



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



MEMORANDUM

FOR : **THE REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**
DENR Regions IX, X and XII

FROM : **THE OI-ASSISTANT SECRETARY**
*Field Operations – Western Mindanao and
FMB Director, in concurrent capacity*

SUBJECT : **REQUEST FOR THE MANDATORY CREATION OF MENR OFFICE
AND MENRO POSITION IN ALL LGUs NATIONWIDE**

DATE : **1 August 2024**

This refers to the Memorandum dated 02 May 2024 of the Undersecretary for Field Operations -Mindanao and Supervising Undersecretary for MGB and EMB - Mindanao, relative to the the letter of Mr. William Verdan of General Luna, Quezon, proposing the creation of MENR Office and Designation of MENRO in every municipality nationwide.

As requested therein, may we be apprised on the status of your compliance and kindly provide this Office copy of your submission, for consolidation and record purposes.

For your immediate consideration, please.


ARLEIGH J. ADORABLE, CESO III

Encl: As stated

MEMO NO. 2024 - 676



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MEMORANDUM

TO : The Regional Executive Directors
 DENR Regions IX, X, XI, XII, and XIII

FROM : The Undersecretary
 Field Operations and
 Supervising Undersecretary for Mines and Geosciences Bureau
 (MGB) and Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) –
 Mindanao

SUBJECT : **REQUEST FOR THE MANDATORY CREATION OF MENR
 OFFICE AND MENRO POSITION IN ALL LGUS NATIONWIDE**

DATE : 02 MAY 2024


This refers to the letter from Director Dominga R. Flores, Office for Facilitation of Presidential Assistance, Presidential Management Staff, Office of the President, endorsing the letter of Mr. William Verdan of the Municipality of General Luna, Quezon regarding the proposal of the creation of the Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office (MENRO) and designation of a Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Officer (MENRO) in every municipality nationwide.


In this regard, we are referring the matter to your office for further review and evaluation. Kindly provide recommendation, pertaining to this matter in accordance with the Department's existing policies, rules and regulation, and submit the same to your respective supervising Assistant Secretaries, copy furnished this office for monitoring purposes.

For information and appropriate action.


JOSELIN MARCUS E. FRAGADA, CESO III

- Copy furnished:
- The Office of the Secretary
- The Assistant Secretary
Field Operations – Western Mindanao
- The Assistant Secretary
Field Operations – Eastern Mindanao
- Ms. Dominga R. Flores
Director
Office for Facilitation of Presidential Assistance
Presidential Management Staff
Office of the President
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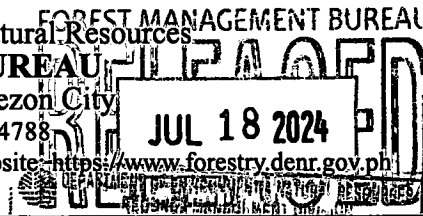
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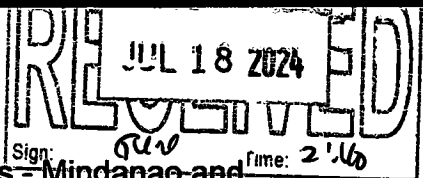
MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Undersecretary for Field Operations - Mindanao and
 Supervising Undersecretary for Mines and Geosciences Bureau -
 Luzon and Visayas, Environmental Management Bureau -
 Mindanao

FROM : The Chief, Forest Resources Conservation Division
 In-Charge, Office of the Director

SUBJECT : **REQUEST FOR THE MANDATORY CREATION OF MENR
 OFFICE AND MUNICIPAL ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL
 RESOURCES OFFICER (MENRO) POSITION IN ALL LGUS
 NATIONWIDE**

DATE : **JUL 17 2024**



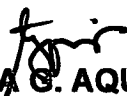
This has reference to the Memorandum dated May 31, 2024 from the Regional Executive Director of Region 10, in response to your Memorandum dated May 2, 2024, relative to the request received by the Office of the President for the mandatory creation of Municipal and Natural Resources Office (MENRO) and Municipal and Natural Resources Officer (MENR Officer) position in all Local Government Units (LGU) nationwide.

In this regard, please be apprised that during the conduct of assessment and validation nationwide of Forest Land Use Plans (FLUPs), one of the major concerns identified is the optional creation of aforesaid office and position in the LGUs under Section 484, letter a of the Local Government Code of 1991 (Republic Act No. 7160). While the creation of such offices and positions is generally encouraged as part of local governance, nonetheless, the budget allocated for personal services is limited, leading LGUs to appoint some of its department heads as MENR officers in addition to their primary responsibilities within their departments. Further, there are instances where LGUs have resorted to designating personnel who lack technical capacity and skills in environmental management and governance.

In addition, based on the General Observations in the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) Evaluation of the Devolution Transition Plan (DTP) FY 2022 of the DENR, initial efforts on the devolution of ENR functions were hampered not only by funding constraints but also by the lack of manpower, modest capacity development, minimal technical assistance, differing developmental and political priorities, among others. The DENR emphasizes the need for the LGU's DTP to be harmonized and synchronized with the Department's DTP, particularly on the mandatory creation of Environment Officer positions in all municipalities, cities and provinces.

Given these considerations, the Bureau fully supports the establishment of the MENR office and MENR officer position, as it is vital for the LGUs to fulfill their role in the shared responsibility of effectively developing, managing, and protecting the environment within their respective jurisdiction.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND CONSIDERATION, PLEASE.


MA. TERESA S. AQUINO, RPF



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D-50327- Request for the mandatory creation of MENR Office and Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Officer (MENRO) positions in al LGUs Nationwide

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Sir/Ma'am

Good day

Attached file is a Memorandum for Usec for Field Operations - Mindanao dated July 17, 2024 RE: Request for the mandatory creation of MENR Office and Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Officer (MENRO) positions in al LGUs Nationwide

Thank you



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MEMORANDUM

FOR : The OIC-Assistant Secretary
for Field Operations-Western Mindanao and
FMB Director, in concurrent capacity
DENR, Visayas Avenue, Diliman Quezon City

FROM : The Regional Executive Director

SUBJECT : RE: REQUEST FOR THE MANDATORY CREATION OF MENR
OFFICE AND MENRO POSITION IN ALL LGU NATIONWIDE

DATE : MAY 31 2024

 **RELEASED**
ENFORCEMENT DIVISION
Signature: 
Name: Melody Fay C. Burey
Date: JUN 08 2024

This respectfully refers to the Memorandum dated May 2, 2024 of USEC. Joselin Marcus E. Fragada, CESO III endorsing the letter of Dir. Domiga R. Flores, Office for Facilitation of Presidential Assistance, Presidential Management Staff, Office of the President relative to the above-mentioned subject matter.

Please be informed that Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office (MENRO) are existing in every municipality within Region-X. As to the position of MENR Officer some municipalities have MENRO designate only.

Inasmuch as the MENR Officer performs functions under Section 17 of RA 7160 "Local Government Code of 1991", creation of MENRO position will empower municipalities in addressing environmental issues at the grassroots level, hence, this recommendation for its creation subject to the comment of the Department of Interior and Local Government which exercises general supervision of the local government.

For information and record.


HENRY A. ADORNADO, Ph.D.

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