



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



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**Special Order
No. 2024- 400**

SUBJECT: ENDORSING THE COMPOSITION OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON THE SEARCH FOR RECOGNIZING INDIVIDUALS/INSTITUTIONS TOWARDS VIBRANT AND ENHANCED RIVERS FOR LIFE AWARD

In the interest of the service and to recognize individuals/institutions for their contribution in enhancing the state of Philippine rivers nationwide, the creation of the National Committee on the Search for Recognizing Individuals/Institutions towards Vibrant and Enhanced Rivers (R.I.V.E.R.s) for Life Award is hereby amended to be composed of the following:

- Chairperson - Undersecretary for Field Operations and Supervising Undersecretary, EMB and MGB -Luzon and Visayas
- Co- Chairperson - Undersecretary for Field Operations and Supervising Undersecretary, EMB and MGB -Mindanao

Members:

1. OIC, Asst. Secretary for Field Operations for Luzon & Visayas
2. OIC, Assistant Secretary for Field Operations -Western Mindanao and FMB Director, in concurrent capacity
3. Assistant Secretary for Field Operations - Eastern Mindanao
4. Director , Environmental Management Bureau
5. Director, Legal Affairs Service
6. Director, Human Resource Development Service
7. Executive Director, River Basin Coordinating Office

Tasks/Functions:

1. Determine the extent of compliance, thoroughness and quality of work demonstrated by the Supervising/Implementing PENROs and CENROs regarding the submission to the Search for the R.I.V.E.R.s for Life Award.
2. Review completeness of documents submitted.
3. Validate concrete actions taken with regards to maintaining or improving the water quality of a specific river within their area of jurisdiction.
4. Validate/verify compliance with the list of requirements/prerequisites using the Criteria on the Search for R.I.V.E.R.s for Life Award.
5. Validate on the ground if competing entries are engaged on an impasse to break the deadlock; and

6. Determine the winners through a Resolution.

The aforesaid Committee shall coordinate with other Offices for any support and/or assistance to facilitate the implementation of their assigned tasks/functions. All officials of the DENR are enjoined to participate in and support any related activities of the Search for R.I.V.E.R.s for Life Award activities.

To provide administrative and technical support to the National Committee, a Secretariat shall be created with the following members:

Secretariat Head - Director, Environmental Management Bureau

Members:

1. Chief of Staff - Office of the Assistant Secretary for Field Operations for Luzon and Visayas
2. Chief of Staff - Office of the Assistant Secretary for Field Operations for Eastern Mindanao
3. Chief of Staff- Office Assistant Secretary for Field Operations for Western Mindanao


Task/Functions:

1. Prepare the necessary communications for members such as but not limited to notice of meetings, minutes of meeting, resolution, among others.
2. Organize meetings and provide meeting support such as the development of meeting agenda, preparation and circulation of meetings and Search documents.
3. Manage correspondence and regularly update the Search criteria.

Further, the Environmental Management Bureau shall allocate resources and provide funds for the program mobilization, including but not limited to prizes for the winners, trophies and plaques for winners, travel expenses for field validation, food for the conduct of meetings and other related expenses.

All expenses to be incurred for this purpose shall be charged against DENR funds, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

This order shall take effect immediately.


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