

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 06, 2022 MEETING OF THE INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE (IAC) ON THE RESTORATION OF THE OCCIDENTAL MINDORO RIVERS AND ITS TRIBUTARIES

Conducted at DENR MIMAROPA BY THE BAY
December 06, 2022

PRESENT:

Hon. Governor Eduardo B. Gadiano

DENR MIMAROPA - RED Lormelyn E. Claudio, CESO IV

DPWH MIMAROPA - RD Engr. Gerald A. Pacanan, CESO III

MGB MIMAROPA - RD Engr. Glenn Marcelo C. Noble

EMB MIMAROPA - RD Joe Amil M. Salino

ALSO PRESENT:

Head of PGOM Secretariat - Atty. Tirso Augustus L. Abeleda II

DPWH MIMAROPA - Atty. James Corwin S. Custodio

DPWH MIMAROPA - Atty. Elaine Anza

DPWH MIMAROPA - Engr. Dennis P. Abagon

EMB MIMAROPA - Joana Marin

EMB MIMAROPA - Nicole Yuri V. Dorado

Consultant, Office of the Governor of Occidental Mindoro - Regina Unson

IAC Secretariat - Atty. Jaime Lorenzo P. Bañez

1 The meeting began with the reading of the September 05, 2022
2 Minutes. Hearing no further concerns and objections from the Committee,
3 the September 05, 2022 Minutes was then duly approved.

4 Hon. Gov. Gadiano then enumerated seven (7) agendas to be
5 discussed by the Committee, to wit:

6 1. Updates on the proposed IAC Resolution No. 17
7 series of 2022;

- 1 2. Updates on Resolution Nos. 20, 21, and 22 series of
2 2022;
- 3 3. Letter of Seagate Engineering and Buildsystems
4 thru email dated 26 September 2022;
- 5 4. Letter of City Pacific Group, Inc. thru email dated
6 27 September 2022;
- 7 5. Letter of RV Laborte Builders thru email dated 11
8 October 2022;
- 9 6. Letter of Bluemax thru email dated 13 October 2022;
- 10 7. Email of PERCC dated 14 October 2022;
- 11 8. SP Resolution No. 263 series of 2022; and
- 12 9. Other issues and concerns.

13 The Committee then proceeded to discuss the first agenda, the
14 updates on the proposed Revised IAC Resolution No. 17 series of 2022. It
15 was suggested that the September 21, 2022 Technical Conference Minutes
16 should serve as a guidance in drafting the proposed Resolution No. 17.

17 The Committee once again raised the issue on the lack of jurisdiction
18 of the DENR and DPWH over a river mouth. Relatedly, there are
19 proponents that are asking for a proof of authority over a river mouth in
20 order to proceed with the conduct of their respective Environmental
21 Impact Assessment (EIA).

22 The Committee agreed that Resolution No. 17 could be the answer
23 for these concerns. Resolution No. 17 could be the proof of authority for the
24 proponents to conduct clearing operations over a river mouth.
25 Furthermore, it was once again suggested that approved river mouth
26 clearances shall be merely attached to the approved Dredging Master Plans
27 (DMPs) of existing proponents, while new proponents should include river
28 mouth clearance in their proposed DMPs.

29 The Committee likewise agreed that Resolution No. 17 must have a
30 provision on the technical descriptions of "delta" and "river mouth" such
31 as but not limited to: 1) maximum depth of clearing, 2) maximum distance
32 from shoreline, 3) volume of material to be removed, and 4) other
33 necessary information. It was suggested that these shall be collectively

1 called as "River Delta Clearing and Shoreline Enhancement Plan
2 (RDCSEP)."

3 For the revision of Resolution No. 17, it was suggested that it could
4 be patterned after IAC Zambales Resolution No. 3, series of 2019 on river
5 dredging. The DPWH and the MGB were jointly tasked by the Committee
6 to draft the final Resolution No. 17, and to present the same at the next
7 meeting.

8 The Committee then proceeded to discuss the second agenda, the
9 updates on Resolution Nos. 20, 21, and 22 series of 2022. Hearing no further
10 concerns and objections from the Committee, a motion to approve the said
11 resolutions was raised was duly seconded. Thus, the said resolutions were
12 duly approved.

13 The Committee then proceeded to discuss the third, fourth, fifth, and
14 sixth agendas, the letters issued by Seagate Engineering and Buildsystems,
15 City Pacific Group, RV Laborte, Bluemax, and PERCC respectively.

16 The Committee undertook to answer the concerns of these
17 proponents in writing. For City Pacific Group, it must be ordered to submit
18 its Joint Venture Agreement (JVA) with Boskalis, an international
19 corporation, in order to check the technical capacity of the latter. For both
20 RV Laborte and Bluemax, which were requesting for their respective proof
21 of authority to conduct EIA over river delta, they must be informed the
22 pending issuance of Resolution No. 17 that shall serve as proof of
23 authority.

24 The Committee then proceeded to discuss the eight agenda, SP
25 Resolution No. 263 series of 2022. It was relayed to the Committee that the
26 Province of Occidental Mindoro is already authorized to enter into a
27 Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with a proponent to conduct flood
28 mitigation through river mouth clearing, but it was likewise relayed that
29 the proponent has yet to secure and comply with the national permits and
30 requirements for such purpose.


1 It was suggested that Resolution No. 17, the authority for clearing
2 river mouths, should be couched in a way to cover both flood mitigation
3 and flood restoration so that the proponents contemplated by SP
4 Resolution No. 263 series of 2022 are also covered by the said resolution.
5 However, the Committee agreed that flood mitigation and river restoration
6 are two different concepts. Thus, it was likewise suggested that there
7 should be a separate resolution or policy for the application process of
8 flood mitigation proponents.

9 The meeting was adjourned at 12:36 in the afternoon.

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Attested by:


Hon. Eduardo B. Gadiano
Governor of Occidental Mindoro