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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. 2023-13 HELD ON 19 JUNE 2023
10:00 AM AT THE OSEC CONFERENCE ROOM**

DATE : JUL 03 2023

We are furnishing herewith the Highlights of Meeting No. 2023-13 held on 19 June 2023, 10:00 AM at the OSEC Conference Room, with the following agenda:

1. Updates on 2024 budget (Tier 1 and 2) and on-going FAPS and hard pipeline per sector;
2. Updates on SONA report 2023;
3. Update on:
 - 3.1. PBBM visit
 - 3.2. DENR Day
 - 3.3. Arbor Day
4. Update on on Project Transform: Siargao;
5. Update on Reclamation Forum;
6. Update on OSW guidelines;
7. Update on Oil Spill: MT Princess Empress;
8. REVCOM; and
9. Other Matters

FOR INFORMATION AND/OR APPROPRIATE ACTION.


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DENR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 2023 - 13

19 June 2023, 1000H – 1230H (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. Ernesto D. Adobo Jr.
Usec. Analiza Rebuelta-Teh
Usec. Jonas R. Leones
Usec. Joselin Marcus E. Fragada
Usec. Augusto D. Dela Peña
Usec. Ignatius Loyola A. Rodriguez
Usec. Carlos P. David
Usec. Juan Miguel T. Cuna
Asec. Noralene M. Uy
Dir. Cheryl Loise T. Leal
Secretariat

REFERENCE: NOTICE OF MEETING NO. 2023-13

The meeting commenced at 10:17 AM and was presided over by Secretary Maria Antonia Yulo Loyzaga.

AGENDA	DISCUSSIONS/AGREEMENTS/INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE SECRETARY	PERSON/ OFFICE RESPONSIBLE	Timeline
<p>1. Update on 2024 budget (Tier 1 and 2) and on-going FAPS and hard pipeline per sector by Usec Analiza Rebuelta-Teh and Usec Jonas R. Leones</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Provide the SENR a breakdown of the ICT requirements for GDOs (347M) and the MGB royalty fund (150M). ● Provide the SENR a one-page briefer regarding the 124M budget requested for the PNOC-AFCs. ● Organize a core group meeting to discuss the NRDC operations and other concerns. Provide a clear backgrounder to SENR. ● Provide a breakdown of the eleven (11) on-going projects under FAPS Hard Pipeline projects. 	<p>Usec Analiza Rebuelta-The, Mines Geosciences Bureau (MGB)</p> <p>Usec Analiza Rebuelta-Teh and Undersecretary Jonas R. Leones</p>	
<p>2. Updates on SONA report 2023 by Undersecretary Jonas R. Leonas and Director Cheryl Leal</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Aside from the DENR 5-Page Accomplishment Report to be submitted to the PCO, SENR instructed to craft a one pager with key messages (5-7 statements) the DENR proposes to include in PBBM's 2023 SONA speech. ● On the DENR Key Accomplishments to include and highlight the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - lease agreement in the salt (i.e., salt production) - identification and utilization of the abandoned, undeveloped and underutilized fishponds. - mapping that was done for the potential areas for forest planting sites - prioritizing the planting sites for mangroves and the protection of coral reefs and seagrasses, including the pending bills for the creation of PAs, and updates on the Pagasa Island and Verde Island Passage 	<p>Dir. Cheryl Leal/ Policy and Planning Service (PPS)</p> <p>Forest Management Bureau (FMB)/ Asec Arleigh Adorable</p> <p>Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB)/ Asec Marcial Amaro, Jr.</p>	<p>Within the week</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● On the 5-Page SONA Report, under the security, justice and peace to include advances in the country's position in all delegations it headed and to write 1-2 statements regarding the Philippine statement/ participation in APMCDRR, COP, etc. ● Among the listed accomplishments, select top three (3) with concrete results and output and write key messages. ● Move the APCMDRR under the high-level meetings. ● Furnish SENR the photos and videos requested by PMS on the following: (1) biggest watershed in the country found in Region II, (2) Mindoro oil spill and its coastal reach, and (3) wildlife and other photos of the environment specifically on land and water resources. ● PPS to coordinate with SCIS and use the speeches of SENR as reference. ● In addition to the key message, to highlight mining-related updates, climate change mitigations, increase of forest covers, support for food security and updates related to mangrove plantations. ● On a low carbon future, integrate global demand for natural resources and minerals in parallel with the roadmap from the DOE. ● Regroup and discuss the SONA report. 	<p>PPS/ Climate Change Service (CCS)</p> <p>PPS/FMB/BMB</p> <p>PPS/SCIS</p> <p>Usec Leones and PPS</p>	
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<p>3. Update on - PBBM visit - DENR Day - Arbor Day by Usec Marilou G. Erni and Usec Augusto D. Dela Peña</p>	<p>PBBM Visit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide an access for the participation of the DENR Regional Offices. • To check with PSG the crowd management protocols, and provide a census on the number of attendees from different DENR offices. • To be properly identified, consider having signage per DENR office. 	<p>Usec Augusto D. Dela Peña</p>	
<p>4. Update on Project Transform: Siargao by Usec Joselin Marcus E. Fragada and Usec Marilou G. Erni</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Siargao will serve as a pilot project, DENR On-wheels and GDO will work together to show how downstream will be reflected upstream. This can be replicated in other gems as far as ECC and foreshore lease agreement is concerned. • Provide the SENR a briefer which will include a background of the people who will be signing the DENR On-wheels, a list of establishments in Siargao without ECCs (to know much work needs to be done), biodiversity inventory in the area, and a level of waste/landfill everyday including WQMA (if there is any) • Provide the SENR the maps of the Project Transform pilot areas in the municipalities of Malimono, San Francisco, Burgos and Del Carmen of the Province of Surigao del Norte and check if the following municipalities are part of a river basin. • Provide the SENR a backgrounder/profile of all the projects (how it came about, who negotiated and the areas included) and also a list of MOAs. 	<p>Usec Joselin Fragada and Usec CP David</p> <p>Usec Joselin Fragada, Biodiversity Management Bureau and Environmental Management Bureau</p> <p>Usec Marilou Erni, Usec Joselin Fragada and Usec Jonas Leones</p> <p>Usec Joselin Fragada</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Optimize the opportunity to also include other related activities (protect, replenish, carbon market program) • Explore the involvement/partnership with SIBOL 		
<p>5. Updates on Reclamation Forum By Usec Jonas R. Leones and Asec Noralene M. Uy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider using the term “Stakeholders” instead of “Private Sector” • On the international experts, remove the SM Supermall and other proponents. • Note that the Planning and Development Research Foundation, Inc. (PLANADES) is being consulted by the proponent, no need to invite under the local experts, while the Resources, Environmental and Economics Centers for Studies, Inc. (REECS) is already a partner of DENR. • A separate meeting with SENR will be conducted to discuss the participants from the private sector • Restructure the program for the facilitated discussion, to be grouped according to their expertise (i.e. the international experts to share their ideas, best practices and discuss state of play globally) • The participants should be grouped as Government proponents and their private partners, as well as the international experts. To avoid a biased discussion, be cautious in inviting experts through proponents. • Craft a rationale that incorporates the outcomes of the discussion during the previous reclamation forum and 	<p>Asec Noralene Uy and Usec Jonas Leones</p>	

	<p>restructure the program accordingly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Consider inviting ASEAN countries experts (i.e. Japan) ● Note that July is a Disaster Month, consider this as the theme of the forum. ● Regroup to restructure the program 		
<p>6. Update on OSW guidelines by Usec Analiza Rebuelta-Teh and Usec Jonas R. Leones</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● It must be noted that, if the area is not within PAs, aside from the concurrence from the SENR, there must be a basis such as the conduct of EIA. ● Make use of the guidelines stated in DAO No. 2023-06 re <i>“Guidelines on the Activities Requiring Environmental Impact Assessment and Criteria Exempting Some Activities from Securing Environmental Compliance Certificate during the Exploration Stage of a Mining Project”</i> as basis. ● Craft a checklist of requirements that needs to be submitted on the pre-determine stage. ● To check with DOE if the DENR can issue the interim guidelines until the OSW guidelines is finalized. ● All stages of exploration can be included in the interim guidelines. However, it should be emphasized that a separate EIA study will be conducted for the OSW. ● EVOSS will be categorized as: EVOSS for ECC on pre-development and developed stage in offshore/onshore areas ● Also consider the impact from the air, birds and signal. 	<p>Usec Analiza Rebuelta-Teh and Usec Jonas R. Leones</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Require the proponents to embed the EIA in their system. As part of ECC requirement, there must be a technology that would allow them to monitor the impact real time and will also consider safety. 		
7. Update on Oil Spill: Princess Empress by Ignatius Loyola A. Rodriguez and Asec Marcial C. Amaro Jr.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communication/presentation should be distinguished between the rehabilitation and the actual damage. Sit down with BMB to discuss the presentation for the Scientific Conference to be convened on 22-23 June 2023. BMB will present the existing assessment and valuation methods on the environment. BMB to include in the presentation the loss and damage assessment and methodology per ecosystem and the timeline of activities for assessment and evaluation. Organize a meeting with Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) to discuss the presentation for the Scientific Conference. 	Usec Ignatius Loyola A. Rodriguez Rodriguez and Asec Marcial Amaro, Jr.	
8. REVCOM by Usec Augusto D. Dela Peña			
9. Other matters			

The meeting adjourned at 1:29PM, same day.

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