

Republic of the Philippines  
PALAWAN COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT  
(R.A. 7611)  
Puerto Princesa City, Palawan

Excerpts from the Minutes of the 43rd Council Meeting of the PCSD held at Innotech Building, Commonwealth Avenue, Quezon City, 22 March 1996.

Present:

Gov. Salvador P. Socrates	-	Chairman
Cong. Alfredo E. Abueg, Jr.	-	Vice-Chairman
Exec. Dir. Arthur R. Ventura	-	Secretary
Cong. Vicente A. Sandoval	-	Member
NEDA DDG Isagani B. Valdellon	-	Member
DA Usec. Rolleo L. Ignacio	-	Member
DENR Usec. Delfin J. Ganapin, Jr.	-	Member
Mayor Alberto G. Enriquez, Jr.	-	Member
Mayor Edward S. Hagedorn	-	Member
rep. by Mr. Angel Padon		
Kgd. Elegio F. Quejano	-	Member
Maj. Crispiniano G. Acosta, Jr.	-	Member
Rev. Fr. Armando R. Limsa	-	Member
Mr. Vic Milan	-	Member
Vice-Governor Joel T. Reyes	-	Member
Brig. Gen. Guillermo R. Ruiz	-	Member
rep. by Capt. Rex T. Robles		

PCSD RESOLUTION NO. 96-05

RESOLUTION FAVORABLY INDORSING THE EARLY PASSAGE OF HOUSE BILL 4145 ENTITLED "AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PALAWAN OIL SPILLAGE CONTROL CENTER AND APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS THEREFOR"

WHEREAS, R.A. 7611 known as the Strategic Environmental Plan (SEP) for Palawan was enacted into law on 19 June, 1992;

WHEREAS, Section 5 of the same Act, the SEP provides for the sustainable development of Palawan through the use of complementary activities of development and conservation that protect life-support ecosystems and rehabilitate exploited areas to allow upcoming generations to sustain development growth;

WHEREAS, Section 12 of said Act provides for the Management of Resources outside of the ECAN that includes Coastal Resources and Catchment Areas;

WHEREAS, Palawan waters include a portion of China Sea, utilized as an international route of foreign and local vessels transporting crude oil and its by-products; thus, poses imminent danger of oil spill to the Palawan marine resources and eco-tourism areas.

WHEREAS, Palawan is the only site of oil drilling in the Philippines, and contingencies to expeditiously mitigate accidental oil spill is a major concern;

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WHEREAS, Palawan abounds in marine resources and habitats that need to be protected from the damage caused by oil exploration, oil spills, and oil pollution. Further, mangroves, seagrasses, coral reefs, fisheries, marine mammals, turtles, birds, beaches and other eco-tourism areas that are vulnerable to degradation, require priority attention and protection against pollution;

WHEREAS, measures for the prevention, control and mitigation of oil pollution has to be undertaken and its administrative machinery be established;

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 4145 was filed by Cong. Abueg Jr., Sandoval and Liban during the First Regular Session of the Tenth Congress at the House of Representatives, entitled "An Act Establishing the Palawan Oil Spillage Control Center and Appropriating Funds Thereof";

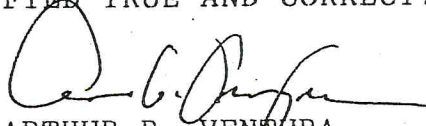
NOW, THEREFORE, upon motion by Cong. Alfredo E. Abueg, Jr., duly seconded by all the members of the council present, the Council:

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, that the Council favorably indorse the early passage of House Bill 4145 entitled "An Act Establishing the Palawan Oil Spillage Control Center and Appropriating Funds Thereof".

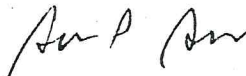
IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of same be distributed to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the authors of the House Bill and other concerned authorities.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 30th day of May, 1996 in Puerto Princesa City, Palawan.

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:

  
ARTHUR R. VENTURA  
Secretary

Approved:

  
SALVADOR P. SOCRATES  
Chairman