

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCESKAGAWARAN NG KAPALIGIRAN AT LIKAS YAMAN



SPECIAL ORDER No. 2024 - 183

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SUBJECT: AUTHORIZING THE CONDUCT OF VARIOUS ACTIVITIES IN CELEBRATION OF THE 2024 WORLD WATER DAY

In the interest of the service and pursuant to the United Nations General Assembly Resolution A/RES/47/193 dated 22 December 1992 (Global commemoration of World Water Day (WWD)) and Administrative Order No. 258 dated 4 March 1996 enjoining all instrumentalities of the government to join the global observance of World Water Day on 22 March 1996 and in every year thereafter, the conduct of various events, including preparatory activities, in celebration of the 2024 World Water Day with the theme "Water for Peace: Pagkakaisa Tungo sa Seguridad Pantubig" is hereby authorized.

The River Basin Control Office (RBCO) and the National Water Resources Board (NWRB) shall take the lead in planning and organizing activities for the 2024 World Water Day celebration. These offices are authorized to engage and coordinate the participation of DENR agencies/bureaus and other government agencies and the private sector/civil society organizations.

In line with the celebration, the RBCO shall spearhead the conduct of the following activities in the two-week celebration on March 11-22, 2024.

- i. March 11-15: Capacity Building on the River Styles Framework (entitled: "Reconfiguring River Management in the Philippines Part 1);
- ii. March 14-15: Apayao-Abulug Ecosystem-based Approach (EbA) Learning Event;
- iii. March 18: WWD Kick-Off Exhibit;
- iv. March 18-21: Local River Basin Summit (LRBS) for River Basins with newly updated Master Plan, namely Cagayan River Basin, Bicol River Basin, Ilog Hilabangan River Basin, Tagum Libuganon River Basin, and Marikina River Basin; and
- v. March 22: ADB-Technical Assistant No. 6539 Decision Support System National Workshop, and WWD Awards – Culminating Event.

All employees of the DENR Central Office, Bureaus, Regional Offices, PENROs and CENROs are hereby enjoined to participate in the WWD celebration activities.

A report shall be submitted online (<u>bit.ly/LNDportal</u>) to the undersigned through the Human Resource Development Service (HRDS) Training and Development Division, fifteen (15) days after the completion of the activity.

The RBCO Executive Director is authorized to amend this Special Order through a Memorandum should there be changes in the participants and/or to reschedule the event in case of unavailability of the venue or conflict with other activities of the Department.

Any changes in the schedule shall be submitted to the HRDS for records purposes.

This Order takes effect on the dates specified herein.

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