

Excerpts from the Minutes of the 62nd PCSD Regular Meeting
SP Session Hall, Provincial Capitol Complex, Puerto Princesa City
5 February 1999

Present:

1. Hon. Alfredo E. Abueg, Jr. - Chairman
 2. Hon. Vicente A. Sandoval - Vice Chairman
 3. Exec. Dir. Joselito C. Alisuag - Secretary
 4. Gov. Salvador P. Socrates - Member
 5. Maj. Gen. Ponciano S. Millena - Member
 6. Atty. Grizelda Mayo-Anda - Member
 7. Hon. Joel Bito-onon - Member
 8. Hon. Ali Montaha Babao - Member
 9. Mr. Rey Rafols - Member
 10. Usec. Elmer S. Mercado - Member
- represented by PENRO Ivene Reyes

Absent:

1. Hon. Edward S. Hagedorn - Member
2. Hon. Myrna O. Lacanilao - Member
3. Usec. Cesar M. Drilon - Member
4. Usec. Orestes R. Ricaforte - Member
5. DDG Isagani B. Valdellon - Member
6. Vice-Gov. Joel T. Reyes - Member

RESOLUTION NO. 133

“A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HOUSE BILL NO. 574, AN ACT MAKING THE APPOINTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICER MANDATORY FOR PROVINCES, CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 484 (B) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991”

WHEREAS, on 19 June 1999, Republic Act No. 7611 was passed adopting the Strategic Environmental Plan (SEP) for Palawan as a comprehensive framework for the sustainable development of Palawan;

WHEREAS, Section 16 of the said Act created the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development (PCSD), under the Office of the President, as the administrative machinery for the governance, implementation and policy direction of the SEP;

WHEREAS, Section 6 provides that “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 projects, programs and policies of the SEP, as administered and implemented by the PCSD”;

WHEREAS, Section 19 empowers the PCSD to “call on any department, bureau, office, agency or instrumentality of the government, and on private entities and organizations for cooperation and assistance in the performance of its functions;

WHEREAS, the local government units (LGU’s) play an important role in the operationalization of the SEP, particularly in the adoption and execution of the necessary legislation in support of the policy directions of the PCSD as well as in harmonizing public participation in the implementation of programs and projects;

WHEREAS, the LGU’s involvement under the SEP and its efforts towards the proper management of the environmental and natural resources can be spearheaded by an environment and natural resources officer (ENRO) in the municipal level;

WHEREAS, Section 484 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991 provides for the appointment of an ENRO, however, the same is optional for the provincial, city and municipal governments;

WHEREAS, in order to effectively implement programs and projects at the local level and to ensure that the same are within the principles of sustainable development to which the Philippine government in various international agreements has committed to uphold, it is but appropriate to make mandatory the appointment by LGU’s of their respective ENRO’s who shall perform the aforementioned function;

WHEREAS, Deputy Speaker Alfredo E. Abueg, Jr. introduced to the Eleventh Congress House Bill No. 574 entitled An Act Making the Appointment of Environmental and Natural Resources Officer Mandatory for Provinces, Cities and Municipalities, Amending for the Purpose Section 484 (B) of Republic Act Numbered Seven Thousand One Hundred Sixty, Otherwise Known as the Local Government Code of 1991;

WHEREAS, Section 1 of the aforementioned House Bill provides for the following amendment of Section 484 of Republic Act No. 7160:

Section 484. Qualification, Powers and Duties.

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The appointment of the Environment and Resources Officer is [optional] MANDATORY for the Provincial, City and FIRST TO THIRD CLASS municipal governments and OPTIONAL FOR FOURTH TO SIXTH CLASS MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS.

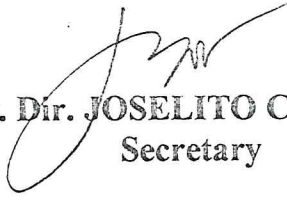
“ x x x x ”

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Atty. Joselito C. Alisuag, duly seconded by Hon. Vicente Sandoval, be it **RESOLVED**, as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, to support House Bill No. 574 filed in Congress by Deputy Speaker Alfredo E. Abueg, Jr., seeking the amendment of the Local Government Code of 1991 to make mandatory the appointment of the position of Municipal Environmental and Natural Resources Officer in the first to third class municipalities and optional for the fourth to sixth class municipalities.

RESOLVED FINALLY, that copy of this resolution be furnished the Eleventh Congress, House of Representatives, Quezon City.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of *February* 1999 in *Puerto Princesa City*.

I hereby certify to the correctness and accuracy of the above-quoted resolution.


Exec. Dir. JOSELITO C. ALISUAG
Secretary

APPROVED:


Dep. Speaker ALFREDO E. ABUEG, JR.
Chairman