



Republic of the Philippines  
(Republic Act No. 7611)

## PALAWAN COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT STAFF

Excerpts from the Minutes of the 244<sup>th</sup> PCSD Regular Meeting  
Citystate Asturias Hotel, Puerto Princesa City  
June 18, 2018

### Present:

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| 1. Gov. Jose Ch. Alvarez, Provincial Governor,                      | Chair      |
| 2. Vice Gov. Victorino Dennis M. Socrates, Sangguniang Panlalawigan | Vice Chair |
| 3. DDG Adoracion M. Navarro, Deputy Director General, NEDA          | Member     |
| 4. Dir. Nelson P. Devanadera, Executive Director, PCSDS             | Secretary  |
| 5. Hon. Lucena D. Demaala, Pres., League of Municipalities          | Member     |
| 6. Atty. Jansen Jontila, NGO Representative                         | Member     |
| 7. LTGEN Rozzano D. Briguez, Commander, WESCOM                      | Member     |

### Represented:

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| 8. Usec Juan Miguel T. Cuna, Undersecretary, DENR<br>Represented by Engr Maria Dorica Naz-Hipe   | Member |
| 9. Usec. Ariel T. Cayanan, Undersecretary, DA<br>Represented by Dir. Louella Rowena J. Lorenzana | Member |
| 10. Hon. Lucilo R. Bayron, Mayor, Puerto Princesa City<br>Represented by Atty Carlo S. Gomez     | Member |

### Absent:

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| 11. Hon. Dennis M. Sabando, President, Liga ng mga Barangay | Member |
| 12. Mr. Bobby Castro, Private Sector Representative         | Member |

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## PCSD RESOLUTION NO. 18-634

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**“ACCEPTING THE OFFICIAL DESIGNATION AS THE ON-SITE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY OF PALAWAN BIOSPHERE RESERVE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN FOR PALAWAN, ALLOCATING FUNDS THEREFOR AS PART OF THE REGULAR ACTIVITIES OF THE PCSDS”**

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 7611, otherwise known as the Strategic Environmental Plan (SEP) for Palawan Act was approved on June 19, 1992;

*Vision:* Palawan, an innovative and dynamic global center of sustainable development  
*Mission:* PCSDS as the driver of environmental conservation and inclusive development in Palawan, a biosphere reserve and science-for-sustainability site, guided by the Strategic Environmental Plan

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**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);

**WHEREAS**, the SEP shall support and promote the sustainable development goals for the province through proper conservation, utilization and development of natural resources to provide optimum yields on a continuing basis;

**WHEREAS**, the general philosophy of the SEP is sustainable development, which is the improvement in the quality of life of its people in the present and future generations through the use of complementary activities of development and conservation that protect life-support ecosystem and rehabilitate exploited areas to allow upcoming generations to sustain development growth;

**WHEREAS**, in the exercise of its function, the Council through the Staff has developed and currently pursuing an agenda and sustainable development action plan that are aligned with the Lima Action Plan and the United Nation Sustainable Development Goal or Agenda 2030;

**WHEREAS**, the Palawan Biosphere Reserve covers the whole of the Environmentally Critical Areas Network (ECAN), the main strategy of the SEP which is a graded system of protection and development control over tribal lands, forests, mines, agricultural and settlement areas, small islands, mangroves, coral reefs, seagrass beds and the surrounding sea;

**WHEREAS**, the province of Palawan was inscribed as Man and the Biosphere Reserve (BR) of the UNESCO MAB Programme on March 27, 1990 and has since then continuously served as a model BR in the country and the global network of biosphere reserves under UNESCO MAB;

**WHEREAS**, the MAB Advisory Committee has officially recognized after over two decades that Palawan BR meets the criteria of Statutory Framework of the World Network of Biosphere Reserves and has satisfactorily fulfilled three complementary functions, namely, (1) conservation function, (2) development function, and (3) logistic support function;

**WHEREAS**, in today's meeting the PCSDS presented the letter of the Secretary-General of the UNESCO National Commission of the Philippines (UNACOM) congratulating and recognizing the PCSD as the on-site management authority of the Palawan BR, as well as assuring its unwavering support thereto;

**WHEREFORE**, in consideration of the foregoing premises and upon motion duly seconded, the Council resolves to accept as it is hereby RESOLVED and ACCEPTED the official designation as the on-site Management Authority of the Palawan Biosphere Reserve under UNESCO's Man and the Biosphere Programme.


**RESOLVED FINALLY** that copies of this Resolution be furnished to the UNESCO National Commission of the Philippines, and the MAB Council of UNESCO Headquarters in France.

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED** this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June 2018 at Puerto Princesa City, Palawan.

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I hereby certify that the above-quoted resolution has been duly adopted by the PCSD on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of June 2018 at Puerto Princesa City, Palawan.

  
**NELSON P. DEVANADERA**  
Secretary 

**ATTESTED BY:**

  
**JOSE CH. ALVAREZ**  
Chair, PCSD 