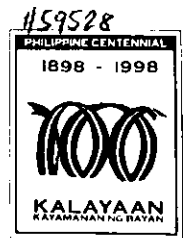




DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENT AND
NATURAL RESOURCES



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SPECIAL ORDER

No. 98 - 24

SUBJECT: TRANSFERRING THE PASIG RIVER REHABILITATION PROGRAM, THE RIVER REHABILITATION SECRETARIAT, FUNDS AND SUPPORT FACILITIES FROM THE CENTRAL OFFICE TO THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION

In line with the Department's thrust of decentralizing operations and services and to ensure more effective coordination and supervision of programs and projects, the implementation of the Pasig River Rehabilitation Program - River Rehabilitation Secretariat (PRRP-RRS) is hereby transferred to the National Capital Region.

1. The present River Rehabilitation Secretariat (RRS), the working groups and the river rehabilitation unit (RRU) shall continue to exercise their functions and provide the necessary staff and administrative services to the PRRP as prescribed by DENR Administrative Order No. 96-12, series of 1996, dated 20 March 1996.
2. All personnel of the PRRP-RRS, whether on detail or on contractual basis, depending on their performance and the need for their services, as well as its appropriations, GOP-acquired vehicles, equipment and other facilities are hereby transferred to the National Capital Region. The DENR Financial and Management Service and the Budget Division shall initiate the necessary actions to transfer the PRRP allotment to the NCR.
3. The DENR NCR is hereby authorized to increase or decrease the number of RRS personnel based on the requirement and viability subject to budgetary limitations.
4. The present River Rehabilitation Unit at the NCR and its functions are hereby integrated into the PRRP-RRS.
5. The policy and coordination functions of the Steering Committee, as defined by Administrative Order No. 96-12, series of 1996, shall remain in that Committee.
6. The DANIDA Technical Assistance shall continue to be implemented in accordance with the bilateral agreement between the Governments of the Philippines (GOP) and of Denmark (GOD). The Technical Assistance non-GOP staff, funds, vehicles, and other facilities shall continue to be managed by the TA Consultants

7. Until such time that an adequate office space is available at DENR - NCR, they may continue to occupy and hold office at the old DENR Training Center.
8. Subject to the direction of the Steering Committee and the NCR Regional Executive Director, the NCR Regional Technical Director for EMPAS shall perform the functions of PRRP Program Coordinator/Project Manager and thereby exercise supervision over the RRS operations and disbursement of funds.
9. The Chairman of the Steering Committee shall take the lead in top level coordination with other agencies and parties participating in the PRRP, with assistance from the PRRP-RRS.
10. The NCR Regional Executive Director, through the PRRP/RRS, shall coordinate the implementation of activities pertaining to water bodies in the nearby Regions, which, at present, are being handled or assisted by the PRRP/RRS. The NCR shall likewise take the lead in carrying out the activities of the RRS pertaining to Manila Bay, in coordination with Regions III and IV.
11. The Director of the Environmental Management Bureau shall provide continuous assistance to the PRRP, specially in, but not limited to, the use of its laboratory, equipment and information.

This Order takes effect immediately.


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