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DIR. MARIA LOURDES G. FERRER

Regional Director
DENR MIMAROPA
Ermita, Manila

Dear **Director Ferrer**:

Greetings from RDC MIMAROPA!

We are pleased to furnish you with a copy of **RDC Resolution No. 2021-077-1023**, *"Adopting the MIMAROPA Integrated Water Resource Management (IWRM) Framework as an integral part of Development Planning and Programming in the Region."* The Resolution was approved by the Council during its 77th RDC Full Council meeting held on December 3, 2021 through Zoom video conference.

We would appreciate receiving feedback from your office regarding the actions taken on this matter.

Thank you and keep safe.

Very truly yours,


AGUSTIN C. MENDOZA
RDC Vice Chairperson and
Regional Director, NEDA MIMAROPA

Encl.: as stated

Republic of the Philippines
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MIMAROPA Region Calapan City

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE FOURTH QUARTER RDC
FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 3, 2021 THROUGH
VIDEO CONFERENCING

RDC Resolution No. 2021-077-1023

ADOPTING THE MIMAROPA INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCE
MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF
DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING IN THE REGION

WHEREAS, during the World Summit on Sustainable Development held in September 2002 in Johannesburg, countries including the Philippines agreed to formulate and implement their respective Integrated Water Resource Management (IWRM) and Water Efficiency Plans by 2005;

WHEREAS, IWRM is a collaborative process that promotes the coordinated development and management of water, land, and related resources within hydrological boundaries in order to maximize the resultant economic and social welfare in an equitable manner without compromising the sustainability of vital ecosystems;

WHEREAS, the Philippine IWRM Plan Framework is a directional plan intended to guide different stakeholders involved in water resources management, at different levels, to either prepare their respective IWRM plans, update or enhance their existing IWRM related plans, or make IWRM an integral part of their development plans and programs;

WHEREAS, the increasing water demand together with insufficient water infrastructure threaten to outstrip sustainable levels of water supply;

WHEREAS, there are also threats on groundwater and surface water caused by: a) domestic, agricultural, and industrial wastes; b) watershed degradation including deforestation and denudation of forests; and c) climate change and global warming;

WHEREAS, to respond to these challenges and ensure that demand does not overrun supply, the TWG on Water Resources Management of the Economic Development Committee (EDC) initiated the formulation of an IWRM Framework for MIMAROPA region;

WEHEREAS, the TWG on Water Resources Management of the Economic Development Committee (EDC) chaired by DENR MIMAROPA RD Ma. Lourdes G. Ferrer initiated the formulation of an IWRM Framework for MIMAROPA region that was discussed during the fourth quarter EDC meeting on November 04, 2021;

WHEREAS, the proposed IWRM Framework for MIMAROPA includes the following sustainable outcomes: a) effective protection and regulation for water security and ecosystem health; b) sustainable water resources and responsive services for present and future needs; c) improve effectiveness, accountability, and synergy among water related institutions and stakeholders; and d) innovative responses to future challenges;

WEHEREAS, some regional issues and concerns relative to IWRM include: a) lack of site-specific studies on IWRM such as hydrology; b) lack of budget allocation on IWRM implementation; and c) no existing database on IWRM;

WHEREAS, the EDC, during its 4th quarter meeting held on November 04, 2021 recommended RDC adoption of the IWRM Framework for MIMAROPA;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to adopt the MIMAROPA Integrated Water Resource Management Framework as an integral part of development planning and programming in the region.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



BERNARDINO A. ATIENZA, JR.
Acting RDC Secretary

ATTESTED:



GOV. JOSE R. RIANO
RDC Chairperson