

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

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Participants:

- Dir. Eugene G. Cabrera	Chairperson, RDRRMC MIMAROPA
- Dir. Agustin Mendoza	Regional Director, OCD MIMAROPA
- Dir. Cheryl Ortega	NEDA MIMAROPA
- Dir. Peter Daniel Friginal	DICT MIMAROPA
- Dir. Aileen T. Arcin	DHSUD MIMAROPA
- Dir. Ronald B. Cabute	NAPOLCOM
- Ronilio M. Cervantes	NTC MIMAROPA
- PCol. Roel Lami-Ing	NIA MIMAROPA
- Col. Ismael P. Mandanas Jr.	PRO MIMAROPA
- Col. Bienvenido R. Hindang	2 ND INFANTRY DIVISION PA
- Col. Eric Guevarra	2 ND INFANTRY DIVISION PA
- LTC. Steve Mangabat	203 rd INFANTRY BRIGADE PA
- Rico P Pamdinas	AFP SOLCOM
- F/CINSP Herman B. Yason	AFP SOLCOM
- Geneliza D. Gabilan	BFP MIMAROPA
- Margarette Anne T. Rodriguez	DSWD MIMAROPA
- Allan Acosta	DILG MIMAROPA
- Mark Joseph Real	DOST MIMAROPA
- Joel Lorenzo C. Guevarra	DICT MIMAROPA
- Keren Faye Gaya	DTI MIMAROPA
- Jorge Antonio P. Calayo	NNC MIMAROPA
- John Derrick Diokno	LTO MIMAROPA
- Raymund Bush Dimaano	PHILHEALTH
- Cherry Ann Candava	PHILHEALTH
- Michael Ian Andres	DOH MIMAROPA
- Maria Teresa B. Carido	DOH MIMAROPA
- Jayrick Supetran	DA MIMAROPA
- Bernadette O. Peña	DA MIMAROPA
- Christian Loard Montalbo	NFA IV
- Matt Andrew Bagon	NFA IV
- Gaudision M. Alger Jr.	NFA IV
- Andrea Albo	NAPOLCOM MIMAROPA
- Analisa Solis	NAPOLCOM MIMAROPA
- Mark Jerome Limpiado	DOST-PAGASA
- Lolaine B. Bagsil	DPWH MIMAROPA
- Rosalio S. Ferrer Jr.	DEPED MIMAROPA
- Jermias Y. Alili	PPA BATANGAS
- Ivy Kristine Basco	PDRRMO PALAWAN
- Mario D. Mulingbayan	PDRRMO ORIENTAL MINDORO
- Christian Ramillo	PDRRMO OCCIDENTAL MINDORO
- Jose Rino Labay	PDRRMO ROMBLON
- Earl H. Timbancaya	PDRRMO MARINDUQUE
- Angelica F. de Leon	CRRMO PUERTO PRINCESA
- Marc Rembrandt P. Victore	CRRMO CALAPAN
- Elvis Cruz	OCD MIMAROPA
- Mary An B. Aceveda	OCD MIMAROPA
- Melly Joy F. Fajilagmago	OCD MIMAROPA
- Efril F. Maranan	OCD MIMAROPA
- Rosselle May O. Ilagan	OCD MIMAROPA

- Jefrie Rodriguez
- Jorge V. Matunog
- Harrold R. Bautista

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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 PDRMO 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

Cyclone Forecast 8 – 11 tropical cyclones are expected to enter/develop in the Philippine Area of Responsibility (PAR) from April – September 2023. Onset for the rainy season is expected to be normal (between the 2nd half of May to 1st half of June): for areas in the western part of the country (under Climate type I).

- Dir. Cabrera raised a question about the slide showing the Forecast Rainfall Conditions. Dir. Cabrera asked if the mentioned high probability of near and above normal rainfall conditions in most parts of MIMAROPA is due to the uncertainties. Ms. Solis answered that the high probability of near above rainfall is due to the uncertainties, she also added that even though they provide deterministic type of rainfall forecast that use actual rainfall value forecast, but they still provide forecast that shows probabilities to account uncertainties.
- Dir. Mendoza, inquire what would be the effects of this weather forecast to the crops, livestock and fishery production of the region, and urge the Department of Agriculture (DA) if they can also add something to the question. Ms. Maria Teresa Carido of DA MIMAROPA, informed that DA MIMAROPA is already in the process of monitoring the agricultural areas especially the rice sector due to the upcoming El Niño. Ms. Carido also added that due to their observation during the past three years the region is experiencing torrential rain especially in the last quarter of the year, and in their house meeting PSA reported that there is a decline in production especially in the province of Oriental Mindoro. She also inquired if there is a time series that we can consult so that they can change the cropping calendar to be presented to the farmers. Because base on their observation the change in weather is the major reason on the decline of the production of crops in Oriental Mindoro.
- For PAG-ASA to be able to provide such forecast that is production focus, Ms. Solis said that they would be needing a close coordination with the agricultural sector especially with the crop modelers. Although PAG-ASA can provide one, they are not the one authorized to do a yield forecast, but they can provide a simple forecast on the percent of rainfall during El Niño and based they can adjust the cropping calendar. And in addition, Ms. Solis that the region is experiencing torrential rainfall due to the fact that we are coming from a La Niña three years in a row. Lastly, Ms. Solis said that they have already coordinated with DA Central office in connection with the dynamic cropping calendar.
- Dir. Agustin made a motion for DOST – PAGASA, DA and NIA to closely coordinate with the possible impact of the current climate and weather projections in crop and livestock yields and production so that appropriate measures and interventions can be done to ensure the food security of the region.

Presentation on the Latest COVID-19 Situation Report in the Region

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

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

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- 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

structure for managing its own affairs according to its mandate, including mechanisms to effectively participate in the DRRM Council it is applying for and holding its officers accountable to its members; (5) Certificate of Registration or Accreditation; (6) CSO and Private Sector applicants in any level of DRRMC who are proven in court to have been engaged in aiding, providing support, promoting, and financing, among others, terrorism as defined in RA 10168 as well as RA 11479; and (7) Applicants for a seat in DRRM Council that have participated in any election as party-list representative to the Philippine Congress shall be ineligible to apply for any seat in the DRRM Council.

- Notice for Call of Application for DRRM Council Membership will be disseminated by the secretariat to all national and locally-based SOs and private sectors via available media such as, but not limited to, social media, official website, and official gazette; also, the secretariat will provide interested COs and private sectors with Application for DRRM Council Membership Form; and lastly all applications for membership would be accepted and acknowledged without cost.
- The applicant shall provide the following requirements: a duly accomplished Application for DRRM Council Membership form; Letter of Intent (LOI) addressed to the DRRMC Chairperson indicating brief background of the organization and activities of the NDRRMC / RDRRMC / LDRRMC in which it wishes to primarily participate. It shall be accompanied with the following documents, Certificate of Registration or Accreditation, a Memorandum of Cooperation, Authenticated Copy of Latest Articles of Incorporation, Financial Reports, Letter(s) of Endorsement from regular member(s) of the Council the organization wishes to be part of and Certificate of Good track record and good standing as an organization. An incomplete of failure to comply with the above requirements on the given deadline shall cause the denial of its application for Council Membership.
- The selection committee shall be composed of: at the National Level, the Technical Managing Group (TMG) shall serve as the National Selection Committee (NSC); at the Regional Level, the Regional Selection Committee (RSC) shall be chaired by the designated official of the Regional Director of the Office of Civil Defense; at the Local Level, the Local Selection Committee (LSC) shall be chaired by the designated Vice-Chairperson of the LDRRMC. The LSC shall be composed of LDRRMC members of their duly authorized representatives.
- Dir. Cabrera manifested that the Call for Nominations be disseminated as soon as possible to be able to invite CSOs and Private Sectors in the selection.
- For the next presentation "Guidelines on the Conduct of the 23rd Gawad KALASAG", Dir. Cabrera invoke his discretion as the Chairperson to dispense the presentation. As this was already presented during the orientation for LDRRMCs.

Presentation on the Guidelines on the Withdrawal of Rice during Emergency Situation

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

issuance to LGU; shall issue rice only to authorized representative/s of the LGU upon receipt by the Warehouse Supervisor; to issue an interest of one percent (1%) per month and penalty two percent (2%) per month based on the amount due and shall temporarily suspend the sale of rice to LGU until the account/obligation/ is fully paid/settled; and shall create a collection committee to monitor and ensure that payment is regularly complied based on agreement.

- LGUs shall submit to the concern NFA Branch Office (NFA BO) upon signing of the MOA, the following general requirements: (a) List of authorized representative/s to transact business, sign pertinent NFA documents and withdraw rice in behalf of the LGU; (b) two (2) valid government identification card (IDs); and (c) Purchase Order (PO). Also presented is the payment scheme when purchasing rice.
- Ms. Peña manifested that NFA IV has issued 4,442 bags of rice in connection with the Oil spill, this includes the rice issued to the MDRRMO of Victoria, City of Valenzuela, OCD and Sen. Binay.
- Ms. Gabilan manifested what would be NFA's action regarding with the warehouse in Romblon closing because this caused logistical challenges with DSWD when it come to the province of Romblon, another is with the update with the No sales policy. Ms. Peña replied that Romblon is already under the jurisdiction of the Batangas province and there is still one (1) warehouse retained located at Romblon, Romblon that is currently operating. With the No sales Policy it is only issued to accommodate the rice requirement regarding Administrative Order No. 2, but it is relayed by their higher management that if the withdrawal is connected with calamity emergencies, DWSD, BJMP and LGUs they can accommodate the request subject to the evaluation and approval of the central office.
- Ms. Gabilan added what is the process in order to be prioritized, in which Ms. Peña said that they can be prioritized but still depends on the capacity of the LGU or the Agency if they can buffer stock on their own. But it still is advice that to still let NFA stock the rice since they apply pest control on it unless the LGU or Agency has the capacity to do proper pest control on their own.
- Mr. Labay of PDRRMO Marinduque also manifested that the NFA Warehouse in Marinduque is already vacated and the nearest warehouse for them is the Lucena warehouse. Ms. Peña said that Marinduque is already under the jurisdiction of Quezon Branch Office and their last update is that an extension of 6 months is given to the Laylay warehouse before it gets vacated, but rest assured that there is still an old warehouse in Sta. Cruz warehouse.
- Dir. Mendoza manifested on what is the current update on the Administrative Order No. 2. Ms. Peña replied that NFA already release an implementing guideline as of March 3, 2023 and 15 days after the publication it is already enacted. NFA also released additional internal guidelines to enact AO2. As of now the instruction is to get a focal person per agency that would be assigned to be the authorized personnel to transact with NFA including the updated master list and acknowledgement receipt, and once complied they can finally issue an Official Receipt and release the rice for all beneficiaries. Timeline and deadline for this is until June 30 2023.

Presentation on the Updates on the Submerged Princess Empress and Oil Spill Response Operations in the Province of Oriental Mindoro

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

- 354 • Total assistance provided to the province of Oriental Mindoro is 50,752,533.08 while
355 Palawan received a total of 9,565,000.00. This assistance is coming from LGUs, NGAs,
356 NGOs and also INGOs.
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- 358 • The Provincial Government of Oriental Mindoro have already declared through Resolution
359 No. 6290-2023 dated 06 March the state of calamity in selected municipalities, further the
360 Municipality of Pola declared a state of calamity through Municipal Resolution No. 2023-
361 22 dated 03 March 2023.
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- 363 • The details of the assistance provided were also presented. As of 23 March 2023, a total
364 of Php 60,317,533.00 worth of assistance is provided to the Province of Oriental Mindoro.
365 Assistance provided includes Family Food Packs, Financial Assistance, Rice Assistance
366 and various Non-Food Items (N95 mask, Hygiene Kit, Family Kit, Water Filtration
367 System, and PPE)
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- 369 • The current status of operations as of March 21, 2022 is as follows; PCG and contracted
370 firms are still doing Off Shore Oil Spill Containment Operation; Collection of oil debris along
371 the shores of Pola and other affected municipalities through simultaneous clean-up is on-
372 going; RV Hakuyo arrived last March 20, 2023 to provide visual confirmation of the location
373 and assessment of current condition of the sunken MT Princess Empress; Multi-stakeholder
374 meeting conducted to discuss the assessment and extent of damage/oil leakage and plan
375 of action to address/mitigate the continuous release of oil from the sunken vessel; Cash for
376 work for shoreline clean-up is being provided by contracted private company.
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- 378 • DRRM activities that are being done in connection with the Oil spill are provision of family
379 food packs to affected population, provision of health services to affected population,
380 provision of safe drinking water, implementation of cash-for-work programs, provision of
381 cash assistance to GIDA, provision of rice assistance, deployment of water filtration units
382 and hiring of affected fisherfolks.
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- 384 • Plan of action is to contain the spillage from the source, prevention of spillage from reaching
385 the shore, collection of waste that had reach the coast, provision of services to affected
386 communities and assessment of extent of damage to eco system.
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- 388 • Dir. Cheryl Ortega manifested that DICT MIMAROPA deployed a VSAT to give support to
389 the Incident Command Post for augmentation purposes.
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- 391 • Dir. Fragnal of DHSUD MIMAROPA manifested if a map showing the flow of the oil spill
392 from the origin can be presented so that the council can have a general idea of the current
393 situation and the areas affected by the oil spill.
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- 395 • While the requested information is being searched, Ms. Carido of DA MIMAROPA asked if
396 there is projection on how long the fishing ban would last in order for them to craft an action
397 plan so that they can complement it to the response action for the affected fisherfolks in
398 Oriental Mindoro.
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- 400 • Dir. Cabrera said that based on the press release of BFAR they cannot provide an indicative
401 timeline for the fishing ban.
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- 403 • Ms. Carido also manifested if they can be provided with the data on the fish supply and
404 demand on Oriental Mindoro so that they can make an action plan that in case of a problem
405 on the supply of fish on Oriental Mindoro they can provide alternatives such as beef or
406 chicken. Ms Ivy Kristine Basco of PDRMO Oriental Mindoro answered that the Provincial
407 Agriculturist can provide the data and also if the meat would be coming outside of Oriental
408 Mindoro it still not allowed.
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- 410 • Ms. Carido also manifested that they already coordinated with the Provincial Agriculturist of
411 Oriental Mindoro and would complement with whatever the Provincial Agriculturist cannot
412 provide.
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- 414 • Mr. Labay manifested that there are fishermen from Oriental Mindoro that are already at
415 Marinduque and doing fishing in the waters of Marinduque. Mr. Labay said that this is a
416 clear violation of the law and asked what proper action can be done to them. Ms. Carido
417 said that they would relay this to BFAR as this is more of their concern and DA's mandate
418 is food security. But they would make sure that there would be enough food supply in
419 Oriental Mindoro and would provide alternative livelihood to the affected fisherfolk.
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- 421 • Dir. Cabrera then manifested that if the said information is true this would because of the
422 desperation of the fisherfolks due to the lack of livelihood in their area. He also urged DOLE,
423 DTI and even TESDA to make an integrated program in order to provide alternative
424 livelihoods to the affected communities.
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- 426 • Mr. Labay manifested that there is a high probably that the upcoming changes in the current
427 may affect the current flow of the oil and may it may affect the province of Marinduque.
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- 429 • Mr. Labay also asked if the Incident Command Post in Oriental Mindoro that is in operation
430 in response to the Oil Spill Incident supported by the National or Regional government, and
431 if ever can the service be extended to the Province of Marinduque. Also Mr. Labay informed
432 the council that on March 17, 2023, Gov. Presbitero J. Velasco Jr. wrote a letter to the
433 Incident Management Team (IMT) commanded by Commander Tubilla of Philippine
434 Coastguard that in any case that the Province of Marinduque gets affected by the Oil Spill
435 they would be included in the response plan and actions of the IMT.
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- 437 • Before making a response to Mr. Labay's issues that are raised, the trajectory of the Oil
438 Spill made by UP MSI. The projections showed that the trajectory of the oil from the origin
439 is going North which is what is happening as of now.
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- 441 • Dir. Cabrera respond to the issues raised by Mr. Labay by first saying that possibility of the
442 incident escalating to the point of affecting Marinduque would largely be influenced
443 depending on how soon the Oil Spill can be contain from the source. In the case of
444 Marinduque, there is a need to meet with the counterparts on the province in order to
445 discuss if there is a need to create a separate IMT in the province of Marinduque. But still
446 the concentration of the operation would still be focused around the main area of the oil spill
447 which is the province of Oriental Mindoro and some parts of Palawan where there are
448 sightings of Oil spill. Dir. Cabrera also said to Mr. Labay to coordinate to the operations
449 officer of OCD MIMAROPA so that they can coordinate the possible requirements of the
450 Province of Marinduque so that it can be included in the procurement plans of the OCD
451 MIMAROPA.
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- 453 • Ms. Ivy Basco manifested that the QRF spent by the Province of Oriental Mindoro is not
454 Php 50 million. Instead, this amount includes the assistance provided by other agencies
455 and NGOs to the province.
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- 457 • Dir. Mendoza manifested that if a resolution can be crafted declaring a national state of
458 calamity, because the situation right now doesn't only affect one region but multiple and the
459 region may not be able to handle the situation. It would also be a great help if we can tap
460 the national resources by declaring a national state calamity to have a faster response since
461 it is critical to stop the oil spill for further spreading to reduce the damages our natural
462 resources. Dir. Cabrera replied that the motion of Dir. Mendoza has a sound basis
463 considering that the affected region right now is not only the region of MIMAROPA but also
464 CALABARZON, Region VI and possibly NCR. The motion was then seconded and
465 approved.
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- 467 • Dir. Fraginal of DHSUD MIMAROPA questioned if the Oil spill incident has any impact with
468 the maritime and vessel routes around Oriental Mindoro and Batangas area, and if they

have certain protocols when they encounter traces of oil spill. For the 2nd manifestation, in regards to the salvaging of the sunken vessel, an assistance from the Japanese expert is needed in order to salvage the vessel, in this case if ever such activity is to be conducted can the concern agency present a proper budget allocation for the activity.

- Dir. Cabrera said that there are some proposals to avoid the route of Verde Island in Batangas, not because of safety but to protect the biodiversity in the area, but in terms of safety Philippine Coastguard would still be consulted if this is enough reasoning to divert the routes of vessels. For the 2nd manifestation, based on the reports of the consultants for this situation, it is not advised to resurface the ship as it might break during the process, the main priority for now is to siphon the remaining oil from the tanker.
- Dir. Friginal added that if there would be a plan in the future to equip our personnel so that down in the line if this kind of incident happens again our personnel would be prepared and be well equipped to respond to these types of scenarios. Dir. Cabrera said that decade ago there was already a proposal submitted to the national government by the coast guard for the enhancement of their capacity but was not accepted, but with this event this would be more than a justification for the requested enhancement so that they would be capable of handling such situation.
- Mr. Alili of PDRRMO Palawan made an update that upon validation of Philippines Coastguard 300 ml of Oil debris is the only recorded amount that was retrieved from the area of Palawan, but more than a thousand family and individual is affected by it. In Taytay, Palawan around 303.3 liters of oily water mixture is retrieved and around 1.41 km of coastline is cleared. Last March 11, 2023 a test is conducted to determine the level of oil and grease in the water. Out of 6 stations, 3 stations are detected to have a high oil and grease content in their water. Updated information regarding this would be given to the council as soon as new information is given to them by the PENRO. Since March 14, 2023 no new sightings of oil slips in the area was reported.
- Dir. Cabrera suggested to the PDRRMO Palawan the validation of data as the reported 300 ml of oil debris recovered from Agutaya, Palawan doesn't match the affected population and assistance provided.
- Mr. Mario Mulingbayan of PDRRMO Occidental Mindoro presented an update on the current situation on Occidental Mindoro, that they also submitted samples to DENR-EMB, they also made rounds on the shore of Magsaysay and San Jose to check for Oil debris. Upon initial feedback to them the water from the said places is already contaminated it's just that it cannot be seen by the naked eye. Another test was conducted today in the shores of Magsaysay and San Jose and is just awaiting for the results. The Province of Occidental Mindoro already augmented with the IMT in Pola in order to learn what are things being done in response with this incident.

Presentation on the DSWD Disaster Response Operations on Oil Spill in Naujan, Oriental Mindoro as of 23 March 2023

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

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

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

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

- 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

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


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


Adjournment

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

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