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Department of Environment and Natural Resources

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MEMORANDUM

FOR The Directors : Legal Affairs Service Policy and Planning Service **Climate Change Service** The Bureau Directors **Environmental Management Bureau** Biodiversity Management Bureau The OIC Director Mines and Geoscience Bureau The Executive Directors National Water Resources Board **River Basin Control Office** Manila Bay Coordinating Office **All Regional Executive Directors** The Administrator National Mapping and Resource Information Authority FROM The Director : Legislative Liaison Office INVITATION TO THE PUBLIC HEARING ON LEGISLATIVE SUBJECT : BILLS ON RAINWATER HARVESTING FROM THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS DATE 22 August 2023 :

In reference to the electronic mail received by our Office on the same date, the Committee on Public Works will conduct a public hearing on **Wednesday**, **August 23**, **2023**, **01:00 PM at the Senator Geronima T. Pecson Room**, **Senate of the Philippines**, and shall include the following addendum relative to the Rainwater Harvesting measures, to wit:

- Senate Bill No. 128 An Act Requiring New Commercial, Institutional, and Residential Infrastructure Projects in Metro Manila and Major Cities in the Philippines to Install Rainwater Harvesting or Retention Facilities, Providing Penalties for Violations, and For Other Purposes (Sen. Cynthia A. Villar);
- Senate Bill No. 342 An Act Institutionalizing Rainwater Harvesting System in Metro Manila and Major Cities in the Philippines, and For Other Purposes (Sen. Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay);

- Senate Bill No. 454 An Act Mandating the Establishment, Management, Maintenance and Regulation of a Rainwater Harvesting Facility in All New Institutional, Commercial, Industrial, and Residential Development Projects in Metro Manila (Sen. Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada);
- Senate Bill No. 545 An Act Creating a Rainwater Harvesting Facility for the Management, Maintenance, Regulation, and Utilization of Rainwater Runoff, and Improvement of Ecological Characteristics of Catchments with the End in View of Addressing Flooding and Water Shortage in Urban and Rural Centers (Sen. Grace Poe);
- Senate Bill No. 990 An Act Mandating the Establishment, Management, Maintenance, and Regulation of a Rainwater Harvesting Facility in All New Institutional, Commercial, and Residential Development Projects in Metro Manila (Sen. Ramon Bong Revilla Jr); and
- Senate Bill No. 1687 An Act Instituting Strategies to Address and Mitigate the Damage Caused by Weather Aberrations and Natural Disasters Where Excessive Rainwater Cause Massive Flooding that Destroy Property, Lives and Infrastructure But Utilizing the Same to Remedy Problems Due to Lack of It to Lessen the Impact of Droughts, Typhoons and Earthquakes, Strengthening the Ability of Government to Reduce and Control Disaster Attributable to Rainwater and For Other Purposes (Sen. Raffy T. Tulfo).
- **PSR No. 568** Resolution Urging the Appropriate Senate Committee To Conduct An Inquiry In Aid Of Legislation Into The Implementation Of The Rainwater Collector And Springs Development Act (Sen. Loren B. Legarda)

In this regard, may we respectfully request your attendance on the abovementioned public hearing, as requested by the Committee. Kindly inform us of the name/s of the attendees from your office who will participate in the meeting so we may include him/her/them as resource person/s.

Attached herewith is a copy of the Letter Invitation. The copies of the bills may be accessed through this link: <u>https://tinyurl.com/4f7fdude</u>.

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cc: Undersecretary for Special Concerns and Legislative Affairs Undersecretary for Integrated Environmental Science Undersecretary for Finance, Information Systems and Climate Change