

Republic of the Philippines
Palawan Council for Sustainable Development
(R.A. 7611)
Puerto Princesa City, Palawan

Excerpts from the Minutes of the 28th Council Meeting of the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development held at the Club Noah, El Nido, Palawan, 26 July 1994.

Present:

Gov. Salvador P. Socrates	-	Chairman
Exec. Dir. Arthur R. Ventura	-	Secretary
Dep. Dir. Gen. Aniceto M. Sobrepena	-	Member
Usec. Ricardo M. Umali	-	Member
Rev. Fr. Armando R. Limsa	-	Member
Atty. Teodoro Q. Pena	-	Member
Mr. Vic Milan	-	Member
Maj. Gen. Carlos F. Tanega	-	Member
Mr. Marjio Abueg representing Cong. Alfredo E. Abueg Jr.	-	Member
Reg. Dir. Jose S. Garrido Jr. representing Usec. Joemari Gerochi	-	Member
Mr. Mario Daquer representing Mayor Edward S. Hagedorn	-	Member
Mr. Soc Madamba representing Vice-Gov. Joel T. Reyes	-	Member

Absent:

Cong. David A. Ponce de Leon	-	Vice-Chairman
Cong. Alfredo E. Abueg Jr.	-	Member
Usec. Joemari D. Gerochi	-	Member
Mayor Wenceslao de las Alas	-	Member
Mayor Edward S. Hagedorn	-	Member
Kgd. Rodolfo C. Flordeliza	-	Member
Maj. Crispiniano G. Acosta Jr.	-	Member
Vice-Gov. Joel T. Reyes	-	Member

PCSD RESOLUTION NO. 94-56

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT TO THE PROPOSED MINING ACT AND REQUESTING THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS TO EXPEDITIOUSLY CAUSE THE EARLY PASSAGE OF THE SAID PROPOSED ACT

WHEREAS, R.A. 7611, otherwise known as the Strategic Environmental Plan (SEP) for Palawan, took effect on 19 June 1992 and Section 16 of said Act provides that the governance, implementation and policy direction of the SEP shall be exercised by the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development (PCSD), under the Office of the President;

WHEREAS, Sections 7-11 of said Act provides for the establishment of an Environmentally Critical Areas Network (ECAN), the main strategy of SEP which is a graded system of protection and development control over the whole of Palawan, including its tribal lands, forests, mines, agricultural areas, settlement areas, small islands, mangroves, coral reefs, seagrass beds and the surrounding sea;

WHEREAS, the PCSD, in its 23rd Council meeting held on 18 February 1994, adopted the guidelines in implementing the ECAN, prescribing among others, the allowable activities within the identified zones;

WHEREAS, one of the functions of the PCSD as provided for in Section 19(5) of R.A. 7611 is to "recommend to the Congress of the Philippines such matters that may require legislation in support of the objectives of the SEP";

WHEREAS, the PCSD recognizes that in implementing the SEP, and the ECAN in particular, one of its constraints is the existence of outdated forestry laws, specifically P.D. 705;

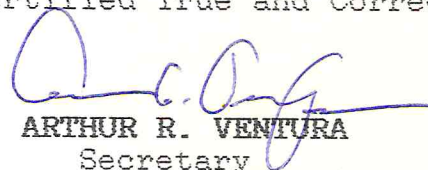
NOW THEREFORE, upon motion by Maj. Gen. Carlos F. Tanega, duly seconded by Usec. Ricardo M. Umali, all the members of the Council present;

RESOLVED, as it hereby resolve, that the Council express its support to the proposed New Forestry Code now pending in Congress and request the Honorable Members of Congress to act expeditiously and cause the early passage of the said Code;

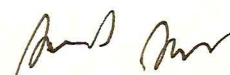
RESOLVED FINALLY, that copies of this resolution be sent to the Honorable Members of Congress, local government units and other concerned agencies for their information, consideration and appropriate action;

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 26th day of July, 1994 in El Nido, Palawan.

Certified True and Correct:


ARTHUR R. VENTURA
Secretary

Approved:


SALVADOR P. SOCRATES
Chairman

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