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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM : Undersecretary for Policy, Planning and International Affairs

SUBJECT : **HIGHLIGHTS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 2023-17 HELD ON AUGUST 07, 2023, 10:30 AM AT THE DENR-OSEC CONFERENCE ROOM**

DATE : AUG 29 2023

We are furnishing herewith the Highlights of Executive Committee Meeting No. 2023-17 held on August 07, 2023, which tackled the following agenda:

1. Accomplishment and budget utilization of Bureaus
2. Lake management and strategies

Please take appropriate action on the instructions that require inputs/updates from your office.


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DENR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 2023-17
07 August 2023, 1030H – 1700H (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. Carlos P. David
Usec. Jonas R. Leones
Usec. Juan Miguel T. Cuna
Usec. Analiza Rebuella-Teh
Usec. Ernesto D. Adobo Jr.
Usec. Ignatius Loyola A. Rodriguez
Usec. Joselin Marcus E. Fragada
Usec. Augusto D. Dela Peña
Asec. Gilbert C. Gonzales
Asec. Marcial C. Amaro Jr.
Asec. Arleigh J. Adorable
Asec. Noralene M. Uy
Dir. Emelyne V. Talabis

Dir. Maria Lourdes G. Ferrer
 Dir. Imelda R. Dela Cruz
 Dir. Cheryl Loise T. Leal
 GM Senando A. Santiago
 Secretariat

REFERENCE: SENR'S GUIDANCE/HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EXECOM MEETING NO. 2023-16

The meeting commenced at 10:30 AM and was presided over by Secretary Maria Antonia Yulo Loyzaga.

AGENDA	DISCUSSIONS/AGREEMENTS/INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE SECRETARY	PERSON/ OFFICE RESPONSIBLE	Timeline
<p>1.Accomplishment and budget utilization of Bureaus by Directors (FMB, BMB, LMB, ERDB, MGB and EMB)</p>	<p>1. Forest Management Bureau</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Expedite the submission of the draft DAO on Guidelines on the Conduct of Inventory and Assessment of Graduated National Greening Program (NGP) Plantations by Third-Party Evaluators to SENR for approval and signature. ● Reconcile physical and financial accomplishment on NGP plantation in coordination with PPS and FMS to be submitted to OUFISCC after the Execom Meeting. ● Breakdown on regular NGP and PAs (targets and accomplishment), geotagged photos, breakdown on bamboo and mangroves to be submitted to the OUFISCC. ● Update the map with legend on the potential investment areas within production forests updates. Provide breakdown of areas per region, with description and parameters of selection to SENR, copy furnished OUPPIA. ● As a way forward, include species suitability in the inventory of potential investment areas. A set of information campaigns should be strategically designed. ● Determine the targets for the whole term of the President. ● The whole area must be protected and shall remain classified. 	<p>All Undersecretaries Director, Policy and Planning Service Director, Financial and Management Service</p> <p>Forest Management Bureau</p>	<p>Immediate</p>

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	<p>Ecosystems must be part of the representation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Expedite pending policies to support implementation of the programs. ● Full economic value forestry, carbon and investment strategy of what resources we have that are not GAA related to speed up implementation of identified strategies. Tap available TAs to come up with a forest and carbon investment policy. ● Revisit the following proposed guidelines: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Draft guideline on Amending Tree Replacement policy. 2. Draft guideline on Integrating tenure instruments into one to optimize the use if the forest land thru multiple use strategy - see how will this affect the carbon strategy 3. Concept Paper on Forest Cadastre from Usec David <p>2. Mines and Geosciences Bureau</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Submit the criteria in identifying target per year for VRA and coastal and municipal LGUs monitored ● Determine the challenges encountered in implementing social programmes (health, etc.) <p>3. Environmental Management Bureau</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Provide the universe and target of water bodies for classification to be submitted to OUFISCC. ● Determine the number of Continuous Emission Monitoring Systems (CEMS) and other real-time monitoring systems needed for each region in preparation for the budget hearing. Support from the private sectors are also considered. ● Locate the water bodies in the NRGD ● Provide the universe and target of completion to be submitted to OUFISCC and OUPPIA. ● Revisit and harmonize PAPs and GAA. This will be further 	<p>Mines and Geosciences Bureau</p> <p>Environmental Management Bureau</p>	<p>Immediate</p> <p>Immediate</p>

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	<p>discussed with Sec. Raphael “Popo” Lotilla.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Update the financial utilization to reflect the percentage of disbursement vis-a-vis annual target. ● Include a column containing data on actual disbursement. <p>4. Biodiversity Management Bureau</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Provide a universe for all the targets and indicate the period coverage of reports. ● Determine total area of the 464 wetlands (in hectare) ● Provide Interim report of PBSAP as of September 2023 prior to COP28. ● Work on the convergence of Project Transform and Urban Biodiversity Program of BMB ● Consider the formulation of additional guidelines on ECC to reflect Nationally-Important Agricultural Heritage Systems (NIAHS). ● Discuss with BFAR and agree on the procedure and conditions for the turnover of AUUFs: DENR to digitize the AUUFs and BFAR should accept the maps generated by DENR. ● NAMRIA to clear with the DENR Central Office the areas covered by AUUFs. ● On mangroves seagrass meadows: Specify who will be joining per President’s instruction led by UAE and other countries. ● On Blue Finance: DENR to request for technical assistance from ADB to formulate the Blue Finance Roadmap. The UP MSI will assist in identifying the geography of the mangrove priority area which will be an input to the Blue Finance Roadmap. The private sector would like to participate in the mangrove program. ● Develop a strategy on the establishment of Floating Solar in lakes within PAs. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Biodiversity Management Bureau</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Immediate</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The funding for biodiversity under GEF should be prioritized and allocated properly. <p>4.Ecosystems Research and Development Bureau</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Put on hold the construction of ERDB Center in NCR while redesigning of the area is ongoing ● On the upcoming conferences, design the conferences that intersect with EPR, BMB, WRMO. Submit the Concept Note, Program and Design to OSEC. ● ERDB to engage WRMO in its collaboration with UP MSI ● Submit breakdown of the PhP163M to OSEC ● Submit list of projects funded under GAA, DOST, and other sources ● Coordinate the completed projects in Mindanao with the OUFO (Mindanao). Determine the value addition of the project in the area. ● Develop a policy/guidelines on the conduct of action research. This policy will require the action research to be triangulated with Field Operations and concerned bureaus prior finalization of the research program. Research questions must be driven by the needs of the bureaus and field offices. ● Rationalize research activities that are internally funded and those with external support ● Submit Initial Assessment Report of erosion along Pasig-Potrero to OSEC. ● Carbon Stock Assessment and related programs and policies should go through CCS. ● ERDB to convene the bureaus and services to identify the person/entity responsible for the implementation including the methodology used for the assessment/study. 	<p>Ecosystems Research and Development Bureau</p>	<p>Immediate</p>

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	<p>6. Land Management Bureau</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The breakdown of patent issuances per region shall be provided to OUSCLA ● Coordinate with OSEC regarding the presentation of master list under General Administration and Support Services (GASS) ● The breakdown of aging cases shall be provided to identify those that can already be declared obsolete. ● Set the criteria in order to respond to the needs of stakeholders (i.e. land management approach) ● Come up with framework plans for the foreshore areas ● Submit all the foreshore agreements to identify those foreshore areas without leases ● Develop parallel capacity with the regions to conduct counter checking such as the use of satellite images. ● Return and provide a timeline for the region that does not have corresponding coordinates. ● The MOA with DND will be signed and USec Dela Pena shall act as point of contact regarding the survey and titling of military camps. LMB to provide a briefer on this. ● USec Adobo, USec Cuna, and USec Rodriguez to get involved in the planning stage of the ROLMIN project for them to be aware of the directions and discussions. Prepare Special Order for the project implementing team. <p>General guidance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● In preparation for the budget hearing, all bureaus to submit complete data on universe, accomplishments and targets. ● All bureaus and regions should harmonize their respective accomplishment reports and physical and financial utilization. 	Land Management Bureau	Immediate
2. Lake management and strategies by USEC Jonas R.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Provide census data of inhabitants within the Laguna Lake area. ● For disaster prevention, the following should be discussed by 	Laguna Lake Development Authority	Immediate

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Leones, GM Senando A. Santiago	the LLDA Board of Directors: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Build HADR capability of LLDA 2. Develop the Laguna Lake Master Plan 3. Strengthen collaboration with concerned LDRRMCs to discuss disaster prevention <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ERDB, in consultation with LLDA and DENR Central Office, shall conduct ecosystem-based research (action research, transdisciplinary, publishable) on the prevention of generation and propagation of water hyacinth. 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report on the EPR Launch 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The agenda item was deferred. 	USEC Marilou G. Erni ASEC Gilbert C. Gonzales	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report on the 34th ASOEN Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The agenda item was deferred. 	ASEC Marcial C. Amaro, Jr. ASEC Noralene M. Uy	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates on Project Transform 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The agenda item was deferred. 	USEC Marilou G. Erni USEC Jonas R. Leones	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates on Budget Preparations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The agenda item was deferred. 	USEC Analiza Rebuelta-Teh USEC Jonas R. Leones	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other matters 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The agenda item was deferred. 		

The meeting adjourned at 4:47 PM, same day.

Prepared by:
 Policy and Planning Service