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MEMORANDUM

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FROM : **The Director**

Legislative Liaison Office

SUBJECT: AMENDED AGENDA OF THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL

RESOURCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MEETING

DATE: 17 February 2023

The Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives sent an electronic mail informing the Department of the Amended agenda for the face-to-face Committee Meeting on 22 February 2023 (Wednesday), 1:30 in the afternoon at Nograles Hall, House of Representatives as follows:

Bills approved on Third Reading in the 18th Congress

- 1. House Bill No. 1821, An Act Establishing The Final Forestland Boundary Of The Province Of Siquijor, by Rep. Zaldy S. Villa
- 2. House Bill No. 3891, An Act Declaring The Island Of Mindoro A Mining Free-Zone, Prohibiting All Forms Of Mining Operation And Activity, And Providing Penalties Therefor, by Rep. Arnan C. Panaligan
- 3. House Bill No. 6219, An Act Declaring The Island Of Mindoro As A Mining- Free Zone, And Providing Penalties For Violation Thereof, by Rep. Alfonso V. Umali, Jr.
- 4. House Bill No. 6616, An Act Rationalizing The Management Of Natural Resources In the Camotes Islands, Province of Cebu, Declaring Certain Lands Of The Public Domain As Agricultural Land Open To Disposition For Agricultural, Commercial, Residential, Industrial And For Other Purposes, Amending For the Purpose Proclamation No. 2152 Dated December 29, 1981, Entitled "Declaring The Entire Province of Palawan And Certain Parcels of The Public Domain And/or Parts Of The Country As Mangrove Swamp Forest Reserves, by Rep. Vincent Franco "Duke" D. Frasco.

Continuation of the Deliberation on the following:

Philippine Ecosystem And Natural Capital Accounting System (PENCAS) (included in the LEDAC Priorities)

- 1. House Bill No. 73, entitled "An Act Institutionalizing The Philippine Ecosystem And Natural Capital Accounting System (PENCAS), Mandating Its Use In Policy And Decision-Making, Designating The Agencies Responsible For Its Implementation, Providing Institutional Arrangements Among Responsible Agencies, Appropriating Funds Therefore And For Other Purposes", authored by Rep. Jose Francisco "Kiko" B. Benitez, PhD.; and
- 2. House Bill No. 2604, entitled "An Act Institutionalizing The Philippine Ecosystem And Natural Capital Accounting System (PENCAS), Mandating Its Use In Policy And Decision-Making, Designating The Agencies Responsible For Its Implementation, Providing Institutional Arrangements Among Responsible Agencies, Appropriating Funds Therefor And For Other Purposes", authored by Rep. Antonio "AA" B. Legarda.

Initial Deliberation of the Following Measures:

- 1. House Bill No. 1757, An Act Providing For The Sustainable Management Of Heritage Trees And For Other Purposes, by Rep. Paolo Z. Duterte and Rep. Eric Go Yap
- 2. Local Bill on Heritage Trees:

House Bill No. 1418, An Act Declaring The Acacia Trees In The Municipality Of Binalonan, Province Of Pangasinan, As Local Heritage Trees And Appropriating Funds For Its Protection, Preservation, And Conservation, And Other Purposes, by Rep. Ramon N. Guico Jr.

In this regard, we would like to request your **comments/recommendations** on the above-mentioned bills on **or before February 20, 2023, at 5 PM.** Kindly submit it via email at <u>denrllo@denr.gov.ph</u> for the drafting of the position paper requested by the Committee.

Further, to be prepared for the upcoming Committee Meeting, we are inviting you or your representative for a consultative meeting to discuss the aforementioned bills on **February 20, 2023**, at **2:00 PM at Social Hall, 2nd Floor, DENR Central Office.** Lastly, kindly inform us of the name/s of the representative/s from your office who will participate in the meeting so we may include him/her/them as resource person/s.

Attached herewith are the invitation letter, amended agenda and comparative matrix for PENCAS bills. For your perusal, copies of the bills may be accessed through this link https://bit.ly/3Ka7QES.

Your attendance is highly encouraged.

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cc: Undersecretary for Special Concerns and Legislative Affairs