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**MEMORANDUM**

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**SUBJECT:** **HIGHLIGHTS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 2023-25 HELD ON 17 OCTOBER 2023 AT THE OSEC CONFERENCE ROOM**

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**DENR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 2023 - 25**  
17 October 2023 | 1030H (PST)  
4F DENR OSEC Conference Room, Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City

**PRESIDED BY: SEC. MARIA ANTONIA YULO LOYZAGA**

**ATTENDEES:** Usec. Marilou G. Erni  
Usec. Jonas R. Leones  
Usec. Ernesto D. Adobo, Jr.  
Usec. Augusto D. Dela Peña  
Usec. Carlos Primo C. David  
HEA Jose Joaquin Y. Loyzaga  
Asec. Noralene M. Uy  
Asec. Gilbert C. Gonzales  
Dir. Cheryl Loise T. Leal  
Dir. Imelda R. Dela Cruz  
Dir. Danilo U. Uykieng  
Secretariat

**REFERENCE: NOTICE OF MEETING NO. 2023-25**

The meeting commenced at 10:48 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 requirements of the Senators</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Sec. Loyzaga asked if the nationwide roadshow in terms of promoting urban green spaces was conducted and can be included in the report.</li> <li>● Secure a clear list of the signed reclamation projects.</li> <li>● Request a statement from Usec. Fragada relative to the meeting held yesterday regarding the Socorro Bayanihan Services Inc. (SBSI) and its PACBRMA suspension.</li> <li>● BMB to conduct assessment of impacts to the coral reefs and programs being implemented in Mindoro in connection to the oil spill incident.</li> <li>● EMB to withdraw and update the submitted request of Php 790,600,000 for AQMS and Public Display Board (Ad Board), in support with internet research data and/or media interviews (eg. GMA network).</li> <li>● EMB to explore the possible collaboration with other partners and stations (e.g. possible drafting of MOA with PTV 4).</li> <li>● Include in the report submitted to Senator Loren Legarda the mangrove areas that are located outside CBFMAs per available data of FMB or the Regional Offices.</li> </ul>	<p>Usec. Fragada</p> <p>BMB</p> <p>Asec. Gonzales</p> <p>Asec. Gonzales</p> <p>FMB</p>	<p>Immediate</p> <p>Immediate</p> <p>Immediate</p> <p>Immediate</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review all the list of tenurial instruments issued by RED as authorized by DAO No. 2022-10 issued by former DENR Secretary Jim Simpulna and prepare an appropriate instrument suspending the implementation of the said DAO.</li> <li>• Provide Senator Loren Lagarda with the updates on the list of protected areas for legislation and likewise submit to the lower house of Congress.</li> <li>• Cite the initial studies conducted relative to the reported emergence of crown of thorns in the area of Northern Antique.</li> <li>• BMB to cite the basis for the revision of targets on the list of regions and people's organizations assisted under the Biodiversity-Friendly Enterprise.</li> <li>• Sec. Loyzaga asked if the copies of EIS of reclamation projects and other proprietary information from the private proponents should be accessible to the public. Asec. Gilbert responded that only the selected documents can be openly accessed. Usec. Leones stated that they will clarify the statement regarding the received submission relative to reclamation projects.</li> <li>• Ensure that the documents/project briefs of the reclamation projects already submitted to Congress and Senate will be retracted. Access link to the submitted copy of Environmental</li> </ul>	<p>Usec. Adobo and Usec. Leones</p> <p>BMB</p> <p>BMB</p> <p>BMB</p> <p>Usec. Leones</p> <p>Asec. Gonzales</p>	<p>Immediate</p> <p>Immediate</p> <p>Immediate</p> <p>Immediate</p> <p>Immediate</p>
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	Impact Study of Reclamation Projects in Manila Bay should be taken down.		
<p>2. Updates on MGB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Status and position on seabed, proposed quarry, and mineral reservation establishment</li> <li>• Proposed MOC with METI</li> <li>• 2023-2024 Status/Update and Plan of Action for establishing mineral reservations and for development of green minerals</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sec. Loyzaga asked for the copy of the draft MOC for renewal by and between DENR and METI Japan on the mining sector.</li> <li>• For Bilateral Cooperation with DFA, the agreement should be drafted by DENR to be led by the bureau concerned, in this case, MGB. Said bureau should not work independently but must coordinate with other concerned bureaus and offices, such as BMB. The documents should be likewise endorsed to the Central Office, through the Office of the Undersecretary for Policy, Planning and International Affairs, for final review and approval.</li> <li>• Include the Department of National Defense on the list of the government agencies where clearance shall be secured when applying for Government Seabed Quarry Permit (GSQP).</li> <li>• Sec. Loyzaga asked for the entities that are allowed to apply for GSQP. Dir. Uykieng responded that in general, Filipino corporations are allowed to apply for GSQP. However, for metallic quarry permits, foreign corporations may also apply.</li> <li>• Form an expert group that will conduct the study regarding the process of seabed quarrying and come up with corresponding recommendations.</li> </ul>	MGB	

	The draft MOA should be submitted to the Office of the Secretary for review and approval prior to its signing with the University of the Philippines.	MGB	Immediate
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The meeting adjourned at 12:45 PM.

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