

1 **Regional Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Full Council (RDRRMC) MIMAROPA**
2 **1st Quarter Full Council Meeting**
3 **Madison 101 Hotel Aurora Blvd, New Manila, Quezon City**
4 **23 March 2023 / 09:00AM**

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6 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING**
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8 **Participants:**
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10	- Dir. Eugene G. Cabrera	Chairperson, RDRRMC MIMAROPA
11		Regional Director, OCD MIMAROPA
12	- Dir. Agustin Mendoza	NEDA MIMAROPA
13	- Dir. Cheryl Ortega	DICT MIMAROPA
14	- Dir. Peter Daniel Fragnal	DHSUD MIMAROPA
15	- Dir. Aileen T. Arcin	NAPOLCOM
16	- Dir. Ronald B. Cabute	NTC MIMAROPA
17	- Ronilio M. Cervantes	NIA MIMAROPA
18	- PCol. Roel Lami-Ing	PRO MIMAROPA
19	- Col. Ismael P. Mandanas Jr.	2 ND INFANTRY DIVISION PA
20	- Col. Bienvenido R. Hindang	2 ND INFANTRY DIVISION PA
21	- Col. Eric Guevarra	203 rd INFANTRY BRIGADE PA
22	- LTC. Steve Mangabat	AFP SOLCOM
23	- Rico P Pamdinas	AFP SOLCOM
24	- F/CINSP Herman B. Yason	BFP MIMAROPA
25	- Geneliza D. Gabilan	DSWD MIMAROPA
26	- Margarete Anne T. Rodriguez	DILG MIMAROPA
27	- Allan Acosta	DOST MIMAROPA
28	- Mark Joseph Real	DICT MIMAROPA
29	- Joel Lorenzo C. Guevarra	DTI MIMAROPA
30	- Keren Faye Gaya	NNC MIMAROPA
31	- Jorge Antonio P. Calayo	LTO MIMAROPA
32	- John Derrick Diokno	PHILHEALTH
33	- Raymund Bush Dimaano	PHILHEALTH
34	- Cherry Ann Candava	DOH MIMAROPA
35	- Michael Ian Andres	DOH MIMAROPA
36	- Maria Teresa B. Carido	DA MIMAROPA
37	- Jayrick Supetran	DA MIMAROPA
38	- Bernadette O. Peña	NFA IV
39	- Christian Loard Montalbo	NFA IV
40	- Matt Andrew Bagon	NFA IV
41	- Gaudision M. Alger Jr.	NAPOLCOM MIMAROPA
42	- Andrea Albo	NAPOLCOM MIMAROPA
43	- Analisa Solis	DOST-PAGASA
44	- Mark Jerome Limpiado	DPWH MIMAROPA
45	- Lolaine B. Bagsil	DEPED MIMAROPA
46	- Rosalio S. Ferrer Jr.	PPA BATANGAS
47	- Jermias Y. Alili	PDRRMO PALAWAN
48	- Ivy Kristine Basco	PDRRMO ORIENTAL MINDORO
49	- Mario D. Mulingbayan	PDRRMO OCCIDENTAL MINDORO
50	- Christian Ramillo	PDRRMO ROMBLON
51	- Jose Rino Labay	PDRRMO MARINDUQUE
52	- Earl H. Timbancaya	CDRRMO PUERTO PRINCESA
53	- Angelica F. de Leon	CDRRMO CALAPAN
54	- Marc Rembrandt P. Victore	OCD MIMAROPA
55	- Elvis Cruz	OCD MIMAROPA
56	- Mary An B. Aceveda	OCD MIMAROPA
57	- Melly Joy F. Fajilagmago	OCD MIMAROPA
58	- Efril F. Maranan	OCD MIMAROPA
59	- Rosselle May O. Ilagan	OCD MIMAROPA

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- Jefrie Rodriguez
- Jorge V. Matunog
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1. Proceedings/Highlights of the Meeting

- The meeting started at 09:00 AM with the invocation and the giving of welcome remarks by Mr. Marc Rembrandt P. Victore of OCD MIMAROPA followed by the acknowledgement of the participants by Mr. Efril F. Maranan and the call of meeting to order by Dir. Eugene G. Cabrera.
- Mr. Maranan 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.
- Ms. Geneliza D. Gabilan of DSWD MIMAROPA made a recommendation whether they can add the presentation regarding the latest response, strategies and accomplishments made by the response cluster in connection with the MT Princes Oil Spill incident in Oriental Mindoro as a provisional agenda.
- The motion to approved the recommendation was made by Mr. Jose Rino Labay of PDRRMO Marinduque and was duly seconded.
- With no objections regarding the approval of the recommendation of Ms. Gabilan, the motion was approved and the presentation regarding the latest response, strategies and accomplishments made by the response cluster in connection with the MT Princes Oil Spill incident in Oriental Mindoro added as a provisional agenda for today's meeting.
- The minutes of meeting for the previous meeting was sent electronically to each agency and is also included to the reference folder given to every participant.
- With this in consideration, Dir. Agustin Mendoza of NEDA MIMAROPA made the motion to dispense the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting and the subsequent outright endorsement and approval of the minutes of meeting. The motion was duly seconded and with no more objection the motion was approved.

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 from April 2023 to September 2023. The presentation started with the presentation of the termination of Northeast Monsoon (Amihan) and it also indicate the start for preparation for warm and dry season.
- As presented, ENSO Alert System Status is now on neutral in the tropical Pacific. ENSO-neutral condition is expected to continue until May-June-July (MJJ) 2023 season, and after that an increased likelihood of transitioning to El Niño phase after.
- Forecast Rainfall for April 2023 is below normal for Mindoro and near normal for Marinduque, Romblon and Palawan. While there will be a high probability of near to above normal rainfall conditions in most parts of the region. Meanwhile the forecast for the months of May – September 2023 is generally it would be near normal throughout the region while having a high probability of near to above normal rainfall conditions in most parts of the region.
- Forecast temperature is generally, surface air temperature ranges from below average throughout the region during the forecast period. Warmer and humid weather conditions are expected in the coming months as NE monsoon season has ended. For Tropical

116 Cyclone Forecast 8 – 11 tropical cyclones are expected to enter/develop in the Philippine
117 Area of Responsibility (PAR) from April – September 2023. Onset for the rainy season is
118 expected to be normal (between the 2nd half of May to 1st half of June): for areas in the
119 western part of the country (under Climate type I).
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- 121 • Dir. Cabrera raised a question about the slide showing the Forecast Rainfall Conditions.
122 Dir. Cabrera asked if the mentioned high probability of near and above normal rainfall
123 conditions in most parts of MIMAROPA is due to the uncertainties. Ms. Solis answered that
124 the high probability of near above rainfall is due to the uncertainties, she also added that
125 even though they provide deterministic type of rainfall forecast that use actual rainfall value
126 forecast, but they still provide forecast that shows probabilities to account uncertainties.
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- 128 • Dir. Mendoza, inquire what would be the effects of this weather forecast to the crops,
129 livestock and fishery production of the region, and urge the Department of Agriculture (DA)
130 if they can also add something to the question. Ms. Maria Teresa Carido of DA
131 MIMAROPA, informed that DA MIMAROPA is already in the process of monitoring the
132 agricultural areas especially the rice sector due to the upcoming El Niño. Ms. Carido also
133 added that due to their observation during the past three years the region is experiencing
134 torrential rain especially in the last quarter of the year, and in their house meeting PSA
135 reported that there is a decline in production especially in the province of Oriental Mindoro.
136 She also inquired if there is a time series that we can consult so that they can change the
137 cropping calendar to be presented to the farmers. Because base on their observation the
138 change in weather is the major reason on the decline of the production of crops in Oriental
139 Mindoro.
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- 141 • For PAG-ASA to be able to provide such forecast that is production focus, Ms. Solis said
142 that they would be needing a close coordination with the agricultural sector especially with
143 the crop modelers. Although PAG-ASA can provide one, they are not the one authorized
144 to do a yield forecast, but they can provide a simple forecast on the percent of rainfall
145 during El Niño and based they can adjust the cropping calendar. And in addition, Ms. Solis
146 that the region is experiencing torrential rainfall due to the fact that we are coming from a
147 La Niña three years in a row. Lastly, Ms. Solis said that they have already coordinated with
148 DA Central office in connection with the dynamic cropping calendar.
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- 150 • Dir. Agustin made a motion for DOST – PAGASA, DA and NIA to closely coordinate with
151 the possible impact of the current climate and weather projections in crop and livestock
152 yields and production so that appropriate measures and interventions can be done to
153 ensure the food security of the region.
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155 **Presentation on the Latest COVID-19 Situation Report in the Region**

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- 157 • Ms. Cherry Ann Candava of HEMS MIMAROPA presented the latest COVID-19 situation,
158 as of 20 March 2023, in the region. There are 42,740 total cases in the region, 19 of which
159 are active cases (0.0%). There are now 40,858 recoveries (95.6%) and 1,611 deaths
160 (3.8%) reported in the region. The current distribution of cases by morbidity the region is
161 going on a downward trend same with the national and most of the regions in the country.
162 Each province is also on a downward trend when it comes to the number of cases of
163 COVID-19. For active cases the most cases reported is from Puerto Princesa with 8,
164 followed by Palawan with 6 and 1 for Marinduque and Oriental Mindoro. Oriental Mindoro
165 is still the province with the most cases recorded with Romblon being the least. As the Alert
166 Level MIMAROPA is at low risk same with the National meaning the transmission rate is
167 low on our region. Romblon, Puerto Princesa, Marinduque, Oriental Mindoro and
168 Occidental Mindoro is at Level 1 except for Palawan which is at Level 2.
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- 170 • Dir. Peter Daniel Fraginal asked based on the trend that is currently happening in our
171 country on terms of active COVID – 19, when can we declare that the country is at the
172 endemic stage. Ms. Candava answered that we are still pandemic public health emergency
173 response and is still waiting for the advisory from WHO.

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- Dir. Cabrera manifested that the cases in the country is already low, but inquired if this is due to the low transmission of the disease or is it due to the low testing. Ms. Candava replied that it is a combination of both, she added that the cases reflected here are from RTPCR test conducted and self-administered test such as antigen test.
- Mr. Joel Lorenzo C. Guevarra of DTI MIMAROPA asked what is the prescribed protocol in wearing mask and such especially now that most meetings and activities are being held face to face. Ms. Lorenzo said that it is still advised to wear face mask when inside closed spaces but when in open spaces removing your face mask.
- Mr. Jermias Y. Alili consulted on what appropriate action can be done with the request of LGU Coron and El Nido to increase the rate of accommodation of vehicles and hotels since its already the peak of season for tourism in their area.
- As for a recommendation Ms. Candava said to still follow the appropriate protocols with regards to COVID – 19 since Palawan is still under Alert Level 2. Dir. Cabrera suggested to have an aggressive vaccination campaign in areas that still under Alert Level 2.
- Dir. Aileen T. Arcin of NAPOLCOM asked if the DOH can give an update with regards to the near expiring vaccines. Ms. Candava answered that she is not the authorized personnel to release information with this matter, but will make sure to relay the inquiry to the authorized personnel.
- Dir. Cabrera manifested that the DOH should closely monitor the vaccination campaign in MIMAROPA especially in the province of Palawan, since it is the only place in MIMAROPA that is still under Alert Level 2.

Presentation on the Guidelines for the Selection of Representative for the CSOs and Private Sectors for all Levels of DRRMCs

- Before the start of the presentation, Dir. Cabrera made an inquiry if MIMAROPA has CSO representative for the RDRRMC. Mr. Marc Victore said that the council doesn't have one since the start of the COVID – 19 pandemic.
- Dir. Cabrera also invoke his discretion as the chairman to shorten the presentation so that there would be more time for the pressing matters such as the Oil Spill operations.
- Mr. Victore presented Guidelines for the Selection of Representative for the CSOs and Private Sectors for all level of DRRMCs, the basis for this is NDRRMC Memorandum No. 7 s. 2022 dated 20 July, 2022. Under this the Regional DRM councils shall adopt the same composition as the National DRM Council as well as the selection process of SOs and the private sector membership in the National and Local DRRMCs. DRRMCs shall have one (1) representative from the academe or independent research institutes; one (1) representative from faith-based organizations; one (1) representative from the NGOs/Pos; and one (1) representative from professional organizations, foundations or community – based organization (CBOs). If the respective DRRMCs can't satisfy the requirements they can allow other applicants from other categories. In case a CSO or private sector representative should cease its operations, resign or be removed from the council, the number required for the quorum shall be reduced and the council may undertake the selection of a new representative for the unexpired portion of the original seat holder.
- Requirements to CSO and Private Sector so that they would be eligible for the DRRM Council membership is as follows: (1) Must be locally-based national or locally-organized COs and Private Sectors and has, amongst its members, individuals that may be deemed experts in DRRM; (2) Must provide evidence to prove its good track record and good standing as an organization particularly relative to DRRM, when applicable; (3) Must have letter(s) of Endorsement from a regular member(s) of the Council the organization wishes to be part of; (4) The CSO and private sector organization must have an institutional

233 structure for managing its own affairs according to its mandate, including mechanisms to
234 effectively participate in the DRRM Council it is applying for and holding its officers
235 accountable to its members; (5) Certificate of Registration or Accreditation; (6) CSO and
236 Private Sector applicants in any level of DRRMC who are proven in court to have been
237 engaged in aiding, providing support, promoting, and financing, among others, terrorism
238 as defined in RA 10168 as well as RA 11479; and (7) Applicants for a seat in DRRM Council
239 that have participated in any election as party-list representative to the Philippine Congress
240 shall be ineligible to apply for any seat in the DRRM Council.
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- 242 • Notice for Call of Application for DRRM Council Membership will be disseminated by the
243 secretariat to all national and locally-based SOs and private sectors via available media
244 such as, but not limited to, social media, official website, and official gazette; also, the
245 secretariat will provide interested COs and private sectors with Application for DRRM
246 Council Membership Form; and lastly all applications for membership would be accepted
247 and acknowledged without cost.
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- 249 • The applicant shall provide the following requirements: a duly accomplished Application
250 for DRRM Council Membership form; Letter of Intent (LOI) addressed to the DRRMC
251 Chairperson indicating brief background of the organization and activities of the NDRRMC
252 / RDRRMC / LDRRMC in which it wishes to primarily participate. It shall be accompanied
253 with the following documents, Certificate of Registration or Accreditation, a Memorandum
254 of Cooperation, Authenticated Copy of Latest Articles of Incorporation, Financial Reports,
255 Letter(s) of Endorsement from regular member(s) of the Council the organization wishes
256 to be part of and Certificate of Good track record and good standing as an organization.
257 An incomplete of failure to comply with the above requirements on the given deadline shall
258 cause the denial of its application for Council Membership.
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- 260 • The selection committee shall be composed of: at the National Level, the Technical
261 Managing Group (TMG) shall serve as the National Selection Committee (NSC); at the
262 Regional Level, the Regional Selection Committee (RSC) shall be chaired by the
263 designated official of the Regional Director of the Office of Civil Defense; at the Local Level,
264 the Local Selection Committee (LSC) shall be chaired by the designated Vice-Chairperson
265 of the LDRRMC. The LSC shall be composed of LDRRMC members of their duly
266 authorized representatives.
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- 268 • Dir. Cabrera manifested that the Call for Nominations be disseminated as soon as possible
269 to be able to invite CSOs and Private Sectors in the selection.
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- 271 • For the next presentation "Guidelines on the Conduct of the 23rd Gawad KALASAG", Dir.
272 Cabrera invoke his discretion as the Chairperson to dispense the presentation. As this was
273 already presented during the orientation for LDRRMCs.
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275 **Presentation on the Guidelines on the Withdrawal of Rice during Emergency Situation**

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- 277 • Ms. Bernadette O. Peña presented the Guidelines on the Withdrawal of Rice during
278 Emergency Situation. The presentation started with the stock inventory as of March 20,
279 2023, the total number for Region IV is 236,000 in rice form and 736,00 in palay form, 60%
280 of the total inventory is in MIMAROPA. The MOA for Rice Sales is presented together with
281 the terms and conditions when purchasing rice in times of calamities and emergencies.
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- 283 • The LGUs would only be allowed to purchase rice from NFA based on the following terms
284 / conditions; first would be that the only payment that would be accepted is through cash
285 payment. The maximum volume / quantity of rice that can be purchased by the LGU are
286 as follows (in bags of 50kg), for Provincial Government 5,000 bags, City Government 2,000
287 bags and for Municipal Government is 1,000 bags.
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- 289 • Ms. Peña presented the obligations of NFA; sell rice in cash as stated in Provision II.1.A
290 subject to the approval of the concerned Regional/Branch Manager; evaluate and verify
291 the documents presented, and when found valid is to issue rice at designated warehouse;
292 us the Authority to Issue (AI) and Warehouse Stock Issue (WSI) in documenting rice

293 issuance to LGU; shall issue rice only to authorized representative/s of the LGU upon
294 receipt by the Warehouse Supervisor; to issue an interest of one percent (1%) per month
295 and penalty two percent (2%) per month based on the amount due and shall temporarily
296 suspend the sale of rice to LGU until the account/obligation/ is fully paid/settled; and shall
297 create a collection committee to monitor and ensure that payment is regularly complied
298 based on agreement.
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- 300 • LGUs shall submit to the concern NFA Branch Office (NFA BO) upon signing of the MOA,
301 the following general requirements: (a) List of authorized representative/s to transact
302 business, sign pertinent NFA documents and withdraw rice in behalf of the LGU; (b) two
303 (2) valid government identification card (IDs); and (c) Purchase Order (PO). Also presented
304 is the payment scheme when purchasing rice.
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- 306 • Ms. Peña manifested that NFA IV has issued 4,442 bags of rice in connection with the Oil
307 spill, this includes the rice issued to the MDRRMO of Victoria, City of Valenzuela, OCD
308 and Sen. Binay.
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- 310 • Ms. Gabilan manifested what would be NFA's action regarding with the warehouse in
311 Romblon closing because this caused logistical challenges with DSWD when it come to
312 the province of Romblon, another is with the update with the No sales policy. Ms. Peña
313 replied that Romblon is already under the jurisdiction of the Batangas province and there
314 is still one (1) warehouse retained located at Romblon, Romblon that is currently operating.
315 With the No sales Policy it is only issued to accommodate the rice requirement regarding
316 Administrative Order No. 2, but it is relayed by their higher management that if the
317 withdrawal is connected with calamity emergencies, DWSD, BJMP and LGUs they can
318 accommodate the request subject to the evaluation and approval of the central office.
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- 320 • Ms. Gabilan added what is the process in order to be prioritized, in which Ms. Peña said
321 that they can be prioritized but still depends on the capacity of the LGU or the Agency if
322 they can buffer stock on their own. But it still is advice that to still let NFA stock the rice
323 since they apply pest control on it unless the LGU or Agency has the capacity to do proper
324 pest control on their own.
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- 326 • Mr. Labay of PDRRMO Marinduque also manifested that the NFA Warehouse in
327 Marinduque is already vacated and the nearest warehouse for them is the Lucena
328 warehouse. Ms. Peña said that Marinduque is already under the jurisdiction of Quezon
329 Branch Office and their last update is that an extension of 6 months is given to the Laylay
330 warehouse before it gets vacated, but rest assured that there is still an old warehouse in
331 Sta. Cruz warehouse.
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- 333 • Dir. Mendoza manifested on what is the current update on the Administrative Order No. 2.
334 Ms. Peña replied that NFA already release an implementing guideline as of March 3, 2023
335 and 15 days after the publication it is already enacted. NFA also released additional
336 internal guidelines to enact AO2. As of now the instruction is to get a focal person per
337 agency that would be assigned to be the authorized personnel to transact with NFA
338 including the updated master list and acknowledgement receipt, and once complied they
339 can finally issue an Official Receipt and release the rice for all beneficiaries. Timeline and
340 deadline for this is until June 30 2023.
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342 **Presentation on the Updates on the Submerged Princess Empress and Oil Spill** 343 **Response Operations in the Province of Oriental Mindoro** 344

- 345 • Mr. Victore of OCD MIMARAOPA presented the Updates on the Submerged Princess
346 Empress and Oil Spill Response Operations in the Province of Oriental Mindoro. The
347 presentation started with the presentation of the overview of the situation. As of 21 March
348 2023, the current number of families affected is 27,360 and 136,360 individuals, affected
349 fisher folk recorded in Oriental Mindoro counts to 13,588, reportedly casualties are reported
350 to be at 192 mostly are health related incident (inhalation, ingestion and skin contact).
351 Number of barangays that reported sightings of oil spill is currently at 72, 66 of this is from
352 Oriental Mindoro and the remaining 6 is from Palawan.

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- Total assistance provided to the province of Oriental Mindoro is 50,752,533.08 while Palawan received a total of 9,565,000.00. This assistance is coming from LGUs, NGAs, NGOs and also INGOs.
 - The Provincial Government of Oriental Mindoro have already declared through Resolution No. 6290-2023 dated 06 March the state of calamity in selected municipalities, further the Municipality of Pola declared a state of calamity through Municipal Resolution No. 2023-22 dated 03 March 2023.
 - The details of the assistance provided were also presented. As of 23 March 2023, a total of Php 60,317,533.00 worth of assistance is provided to the Province of Oriental Mindoro. Assistance provided includes Family Food Packs, Financial Assistance, Rice Assistance and various Non-Food Items (N95 mask, Hygiene Kit, Family Kit, Water Filtration System, and PPE)
 - The current status of operations as of March 21, 2022 is as follows; PCG and contracted firms are still doing Off Shore Oil Spill Containment Operation; Collection of oil debris along the shores of Pola and other affected municipalities through simultaneous clean-up is ongoing; RV Hakuyo arrived last March 20, 2023 to provide visual confirmation of the location and assessment of current condition of the sunken MT Princess Empress; Multi-stakeholder meeting conducted to discuss the assessment and extent of damage/oil leakage and plan of action to address/mitigate the continuous release of oil from the sunken vessel; Cash for work for shoreline clean-up is being provided by contracted private company.
 - DRRM activities that are being done in connection with the Oil spill are provision of family food packs to affected population, provision of health services to affected population, provision of safe drinking water, implementation of cash-for-work programs, provision of cash assistance to GIDA, provision of rice assistance, deployment of water filtration units and hiring of affected fisherfolks.
 - Plan of action is to contain the spillage from the source, prevention of spillage from reaching the shore, collection of waste that had reach the coast, provision of services to affected communities and assessment of extent of damage to eco system.
 - Dir. Cheryl Ortega manifested that DICT MIMAROPA deployed a VSAT to give support to the Incident Command Post for augmentation purposes.
 - Dir. Fragnal of DHSUD MIMAROPA manifested if a map showing the flow of the oil spill from the origin can be presented so that the council can have a general idea of the current situation and the areas affected by the oil spill.
 - While the requested information is being searched, Ms. Carido of DA MIMAROPA asked if there is projection on how long the fishing ban would last in order for them to craft an action plan so that they can complement it to the response action for the affected fisherfolks in Oriental Mindoro.
 - Dir. Cabrera said that based on the press release of BFAR they cannot provide an indicative timeline for the fishing ban.
 - Ms. Carido also manifested if they can be provided with the date on the fish supply and demand on Oriental Mindoro so that they can make an action plan that in case of a problem on the supply of fish on Oriental Mindoro they can provide alternatives such as beef or chicken. Ms Ivy Kristine Basco of PDRRMO Oriental Mindoro answered that the Provincial Agriculturist can provide the data and also if the meat would be coming outside of Oriental Mindoro it still not allowed.

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- Ms. Carido also manifested that they already coordinated with the Provincial Agriculturist of Oriental Mindoro and would complement with whatever the Provincial Agriculturist cannot provide.
 - Mr. Labay manifested that there are fishermen from Oriental Mindoro that are already at Marinduque and doing fishing in the waters of Marinduque. Mr. Labay said that this is a clear violation of the law and asked what proper action can be done to them. Ms. Carido said that they would relay this to BFAR as this is more of their concern and DA's mandate is food security. But they would make sure that there would be enough food supply in Oriental Mindoro and would provide alternative livelihood to the affected fisherfolk.
 - Dir. Cabrera then manifested that if the said information is true this would be because of the desperation of the fisherfolks due to the lack of livelihood in their area. He also urged DOLE, DTI and even TESDA to make an integrated program in order to provide alternative livelihoods to the affected communities.
 - Mr. Labay manifested that there is a high probability that the upcoming changes in the current may affect the current flow of the oil and may it may affect the province of Marinduque.
 - Mr. Labay also asked if the Incident Command Post in Oriental Mindoro that is in operation in response to the Oil Spill Incident supported by the National or Regional government, and if ever can the service be extended to the Province of Marinduque. Also Mr. Labay informed the council that on March 17, 2023, Gov. Presbitero J. Velasco Jr. wrote a letter to the Incident Management Team (IMT) commanded by Commander Tubilla of Philippine Coastguard that in any case that the Province of Marinduque gets affected by the Oil Spill they would be included in the response plan and actions of the IMT.
 - Before making a response to Mr. Labay's issues that are raised, the trajectory of the Oil Spill made by UP MSI. The projections showed that the trajectory of the oil from the origin is going North which is what is happening as of now.
 - Dir. Cabrera respond to the issues raised by Mr. Labay by first saying that possibility of the incident escalating to the point of affecting Marinduque would largely be influenced depending on how soon the Oil Spill can be contain from the source. In the case of Marinduque, there is a need to meet with the counterparts on the province in order to discuss if there is a need to create a separate IMT in the province of Marinduque. But still the concentration of the operation would still be focused around the main area of the oil spill which is the province of Oriental Mindoro and some parts of Palawan where there are sightings of Oil spill. Dir. Cabrera also said to Mr. Labay to coordinate to the operations officer of OCD MIMAROPA so that they can coordinate the possible requirements of the Province of Marinduque so that it can be included in the procurement plans of the OCD MIMAROPA.
 - Ms. Ivy Basco manifested that the QRF spent by the Province of Oriental Mindoro is not Php 50 million. Instead, this amount includes the assistance provided by other agencies and NGOs to the province.
 - Dir. Mendoza manifested that if a resolution can be crafted declaring a national state of calamity, because the situation right now doesn't only affect one region but multiple and the region may not be able to handle the situation. It would also be a great help if we can tap the national resources by declaring a national state calamity to have a faster response since it is critical to stop the oil spill for further spreading to reduce the damages our natural resources. Dir. Cabrera replied that the motion of Dir. Mendoza has a sound basis considering that the affected region right now is not only the region of MIMAROPA but also CALABARZON, Region VI and possibly NCR. The motion was then seconded and approved.
 - Dir. Fraginal of DHSUD MIMAROPA questioned if the Oil spill incident has any impact with the maritime and vessel routes around Oriental Mindoro and Batangas area, and if they

469 have certain protocols when they encounter traces of oil spill. For the 2nd manifestation, in
470 regards to the salvaging of the sunken vessel, an assistance from the Japanese expert is
471 needed in order to salvage the vessel, in this case if ever such activity is to be conducted
472 can the concern agency present a proper budget allocation for the activity.
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- 474 • Dir. Cabrera said that there are some proposals to avoid the route of Verde Island in
475 Batangas, not because of safety but to protect the biodiversity in the area, but in terms of
476 safety Philippine Coastguard would still be consulted if this is enough reasoning to divert
477 the routes of vessels. For the 2nd manifestation, based on the reports of the consultants for
478 this situation, it is not advised to resurface the ship as it might break during the process, the
479 main priority for now is to siphon the remaining oil from the tanker.
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- 481 • Dir. Friginal added that if there would be a plan in the future to equip our personnel so that
482 down in the line if this kind of incident happens again our personnel would be prepared and
483 be well equipped to respond to these types of scenarios. Dir. Cabrera said that decade ago
484 there was already a proposal submitted to the national government by the coast guard for
485 the enhancement of their capacity but was not accepted, but with this event this would a
486 more than a justification for the requested enhancement so that they would be capable of
487 handling such situation.
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- 489 • Mr. Alili of PDRRMO Palawan made an update that upon validation of Philippines
490 Coastguard 300 ml of Oil debris is the only recorded amount that was retrieved from the
491 area of Palawan, but more than a thousand family and individual is affected by it. In Taytay,
492 Palawan around 303.3 liters of oily water mixture is retrieved and around 1.41 km of
493 coastline is cleared. Last March 11, 2023 a test is conducted to determine the level of oil
494 and grease in the water. Out of 6 stations, 3 stations are detected to have a high oil and
495 grease content in their water. Updated information regarding this would be given to the
496 council as soon as new information if given to them by the PENRO. Since March 14, 2023
497 no new sightings of oil slips in the area was reported.
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- 499 • Dir. Cabrera suggested to the PDRRMO Palawan the validation of data as the reported 300
500 ml of oil debris recovered from Agutaya, Palawan doesn't match the affected population and
501 assistance provided.
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- 503 • Mr. Mario Mulingbayan of PDRRMO Occidental Mindoro presented an update on the
504 current situation on Occidental Mindoro, that they also submitted samples to DENR-EMB,
505 they also made rounds on the shore of Magsaysay and San Jose to check for Oil debris.
506 Upon initial feedback to them the water from the said places is already contaminated it's
507 just that it cannot be seen by the naked eye. Another test was conducted today in the shores
508 of Magsaysay and San Jose and is just awaiting for the results. The Province of Occidental
509 Mindoro already augmented with the IMT in Pola in order to learn what are things being
510 done in response with this incident.
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512 **Presentation on the DSWD Disaster Response Operations on Oil Spill in Naujan,** 513 **Oriental Mindoro as of 23 March 2023** 514

- 515 • Ms. Gabilan of DSWD MIMAMAROPA presented the DSWD Disaster Response Operation
516 on Oil Spill in Naujan, Oriental Mindoro as of 23 March 2023. The presentation started with
517 the presentation of distribution of affected families and individuals per municipality including
518 Calapan City. Types of humanitarian assistance by DSWD and other member of response
519 cluster, besides the relief assistance a total of 41,864 Family Food packs amounting to
520 29,304,800 as of march 21 2023. The figure presented is double the number of the reflected
521 affected families of DSWD as the plan of DSWD is to distribute the FFP in four (4) waves
522 and two (2) waves is already done with the distribution. For the third wave of distribution of
523 FFP this coming weekend and the fourth wave for the next weekend. Additional 30432 FFPs
524 amounting to 20302400 were provided by the legislators. ENRO or NRLMB of DSWD
525 committed a 100000 FFPs to the 4 waves and as of March 21, 84140 are already delivered.
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- 527 • 2nd intervention being made by the DSWD is financial assistance through individuals in
528 crisis situation. AICS provided is already at 5759 individuals amounting to 70,257,000. AICS

529 was distributed to the following municipalities Pinamalayan, Gloria, Roxas, Pola, Bulalacao,
530 Bansud, Bongabong and Mansalay.

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- 532 • 3rd intervention done by DSWD is cash-for-work. This is done in partnership with the DENR
533 and counterparts in the province, ENRO and MENRO. Downloaded funds is equivalent to
534 fifteen (15) days of cash work, basis for the salary rate is based on the regional minimum
535 wage rate which amounts to 355/day. But it is approved by the secretary that it can be
536 extended to forty-five (45).
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- 538 • 4th intervention being done by the DSWD is the sustainable livelihood program. 1st batch
539 of beneficiaries have been consulted for their livelihood plan and currently the request for
540 fund for the project is being prepared.
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- 542 • Augmentation from other members of the response cluster is as follows, OCD which
543 provided logistical, food and fuel assistance. Philippine army which lends trucks and
544 workforce in the hauling and packing of goods. Municipalities also assisted in the moving of
545 food packs to affected areas. DENR assisted in the cash-for-work implementation and the
546 Philippine Coast Guard with the shipment of FFPs to Palawan and also provided workforce
547 for the hauling and repacking of FFPs.
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- 549 • Mr. Labay manifested if the National Power Corporation can be involved with this because
550 by law, they are required to keep a stock of Oil Spill Boom. The information was duly noted
551 by the council.
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- 553 • Mr. Jorge Antonio P. Calayo of LTO IVB manifested if they can have a copy of declaration
554 that the two municipalities in Palawan are still under level 2. Ms. Cherry An Candava shared
555 the latest IATF advisory regarding the declaration of the Palawan being under alert level 2
556 except for the municipalities of Cullion and Cagayancillo.
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- 558 • Mr. Ronilio M. Cervantes of NIA made a manifestation that if there is even a need for
559 additional trucks for transport of goods and such NIA is willing to provide steel trucks and
560 dump trucks.
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- 562 • Ms. Angelica F de Leon of CDRRMO Calapan presented a summary on current situation
563 from Calapan City on how fast the development of the situation in the city of Calapan in
564 regard with the Oil Spill Situation. As of yesterday, only one (1) barangay is affected and
565 have sighting of tar ball, but as of March 23, 2022 another barangay has reported sightings
566 of tar ball. Harka Piloto which is one of the marine protected areas in Calapan has been
567 reported to have some traces of oil slick. She also suggested for other LGUs to be prepared
568 and have preventive measures in order to lessen the effects of this Oil Spill Incident.
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- 570 • Mr. Alili in behalf of the Federation of LDRRMOs of MIMAROPA manifest their intent to
571 assist the IMT on the ground, to at least shadow the works on the ground and this will also
572 serve as their preparation in case the oil spill reaches their respective provinces. Dir.
573 Cabrera agreed with the gesture and advised them to send the possible line up that would
574 be included in the team that would shadow the IMT.
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- 576 • Mr. Labay asked if it's possible if a timeline on the response action for the incident and for
577 the needs that would be provided. Dir. Cabrera said that this is the concern of all agencies
578 and governor now, but due to the various unknowns right now it is suggested to stick to the
579 plan to contain the oil spill from the source, collect oil debris that already reach the shore.
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- 581 • Mr. Guevarra of DTI MIMAROPA manifested that in connection with the declaration of state
582 of calamity in the province of Oriental Mindoro, DTI's provincial government issued a price
583 freeze for the seventeen (17) coastal barangays affected by the oil spill.
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- 585 • Mr. Michael Ian Andres of DOH MIMAROPA manifested that the Health Emergency
586 Management Office as of now they are receiving donations from different hospitals and
587 LGUs of NCR. Some of these have already been transported to Mindoro, while new

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donations are now on schedule to be delivered to Oriental Mindoro. DOH is also providing health education to the residents of affected areas in Oriental Mindoro. Ms. Cherry Ann Candava also added that they conducted validation and surveillance to the affected individuals experiencing symptoms due to the Oil Spill. And with the concern regarding the nearly expiring vaccines, Pfizer are already expired but SINOVAC vaccines are still available especially in the area of Palawan.

- Ms. Keren Faye Gaya of NNC manifested that they already coordinated with the Nutrition Program Coordinator of Oriental Mindoro to monitor the children especially the malnourished ones in places affected by oil spill.
- Ms. Mary An B. Aceveda presented the actionable items and ways forward that are noted during the 1st Quarter RDRRMC MIMAROPA Full Council Meeting:

Actionable Item	Agency / Organization
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closely coordinate for appropriate/necessary preventive and mitigating measures and plan of action re: effects of weather and climate disturbances on agricultural sector 	DOST PAGASA NIA MIMAROPA DA MIMAROPA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pursue aggressive vaccination campaign in the Province of Palawan particularly on LGUs with low vaccination rate 	DOH MIMAROPA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dissemination of NDRRMC Guidelines and Call for Application on the membership of CSOs and Private Sector Representation in the DRRMCs • Draft the RDRRMC resolution recommending to the NDRRMC for the possible Declaration of National State of Imminent Danger in relation to the MT Princess Empress Oil Spill 	OCD MIMAROPA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possible inclusion of Province of Marinduque and the municipalities of Looc and Lubang, Occidental Mindoro in the current action plans for Oil Spill response operations 	NDRRMC Task Force for Oil Spill
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submission of proposals on the required interventions from National Government Agencies re Oil Spill Response to the NDRRM Task Force for Oil Spill 	PDRRMO Marinduque
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide possible line-up or structure of IMTs to augment on the current Oil Spill Response in Oriental Mindoro 	League of MIMAROPA LDRRMOs

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- Dir. Agustin Mendoza of NEDA MIMAROPA manifested in regards with crafting of resolution recommending the declaration of state of calamity, that upon perusal of the IRR instead of

607 a declaration of National State of Calamity it much better to toned down resolution enjoining
608 the concerned provinces such as Mindoro, Batangas, Marinduque even Romblon and some
609 parts of Manila because upon studying the proposal the response would be slower since
610 the affected areas are only the coastal areas and not the inland provinces are not that
611 affected. It would be faster if only the concerned provinces would declare state calamity in
612 their respective territories. Dir. Mendoza made a motion to reword or rehash the original
613 resolution that instead of recommending a national state calamity is to enjoin the concerned
614 provinces to declare local state calamities in their jurisdiction especially in places that is
615 mostly affected by the incident.

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- 617 • Dir. Cabrera replied that provinces such as Batangas and Marinduque may not be able to
618 declare a state of calamity as they are not qualified with the given criteria in declaring state
619 of calamity. However, there are instances they can declare a state of imminent danger.
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 - 621 • Engr. Mark Jerome Limpiado manifested that if ever there is still a need for trucks in
622 transporting FFPs, DPWH MIMAROPA is willing to lend trucks for the transportation. They
623 can also tap the DPWH provincial offices if there are still need of equipment in transporting
624 FFPs.
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627 **Adjournment**

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- 629 • RDRRMC Chairperson, Eugene G. Cabrera expressed his appreciation for the
630 presence of RDRRMC member agencies and MIMAROPA P/CDRRMOs for their
631 continuous support for this endeavor.
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 - 633 • The meeting was adjourned at 01:29 PM.
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641 Regional Director, OCD MIMAROPA