



Republic of the Philippines
(Republic Act No. 7611)

PALAWAN COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT STAFF

**Excerpts from the Minutes of the 239th PCSD Regular Meeting
Governor's Conference Room, 2/F Capitol Complex
Puerto Princesa City, Palawan
December 15, 2017**

Present:

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| 1. Gov. Jose Ch. Alvarez, Provincial Governor | Chairperson |
| 2. Vice Gov. V. Dennis M. Socrates, Sangguniang Panlalawigan | Vice Chair |
| 3. Dir. Nelson P. Devanadera, Executive Director, PCSDS | Secretary |
| 4. Hon. Dennis M. Sabando, President, Liga ng mga Barangay | Member |
| 5. Atty. Jansen I. Jontila, NGO Representative | Member |
| 6. LTGEN Rozzano D Briguez, Commander, WESCOM | Member |
| 7. Mr. Bobby L. Castro, Representative, Business Sector | Member |

Represented:

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| 8. DDG Adoracion M. Navarro Deputy Director General, NEDA
Represented by Mr. Bernardino Atienza | Member |
| 9. Usec. Ariel T. Cayanan, Undersecretary, DA,
Represented by Dir. Louella Rowena J. Lorenzana | Member |
| 10. Mayor Lucilo R. Bayron, Mayor of Puerto Princesa City
Represented by Atty. Carlo Gomez | Member |
| 11. Hon. Lucena D. Demaala, Pres., League of Municipalities
Represented by Mayor Mary Jean D. Feliciano | Member |

Absent:

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| 12. Usec. Juan Miguel T. Cuna, Undersecretary, DENR | Member |
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PCSD RESOLUTION NO. 17-621

“ENDORISING THE APPROVAL OF THE BUSUANGA ISLAND RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT (BRED) PROJECT LOCATED AT SITE 1: BARANGAYS QUEZON AND CHEEY AND SITE 2: SITIO KIWIT, BARANGAY SAGRADA, BOTH IN BUSUANGA, PALAWAN”

WHEREAS, on June 19, 1992, Republic Act No. 7611, otherwise known as the “Strategic Environmental Plan” for Palawan was enacted, declaring the policy to protect, develop and conserve its natural resources. It shall support and promote the sustainable development goals for the provinces through proper conservation, utilization and development of natural resources to provide optimum yields on a continuing basis;

Vision: Palawan, an innovative and dynamic global center of sustainable development

Mission: PCSDS as the driver of environmental conservation and inclusive development in Palawan, a biosphere reserve and science-for-sustainability site, guided by the Strategic Environmental Plan

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WHEREAS, Section 4 of the same law, a comprehensive framework entitled Strategic Environmental Plan (SEP) was adopted for the sustainable development of Palawan which shall serve to guide the local government and the government agencies concerned in the formulation of plans, programs and projects affecting Palawan;

WHEREAS, Section 6 of the same law provides that the SEP shall serve as the framework to guide the government agencies concerned in the formulation and implementation of plans, programs and projects affecting the environment and natural resources of Palawan; all local governments in Palawan and the concerned national and regional government agencies operating therein shall coordinate and align their projects and the corresponding budgets with the project, programs and policies of the SEP;

WHEREAS, results of a feasibility study revealed that tourism and industrial development have a major impact on increase in power demand. In fact, the Innovation Energie Developpement (IED), based on inputs from PCSD and authorities in Busuanga, forecast that energy demand would grow from 24 GWh in 2017 to 54 GWh in the year 2036, and peak load from 4.4 to 10.0 MW. To put plainly, the current capacity will not be sufficient to meet the energy demand within the next 5 years;

WHEREAS, the recommendation of the study is to progressively integrate renewable energy in Busuanga Island;

WHEREAS, The BRED project aims to determine the best technical and organizational plan to achieve a high penetration of renewable sources in the energy mix to enhance local potentials (i.e. biomass, solar); reduce carbon emissions; rehabilitate degraded land and generate income through the establishment of plantations for energy purposes and define technical set-up replicable on the thousands of islands that make up the archipelago of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, considering that this project is imbued with public interest and in recognition that the generation of renewable energy is essential to sustainable development, it is but necessary that this body endorses the approval of the said BRED Project;

WHEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing premises and on motion duly seconded, the Council resolves to endorse, as it is hereby **ENDORSED**, the approval of the Busuanga Island Renewable Energy Development (BRED) Project located at Site 1: Barangays Quezon and Cheey and Site 2: Sitio Kiwit, Barangay Sagraada, both in Busuanga, Palawan;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the above-mentioned endorsement shall in no way be construed as a substitute for the required SEP Clearance;

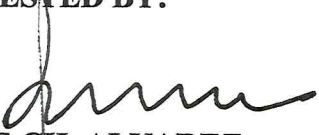
RESOLVED FINALLY, that copies of this resolution be furnished the DENR, DA, DOE, and other concerned agencies and LGU's for their information and guidance;

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 15th day of December 2017 at Puerto Princesa City.

I hereby certify that the above-quoted resolution has been duly adopted by the PCSD
on the 15th day of December 2017.


NELSON P. DEVANADERA
Secretary 

ATTESTED BY:


JOSE CH. ALVAREZ
Chair, PCSD 