



**MEMORANDUM**

**FOR/TO :** Chief of Staff and Supervising Undersecretary for Strategic Communications

The Assistant Secretary for Biodiversity and Director, Biodiversity Management Bureau, in concurrent capacity

The OIC Assistant Secretary for Field Operations - Mindanao and Director, Forest Management Bureau, in concurrent capacity

The OIC Assistant Secretary for Environment and Director, Environmental Management Bureau, in concurrent capacity

The Assistant Secretary for Mining Concerns and OIC Director, Mines and Geosciences Bureau, in concurrent capacity

The Executive Director  
Manila Bay Coordinating Office

The General Manager  
Laguna Lake Development Authority

**FROM :** The Undersecretary  
Policy, Planning and International Affairs

**SUBJECT: DIRECTIVES OF THE SECRETARY DURING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 2024-23 HELD ON 21 OCTOBER 2024 REGARDING THE SENATE BUDGET HEARING PRESENTATION**

**DATE :** NOV 07 2024

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In the discussion of the agenda regarding the Senate Budget Hearing during the Executive Committee Meeting No. 2024-023 held on 21 October 2024, the Secretary instructed the relevant Bureaus and Offices the following:

**1. Biodiversity Management Bureau**

- BMB to coordinate with the Office of the Secretary and the Office of Special Concerns and Legislative Affairs regarding the filing of a local bill to convert Verde Island Passage (VIP) into a legislated protected area before coordination in the Congress.
- Additionally, BMB to produce a map of areas that could potentially be contaminated by the oil spill, detailing environmental damage to biodiversity, including water quality, coral reefs, and turtle habitats

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## **2. Forest Management Bureau**

### **2.1. Tree planting Bill and its implication to the implementation of NGP**

- FMB to review the Tree Planting Bill to ensure it includes funding for maintenance and protection, and summarize the Bureau's position on the Tree Planting Bill, emphasizing the need for targeted planting including the area, location, and other relevant details. Include provisions for survivability, monitoring and evaluation, project management, and supervision.
- Review the MOA with DepEd and revise it for the new DepEd Secretary's signature, incorporating the tree planting bill provisions. USec Adobo suggested identifying a specific area first for tree planting.
- Develop a comprehensive framework outlining the offices or stakeholders involved, including the target number of seedlings/trees to be planted over a specified period by province. Identify specific locations, engagement methods, and physical targets. Also, the selected commodities should meet the local community's needs.
- Conduct an inventory of reforestation and monitoring activities by the bureaus and affiliated agencies (e.g., mining forestry, reforestation by power plants with ECC).

## **3. Environmental Management Bureau**

### **3.1. List of LGUs that were provided with shredders and composters**

- Prepare the list of LGUs that were provided with shredders and composters, including for CYs 2023 and 2024, if any. Also, indicate the status/condition of the equipment;
- Prepare the data on the number of MRFs in the LGUs, including their status (operational or non-operational).

## **4. Manila Bay Coordinating Office**

### **4.1 On Exact Locations of the Proposed Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) in Bacoor, Cavite and Las Piñas**

- Prepare a list of all existing and proposed Sewage Treatment Plants, including their exact locations, and submit a clearer map.;

## **5. Mines Geosciences Bureau**

### **5.1 Comprehensive Report on the Status of Operations and Environmental Violations of Hinatuan Mining Corporation**

- MGB together with the Office of Legal and Administration to provide necessary responses if inquiries arise regarding the issue.

## **6. Laguna Lake Development Authority**

### **6.1 Budgetary requirement for the Laguna Lake Master Plan**

- LLDA to attend the Senate Budget Hearing on 22 October 2024.

## 7. Other directives

### 7.1 Post APMCDRR Report

- Provide breakdown of social media value; and
- Convert the APMCDRR 2024 visual documentation into cards, post them on social media, and circulate them to Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.
- Frame the newspaper article presented during the ExeCom regarding the APMCDRR.

Please submit a report of compliance to the above-cited directives to the Office of the Secretary, copy furnish this Office ([ouppia@denr.gov.ph](mailto:ouppia@denr.gov.ph)) and the Policy and Planning Service ([policy@denr.gov.ph](mailto:policy@denr.gov.ph), [ppso.pmed@denr.gov.ph](mailto:ppso.pmed@denr.gov.ph)) on or before 08 November 2024.

  
ATTY. JONAS R. LEONES



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



**DENR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 2024-23**

21 October 2024 | 0930H (PST)

4<sup>th</sup> Floor DENR OSEC Conference Room, Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City

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

**ATTENDEES:**

Usec. Marilou G. Erni  
Usec. Analiza Rebuelta-Teh  
Usec. Jonas R. Leones  
Usec. Ernesto D. Adobo, Jr.  
Usec. Augusto D. Dela Peña  
Usec. Juan Miguel T. Cuna  
Usec. Joselin Marcus E. Fragada  
Usec Carlos Primo C. David  
Usec. Ignatius Loyola A. Rodriguez  
HEA Jose Joaquin Y. Loyzaga  
Asec. Noralene M. Uy  
Asec. Michael V. Cabalda  
Asec. Arleigh Adorable  
Asec. Jacqueline Caancan  
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Dir. Cheryl Loise T. Leal  
Dir. Emelyne V. Talabis  
Asst. Dir. Armida P. Andres  
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For. Kenneth Tabliga  
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Ms. Siara Nulada  
Mr. Reneo Vicente  
Mr. Joaquin Silvestre  
Atty. Pearl Miranda

**REFERENCE: NOTICE OF MEETING NO. 2024-23**

The meeting commenced at 09:30 AM and was presided over by Secretary Maria Antonia Yulo Loyzaga.

| AGENDA   | DIRECTIVES / INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE SECRETARY   | PERSON/ OFFICE RESPONSIBLE  | TIMELINE |
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| <p><b>1. Review of Senate Budget Hearing Presentation</b><br/>by Usec Ignatius Loyola A. Rodriguez, Usec. Analiza Rebuelta-Teh and Usec. Jonas R. Leones</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prepare the list with exact locations of all existing and proposed Sewage Treatment Plants. Submit a clearer map.</li> <li>• Prepare the list of LGUs provided with shredders and composters, including for CYs 2023 and 2024, if any. Indicate the status/condition of the equipment.</li> <li>• Prepare data on the number of MRFs to include the status if operational or non-operational.</li> <li>• On the inquiry of Sen. Villar on the transfer of lands to BFAR of the mapped salt production areas, prepare cue cards indicating the following activities as requisites for the land transfer: physical survey, verification of prior rights, and other uses.</li> <li>• Produce the map of the areas that could potentially be contaminated by the oil spill. Include environmental damage in biodiversity (e.g. water quality, coral reef, turtle sites, etc)</li> <li>• On the Historical budget allocation and Proposed Project on the LWUA and MWSS, clarify to Sen. Villar that LWUA did not receive budget allocation from GAA in previous years.</li> <li>• For the reduction of the budget of legislated PAs - simplify the reason for the reduction (decrease in the Capital Outlay)</li> <li>• Tree planting Bill and its implication to the implementation of NGP - shorten/summarize the position of the Bureau on the passing of the Tree Planting Bill. Include or recommend that this undertaking should be targeted/planned specifically in terms of the area, the location and other information. Also include provisions on survivability and Monitoring and Evaluation, project management and supervision.</li> </ul> | <p>MBCO</p> <p>Asec. Caanacan and EMB</p> <p>Usec Rodriguez</p> <p>Asec. Amaro and BMB</p> <p>Asec. Amaro and BMB</p> <p>Asec. Adorable, Usec Erni and Usec David</p> |          |

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|        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review the MOA with DepEd and revise accordingly to be signed by the new DepEd Secretary which will also include the provisions of the tree planting bill. Usec Adobo recommended to provide an area first for tree planting.</li> <li>• Craft an overarching framework identifying which offices or stakeholders that would be involved including the target number of seedlings/trees to be planted for a certain duration/period by province. Identify the specific locations, the mode of the engagement, and the physical targets. Commodities to be planted should address the needs of the local community.</li> <li>• FMB to review the Tree Planting Bill and must include funding for the maintenance and protection</li> <li>• Conduct an inventory of the reforestation and monitoring activities conducted by the bureaus and attached agencies (i.e Mining forestry, reforestation by power plants issued with ECC, etc)</li> <li>• Development of the case on the Oil Spill in Verde Passage Island (VIP)</li> <li>• Coordinate with the Office of the Secretary and with the Office of the Undersecretary for Special Concerns and Legislative Affairs on the coordination of the bill with the Congress.</li> <li>• Restitution of Hinatuan MPSA - MGB and the Office of Legal and Administration to provide necessary responses if inquiries arise regarding the issue.</li> <li>• Budgetary requirement for the Laguna Lake Master Plan - LLDA to attend the senate hearing tomorrow.</li> </ul> | <p>Asec. Adorable and FMB</p> <p>Usec Jonas Leones and Asec. Adorable</p> <p>Asec. Amaro and BMB</p> <p>Usec. Adobo, Asec. Cabalda and MGB</p> <p>LLDA</p> | <p>December 2024<br/>(preliminary target setting of counts)</p> |

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| <p><b>3. Other Matters</b><br/> <b>a. Presentation of UNIDO's Contribution to the Blue Economy</b><br/>by Usec Jonas R. Leones and Asec. Noralene M. Uy</p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Go to Mindanao and discuss project on Harnessing the water-energy food nexus and adapt to climate change impacts in Tawi Tawi with MinDa</li> <li>• Involve BMB in the Sustainable Seaweed for Climate Action Philippines Project, and EMB for the Food Cold Chain Project Phase 2.</li> <li>• Update the mapping of the different grants. provide location, details, bureaus involved to get sense of total foreign assisted grants per bureau and per theme. Present in next ExeCom. Differentiate projects for approval, already approved, and pipeline.</li> </ul> | <p>Usec Fragada</p> <p>Usec. Leones and Asec. Uy, and FASPS</p> |          |
| <p><b>b. Presentation on draft Executive Order on Strengthening Coral Reef Conservation and Management in the Philippines (BMB)</b><br/>by Usec Ernesto D. Adobo, Jr. and Asec. Marcial C. Amaro, Jr.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On the presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Matrix of Pres Proclamation 2146 vs proposed amendments</li> <li>- Put percentage in pie chart.</li> <li>- Provide the coverage in terms of hectarage of the pie chart. Establish the universe and determine the set of parameters indicated in the years 1976-1981 versus 2014-2017. BMB to provide a refined presentation for the parameters, the universe and the ratings for qualification, appropriately.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>   | Usec. Adobo and BMB   |          |

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|                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Usec Adobo, Usec Rodriguez and Legal Affairs Service to review the draft DAO.</li> <li>• Present Matrix on the current DAO vs the proposed amendment</li> <li>• Articulate a principle on use and charging of rent for Protected Areas and Forestlands and applicable to all Bureaus by December 2024.</li> </ul>  | FMB, BMB                   | December 2024 |
| e. <b>Small Scale Mining</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Master Map and Baseline of Small Scale Mining, including those in PAs if granted and if there are violations. Ground Validation to be conducted by MGB. Update the image every 6 months. Include in performance of MGB and EMB. RED should be on top of this.</li> <li>• List of alien permits working on Mining, Water, Forest, land Use etc. to be circulated for reference of bureaus.</li> </ul> | Asec. Cabalda and MGB      |               |

The meeting adjourned at 1 PM

Prepared by:

Policy and Planning Service