

**Regional Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Full Council (RDRRMC) MIMAROPA**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Full Council Meeting**  
**Video Teleconference via Zoom App**  
**11 March 2022 / 09:00AM**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

**Participants:**

- Dir. Ruben L. Carandang	OCD MIMAROPA, DND Chairperson, RDRRMC MIMAROPA
- Dir. Fernando R. De Villa Jr.	DSWD MIMAROPA
- Dir. Jer B. Samson	DOTr
- ARD Rey Maranan	DILG MIMAROPA
- Janssen Andeza	DOST MIMAROPA
- Riznette Kathleen Sales	DILG MIMAROPA
- Atty. Irwin Palanca	DILG MIMAROPA
- Atty. Raymond Alvin Mendoza	DILG MIMAROPA
- Geneliza Q. Gabilan	DSWD MIMAROPA
- Judy Mae Masangkay	NEDA MIMAROPA
- Julius Carlo F. Hilado	NEDA MIMAROPA
- Romuel P. Alimboyao	NHA MIMAROPA
- Maximo R. Cabasal	NHA MIMAROPA
- Gaudioso M. Alger Jr.	NAPOLCOM
- Ramonito Martin	DOH MIMAROPA
- FSSUPT Donald P Rodriguez	BFP MIMAROPA
- Sean Frances P. Barredo	NNC MIMAROPA
- Ana Liza S. Solis	DOST-PAGASA
- Engr. Markus Peter Mantubig	DENR-MGB MIMAROPA
- COL Ismael P Mandanas Jr.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division, PA
- Atty. Nina Rose B. Abiquibil	COMELEC
- Cruzalde Ablaña	PDRRMO Palawan
- COL Roseller Muros (Ret)	PDRRMO Romblon
- Jose Rino Labay	PDRRMO Marinduque
- Vinscent Gahol	PDRRMO Oriental Mindoro
- Ivy Kristine Basco	PDRRMO Oriental Mindoro
- Joseph Ram Temeña	PDRRMO Oriental Mindoro
- Mariefel Cabile	PDRRMO Occidental Mindoro
- Dennis Escosora	CDRRMO Calapan City
- Atty. Rommel Fernandez	Province of Marinduque
- Nieves L. Bonifacio	OCD MIMAROPA
- Marc Rembrandt Victore	OCD MIMAROPA
- Maria Aiza Siason	OCD MIMAROPA
- Allinah Janzen Magnaye	OCD MIMAROPA
- Georgina G. Opinion	OCD MIMAROPA
- Sheila Marie S. Reyes	OCD MIMAROPA
- Clyde Jewel C. Solis	OCD MIMAROPA
- Anthony M. Zoleta	OCD MIMAROPA
- Wilmer F. Fabella	OCD MIMAROPA

**1. Proceedings/Highlights of the Meeting**

- The meeting started at 09:00 AM with the invocation and the giving of welcome remarks by OCD MIMAROPA ARD Nieves Bonifacio, followed by the acknowledgement of the participants by Ms. Georgina Opinion and the call of meeting to order by Dir. Ruben Carandang.



- Ms. Opinion presented the proposed provisional agenda of the meeting and the minutes of the previous meeting which were duly approved and seconded by the member agencies.

### **Presentation of Weather and Climate Outlook by DOST-PAGASA**

- Ms. Ana Liza S. Solis of DOST-PAGASA presented the MIMAROPA Weather Update and Climate Outlook 2022. As presented, ENSO Alert System Status is La Niña Advisory No. 6. La Niña still persists and likely to continue until the March-April-May 2022 season (77% chance) and transition to ENSO-neutral conditions during May-June-July 2022 season (56% chance).
- Forecast Rainfall in MIMAROPA is generally near normal rainfall conditions from March-August 2022. Forecast Temperature in MIMAROPA is generally, surface air temperatures range from below average to slightly above average in most areas of the country during the forecast period are predicted. However, in May, most parts of Central Luzon are likely to experience warmer than average temperatures. For Tropical Cyclone Forecast, 4-7 tropical cyclones are expected to enter/develop in the PAR from March to August 2022.
- Ms. Solis invited the body to participate in the PAGASA Scientific Forum on March 23, 2022 commemorating its 157<sup>th</sup> National and 72<sup>nd</sup> World Meteorological Day which anchor on the theme "Early Warning and Early Action-Hydrometeorological and Climate Information for Disaster Risk Reduction" of the World Meteorological Organization (WHO).
- Dir. Carandang advised PDRRMO Palawan and Romblon to implement appropriate preparedness actions in relation to possible above normal rainfall that may affect the Provinces on March to April 2022 brought by Low Pressure Area as well as DA MIMAROPA to plan accordingly on the possible effects of way below normal rainfall from July to August 2022 to the crops of farmers in MIMAROPA, and prepare accordingly the response actions/assistance to be provided.

### **Presentation of Current COVID-19 Situation Report by DOH MIMAROPA Vaccination Updates in MIMAROPA**

- Ms. Cherry Ann Candava of DOH MIMAROPA presented the latest COVID-19 situation, as of 6 March 2022, in the region. There are 38,955 total cases in the region, 260 of which are active cases (0.7%). There are now 37,009 recoveries (95.0%) and 1,393 deaths (3.6%) reported in the region. Palawan has the highest no. of active cases (176) followed by Oriental Mindoro (41). MIMAROPA has 3.6% Case Fatality Rate with Puerto Princesa City having the highest with 5.2%. MIMAROPA has 20.52% positivity rate with Oriental Mindoro having the highest at 82.61%, followed by Palawan with 20.27%. This can be attributed to the targeted testing being implemented, with only those manifesting symptoms and admitted suspected cases being prioritized for testing. All the Provinces and Cities of MIMAROPA are under Alert Level 2, having negative case trend and with the HCUR less than 50% except for Romblon and Puerto Princesa City which are under Alert Level 1. MIMAROPA as of 2 March 2022, has a total of 182 Cases of Delta Variant in the Region, 175 of which are recovered while 7 are dead. For Omicron Variant, there are 42 cases reported in the region of which 40 are recovered while 2 are dead.



**Presentation of Updates on the Status of DRRM-H Institutionalization in MIMAROPA pursuant to the current NDRRMP 2020-2030 by DOH MIMAROPA**

- Mr. Ramonito Martin of DOH MIMAROPA presented the Updates on the Status of DRRM-H Institutionalization in MIMAROPA pursuant to the current NDRRMP 2020-2030 as of 9 March 2022. This includes means of verification per indicator (DRRM-H Plan, Health Emergency Commodities and Functional Emergency Operation Center) and level of compliance. Occidental Mindoro, Romblon, Marinduque, Palawan and Oriental Mindoro are partially compliant while three (3) of its municipalities Gloria, Victoria and Pola are fully compliant.
- Moreover, DOH MIMAROPA has issued a memorandum subjecting LDRRMCs to develop and update the DRRM-H Plan for submission to OCD MIMAROPA on 15 April 2022. Dir. Carandang advised PDRRMOs to remind their respective MDRRMOs for the submission of their DRRM-H Plan to OCD MIMAROPA on or before 15 April 2022.
- Mr. Labay manifested on who's the primary responsible in crafting DRRM-H Plan. Mr. Martin mentioned that they are basically highlighting the health responses in accordance with RA 10121 and they are primarily coordinating with health offices under their supervisions, however, during the DRRM-H Institutionalization Writeshops and Orientation, DRRMOs, Planning Officer, Budget Officer, Local Chief Executives (LCEs) and other concerned agencies are being invited because of its universal health context. Mr. Martin also emphasized that DRRM-H Plan is encompassing with LDRRMPs highlighting only the health systems.

**Presentation of Actions Taken to Mitigate Risks brought by the abandoned MARCOPPER Mining Facility (MMC) in Sta. Cruz, Marinduque by TWG-Marcopper Mining**

- Atty. Rommel Fernandez of Provincial Government of Marinduque presented the following Actions Taken to Mitigate Risks brought by the abandoned MARCOPPER Mining Facility (MMC) in Sta. Cruz, Marinduque:
  1. A case for damages vs Marcopper/Placer Dome/Barrick Gold was filed during the previous administration and the same was dismissed in 2015 by the Nevada court for forum non conveniens. In 2019, when Hon. Governor Presbitero J. Velasco Jr. assumed office, the technical working group (TWG) headed by Atty. Rommel P. Fernandez, Provincial Legal officer, was formed and convened to study the refiling of the case in the appropriate venue. After deliberation and meetings of the TWG, it was recommended to the Sanguniang Panlalawigan that the case for damages shall be refiled before the Regional Trial Court of Boac, Marinduque.
  2. In 2019, during the previous administration, a case for Writ of Kalikasan was filed by private complaints Elizabeth Hernandez, et. Al., vs Placer Dome Inc., and Barrick Gold Corporation with SC G.R. No. 195482, before the Supreme Court. The case was remanded by the Supreme Court to the CA and remained pending therein, now docketed as CA-G.R. S.P. No. 00001. In 2019, when Gov. Velasco assumed office, a motion to intervene was filed by the provincial government of Marinduque and said motion was approved by the Court of Appeals.
  3. On April 17, 2019, a case for expropriation of Marcopper Mining Corporation road lots was filed by then Municipal Mayor Marissa Red-Martinez, assisted by then Justice Presbitero J. Velsaco, Jr. In 2019, the case was pursued by the Provincial Legal Office and the primary complaint former Municipal Mayor Marissa Red-Martines was substituted by the incumbent Hon. Mayor Antonio L. Uy. In an order dated 24 August 2020, a writ of possession was issued by the Honorable Regional Trial Court, Br. 94 Boac, Marinduque. Because of the issuance of the



writ of possession, a budget of 4.6M has been earmarked by the National Government for the rehabilitation and improvement of Marcopper road lots from Balogo Port in Barangay Balogo to Barangay Kilo-kilo, Sta. Cruz, Marinduque.

4. On August 29, 2021, the DENR-PENRO Marinduque, led by Imelda Diaz and assisted by the Provincial Government of Marinduque, served a notice to vacate against Marcopper Mining Corporation. Considering that Marcopper Mining Corporation refused to vacate, despite service of notice, PENRO Marinduque and the Provincial Government sought the assistance of the office solicitor general to file the case for recovery of possession with the issuance of preliminary injunction against Marcopper Mining Corporation. A budget of 300 million for the rehabilitation and improvement of Balogo port to convert it into an international port was granted by the national government and shall begin the construction anytime this year.
  5. In 2019, notice of real property delinquency has been sent by the Provincial Government of Marinduque to Marcopper Mining Corporation. Subsequently a public auction was scheduled on December 15, 2020 but did not proceed because a Temporary Restraining Order was issued by Br. 38 Regional trial Court of Boac, Marinduque. Thereafter, a case was filed by Marcopper Mining Corporation to determine the amount of real property tax delinquency. The provincial government won the case but has to revise the amount of real property tax delinquency.
  6. House Bill No. 6551 was passed by Speaker Lord Allan Q. Velasco for the creation and establishment of Marinduque Special Economic Zone (MAREZ) in the former Marcopper Mining lots. A counterpart Senate Bill No. 2270 was authored by Senator Imee R. Marcos. Both house bill and senate bill are pending before the Lower House and Senate.
- Dir. Carandang manifested on the actions being taken in addressing the radioactive materials. Engr. Markus Peter Mantubig mentioned that the Philippine Nuclear Research Institute (PNRI) is the one handling the disposal of radioactive materials, according to their assessment the radioactive materials present in the Marcopper facility are not extremely hazardous due to its small amount of substance content. Engr. Mantubig also mentioned their discussion on who will be the one to dispose the radioactive materials however Marcopper is not responding.
  - Dir. Carandang highlighted the importance of disposing the present radioactive materials to avoid further damages to the populace. Atty. Fernandez mentioned that addressing the radioactive materials is part of their action planning.
  - Engr. Mantubig also mentioned their observation on the acidity of water as a result of their water sampling. In Mogpog river, it has a ph level of 6.5 which pass the DENR standard, however, in Brgy. Bocboc the result of ph level is 4 which is lowest during summer because the water evaporated and the acid content becomes concentrated while during rainy season the ph level is 5. The ph level below 6.5 is very dangerous to the health of the nearby communities and the surrounding fora.
  - Dir. Carandang requested DENR-EMB MIMAROPA to conduct immediate ground water testing/sampling and provide presentation during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter RDRRMC MIMAROPA Meeting on the result of sampling/testing conducted in areas affected Marcopper Mining Facilities in Marinduque and for DOH MIMAROPA to provide presentation during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter RDRRMC MIMAROPA Meeting on the Effects of contaminated water sources to health of communities in areas around Marcopper Mining Facilities in Marinduque.

**Presentation on the Background of bodies of water affected by Marcopper Mining by DENR-MGB MIMAROPA**

- Engr. Markus Peter Mantubig presented briefly the result of their recently conducted 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Monitoring to the Marcopper Mining Facilities. The two major bodies of water affected by Marcopper is the San Antonio Pit and Tapan pit which have a ph level ranging



from 3 and 4. The Upper Makulapnit Dam has a ph level ranging from 6.5 to 7 while the Lower Makulapnit Siltation Dam has a ph level ranging from 3 and 4 due to meteoric water of Tapan Pit. He also discussed updates on the status of mine sites facilities of Marcopper.

**Presentation on the Approval of the Request of Construction of the Regional Evacuation Center in the Municipality of Alcantara, Romblon by Alcantara, Romblon**

- Mr. Cipriano Marcelo of MDRRMO Alcantara, Romblon presented the required documents for their proposed construction of Regional Evacuation Center in their municipality. The documents presented are the Site Location, Tax Declaration of Real Property, Deed of Extra-Judicial Partition with Deed of Donation, Resolution endorsing to DPWH the municipal lot in Brgy. Camili, Alcantara as a site for the evacuation center, sketch plan, request for financial assistance to OCD MIMAROPA, Clearance from DENR-MGB MIMAROPA, hazard maps, resolution declaring that no indigenous people will be affected in the construction of an evacuation center in Brgy. Camili and Certificate of Non-Coverage from DENR-EMB MIMAROPA.
- Moreover, Ms. Allinah Janzen O. Magnaye of OCD MIMAROPA presented the summary of the request of Alcantara, Romblon on the construction of Regional Evacuation Center. Based on the DPWH Requirements on the Construction of Evacuation Center as of May 2019, Alcantara complied/submitted all the requirements.
- The endorsement of the RDRRMC MIMAROPA on the Approval for the Construction of the Regional Evacuation Center in the Municipality of Alcantara, Romblon has been approved with no objections. The motion was made by ARD Rey Maranan of DILG MIMAROPA and was duly seconded by RD Fernando De Villa of DSWD MIMAROPA.

**Presentation of Preparedness Measures for the 2022 National Elections by COMELEC MIMAROPA, DILG MIMAROPA and MIMAROPA P/CDRRMOs**

- Atty. Nina Rose B. Abiquibil presented the Preparedness Measures of COMELEC MIMAROPA for the 2022 National and Local Elections in MIMAROPA. Included in her presentation are the Data on the Total Number of Barangays, Established and Clustered Precincts, Registered Voters and Voting Centers, Trainings Conducted, Printing of Tarpaulins for Precincts, printing and delivery of voter's information sheets, technical configuration hub and security and the Regional Joint Security Control Center (RJSCC) of region IV-B MIMAROPA is in constant communication and coordination. She also highlighted their issuance on COMELEC Resolution No. 10732 re: guidelines for the conduct of: (1) In-person Campaign, rallies, (3) caucuses, meetings, and conventions, (4) motorcades and caravans, and (5) miting de avance under the new normal in connection with the 09 May 2022 National and Local Elections; COMELEC Resolution No. 10727 re: General Instructions for the constitutions, composition and appointment of electoral board; the process of final testing and sealing of the vote counting machines; and the voting, counting, and transmission of election results in connection with the 9 May 2022 National and Local Elections and COMELEC Resolution No. 10759 re: Contingency procedures in connection with the 9 May 2022 National and Local Elections.
- Moreover, Atty. Irwin Palanca of DILG MIMAROPA presented the Preparedness Measures of DILG MIMAROPA for the 2022 National and Local Elections in MIMAROPA. As part of their preparedness, they have issued DILG Memo Circular No. 2021-143 dated 22 December 2021 re Guidelines in the Conduct of Pre-election Campaign Activities and Granting of Permits Thereto; Observance of COMELEC Resolution No. 10732 dated 24 November 2021; Activation COMELEC Campaign Committee (CCC) (Regional, Provincial, City/Municipal); Observance COMELEC Resolution No. 10965 prescribing the calendar of activities for the 2022 National and Local Elections; Monitoring Election related violence within the area of responsibility; dissemination of COMELEC issuances to LGUs; and Consolidation of proclaimed local election winners (usual action).



- Furthermore, the MIMAROPA Provincial and City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office also presented their preparations for the 2022 National and Local Elections.

### **Reiteration of the RDRRM Plan Updating by OCD MIMAROPA**

- ARD Nieves L. Bonifacio of OCD MIMAROPA reiterated the agencies submissions of PAPs for the updating of MIMAROPA RDRRM Plan based on the NDRRMP 2022-2030 and encouraged member agencies to submit their compliance on or before March 25, 2022.

## **2. Decision Points/Actionable Items**

- Mr. Marc Rembrandt P. Victore of OCD MIMAROPA presented the Actionable Items noted during meeting:

<b>Item</b>	<b>Responsible Agency / Office</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implement appropriate preparedness actions in relation to possible above normal rainfall that may affect the Provinces on March to April 2022 brought by Low Pressure Area</li> </ul>	PDRRMO Palawan and Romblon
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plan accordingly on the possible effects of way below normal rainfall from July to August 2022 to the crops of farmers in MIMAROPA, and prepare accordingly the response actions/assistance to be provided</li> </ul>	DA MIMAROPA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remind respective MDRRMOs in respective AORs for the submission of their DRRM-H Plan to OCD MIMAROPA on or before 15 April 2022</li> <li>Ensure preparedness measures are in place in respective AORs for the May 9, 2022 National Elections (e.g. Activation of EOC/IMT, deployment of first responders, submission of situation reports, etc.) and that minimum health protocols are still strictly observed in areas of convergence</li> </ul>	PDRRMOs of MIMAROPA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide presentation during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter RDRRMC MIMAROPA Meeting on the Effects of contaminated water sources to health of communities in areas around Marcopper Mining Facilities in Marinduque</li> </ul>	DOH MIMAROPA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conduct immediate water testing/sampling and provide presentation during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter RDRRMC MIMAROPA Meeting on the result of sampling/testing conducted in areas affected Marcopper Mining Facilities in Marinduque</li> </ul>	DENR-EMB MIMAROPA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submit to RDRRMC MIMAROPA Secretariat, through the OCD MIMAROPA, the proposed PAPs of respective agencies for the updating of the RDRRMP of MIMAROPA, in connection with the updated NDRRMP 2020-2030 on or before 25 March 2022</li> </ul>	RDRRMC MIMAROPA Member Agencies



- Provide BFP MIMAROPA with the list of polling precincts for proper safety inspection


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## Adjournment

- RDRRMC Chairperson, Ruben L. Carandang expressed his appreciation for the presence of RDRRMC member agencies and MIMAROPA P/CDRRMOs for their continuous support especially during the current new normal situation.
- The meeting was adjourned at 02:30 PM.

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