



Republic of the Philippines  
**OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**  
**PALAWAN COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**  
 Excerpts from the Minutes of the 143rd PCSD Regular Meeting held at the  
 Sangguniang Panlalawigan Session Hall, Legislative Building  
 Provincial Capitol Complex, Puerto Princesa City  
 September 28, 2007



**Present:**

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| 1. Gov. Joel T. Reyes, Provincial Governor                          | Chairman  |
| 2. Rep. Abraham Kahlil B. Mitra, 2 <sup>nd</sup> District, Palawan  | Member    |
| 3. Vice Gov. David A. Ponce de Leon, Sangguniang Panlalawigan       | Member    |
| 4. Usec Manuel D. Gerochi, Undersecretary, DENR                     | Member    |
| 5. Mayor Marjo T. Reyes, Pres., League of Municipalities            | Member    |
| 6. Kgw. Evelyn V. Rodriguez, Pres., Liga ng mga Barangay            | Member    |
| 7. Mrs. Ma. Cleofe P. Bernardino, NGO Representative                | Member    |
| 8. Mrs. Cristina V. Matta, Palawan Tourism Council Representative   | Member    |
| 9. Dir. Romeo B. Dorado, OIC-Executive Director, PCSDS              | Secretary |
| 10. Pros. Alen Ross B. Rodriguez, DOJ-Provincial Prosecution Office | Member    |

**Absent**

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| 11. Rep. Antonio C. Alvarez, 1 <sup>st</sup> District, Palawan | Vice Chairman |
| 12. Sec. Alfredo E. Abueg, Jr., Presidential Assistant, OP     | Member        |
| 13. Mrs. Virginia T. Gapuz, Business Sector Representative     | Member        |
| 14. Commissioner Eugenio A. Ensigne, Chairman, NCIP            | Member        |
| 15. Usec. Eduardo A. Jarque, Undersecretary, DOT               | Member        |

**Absent but duly represented**

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| 16. Represented by PENRO Juan C. Dela Cruz<br>Usec. Jesus Emmanuel Paras, Undersecretary, DA  | Member |
| 17. Represented by Engr Elmer Ferry<br>Represented by Director Belino P. Osingat<br>Dir. August B. Santos, OIC-Director-General, NEDA | Member |
| 18. Represented by Director Oscar Balbastro<br>Mayor Edward S. Hagedorn, City Mayor, Puerto Princesa City                             | Member |
| 19. Represented by City ENRO Rogelio Daquer<br>Commodore Ruperto Rico C Borromeo, Commander, WESCOM                                   | Member |
| 20. Represented by Dep. BGen Manuel Managilod<br>PS/Supt Dennis J. Peña, PNP Provincial Director                                      | Member |
| Represented by Police Supt Reynaldo Jagmis  |        |

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**PCSD RESOLUTION NO. 07-338**

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**“A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT TO THE PROPOSED REGIONALIZATION OF PALAWAN, THE DIVISION OF THE PROVINCE INTO THREE, THE CREATION OF ADDITIONAL CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS THEREFOR, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PUERTO PRINCESA AS ITS REGIONAL CENTER AND THE CONVERSION OF PCSD INTO THE PALAWAN REGIONAL COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT”**

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

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**WHEREAS**, during the PCSD regular meeting on September 28, 2007, the Honorable Vice Governor and council member David A. Ponce de Leon, formally presented to the council the proposed creation of the Palawan administrative and environment region, dividing the present province into three provinces and the creation of additional congressional districts therefor, with the City of Puerto Princesa as the regional center;

**WHEREAS**, included in the afore-cited proposal is the conversion of the PCSD into the Palawan Regional Council for Sustainable Development and the PCSD Staff as its secretariat, coordinating and technical staff;

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**WHEREAS**, aside from Palawan's geographic characteristics, it also enjoys a special recognition for being the "last frontier" due to its natural bounties and ecological uniqueness deserving a special protective mantle from the legislature through the enactment Republic Act No. 7611, otherwise known as the Strategic Environmental Plan (SEP) for Palawan Act;

**WHEREAS**, the proposed regionalization of the present Province, the establishment of Puerto Princesa City as its regional center, and the conversion of the PCSD into a regional council for sustainable development will provide not only its own regional identity but will also entice greater effort from the local government units within the new region towards protection and development of natural resources thereby achieving the sustainable development objectives of Palawan region;

**WHEREFORE**, upon motion duly seconded, the Council resolves, as it is hereby **RESOLVED** to support the proposed regionalization of Palawan, the division of the province into three, the creation of additional congressional districts therefor, the establishment of Puerto Princesa as its regional center and the conversion of PCSD into the Palawan Regional Council for Sustainable Development;

**RESOLVED FINALLY**, that copy of this resolution be furnished the Office of the Provincial Governor, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan and the National Economic Development Authority for their information.

**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 <sup>th</sup> day of <sup>ember</sup> 2007 at Puerto Princesa City.

  
**ROMEO B. DORADO**  
Secretary

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**JOEL T. REYES**  
Chairman

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