



Republic of the Philippines  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
**PALAWAN COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

**Excerpt from the Minutes of the PCSD Special Meeting  
Sangguniang Panlalawigan Session Hall  
Capitol Compound, Puerto Princesa City  
19 October 2001**

**Present:**

1. Rep. Vicente A. Sandoval - Chairman  
Palawan rep. (1<sup>st</sup> District), House of Representatives
2. Hon. Mario Joel T. Reyes, Provincial Governor - Vice-Chairman
3. Atty. Joselito C. Alisuag, Executive Director, PCSDS - Secretary
4. Rep. Abraham Kahlil B. Mitra - Member  
Palawan rep. (2<sup>nd</sup> District), House of Representatives
5. Usec. Cesar M. Drilon, DA - Member  
Represented by Atty. Leopoldo Villalobos
6. Vice Gov. David A. Ponce de Leon - Member  
Presiding Office, Sangguniang Panlalawigan
7. Hon. V. Dennis M. Socrates, City Mayor, PPC - Member  
Represented by Vice Mayor Fernando Batul
8. Hon. Alberto G. Enriquez, Pres., League of Mun. - Member
9. Kgwd. Joel B. Bito-onon, Pres. Liga Ng Mga Brgy. - Member
10. Rev. Fr. Armando R. Limsa, NGO representative - Member
11. P/Supt Jacinto C. Diño, Provincial Director - Member  
Palawan Police Provincial Office

**Absent:**

1. Dep.Dir-Gen Augusto B. Santos, NEDA - Member
2. Usec. Demetrio L. Ignacio, DENR - Member
3. Usec. Evelyn B. Pantig, DOT - Member

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**PCSD Resolution No. 01-192**

***URGING THE UNDERSECRETARY FOR SPECIAL CONCERNS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (DA), THE UNDERSECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (DENR) AND THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (NEDA) TO OBSERVE FAITHFULLY AND COMPLY WITH THE PROVISION OF SECTION 16 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7611.***

***WHEREAS***, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7611 creating the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development provides as follows:

*“The governance, implementation and policy direction of the Strategic Environmental Plan shall be exercised by the herein created Palawan Council for Sustainable Development (PCSD), hereinafter referred to as the Council, which shall be under Office of the President. It shall be composed of the Members of the House of Representatives representing the Province of Palawan, the Deputy Director General of the National Economic and Development Authority, the Undersecretary of Environment and Natural Resources, the Undersecretary for Special Concerns of the Department of Agriculture, the Governor of Palawan, the Mayor of Puerto Princesa City, the President of the Mayor’s League of Palawan, the President of the Provincial Chapter of the Liga ng mga Barangay, the Executive Director of the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development Staff as provided in Section 20 of this Act, and such other members from the public or private sectors as the majority of the Council may deem necessary.”*

**WHEREAS**, clear intention of the law is for the above-cited mandated members of the Council to attend its meetings **in person** and not simply by sending their representatives;

**WHEREAS**, the records of the Council show that except for a few meetings, the Undersecretaries of the Department of Agriculture and Department of Environment and Natural Resources and the NEDA Deputy Director General have either been absent and represented only by their subordinate officials or totally absent without any representation at all;

**WHEREAS**, the Council meets only once a month for all its regular meetings during the last Friday thereof, which date is fixed in advanced thereby giving due notice to all council Members;

**WHEREAS**, repeated absence from Council meetings of its mandated members particularly the above-mentioned officials may constitute neglect of duty;

**WHEREFORE**, on unanimous motion, be it resolved, as it is hereby resolved, to strongly urge the Undersecretary for Special Concerns of Agriculture, the Undersecretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and the NEDA Deputy Director General to observe faithfully and comply with Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7611 by attending in person the regular meetings of the Council or face possible sanctions for neglect of duty.

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that copies of this Resolution be furnished the mandated officials mentioned above, the Honorable Secretary of Agriculture, the Honorable Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources and the NEDA Director General for their information and appropriate action.



**ADOPTED and APPROVED** this 19<sup>th</sup> day of *October* 2001 in *Puerto Princesa City*.

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

  
**Atty. JOSELITO C. ALISUAG**  
**Secretary**

**Approved:**

  
**Hon. VICENTE A. SANDOVAL**  
**Chairman**