec. Noralene M. Uy

Director Cheryl Loise T. Leal

Director Joe-Mar S. Perez

Ms. Nissi Abigail J. Buenaobra

Secretariat

**REFERENCE:** NOTICE OF MEETING

The meeting commenced at 11:42 AM and was presided over by Secretary Maria Antonia Yulo Loyzaga

AGENDA	DISCUSSIONS/AGREEMENTS/INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE SECRETARY	PERSON/ OFFICE RESPONSIBLE	Timeline
1. M/T Princess Empress Oil Spill	On the documentation of partnership		
Empress on Spin	<ul> <li>Acknowledge the participation of US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAAs) and USAID as part of the experts.</li> <li>The participation of PSA and BMB should be reflected under the Government's Initiative</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>On Water Quality sampling</li> <li>Provide a map that shows where the Water Quality is exceeding above the standard.</li> </ul>	Asec. Gonzales	
	On Air Quality sampling  • Put the total number of Air Quality sampling stations, geographical location, and indicate if it is exceeding the standards or not, and indicate the "as of date".	Asec. Gonzales	
	<ul> <li>On data source attribution</li> <li>For Region 4A data, attribute it properly to have a comprehensive picture of the situation.</li> <li>Regarding the issue on shallow wells, confirm how many are registered or not in the Water Districts or in the Local Water Utilities Administration (LWUA). Identify where they are withdrawing water.</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Provide a timeline of the assessment-based projection in order to know when the fisherfolk could go fishing again.</li> </ul>	BMB	
	• In valuing the Direct Income Losses, identify what data are not available to complete the estimates on fish provisioning and tourism.	ВМВ	

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	Provide a report regarding the meeting on Updates, observation and US NOAA activities on the ground, in Mindoro.	ВМВ	
	• The details on trajectory questions should be coordinated with UP Marine Science Institute (UP MSI) and US NOAA. Moreover, anything to do with projections, the UP MSI should be present.	ВМВ	
	• The ERDB should develop an action research project on environmental disaster, preparedness, response, and recovery. Oil spill should be one of the instances. Include the research project in their work and financial plan by next year (2024). This activity will be in support of EMB and BMB.	ERDB	
	• It was clarified that the fish safe declaration will depend on BFAR and DOH. The DENRs role is to provide the data.		
	DOH and BFAR to be informed that data are available in the situation report.	Usec Erni	
	• The next steps are the following:		
	<ul> <li>- Have a separate discussion with BFAR regarding the fish safe areas; and</li> <li>- Schedule the meeting between NOAA and the task force regarding NOAA's observations/report.</li> </ul>		

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2. Pasig Potrero	<ul> <li>Through ERDB, an action research program on the characterization of the whole river shall be developed in order to build the Department's technical capacity for this kind of situation. This research is a year to complete.</li> <li>The first research is to see if there are scientific interventions to reduce the erosion happening in the area. The second research is on blast flow which is a long-term solution.</li> </ul>	Usec David and ERDB	
3. Executive Order on Water Resource Management Office	• In crafting a collegial body, include the provision regarding Chairing of the Secretary or his/her designated alternate (Undersecretary).		
4. Other Matters 4.1. Forest Fire Incident in Occidental Mindoro	<ul> <li>Provide the report of the Forest Fire incident in Occidental Mindoro (28 March 2023) during the first hour and immediately report to the Execom.</li> </ul>	Asec Adorable	
4.2. HR matters: REVCOM; and IBM Design Thinking Workshop	<ul> <li>For IBM design thinking workshop, the IBM will send the materials when they receive confirmation from the DENR.</li> </ul>	Usec Dela Peña	
4.3. Launch of Project Transform in Bagac, Bataan	<ul> <li>Submit the full agenda of the Project Transform and the process flow of the multi-stakeholder commitment to the project which will also serve as template for Project Transform.</li> <li>Uniqlo is looking for a 10,000 ha mangrove area. Geography of</li> </ul>		

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	existing and potential mangrove areas to be submitted. FMB and BMB to collaborate on mangrove ecosystems.		:
4.4. 2024 Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (APMCDRR)	• Plan for the soft launching in April 2023, before the Midterm Review of the Sendai Framework in New York in May 2023.	Usec. Erni	
4.5. Reclamation under PRA	<ul> <li>Do a complete staff work before hosting the round table with the Philippine Reclamation Authority (PRA). The round table discussion should be done in April 2023.</li> <li>Request the list of applications for reclamation, for review.</li> </ul>	Asec. Uy	
4.6. Invitation on Ecotourism Travel Mart & Selling Fair in the World	• The Secretary was invited to attend the International Ecotourism Travel Mart & Selling Fair in Silang, Cavite which will run on March 29 to April 2, 2023 an initiative by Global Ecotourism Network.	Usec. Adobo	·

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 PM the same day.

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