



Republic of the Philippines  
(Republic Act No. 7611)

## PALAWAN COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

**PCSD Excerpts from the Minutes of the 261<sup>st</sup> PCSD Executive Committee Meeting**

**Ivy Wall, Best Western Plus Hotel**

**Puerto Princesa City, Palawan**

**November 26, 2019**

**Present:**

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| 1. Vice Gov. Victorino Dennis M. Socrates, Sangguniang Panlalawigan | Vice Chair |
| 2. Dir. Nelson P. Devanadera, Executive Director, PCSDS             | Secretary  |
| 3. Usec. Rodolfo C. Garcia, DENR                                    | Member     |
| 4. Mr. Bobby L. Castro, Private Sector Representative               | Member     |
| 5. Atty. Jansen Jontila, NGO Representative                         | Member     |

**Represented:**

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| 6. Usec. Adoracion M. Navarro, Deputy Director General, NEDA<br>Represented by Ms. Sherryl Sarabia | Member |
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**Absent:**

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| 7. Hon. Jose Ch. Alvarez, Governor of Palawan               | Chair  |
| 8. Mayor Lucilo R. Bayron, City Mayor, Puerto Princesa City | Member |
| 9. Hon. Mayor Amy R. Alvarez, President, LMP                | Member |
| 10. Hon. Ferdinand D. Zaballa, Liga ng mga Barangay         | Member |
| 11. VADM Rene V Medina, WESCOM Commander                    | Member |
| 12. Usec. Ariel T. Cayanan, DA                              | Member |

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### PCSD RESOLUTION NO. 19-689

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**“ENDORISING TO THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY- REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL-MIMAROPA (NEDA-RDC-MIMAROPA) THE CLIMATE CHANGE-RESPONSIVE INTEGRATED RIVER BASIN MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT MASTER PLANS FOR THE CLUSTER RIVER BASIN (IWAHIG PENAL, INAGAWAN, ABORLAN, MALATGAO AND BATANG-BATANG) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES - RIVER BASIN CONTROL OFFICE (DENR-RBCO) AND UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES LOS BAÑOS (UPLB)”**

**WHEREAS**, R.A. 7611, otherwise known as the Strategic Environmental Plan (SEP) for Palawan, took effect on 19 June 1992 and Section 6 of the said law provides that the SEP shall serve as the framework to guide the government agencies concerned in the formulation of plans, programs and projects affecting the environment and natural resources of Palawan;

*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 7 of the same provides that the SEP shall establish, as its main strategy, 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, known as the Environmentally Critical Areas Network (ECAN), and which shall ensure the following: forest conservation and protection; protection of watersheds; preservation of biological diversity; protection of tribal people and the preservation of their culture; maintenance of maximum sustainable yield; protection of the rare and endangered species and their habitat; provision of areas for environmental and ecological research, education and training; and provision of areas for tourist and recreation;

**WHEREAS**, Section 16 thereof provides that the governance, implementation and policy direction of the SEP shall be exercised by the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development (PCSD);

**WHEREAS**, Section 19 of RA 7611 provides that the PCSD shall (5) Recommend to the Congress of the Philippines such matters that may require legislation in support of the objectives of the SEP; (8) Adopt, amend and rescind such rules and regulations and impose penalties therefore for the effective implementation of the SEP and the other provisions of this Act; (9) enforce the provisions of this Act and other existing laws, rules and regulations similar to or complementary with this Act; (10) perform related functions which shall promote the development, conservation, management, protection, and utilization of the natural resources of Palawan; and (11) perform such other powers and functions as may be necessary in carrying out its functions, powers, and the provisions of this Act;

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order (EO) No. 510 series of 2006, EO 816 series of 2009 and EO 50 series of 2011, provided for the creation of the River Basin Control Office (RBCO) under the Department of Environment and Natural Resources as the lead government agency for the integrated planning, management, rehabilitation, and development of the country's river basins;

**WHEREAS**, the Integrated River Basin Management and Development (IRBMD) Framework formulated by the River Basin Control Office (RBCO) is the basic system used to promote sustained river basin ecosystem management on eight (8) clustered river basin in the Philippines including Cluster 4;

**WHEREAS**, Cluster 4 River Basin is comprised of five (5) principal river basins located in the central to southern part of Palawan Province, namely the Iwahig Penal, Inagawan, Aborlan, Malatgao, and Batang-Batang. Additionally, there are 19 minor watersheds within the cluster. The clustered river basin is composed of, one city and three municipalities, namely the Puerto Princesa City, Aborlan, Narra, and Quezon;

**WHEREAS**, RA No. 9729 or the Climate Change Act of 2009 and RA 10121 or the Disaster Risk Reduction Law of 2010 recognizes the necessity of developing a master plan on the ecological scale, thus, the river basin management and development master plan for Cluster 4 river basin;

**WHEREAS**, the Climate Change-Responsive Integrated River Basin Management and Development Master Plan for the Cluster 4 Basin incorporates the

implication of the new climate change normal in addressing the concerns of the river basin on the following critical areas of concern: (1) Water Resources, (2) Forest Ecosystem and Biodiversity, (3) Wetland Management, (4) Economic Development, (5) Disaster Risk Reduction Management, and (6) Institutional Management;

**WHEREAS**, during the 261<sup>st</sup> PCSD meeting, the letter from the project leader Mr. Rex Victor O. Cruz of the University of the Philippines Los Baños - College of Forestry and Natural Resources was presented before the Council, requesting the PCSD for an endorsement as instructed by the National Economic Development Authority- MIMAROPA in compliance with the procedural requirement of the Regional Development Council;

**WHEREAS**, the Council recognizes the necessity and importance of conservation of the natural resources of the watersheds within the Cluster 4 River Basin pursuant to its mandate to establish a graded system of protection and development control over the whole of Palawan;

**WHEREFORE**, foregoing premises considered, and upon motion duly seconded, the Council resolves to **ENDORSE, AS IT IS HEREBY ENDORSED**, to the National Economic Development Authority (NEDA)-MIMAROPA, the Climate Change-Responsive Integrated River Basin Management and Development Master Plans for the Cluster River Basin (Iwahig Penal, Inagawan, Aborlan, Malatgao, and Batang-Batang) of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources-River Basin Control Office (DENR-RBCO) and University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB);

**RESOLVED FINALLY**, that copy of this resolution be sent to NEDA-MIMAROPA and all other concerned agencies and parties for information and guidance;


**ADOPTED AND APPROVED** this 26<sup>th</sup> day of November 2019 in Puerto Princesa City, Philippines.

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I hereby certify that the above-quoted resolution has been duly adopted by the PCSD on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of November 2019.

  
**NELSON P. DEVANADERA**  
Secretary 

**ATTESTED BY:**

  
**VICTORINO DENNIS M. SOCRATES**  
Vice-Chair, Presiding Officer