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**PALAWAN COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**



Excerpts from the Minutes of the 143rd PCSD Regular Meeting held at the  
Palawan Sustainable Development Institute (PSDTI)  
RVMCSD, Irawan, Princesa City  
December 14, 2007

**Present:**

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| 1. Gov. Joel T. Reyes, Provincial Governor                         | Chairman      |
| 2. Rep. Antonio C. Alvarez, 1 <sup>st</sup> District, Palawan      | Vice Chairman |
| 3. Rep. Abraham Kahlil B. Mitra, 2 <sup>nd</sup> District, Palawan | Member        |
| 4. Sec. Alfredo E. Abueg, Jr., Presidential Assistant, OP          | Member        |
| 5. Vice Gov. David A. Ponce de Leon, Sangguniang Panlalawigan      | Member        |
| 6. Mayor Mario T. Reyes, Pres., League of Municipalities           | Member        |
| 7. Usec Phineas Alburo, Undersecretary, DOT                        | Member        |
| 8. Kgw. Evelyn V. Rodriguez, Pres., Liga ng mga Barangay           | Member        |
| 9. Commodore Ruperto Rico C Borromeo, Commander, WESCOM            | Member        |
| 10. Mrs. Virginia T. Gapuz, Business Sector Representative         | Member        |
| 11. Mrs. Ma. Cleofe P. Bernardino, NGO Representative              | Member        |
| 12. Mrs. Cristina V. Matta, Palawan Tourism Council Representative | Member        |
| 13. Dir. Romeo B. Dorado, OIC-Executive Director, PCSDS            | Secretary     |

**Absent**

14. Pros. Alen Ross B. Rodriguez, DOJ-Provincial Prosecution Office Member

**Absent but duly represented**

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| 15. Usec Manuel D. Gerochi, Undersecretary, DENR<br>Represented by PENRO Juan C. Dela Cruz                     | Member |
| 16. Usec. Jesus Emmanuel Paras, Undersecretary, DA<br>Represented by Regional Director Roberto Masbang         | Member |
| 17. Commissioner Eugenio A. Ensigne, Chairman, NCIP<br>Represented by Director Belino P. Osingat               | Member |
| 18. Dir. August B. Santos, OIC-Director-General, NEDA<br>Represented by Director Oscar Balbastro               | Member |
| 19. Mayor Edward S. Hagedorn, City Mayor, Puerto Princesa City<br>Represented by City ENRO Rogelio Daquer      | Member |
| 20. PS/Supt Dennis J. Peña, PNP Provincial Director<br>Represented by Police Senior Inspector Rosalina Dumaran | Member |

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**PCSD RESOLUTION NO. 07-343**

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**“A RESOLUTION ENJOINING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
UNITS TO REQUIRE AREA CLEARANCE FROM THE PCSD AS A  
PREREQUISITE TO THE ISSUANCE OF SANGGUNIANG BAYAN  
INDORSEMENT”**

***“PCSDDS: Working together towards sustaining the future.”***

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**WHEREAS**, R.A. 7611, otherwise known as the Strategic Environmental Plan (SEP) for Palawan, took effect on 19 June 1992, Section 6 of which provides that the SEP shall serve as the framework to guide the government agencies concerned in the formulation of plans, programs and projects affecting the environment and natural resources of Palawan;

**WHEREAS**, Section 16 of the same law provides that the governance, implementation and policy direction of the SEP shall be exercised by the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development (PCSD), under the Office of the President;

**WHEREAS**, Sections 7 to 11 of said Act provides for the establishment of an Environmentally Critical Areas Network (ECAN), the main strategy of SEP, which is a graded system of protection and development control over the whole of Palawan, including its tribal lands, forests, mines, agricultural areas, settlement areas, small islands, mangroves, coral reefs, seagrass beds and the surrounding sea;

**WHEREAS**, to ensure the attainment of the ends of ECAN, the PCSD promulgated Administrative Order No. 06 on the SEP Clearance System through which all projects of the proponents are evaluated based on ECAN Zoning of Palawan, as above-mentioned, as well as based on their ecological sustainability, social acceptability and economic viability;

**WHEREAS**, the said SB endorsement, among others, has been a necessary requirement for the issuance of SEP Clearance in order to ensure the ends of SEP Law as mentioned above;

**WHEREAS**, under the existing procedure for the issuance of SEP Clearance as well as that of SB endorsement, there are prevailing negative experiences among the project proponents, so much so that many of those who have already secured SB endorsement from concerned Local Government Unit in accordance with the flow of procedure are not able to get a favorable response from the PCSD on the ground that their proposed projects are applied for in areas prohibited for such projects under the existing ECAN guidelines/zonation;

**WHEREAS**, in order not only to ensure the conservation and protection of the environment but also for the sake of project proponents so as to lessen on their part useless efforts and further frustrations, there is a need for a mechanism by which ECAN Zonation is integrated at the early stage of the procurement of required documents, leaving the Council to evaluate only on other considerations such as but not limited to social acceptability, ecological sustainability and economic viability before the issuance of SEP Clearance;

**WHEREFORE**, upon motion duly seconded, the Council resolves, as it is hereby resolved, to enjoin all Local Government Units of Palawan, as they are hereby enjoined, to require Area Clearance from the PCSD as a necessary requirement or prerequisite before the issuance of SB indorsement;

**RESOLVED FINALLY**, that copy of this resolution be furnished all the Local Government Units and other concerned agencies in the Province of Palawan for information and action.

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED** this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December 2007 at Puerto Princesa City.

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I hereby certify that the above-quoted Resolution has been duly adopted and approved by the PCSD on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of December 2007 at Puerto Princesa City.

  
**ROMEO B. DORADO**  
Secretary

**APPROVED:**

  
**JOEL T. REYES**  
Chairman 