



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



**EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 141<sup>st</sup> PCSD REGULAR MEETING**  
**Sangguniang Bayan Session Hall, Coron, Palawan**

**Present:**

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| 1. Hon. Mario Joel T. Reyes<br>Provincial Governor, Palawan                                  | - | Chairman      |
| 2. Hon. Antonio C. Alvarez<br>Palawan Representative, 1 <sup>st</sup> District               | - | Vice Chairman |
| 3. Hon. Abraham Kahlil B. Mitra<br>Palawan Representative, 2nd District                      | - | Member        |
| 4. Hon. David A. Ponce de Leon<br>Vice Governor, Presiding Officer, Sangguniang Panlalawigan | - | Member        |
| 5. Hon. Manuel D. Gerochi<br>DENR Undersecretary   | - | Member        |
| 6. Hon. Mario T. Reyes, Jr.<br>President, League of Municipalities                           | - | Member        |
| 7. Hon. Evelyn V. Rodriguez<br>President, Liga ng mga Barangay                               | - | Member        |
| 8. Mr. Romeo B. Dorado<br>OIC Executive Director   | - | Secretary     |
| 9. Hon. Eugenio A. Insigne<br>Chairman, NCIP   | - | Member        |
| 10. Mrs. Virginia T. Gapuz<br>Business Sector Representative                                 | - | Member        |
| 11. PS/Supt Dennis J. Peña<br>PNP Provincial Director  | - | Member        |
| 12. Ms. Ma. Cleofe P. Bernardino<br>NGO Representative                                       | - | Member        |

**Absent:**

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| 13. DDG Augusto B. Santos<br>Deputy Director General, NEDA                | - | Member |
| 14. Hon. Alfredo E. Abueg, Jr.<br>Representative, Office of the President | - | Member |
| 15. Hon. Edward S. Hagedorn<br>Mayor, City of Puerto Princesa             | - | Member |
| 16. Hon. Eduardo A. Jarque<br>Undersecretary, DOT                         | - | Member |
| 17. Mr. Placido Noel C. Matta<br>Palawan Tourism Council                  | - | Member |

**The following members were absent, but duly represented:**

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| 18. Hon. Emmanuel M. Paras<br>Undersecretary for Fisheries, DA<br>Represented by Engr. Elmer T. Ferry | - | Member |
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19. Commodore Ricco Ruperto C. Borromeo - Member  
Commander, WESCOM  
Represented by Col. Arturo B. Salazar PAF Commander, JTFM

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PCSD RESOLUTION NO. 07 - 335

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**“A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE JAPAN BANK FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM FOR THE INCLUSION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLANS AND PROGRAMS IDENTIFIED IN THE SOUTHERN PALAWAN TOURISM MASTER PLAN TO THE LIST OF PRIORITY PROJECTS FOR THE SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FOR CENTRAL PHILIPPINES (SEMP-CP)”**

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WHEREAS, Section 6 of Republic Act 7611 otherwise known as the Strategic Environmental Plan (SEP) for Palawan Act provides that the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development (PCSD) shall exercise the governance, implementation and policy direction of the SEP,”

WHEREAS, the main strategy of the SEP is the establishment of the Environmentally Critical Areas Network (ECAN), a graded system of protection and development control over Palawan that needs to be operationalized considering that ECAN Zoning is a management tool to ensure environmental management and protection of critical environments;

WHEREAS, ECAN Zoning is a pre-condition to the implementation of all development projects in Palawan including the identification of Tourism Development Areas being the objectives of the Department of Tourism’s Sustainable Tourism Development Component and the implementation of the Soil Erosion Protection Component of the Department of Public Works and Highways all being sub-components of the Sustainable Environmental Management Project in Northern Palawan (SEMP-NP);

WHEREAS, the recently concluded Sustainable Environmental Management Project for Northern Palawan (SEMP-NP), of which ECAN Zoning was one of the three (3) project sub-components, was rated as one of the best performing Foreign Assisted Projects (FAPs) based on the Overseas Development Assistance (ODA) Review Meeting conducted in March 2006 by the National Economic Development Authority (NEDA);

WHEREAS, the need for a similar project is identified for Southern Palawan, and that the gained momentum in its implementation needs to be pursued; considering its vast potentials in terms of natural resources, ecotourism development, fishery, forestry and agricultural development;

WHEREAS, a South Palawan Tourism Master Plan was formulated and finalized in July 2007 identifying priority ecotourism and agriculture and livelihood projects for the southern Palawan municipalities to ensure a strong backward and forward linkages to promote sustainable development in the province;

WHEREAS, preparatory studies and projects ready for implementation were prioritized by different Local Government Units (LGU) as embodied in the South Palawan Master Plan crafted by no other than the Department of Tourism Region IV with assistance from respective LGUs and the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development Staff (PCSDS);

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Honorable Congressman Abraham Kahlil B. Mitra and duly seconded, the Council RESOLVES as it is hereby RESOLVED that a request be made, as it is hereby requested that JBIC through the Department of Tourism include South Palawan Tourism Master Plan in the proposed Sustainable Environmental Management Program for Central Philippines;

RESOLVED FINALLY, that copies of this resolution be furnished to Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) and the Department of Tourism (DOT) for their information and consideration.

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

  
**ROMEO B. DORADO**  
Secretary

APPROVED:

  
**GOV. MARIO JOEL T. REYES**  
Chairman