Excerpts from the Minutes of the 230th PCSD Regular Meeting
Governor's Conference Room, 2/F Capitol Complex
Puerto Princesa City, Palawan
December 20, 2016

Present:

1.	Gov. Jose Ch. Alvarez, Provincial Governor	Chair
2.	Vice Gov. Victorino Dennis M. Socrates, Sangguniang Panlalawigan	Vice Chair
3.	Dir. Nelson P. Devanadera, Executive Director, PCSDS	Secretary
4.	Usec. Marlo D. Mendoza, Undersecretary, DENR	Member
5.	DDG Adoracion M. Navarro, NEDA	Member
6.	Hon. Lucena D. Demaala, Pres., League of Municipalities	Member
7.	Mr. Bobby Castro, Private Sector Representative	Member
8.	Atty. Jansen Jontila, NGO Representative	Member

Represented:

9.	VADM Ronald Joseph S Mercado, Commander, WESCOM Represented by COMMO Allan Cusi	Member

Absent:

10.	Atty. Leonor T. Oralde-Quintayo, Chairperson, NCIP,	Member
11.	Hon. Lucilo R. Bayron, Mayor, Puerto Princesa City	Member
12.	Mr. Dennis M. Sabando, President, Liga ng mga Barangay	Member

PCSD RESOLUTION NO. 16-575

"APPROVING SEVENTY-FIVE ADDITIONAL (75) POSITIONS TO THE EXISTING STAFFING PATTERN OF THE PALAWAN COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT STAFF"

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7611, otherwise known as the Strategic Environmental Plan (SEP) for Palawan, took effect on June 19,1992, 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 2 thereof declares the policy of the State to protect, develop and conserve its natural resources towards which, it shall assist and support the implementation of plans, programs and projects formulated to preserve and enhance the environment, and at the same time pursue the socioeconomic development goals of the country; that 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;

WHEREAS, the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development (PCSD) is the policy making agency mandated to exercise the governance, implementation and policy direction of the Strategic Environmental Plan for Palawan Act;

WHEREAS, Section 19, paragraph 7 of the same law provides that the Council has the power and function to establish policies and guidelines for employment on the basis, of merit, technical competence and moral character and prescribe a compensation and staffing pattern for the PCSD Staff;

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WHEREAS, the PCSD is also explicitly vested with additional functions for the implementation of Republic Act No. 9147 otherwise known as the Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act, Republic Act No. 9175 or the Chainsaw Act of 2002 and Republic Act No. 9072, or the Caves and Cave Resources Management and Protection Act;

WHEREAS, the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development Staff (PCSDS) as the professional support staff of the PCSD started its rationalization efforts since its creation under Republic Act No. 7611 or the Strategic Environmental Plan (SEP) for Palawan in 1992;

WHEREAS, the PCSDS Rationalization Plan was approved by the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) and implemented in 2006;

WHEREAS, with the current mandates, new directions and challenges to pursue sustainable development in the province of Palawan, PCSD is presently confronted with technical manpower resource constraints to expeditiously deal with its increasing workload, and strengthen its capacity to manage problems and issues on environmental protection and development;

WHEREAS, reinforcing the workforce is crucial for the agency to address current and emerging challenges and to extensively fulfill its mandates;

WHEREAS, the PCSDS undertook an assessment study to identify and propose for the creation of additional plantilla positions to fill the gap in the workforce and for PCSDS to effectively deliver its mandates, programs, projects and activities;

WHEREAS, the study covered the manpower assessment of eight Divisions consisting of the ECAN Zones Management Division (EZMED), ECAN Monitoring and Evaluation Division (EMED), ECAN Policy Research and Planning Division (EPRPD), ECAN Environmental Education Division (EEED), District Management Office (DMO) North, District Management Office (DMO) South, District Management Office (DMO) Calamian, and Finance and Administrative Division (FAD) being supervised by the Office of the Executive Director (OED);

WHEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing premises and on motion duly seconded, the Council resolves to approve, as it is hereby APPROVED an additional seventy-five (75) positions to the existing staffing pattern of the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development Staff;

RESOLVED FINALLY, that copy of this resolution be furnished the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), concerned agencies and parties for information and guidance;

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 20th day of December 2016 in Puerto Princesa City, Palawan.

I hereby certify that the above-quoted resolution has been duly adopted by the PCSD on the 20th day of December 2016.

NELSON P. DEVANADERA
Secretary

ATTESTED BY:

HON. JOSE CH. ALVAREZ
Chair, PCSD