



DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES
KAGAWARAN NG KAPALIGIRAN AT LIKAS YAMAN



MEMORANDUM

FOR : **The Directors**
Legal Affairs Service
Policy and Planning Service
Climate Change Service

All Bureau Directors

The Executive Directors
Manila Bay Coordinating Office
River Basin Control Office
National Water Resources Board
Palawan Council for Sustainable Development
Pasig River Coordinating and Management Office

All Regional Executive Directors

The General Manager
Laguna Lake Development Authority

FROM : **The Director**
Legislative Liaison Office

SUBJECT : **INVITATION TO THE MEETING AND REQUEST FOR INPUT RE: HOUSE RESOLUTION (HR) NO. 1024, ENTITLED: "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD, COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND OTHER APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEES TO LOOK INTO POSSIBLE GOVERNMENT INTERVENTIONS IN THE LIGHT OF THE IMPENDING RETURN OF EL NINO IN 2023 THAT THREATENS TO IMPACT THE AGRICULTURE SECTOR, AFFECT ESSENTIAL AND NON- ESSENTIAL INDUSTRIES, AND STOKE INFLATION, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF MITIGATING ITS EFFECTS, DELIVERING STABLE AND RELIABLE ELECTRICITY, AND PROVIDING THE NECESSARY ASSISTANCE TO AFFECTED FARMERS," AUTHORED BY REP.**

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**CAMILLE A. VILLAR FROM THE COMMITTEE ON CLIMATE
CHANGE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

DATE : 16 November 2023

In reference to the electronic letter received by our Office, the Committee on Climate Change of the House of Representatives will hold its meeting on **21 November 2023, (Tuesday), 9:00 AM, at Speaker Belmonte Hall, South Wing Annex Building, House of Representatives** for the INITIAL CONSIDERATION ON HOUSE RESOLUTION (HR) NO. 1024, ENTITLED: "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD, COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND OTHER APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEES TO LOOK INTO POSSIBLE GOVERNMENT INTERVENTIONS IN THE LIGHT OF THE IMPENDING RETURN OF EL NINO IN 2023 THAT THREATENS TO IMPACT THE AGRICULTURE SECTOR, AFFECT ESSENTIAL AND NON- ESSENTIAL INDUSTRIES, AND STOKE INFLATION, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF MITIGATING ITS EFFECTS, DELIVERING STABLE AND RELIABLE ELECTRICITY, AND PROVIDING THE NECESSARY ASSISTANCE TO AFFECTED FARMERS," AUTHORED BY REP. CAMILLE A. VILLAR

In this regard, we request your input/comments on the abovementioned resolution. Kindly send them on or before **20 November 2023, at 5:00 PM** via email at denrlo@denr.gov.ph. Further, kindly inform us of the name/s of the representative/s from your office who will participate in the meeting so we may include him/her/them as resource person/s.

Attached herewith are the Letter Invitation, Agenda, and the House Resolution for your reference.


ROMIROSE B. PADIN

cc: Undersecretary for Special Concerns and Legislative Affairs
Undersecretary for Finance, Information Systems and Climate Change
Undersecretary for Integrated Environmental Science



Republic of the Philippines
House of Representatives
Quezon City

COMMITTEE ON CLIMATE CHANGE

November 14, 2023

HON. MARIA ANTONIA YULO LOYZAGA

Secretary
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City

Dear Secretary Loyzaga:

We wish to inform you that the **Committee on Climate Change** of the House of Representatives will hold a **Regular Meeting** on **November 21, 2023 (Tuesday), 9:00 A.M.** at **Speaker Belmonte Hall**, South Wing Annex Building.

In line with this, we would like to invite you to a fruitful discussion and to share your valuable insights and comments during the meeting.

Our meeting is face-to-face; hence, we look forward to the submission of your confirmed attendees for advance coordination with the Office of the Sergeant-at-Arms for your entry to the House premises. Kindly email it through committee.climatechange@house.gov.ph **on or before November 17, 2023.**

We have attached herewith the agenda and the electronic copy of HR 1024 for your easy reference.

Should you need more information, please contact the Committee Secretary at 09277193534 or Ms. MeAnne Ordovez at 09154448595.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing and hearing from you at the meeting.

Very truly yours,

HON. EDGAR M. CHATTO

Chairperson

For the Chairperson:

ROMMEL M. REYES

Committee Secretary



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House of Representatives
Quezon City

COMMITTEE ON CLIMATE CHANGE

REGULAR MEETING

21 November 2023 (Tuesday), 9:00 A.M.
Speaker Belmonte Hall, South Wing Annex Building, House of Representatives

AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL
- II. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF MEMBERS, GUESTS, & RESOURCE PERSONS
- III. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MAY 24, 2023 MEETING
- IV. OPENING REMARKS OF THE CHAIR
- V. INITIAL CONSIDERATION ON **HOUSE RESOLUTION (HR) NO. 1024**, ENTITLED: "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD, COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND OTHER APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEES TO LOOK INTO POSSIBLE GOVERNMENT INTERVENTIONS IN THE LIGHT OF THE IMPENDING RETURN OF EL NINO IN 2023 THAT THREATENS TO IMPACT THE AGRICULTURE SECTOR, AFFECT ESSENTIAL AND NON-ESSENTIAL INDUSTRIES, AND STOKE INFLATION, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF MITIGATING ITS EFFECTS, DELIVERING STABLE AND RELIABLE ELECTRICITY, AND PROVIDING THE NECESSARY ASSISTANCE TO AFFECTED FARMERS," AUTHORED BY REP. CAMILLE A. VILLAR
- VI. *MOTU PROPRIO* INQUIRY ON CLIMATE CHANGE EXPENDITURE TAGGING (CCET)
- VII. OTHER MATTERS
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT

RESOURCE PERSONS

➤ For H.R. 1024

- Climate Change Commission
- Department of Agriculture
- Department of Energy
- Department of Environment and Natural Resources
- Department of Science and Technology
 - Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA)

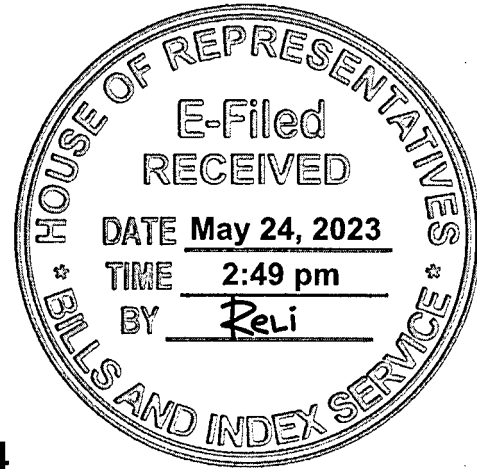
➤ For *Motu Proprio* inquiry on CCET

- Climate Change Commission
- Department of Agriculture
- Department of Budget and Management
- Department of Energy
- Department of Environment and Natural Resources
- Department of Finance
- Department of National Defense
 - Office of Civil Defense
- Department of Science and Technology
 - Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA)
- Department of the Interior and Local Government

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

NINETEENTH CONGRESS
First Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. **1024**



Introduced by Representative CAMILLE A. VILLAR

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD, COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND OTHER APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEES TO LOOK INTO POSSIBLE GOVERNMENT INTERVENTIONS IN THE LIGHT OF THE IMPENDING RETURN OF EL NINO IN 2023 THAT THREATENS TO IMPACT THE AGRICULTURE SECTOR, AFFECT ESSENTIAL AND NON-ESSENTIAL INDUSTRIES, AND STOKE INFLATION, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF MITIGATING ITS EFFECTS, DELIVERING STABLE AND RELIABLE ELECTRICITY, AND PROVIDING THE NECESSARY ASSISTANCE TO AFFECTED FARMERS

Whereas, Article II, Section 5 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that the maintenance of peace and order, the protection of life, liberty, and property, and promotion of the general welfare are essential for the enjoyment by all the people of the blessings of democracy;

Whereas, the state weather bureau predicts that the Philippines will start to experience warmer days ahead and below normal rainfall or an "El Nino" episode in mid-2023 or the latter part of the year¹;

Whereas, previous experience from El Nino phenomenon points to a decline in agricultural output, affecting the farming and fishing subsectors due to prolonged drought, affecting the livelihood in the agricultural sector and threatening food security;

¹ Antonio, J. "Warmer days ahead: El Niño to develop in second half of 2023, says PAGASA." 21 March 2023. <https://news.abs-cbn.com/news/03/21/23/el-nio-to-develop-in-second-half-of-2023-pagasa>.
<https://www.sunstar.com.ph/article/1951789/davao/local-news/el-nino-to-affect-several-essential-food-crops>

Whereas, the impending El Nino threatens to affect corn, vegetables and other high-value crops², thus possibly stoking the already elevated inflation levels;

Whereas, in previous years, the lingering effects of El Nino added to inflation woes;

Whereas, apart from agriculture, water resources, power generation, health and sanitation and other sectors are likely to be impacted by El Nino, and concerned state agencies must prepare to mitigate the impacts of severe weather conditions;

Whereas, according to the National Grid Corp. of the Philippines, peak demand was 8,710 MW in Luzon, 1,584 MW in the Visayas and 1,692 MW in Mindanao as of Feb. 18³, operating margins were so far stable with 12,338 MW, 2,106 MW and 3,078 MW total generating capacity in Luzon, the Visayas and Mindanao, respectively;

Whereas, although no power interruptions loom in the horizon in 2023, industry stakeholders predict thin power reserves and possible power supply woes for the rest of the year⁴—even rotating brownouts especially during the summer months, which may affect certain sectors;

RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Committee on Agriculture and Food, Committee on Energy, and other appropriate House committees look into possible government interventions in the light of the impending return of El Nino in 2023 that threatens to impact the agriculture sector, affect essential and non-essential industries, and stoke inflation, with the end in view of mitigating its effects, delivering stable and reliable electricity, and providing the necessary assistance to affected farmers.

Adopted,


CAMILLE A. VILLAR

² *Ibid.*

³ <https://www.ngcp.ph>

⁴ Lagare, J. "Philippine power reserves thin in 2023; but no red alert just yet." 20 Feb. 2023. www.inquirer.net.
<https://business.inquirer.net/387331/philippine-power-reserves-thin-in-2023-but-no-red-alert-just-yet>