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**INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE FOR RIVER RESTORATION AND
DREDGING ACTIVITIES**

**INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE ON RATIONALIZING DREDGING ACTIVITIES IN THE
HEAVILY SILTED RIVER CHANNELS WITHIN THE PROVINCE OF ORIENTAL
MINDORO**

DATE	30 March 2023
TIME	10:00AM Governor's Conference Hall
ATTENDEES	<ol style="list-style-type: none">Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, PH.D. Provincial Government of Oriental Mindoro Chairperson of the IACRegional Executive Director Lormelyn E. Claudio, CESO IV DENR-MIMAROPA REGION Vice-Chairperson of the IACRegional Director Gerald A. Pacanan, CESO III DPWH-Region IV-B Member of the IACRegional Director Glenn Marcelo C. Noble MGB-MIMAROPA Regional Office No. IV-B Member of the IACAtty. Alessa Ismael-Habal Attorney III (EMB-MIMAROPA) Representative of RD Joe Amil M. SalinoMr. Nicole Yuri V. Dorado Supervising Environmental Management Specialist (EMB-MIMAROPA) / Representative of RD Joe Amil M. SalinoDr. Hubbert Christopher A. Dolor, MD, MPA, MHA, PAR Provincial AdministratorMs. Ederlita U. Labre EMB PEMUEngr. Alan L. Valle PENROEngr. Raffy D. Dacles DPWH Region IV-B MIMAROPAEngr. Salvador E. Abad District Engineer - Mindoro Oriental District Engineering Office

	<p>12. Ms. Marie Louise C. Binwag Science Research Specialist II MGB - MIMAROPA</p> <p>13. Atty. Earl Ligorio R. Turano II Provincial Legal Officer Secretariat for River Restoration and Dredging Activities</p> <p>14. Engr. Edylou B. Tejido Provincial Engineer</p> <p>15. Mr. Albert Alastre Representative SMC Group of Companies</p> <p>16. Mr. Warlo C. Maghanoy Junior Geologist / Representative GC8 Kinming</p> <p>17. Mr. Julius Canarias Geologist</p> <p>18. Atty. Jeff Mark Cleofe</p> <p>19. Ms. Queency Mae M. Casapao OIC AO IV / Legal Assistant II</p> <p>20. Ms. Maria Aiza D. Libudan Member of the Secretariat for River Restoration and Dredging Activities</p> <p>8. Mr. Mark Daniel M. Nicasio Member of the Secretariat for River Restoration and Dredging Activities</p>
AGENDA	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Updating of Status of the Submitted documents. 2. Cancellation of the Notices of Award for the Pre-Qualified Proponents / Awardees who did not submit the Required Draft Dredging Master Plan. 3. Opening the Submission of Letters of Intent, Proof of Financial and Technical Capacities of Interested Applicants for Longos River, Alag River, and Subaang River. 4. Declaration of River Dredging Zones (RDZ) in the following River Systems in accordance with the following findings of the Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) Region IV-B MIMAROPA: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Preliminary Report on the Identified RDZs in Oriental Mindoro (2020) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Cagankan River ii. Mansalay River (Poblacion, Mansalay) iii. Wasig River

	B. Report on the Identified River Dredging Zones in Oriental Mindoro (February 2021) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Subaang River ii. Pula River (Pola) iii. Maujao River 5. Other Matters.
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SUMMARY OF CONCERNS AND AGREEMENTS ON THE INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE MEETING ON 30 MARCH 2023

Topics #1 and #2

Updating of Status of the Submitted Documents and Cancellation of the Notices of Award for the Pre-Qualified Proponents / Awardees who did not submit the Required Draft Dredging Master Plan

On 14 February 2023, Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, Ph. D., as Chairperson of the IAC required the pre-qualified proponents to submit their respective Dredging Master Plan for their river assignments. Said pre-qualified proponents committed to submit the Dredging Master Plan on or before 15 March 2023. For failure of Bataan Aggregates joint venture Anglo Philippine Holdings Corporation, and Vibranium Land Development and Technology, OPC (Longos River, Baco, Oriental Mindoro) and River Delta Development Corporation (Alag River, Baco, Oriental Mindoro) to submit the Dredging Master Plan on or before 15 March 2023, their Notices of Award/pre-qualification are hereby cancelled.

ISSUES/CONCERNS	COMMENTS/AGREEMENTS
<p>Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, PH.D.</p> <p>The meeting is now called to order. In attendance are the following: we have the Regional Director from the DPWH, Regional Director Gerald Pacanan. I am very happy that Regional Director Pacanan was able attend the meeting physically.</p> <p>Here with Regional Pacanan is the new District Engineer, DE Abad. We also have the Regional Executive Director of the DENR, RED Claudio. Of course, also in attendance is the MGB Regional Director, RD Glenn Noble. We also have other representatives from the respective DENR Offices, PENRO Engr. Valle, and RD Joe Amil Salino is present online</p> <p>Also present is the head of the Technical and Financial Working Groups, Provincial Administrator Hubbert Christopher A. Dolor; the head of the Secretariat of the River Restoration, Atty. Earl Ligorio R. Turano II, and our Provincial Engineer Edylou Tejido. We have a perfect quorum. All are present, five (5) out of five (5).</p>	

<p>Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, PH.D.</p> <p>For our agenda for today, we have five (5) general topics that we will discuss. I know that all are busy, so we have to facilitate the meeting the fastest way we can so first and foremost: the updating of the status of the submitted documents.</p>	
<p>Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, PH.D</p> <p>Previously, we conducted a meeting and approved a calendar of activities from the application period, submission, evaluation, then award. Accordingly, we can present the status here. Mr. Mark Daniel Nicasio, please update the status.</p>	<p>Mr. Mark Daniel M. Nicasio</p> <p>Governor, based on our records, those who submitted the documents are the following: Southern Concrete Industries Joint Venture Pasig River Expressway Corporation; SMC Shipping and Lighterage Corporation; Vibranium Land Development and Technology, OPC Joint Venture Sunwest Construction and Development Corporation; Elite Marine Construction Corporation Joint Venture Pasig River Expressway Corporation; Ionic Cementworks Industries Incorporated Joint Venture Pasig River Expressway Corporation; Keen Peak Corporation; and GC8 Kinming which was awarded for the first round of application.</p>
<p>Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, PH.D.</p> <p>What documents did they submit?</p>	<p>Atty. Earl Ligorio R. Turano II</p> <p>Governor, they are the ones who submitted a Draft Dredging Plan, which is now being reviewed by our Provincial Engineer.</p>
<p>Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, PH.D.</p> <p>To clarify, these are the pre-qualified proponents who were given a determination of pre-qualification through a Notice of Award.</p>	<p>Atty. Earl Ligorio R. Turano II</p> <p>Yes, sir.</p>
<p>Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, PH.D.</p> <p>After they were given the Notice of Award, we set a deadline on February 28, 2023, we extended it to another one (1) week.</p>	<p>Atty. Earl Ligorio R. Turano II</p> <p>Yes, sir. That is on March 15, 2023.</p>

<p>Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, PH.D.</p> <p>I personally called for that meeting on 14 February 2023. I told the pre-qualified proponents that we cannot move forward without the Dredging Master Plan. So we asked them to submit on or before February 28, 2023. I also made a statement that if the pre-qualified proponents fail to submit the Dredging Master Plan, their Notice of Award will be automatically cancelled. We all agreed on that matter expressly. Because of the oil spill that happened, the pre-qualified proponents asked for extension until 15 March 2023.</p> <p>Those who submitted are the following:</p> <p>Southern Concrete Industries Joint Venture Pasig River Expressway Corporation; SMC Shipping and Lighterage Corporation; Vibranium Land Development and Technology, OPC Joint Venture Sunwest Construction and Development Corporation; Elite Marine Construction Corporation Joint Venture Pasig River Expressway Corporation; Ionic Cementworks Industries Incorporated Joint Venture Pasig River Expressway Corporation; Keen Peak Corporation; and GC8 Kinming.</p> <p>In short how many submitted? Only seven (7) out of ten pre-qualified proponents.</p>	
<p>Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, PH.D.</p> <p>Those who did not submit are: Oktopower; River Delta Development Corporation; and Bataan Aggregates Joint Venture Anglo Philippine Holdings Corporation, and Vibranium Land Development and Technology, OPC.</p> <p>So what is the recommendation Atty. Earl?</p>	<p>Atty. Earl Ligorio R. Turano II</p> <p>Governor, we constantly made follow-ups and we even wrote them. On March 16, 2023, we wrote the joint venture of Bataan Aggregates, Anglo Philippine Holdings Corporation, and Vibranium Land Development and Technology, OPC, and River Delta Development Corporation. We gave an extension to the said proponents on or until March 24, 2023, last Friday, to submit the Dredging Master Plan. Unfortunately, we have not received anything from Bataan Aggregates joint venture Anglo Philippine Holdings Corporation, and Vibranium Land Development and Technology, OPC and River Delta Development Corporation except their text messages.</p>

<p>Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, PH.D.</p> <p>For River Delta Development Corporation and the joint venture of Bataan Aggregates joint venture Anglo Philippine Holdings Corporation, and Vibranium Land Development and Technology, OPC, there were no submissions? Are there any documents to prove their submission of the Dredging Master Plan?</p>	<p>Atty. Earl Ligorio R. Turano II</p> <p>There were none, Governor. Those who submitted documents for the Dredging Master Plan that are substantially acceptable are those coming from: Southern Concrete Industries Joint Venture Pasig River Expressway Corporation; SMC Shipping and Lighterage Corporation; Vibranium Land Development and Technology, OPC Joint Venture Sunwest Construction and Development Corporation; Elite Marine Construction Corporation Joint Venture Pasig River Expressway Corporation; Ionic Cementworks Industries Incorporated Joint Venture Pasig River Expressway Corporation; Keen Peak Corporation; and GC8 Kinming.</p> <p>GC8 Kinming submitted their documents, but not as complex as the other pre-qualified proponents.</p>
<p>Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, PH.D.</p> <p>So what are the comments of the other members, since Bataan Aggregates, Anglo Philippine Holdings Corporation, and Vibranium Land Development and Technology, OPC, and River Delta Development Corporation did not submit their Dredging Master Plan?</p> <p>In my opinion that this is a sign, that they are not anymore interested. We cannot wait forever for their submission. If it is okay with the other members, we officially cancel the Notice of Award/pre-qualification of the pre-qualified proponents who did not submit the Dredging Master Plan.</p>	<p>Regional Director Gerald A. Pacanan, CESO III</p> <p>I move for the cancellation of the pre-qualification of those who failed to submit their Dredging Master Plan.</p>
<p>Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, PH.D.</p> <p>Any second?</p>	<p>Regional Executive Director Lormelyn E. Claudio, CESO IV, Regional Director Glenn Marcelo C. Noble, and Regional Director Joe Amil M. Salino seconded the motion</p>
<p>Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, PH.D.</p> <p>Any objection?</p>	<p>Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, PH.D.</p> <p>Any objection? None, the motion is approved.</p>

	<p>Regional Director Glenn Marcelo C. Noble</p> <p>So the Notice of Award/pre-qualification of Bataan Aggregates, Anglo Philippine Holdings Corporation, and Vibranium Land Development and Technology, OPC; Oktopower; and River Delta Development Corporation are now cancelled.</p>
<p>Atty. Earl Ligorio R. Turano II</p> <p>If we look at the river assignments of Bataan Aggregates, Anglo Philippine Holdings Corporation, and Vibranium Land Development and Technology, OPC; and River Delta Development Corporation, those are the rivers which cause the perennial flooding in Baco. Aside from their failure to submit, I think Governor, with all humility, Alag River and Longos River are those rivers posing great concern. We cannot establish any establishments in the Municipality of Baco because every December we suffer from calamities and flooding incidents. Even if there is no typhoon, as long as there is rain in the mountains, the plains are flooded.</p>	<p>Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, PH.D.</p> <p>One of the problems that I experienced was, when we conducted the Massive Tree Planting Activities at all the rivers subject of the River Restoration Program, I rode a speedboat. We got stranded at the middle of the river. Kindly imagine, even if the river's width is massive, the carabaos can cross the river. It means that the river is very silted. That is why when it rains, the water will go to the farmlands and the houses.</p>

Topics #3 and #4

Opening the Submission of Letters of Intent, Proof of Financial and Technical Capacities of Interested Applicants for Longos River, Alag River, and Subaang River / Inclusion of other River Systems based on the Preliminary Report of the MGB MIMAROPA on the Identified River Dredging Zones (RDZs) in the Province of Oriental Mindoro

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<p>Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, PH.D.</p> <p>We proceed with the third (3rd) Agenda. We canceled Alag River, Longos River, and Subaang River. I have a request with the Members of the IAC. Before, the MGB conducted studies on the Identification of River Dredging Zones. The said report concluded that Cagankan River, Mansalay River, Wasig River, Pula River, and Maujao River are not commercially viable for large-scale dredging activities. However, I thought that if these rivers will not be open for River Restoration, they will not be dredged and the people of Mansalay,</p>	

<p>Pola, and Bulalacao will be left behind to suffer from the flooding. What I am thinking is, there are proponents who will apply if the river sytems will be clustered. It will be more commercially viable if the applicant will not only apply for one (1) river. Those rivers who are adjacent to one another will be clusted. May I also request that Cawacat River be included because Mayor Villas of Bulalacao personally requested that river to be dredged.</p>	
<p>Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, PH.D.</p> <p>I observed that if you pass through Campaasan, there are always floods in the area because the water could not flow through the pier. Mayor Villas would want that Cawacat River be dredged for the water from Cambunang to flow directly. Because of the floods, the roads are always prone to destruction. You cannot pass through Occidental Mindoro and there is no alternative route. I also experienced that because of rains, the motor vehicle instantly submerged. It is because of the large volume of water but the river has narrow opening. The water will only flow to the Bulalacao Cove. There is less volume of siltation, but the effects are severe upstream.</p>	
<p>Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, PH.D.</p> <p>These are the river systems that I request to be opened and clustered: Cagankan River, Mansalay River, Wasig River in Mansalay, Oriental Mindoro; Subaang River; Pula River in Pola, Oriental Mindoro. However, there is one (1) issue, there is a bridge located approximately one (1) kilometer from the river delta.</p> <p>During the rainy season last January, it was the first time that I experienced severe flooding in Pola. It is not just Pola which is affected, but also the Municipality of Socorro. The opening of the river is higher than the river, hence, floodwaters will immediately flow to Socorro. One of the reasons for siltation in Pula River is the quarry operations in Subaan, Socorro, and Pinamalayan; from the mountains of Pinamalayan, so all the sands and other materials flow to Pula River.</p> <p>For Maujao, located outside the town proper of Bulalacao on the way to Occidental Mindoro.</p>	

<p>For purposes of record, we will maintain Maujao, if the official name is Cabillan River, then we will make the necessary changes. So, if it is okay with the members of the IAC, can we approve now the Resolution for the opening and acceptance of the letters of intent, proof of financial and technical capacities.</p>	
<p>Regional Director Glenn Marcelo C. Noble</p> <p>What are the clusters that we will include in the proposal?</p>	<p>Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, PH.D.</p> <p>There will be three (3) clusters. Baco comprising of Alag and Longos; Mansalay Cluster comprising of Wasig, Cagankan, and Mansalay Rivers; Cluster of Maujao and Cawacat/Cabillan Rivers in Bulalacao. Subaang River in San Teodoro, and Pula River in Pola, Oriental Mindoro.</p>
<p>Regional Director Glenn Marcelo C. Noble</p> <p>Are they the official clusters?</p>	<p>Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, PH.D.</p> <p>No, RD. These are all based on the previous MGB studies in 2020 and 2021. In our Resolution, we are currently proposing for the clustering of the rivers based on the proximity of the rivers with each other. For Bulalacao and Mansalay clusters, the small rivers will be clustered to make them commercially-viable for large-scale dredging.</p>
<p>Atty. Earl Ligorio R. Turano II</p> <p>Governor, Butas River is also included in the studies, but the recommendation is not for large-scale dredging.</p>	<p>Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, PH.D.</p> <p>No. We cannot include Butas River. Even in my opinion, it is not feasible. Even though Butas River is heavily-silted. I fear that the sea wall along the river area will be destroyed. My recommendation is that the provincial government and the DPWH will spearhead the clearing operations in Butas River. Since we have amphibious backhoes for this purpose, we will partner with the DPWH. We will not include Butas River in the River Dredging Zone.</p>
<p>Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, PH.D.</p> <p>I am very glad of the MGB's study and output for this project. I personally funded for the studies in 2020 and 2021, not charged from the provincial government because of my desire to immediately identify the River Dredging Zones in the province.</p>	<p>Regional Executive Director Lormelyn E. Claudio, CESO IV</p> <p>The River Dredging Zones are actually identified and can be made the basis for the Dredging Master Plan because the accumulation zones are identified.</p>

<p>Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, PH.D.</p> <p>In fact, the team from the MGB went to Oriental three (3) times where I met eleven (11) geologists with Dr. Edwin Mojares. They conducted several studies for this purpose.</p>	
<p>Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, PH.D.</p> <p>Actually, there is scientific basis for the identification of river dredging zones. The studies are made by competent individuals who made the assessment. Also, we, as members of the IAC are the signatories to the documents to pursue River Restoration and we are always conducting due diligence before we sign any document.</p>	<p>Regional Director Glenn Marcelo C. Noble</p> <p>Yes, I agree Governor.</p>
<p>Regional Director Glenn Marcelo C. Noble</p> <p>Some people want to rush things up, but if there are issues, we are the ones who will be held liable.</p>	<p>Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, PH.D.</p> <p>PE Tejido's signature is in the Dredging Master Plan as prepared by, I will be the one under submitted by; when it comes on the review, under RD Pacanan for the Master Plan; as for the Environmental Compliance Certificate, the DENR and its component Bureaus are in charge.</p>
<p>Regional Executive Director Lormelyn E. Claudio, CESO IV</p> <p>The findings of the MGB are actually very exhaustive so the pre-qualified proponents will not have to bear all the burden of preparing their Draft Dredging Master Plan.</p>	<p>Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, PH.D.</p> <p>Yes RED. If you will look at the folders containing the MGB Reports, they are filled with scientific studies, photographs, and findings as early as the year 2020 and 2021.</p>
<p>Regional Director Glenn Marcelo C. Noble</p> <p>So based on all these Governor speaking of this one, how many rivers and clusters are we looking at?</p>	<p>Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, PH.D.</p> <p>Nine (9) rivers.</p>
<p>Regional Director Glenn Marcelo C. Noble</p> <p>No, I mean how many groups?</p>	<p>Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, PH.D.</p> <p>Five (5) groups. Cluster of Alag and Longos Rivers as one; two Wasig, Cagankan and Mansalay Rivers; three Maujao and Cawacat Rivers; Subaang River and Pula River. We can cluster Subaang and Pula River if the Committee will permit it.</p>

<p>Regional Director Glenn Marcelo C. Noble</p> <p>We can decide whether we can combine Subaang and Pula Rivers into one cluster.</p>	<p>Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, PH.D.</p> <p>We cannot make a cluster of Subaang and Pula River because of they are far from each other.</p>
<p>Regional Director Glenn Marcelo C. Noble</p> <p>How about the other rivers?</p>	<p>Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, PH.D.</p> <p>Longos and Alag are next to each other so we will not have a problem with that. Wasig, Cagankan and Mansalay are also proximately close; Maujao and Cawacat are also next to each other. Pula and Subaang Rivers will be separate river systems.</p>
<p>Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, PH.D.</p> <p>Can I now request for a motion?</p>	<p>Regional Director Glenn Marcelo C. Noble</p> <p>Mr. Chairperson I move that the rivers presented to the IAC combined in clusters to be open for other applicants upon submission of Letters of Intent and proof of financial and technical capacities, pursuant to the guidelines of the IAC.</p>
<p>Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, PH.D.</p> <p>Any objection, none? The motion of RD Marcelo is deemed approved. We can include the number of days, we need to do this as early as possible.</p>	<p>Atty. Earl Ligorio R. Turano II</p> <p>Governor, we can utilize fifteen (15) days for posting and the submission period.</p>
<p>Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, PH.D.</p> <p>So fifteen (15) days posting, fifteen (15) days submission, and pre-qualification. By April 15, 2023, they should have submitted the documents. By April 30, 2023 the TWG and FWG have already identified the technical and financial capacities and endorsed the same to the IAC. By May 1, 2023 we can approve. This coincides with the opening of the Plaza Del Gobernador: <i>Ang Liwasan ng Mamamayan</i>. We can conduct another meeting on May 2, 2023 at the VIP Lounge. The first audience will be the members of the IAC. As of now let us put May 2, 2023 as the tentative date of our IAC meeting.</p>	<p>Atty. Earl Ligorio R. Turano II</p> <p>Practically, that's it Governor.</p>

Topic #3

Other Matters:

- (1) Delegation of Authority to DPWH Region IV-B MIMAROPA to sign the Dredging Master Plan
- (2) Fast tracking of Pre-Qualified Proponents' Application for the Issuance of the Environmental Compliance Certificate.

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<p>Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, PH.D.</p> <p>I have two (2) requests to the Regional Directors and Members of the IAC which need immediate action. First is the approval of the Dredging Master Plan, and second is the approval of the Environmental Compliance Certificate. What is the best way to facilitate this? It is summer time where it is best to dredge our rivers so that when July comes, the people of Oriental Mindoro can already experience the beneficial effects of large-scale dredging and the eradication of flooding incidents.</p>	<p>Regional Director Gerald A. Pacanan, CESO III</p> <p>On our part Governor, we can facilitate it for two (2) weeks. Then we will forward the documents to the DWPH Central Office. I will check because there is an existing Department Order if it will fall on that criteria if I have the authority to sign the Dredging Master Plan.</p>
<p>Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, PH.D.</p> <p>Undersecretary Bernardo once told us that the Central Office will delegate the authority to sign the Dredging Master Plan to the Regional Offices.</p>	<p>Regional Director Gerald A. Pacanan, CESO III</p> <p>The reason behind that Governor is, previously the approval of the Dredging Master Plan is lodged with the Central Office because they possess all the database and documents for the applicants. The Central Office is also checking if there are existing structures which need protection. That is only our issue, but I will check and revisit the Department Order on how we can expedite the process. Rest assured Governor that the Regional Office will fast-track the process.</p>
<p>Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, PH.D.</p> <p>Let us set a timeline RD Pacanan. For example, hypothetically PE Tejido, when will the Draft Dredging Master plan be completed and forwarded to DPWH?</p>	<p>Engr. Edylou B. Tejido</p> <p>Actually, Governor, the Draft Dredging Master Plan is substantially complete, but there are some rectifications that we are handling as of the moment.</p>

<p>Regional Director Gerald A. Pacanan, CESO III</p> <p>I suggest Governor that you submit the documents one by one so we will not be overwhelmed.</p>	<p>Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, PH.D.</p> <p>If we can submit one (1) next week. How long will it take for the review?</p>
<p>Regional Director Gerald A. Pacanan, CESO III</p> <p>Within that week Governor, the Regional Office can accomplish the study and approval</p>	
<p>Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, PH.D.</p> <p>After that, one (1) week per proponent and the Central Office will still approve the Draft Dredging Master Plan, so how will we facilitate the process with the Central Office?</p>	<p>Regional Director Gerald A. Pacanan, CESO III</p> <p>We can expedite the process Governor and we need to bring some officials and technical staff on the ground so they themselves can check.</p>
<p>Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, PH.D.</p> <p>Which particular Office handles this RD Pacanan?</p>	<p>Regional Director Gerald A. Pacanan, CESO III</p> <p>The Bureau of Design. They are reviewing the Draft Dredging Master Plan and then they will endorse it to the Undersecretary for Technical Services, Usec Maximo Carvajal and he will be the last signatory. Once it is signed by Usec Carvajal, then it is endorsed to me for the issuance of the Dredging Clearance.</p>
<p>Regional Executive Director Lormelyn E. Claudio, CESO IV</p> <p>Governor, if I may, I humbly suggest that if it is permissible, that a Resolution issued by this Body help facilitate this?</p>	<p>Regional Director Gerald A. Pacanan, CESO III</p> <p>Yes, RED, that is highly feasible.</p>
<p>Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, PH.D.</p> <p>Yes. We will request the DPWH Central Office that they delegate the authority to the Regional Office considering that the reason for all of this is the eradication of flooding.</p>	<p>Regional Executive Director Lormelyn E. Claudio, CESO IV</p> <p>Given also the situation that we are in now, I think it is about time that the national government agencies should come up with an approach to handle this. If we are all in this situation of the oil spill and here comes</p>

	<p>flooding. That is too much for the Local Government to handle. May I suggest that we come up with a resolution from this Body urging the DPWH Central Office to delegate the approval of the Dredging Master Plan? For two (2) reasons, one, there is a study done by the MGB which is very technical. And the second is, we are now in a calamitous situation Mr. Chair.</p>
<p>Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, PH.D.</p> <p>As moved by RED Claudio and duly seconded by RD Noble, the motion requesting and urging the DPWH Central Office to delegate the authority to the Regional Office to evaluate and sign the Dredging Master Plan is hereby approved.</p>	<p>Regional Executive Director Lormelyn E. Claudio, CESO IV</p> <p>I think the rationale behind this motion is very good considering the situations that we are all in.</p>
<p>Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, PH.D.</p> <p>Atty. Turano, kindly facilitate the drafting of the Resolutions so the members of the IAC can already sign while they are here.</p>	<p>Atty. Earl Ligorio R. Turano II</p> <p>Yes, Governor while we are having our lunch.</p>
<p>Regional Executive Director Lormelyn E. Claudio, CESO IV</p> <p>If I may Mr. Chair, no Secretary will resist this, at this point in time.</p>	
<p>Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, PH.D.</p> <p>Yes. I agree RED. I am also very happy, on the sideline that the President is also satisfied with our response. We were able to provide relief goods for all the households affected even if it is one time for all seventy thousand families in the Province of Oriental Mindoro.</p>	<p>Regional Executive Director Lormelyn E. Claudio, CESO IV</p> <p>It is also very timely if we open the rivers for clustering. This initiative will open the province for local employment. We will require all pre-qualified proponents to have a social development program which they will employ people from Oriental Mindoro. They also need the assistance of local employment. If I may, Mr. Chair the fifteen (15)-day allotment is a long time, we can expedite the procedure.</p>

<p>Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, PH.D.</p> <p>Atty. Turano, can we shorten it? One (1) week for the posting, one (1) week for the submission and review, and one (1) week for the evaluation? Is it achievable?</p>	<p>Atty. Earl Ligorio R. Turano II</p> <p>We can shorten everything, except the posting Governor.</p>
<p>Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, PH.D.</p> <p>How about the review of the Dredging Master Plan? Can we do it for one (1) week?</p>	<p>Regional Director Gerald A. Pacanan, CESO III</p> <p>Governor, I would like to appeal, considering that this is an additional task for us?</p> <p>Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, PH.D.</p> <p>No, RD. I was referring to the Secretariat and the TWG and FWG's review of the documents upon submission for the determination of the financial and technical capabilities. So we will post by March 31, 2023, we can finish by April 14, 2023. The TWG and FWG will submit the evaluation on April 21, 2023. We can have a Zoom Meeting on April 22, 2023 to approve the proponents for pre-qualification. After the pre-qualification, by first week of May, some of the proponents may be given their ECCs and actual time to dredge on the first week of June.</p>
	<p>Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, PH.D.</p> <p>To summarize, the Dredging Master Plan shall be approved by PE Tejido within one (1) week. TWG and FWG, one (1) week for approval. We now proceed to the Environmental Management Bureau, for how long does it take before the ECC is issued?</p>
<p>Mr. Nicole Yuri V. Dorado</p> <p>Governor, as to the process, we are just waiting for the approval of the Dredging Master Plan. We can facilitate up to the technical scoping. So the technical scoping will be the basis or terms of reference for the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). After that if the preparer submits the EIS, then we can facilitate immediately the issuance of the ECC.</p>	<p>Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, PH.D.</p> <p>Please wait for a while. Let us just call the pre-qualified proponents in the office. After the explanation I will ask them to leave the meeting. This is to remind them that the cause of the delay will be on their end.</p>

<p>Atty. Earl Ligorio R. Turano II</p> <p>We actually communicated with the EMB to allow us to process the Dredging Master Plan and the Environmental Compliance Certificate concurrently.</p>	<p>Mr. Nicole Yuri V. Dorado</p> <p>Yes, actually we are drafting the confirmation regarding that. We can facilitate the ECC application. In fact, we allowed Keen Peak Corporation to start with the public scoping for their ECC application.</p>
<p>Regional Director Glenn Marcelo C. Noble</p> <p>We can do that after the pre-qualification.</p>	<p>Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, PH.D.</p> <p>RD Noble, I think there is a need to do this immediately because when the rainy seasons comes again, what we do here will be useless.</p>
<p>Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, PH.D.</p> <p>We can discuss this further when the proponents enter the Conference Hall. Mr. Dorado what is your position in the EMB, if I may ask?</p>	<p>Mr. Nicole Yuri V. Dorado</p> <p>Governor, I am the Section Chief, sir. RD Salino is also with us via Zoom Videoconferencing.</p>
<p>Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, PH.D.</p> <p>The pre-qualified proponents are here. Engr. Alastre please take a seat. Engr. Alastre is representing the various pre-qualified proponents under San Miguel Group. Okay, Ms. Rosanna Santos is also here with us representing Keen Peak Corporation. Mr. Warlo Maghanoy and Mr. Julius Canarias are both representing GC8. So everything is clear. We were talking about the process of the approval of the Dredging Master Plan and the application for the issuance of the Environmental Compliance Certificate and how to fast-track the procedure for the permittees. As far as the DPWH is concerned, so long as the pre-qualified proponents submit the Draft Dredging Master Plan, best efforts, PE Tejido shall submit the document to the DPWH.</p>	
<p>Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, PH.D.</p> <p>RD Pacanan's commitment upon receipt of the Draft Dredging Master Plan is the endorsement of the same to the DPWH Central Office within one (1) week to settle your papers. After that, the DPWH Central Office shall facilitate immediately the review and approval of the Draft Dredging Master Plan for the issuance of the Dredging Clearance, but the IAC moved to request the DPWH Central Office to delegate</p>	

<p>the authority to the DPWH Regional Office considering Oriental Mindoro's situation of worsening flooding incidents and the existence of the oil spill. We cannot do everything all at once. We hope that the IAC's request will be granted. With the DPWH Central Office's promise, it is feasible that the authority to sign and approve the Dredging Master Plan be delegated to the DPWH Regional Office.</p>	
<p>Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, PH.D.</p> <p>I will reiterate the timeline: within one (1) week PE Tejido and I will sign the Draft Dredging Master Plan and endorse the same to the DPWH Regional Office. After one (1) week, the DPWH Regional Office will review the Dredging Master Plan, after that, if the DPWH Central Office will grant that RD Pacanan will approve the Dredging Master Plan, then on the third (3rd) week of May, the Dredging Clearance can be issued. That is our timeline as far as the clearance is concerned.</p>	
<p>Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, PH.D.</p> <p>When it comes on the ECC application with the DENR, RED Claudio ordered to facilitate. What does it mean when we say facilitation Mr. Dorado?</p>	<p>Mr. Nicole Yuri V. Dorado</p> <p>Governor we will start with the public scoping up to the technical scoping until such time that the Dredging Master Plan is approved and the Dredging Clearance is issued. That is the time that they can submit the EIS Report. Then we review the documents. Usually it takes a longer time when there is delay in the submission of the EIS Report.</p>
	<p>Regional Executive Director Lormelyn E. Claudio, CESO IV</p> <p>There is a study done by the provincial government with the Mines and Geosciences Bureau in 2020 and 2021. I think this will help much in your conduct of the EIA. The pre-qualified proponents will not be burdened with all the gathering of data and scientific study because there are existing references in the ECC application. In fact, the pre-qualified proponents can also use them in the creation of their Draft Dredging Master Plan. So might as well, the prequalified proponents must get a copy of these studies done by the different agencies Mr. Chair.</p>

<p>Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, PH.D.</p> <p>If I may ask, were you able to get a copy of those studies? Atty. Turano kindly give them copies of the MGB study. Yes, RD Pacanan?</p>	<p>Regional Director Gerald A. Pacanan, CESO III</p> <p>On our part, we are not just reviewing or checking on the Dredging Master Plan alone. We are also evaluating the financial and technical aspect. I was not able to elaborate on that, so we must ensure that the pre-qualified proponents are actually and in reality financially and technically capable to undertake large-scale dredging activities on the basis of DENR DAO 14-2019. If the pre-qualified proponents are engaged in a joint venture agreement, they may need approval from the Securities and Exchange Commission. Sometimes, the delay is directly caused by the pre-qualified proponents' non-compliance with the requirements. If we conduct our inspections, it may prove that the proponents do not have the required equipment.</p>
<p>Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, PH.D.</p> <p>Question. Ms. Rosanna Santos, Kean Peak Corporation, do you have your dredgers ready?</p>	<p>Ms. Rosanna Santos</p> <p>Yes Governor. They are all in the Philippines.</p>
<p>Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, PH.D</p> <p>If the DPWH will conduct an inspection tomorrow, you can show all your equipment?</p>	<p>Ms. Rosanna Santos</p> <p>Sir, we have to travel to the DPWH designated place?</p>
<p>Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, PH.D</p> <p>No, no. If the DPWH will require you to show your equipment, can you show them? All your equipment are in the Philippines?</p>	<p>Ms. Rosanna Santos</p> <p>Yes. Governor.</p>
<p>Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, PH.D</p> <p>How about GC8, do you have the equipment? Any time, the DPWH can inspect?</p>	<p>Mr. Warlo Maghanoy</p> <p>Yes. Governor.</p>
<p>Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, PH.D</p> <p>San Miguel, Engr. Alastre, how about on your end?</p>	<p>Mr. Albert Alastre</p> <p>Yes. Governor, we are ready.</p>

<p>Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, PH.D</p> <p>Keen Peak Corporation, when we talk about financial, do you have the means? Do you have actual finances to cover all expenses?</p>	<p>Ms. Rosanna Santos</p> <p>Yes, Governor.</p>
<p>Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, PH.D</p> <p>I am very practical with my questions. There are no formalities involved here. Can you do it? Meaning, do you have the money to sustain the operations? With due respect, when I look and observe the other pre-qualified proponents, I am really indignant about this, that is I why I am ready to propose for the cancellation of the Notice of Pre-qualification. I discovered that some are selling the award. I got really mad because of this.</p>	
<p>Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, PH.D</p> <p>GC8, are you financially capable? Can you do it?</p>	<p>Mr. Warlo Maghanoy</p> <p>Yes, Governor.</p>
<p>Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, PH.D</p> <p>San Miguel? Engr. Alastre?</p>	<p>Mr. Albert Alastre</p> <p>Yes, Governor.</p>
<p>Regional Director Gerald A. Pacanan, CESO III</p> <p>If I may Governor, naturally, the pre-qualified proponents will declare that they can do it. Actually upon reviewing, they do not possess the necessary qualifications so because of this, we are to blame.</p>	<p>Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, PH.D</p> <p>Yes, RD Pacanan. That is why I readily decided to propose for the cancellation of the Notice of Pre-qualification of Bataan Aggregates joint venture Anglo Phillippine Holdings Corporation and Vibranium Land Development and Technology, OPC and River Delta Development Corporation since they did not submit their Draft Dredging Master Plan. Imagine if the pre-qualified proponents do not have the money and equipment, then we do not have any purpose to do the River Restoration Program.</p>
<p>Regional Director Glenn Marcelo C. Noble</p> <p>If I may add Governor. There might be a case where one pre-qualified proponent is a partner to another. Some are using those qualified to satisfy the requirements as a business conduit,</p>	

<p>but in fact there is no existing equipment. In short, one corporation is only riding on the back of another. We need to address this issue Mr. Chair.</p>	
<p>Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, PH.D</p> <p>Correct RD Noble. As far as these are concerned, my assumption is that these companies are all liquid that is why we need to be practical and direct. We are facing each other to finish this project at the soonest possible time. It is easy to cancel the previous applications and awards because they only sputtering words, but they do not have the actual financial and technical capacities.</p>	
	<p>Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, PH.D</p> <p>I only have one request to the pre-qualified proponents. If you will bring the aggregates and excavated materials to some parts of the Philippines, we will put there the marking, Island of Mindoro to put a sense of identity. To tell you the truth, you can name the streets under the Island of Mindoro because you can always feel a sense of belongingness whenever we visit a place.</p>
	<p>Atty. Earl Ligorio R. Turano II</p> <p>If I may also stress, if the pre-qualified proponents will submit their Dredging Master Plan, kindly correct everything. Please proofread the draft. PE Tejido's correction and verification was accurate. It turned out that one of the coordinates indicated a place in Abra De Ilog. To avoid an increment in the delay on your end, please fix everything before you submit the Draft Dredging Master Plan to the PEO.</p>
<p>Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, PH.D</p> <p>On our part, we are clear, Mr. Dorado, do you have anything more to add?</p>	<p>Mr. Nicole Yuri V. Dorado</p> <p>We just need to clarify this Governor, in the event that RD Pacanan approves the technical and financial capacities, we will still wait for the Dredging Master Plan.</p>

<p>Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, PH.D</p> <p>For clarity, the financial and technical capacities are already approved by the IAC because of the pre-qualification. RD Pacanan and DPWH Regional Office only checks on the actual existence of the equipment. When it comes on documentation, our pre-qualified proponents are qualified to undertake river restoration because on the local level, they were already screened.</p>	
<p>Mr. Nicole Yuri V. Dorado</p> <p>How about RD Pacanan in the event that after the inspection there are no equipment? We had an experience in Occidental Mindoro where after the investigation, there was no proof of financial and technical capacities and they failed. When we are processing the ECC we need to consider this. Is there a time where a pre-qualified proponent still failed by reason of non-compliance to the financial and technical capacities?</p>	<p>Regional Director Gerald A. Pacanan, CESO III</p> <p>What we have encountered is more on the SEC disapproval. The pre-qualified proponents were saying that everything was okay and there was an application. When the papers were forwarded to us, we found that there were inconsistencies so we cannot move forward because there was no actual approval of the SEC. When it comes on the technical aspect, there are only minor issues which were addressed. On paper the pre-qualified proponents have the equipment, but in reality there are lacking equipment which they could not present.</p>
	<p>Mr. Nicole Yuri V. Dorado</p> <p>If ever there are no problems based on RD Pacanan's concern, then we can proceed with the ECC process.</p>
	<p>Regional Director Gerald A. Pacanan, CESO III</p> <p>Actually, when there are lacking equipment, they can actually purchase or rent anytime.</p>
<p>Mr. Nicole Yuri V. Dorado</p> <p>We will still wait for the approval of the Dredging Master Plan.</p>	<p>Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, PH.D</p> <p>Mr. Dorado, if we can, I hope that they will be simultaneous. If we can issue the Dredging Clearance within three (3) weeks, can we still continue with the ECC application?</p>
<p>Mr. Nicole Yuri V. Dorado</p> <p>Yes Governor. The process is, as long as the provincial government will request for the</p>	

conduct of the public scoping, then we will take action.	
Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, PH.D Ms. Santos, you requested already?	Ms. Rosanna Santos Yes, Governor.
Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, PH.D How about GC8? Not yet? Please request the EMB for the conduct of the public scoping. The pre-qualified proponents are all here and there is no reason to delay this. If there are delay in the process, it is all in the hands of the pre-qualified proponents.	
Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, PH.D DPWH through RD Pacanan was very accommodating. He committed that in two (2) weeks' time the Dredging Master Plan will be approved as well as the issuance of the Dredging Clearance that is very efficient and fast already.	
Dr. Hubbert Christopher A. Dolor, MD, MPA, MHA, PAR Again, we have the option to recommend for the cancellation of the Notice of Pre-qualification. Our Regional Directors are sincerely giving their commitments to us so why cannot the pre-qualified proponents give their commitment?	Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, PH.D Yes, if they will not comply we will remove them.
Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, PH.D If by May 1, 2023, and the problem still lies with the pre-qualified proponents, then we will have no choice but to issue a cancellation of the notice of pre-qualification. As you can see, I did not regret in proposing to cancel the Notice of Prequalification to two (2) pre-qualified proponents. Bataan Aggregates joint venture Anglo Philippine Holdings Corporation, and Vibranium Land Development and Technology, OPC assigned in Longos River, and River Delta Development Corporation assigned in Alag River clearly failed to submit their Draft Dredging Master Plan despite our constant reminders	

<p>Regional Director Gerald A. Pacanan, CESO III</p> <p>If I also may Mr. Chair, it is my suggestion that the pre-qualified proponents must be ready with all their equipment intact. If their equipment are spread across the country, we cannot finance all the travel expenses.</p>	<p>Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, PH.D</p> <p>Yes, these are dedicated equipment. If it is dedicated equipment, then they can bring them to the designated area of inspection. If the place of inspection is at Manila Harbor, then you bring your equipment to Manila Harbor.</p>
<p>Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, PH.D</p> <p>Again, let us be clear on this. I intended for the pre-qualified proponents to meet our Regional Directors. We are all here and this means that the people are hear who mean business, if you as the pre-qualified proponent cannot do your role, I cannot do anything about it.</p>	<p>Regional Director Gerald A. Pacanan, CESO III</p> <p>I am appealing to the pre-qualified proponents to help us.</p>
	<p>Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, PH.D</p> <p>Yes, this must not be an additional burden or expense on the part of the IAC member-agencies. It is a writing on the wall, and part of your financial pre-qualification. It is also an additional work for our Regional Directors. We are doing everything for this because we are experiencing heavy torrential rains and flooding incidents in the province, despite the long process.</p>
<p>Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, PH.D</p> <p>Any question from our pre-qualified proponents? None.</p>	<p>Atty. Earl Ligorio R. Turano II</p> <p>Governor, this was also raised by RD Noble. How can we settle the Navigational Channel?</p>
<p>Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, PH.D</p> <p>Yes, I want to be clarified on this. We are only talking about the Dredging Clearance from the mouth of the river upstream. How about the entrance of the dredgers?</p>	<p>Regional Director Glenn Marcelo C. Noble</p> <p>This is a very good topic Governor. We have actually talked about this a couple of times.</p>
<p>Regional Executive Director Lormelyn E. Claudio, CESO IV</p> <p>I would like to suggest Governor, Mr. Chair for the pre-qualified proponents to include that data under the EIA process. Under the Rules</p>	

<p>and Regulations that we have, the DPWH mandate is up to the mouth of the river. Under the Mining Law, we cannot extract from the delta. This is actually a mitigating measure, so the only solution here is to go through the EIA process. So if you will conduct the EIA and in preparing the Dredging Master Plan, kindly include the river mouth/delta in your report. It will be easier for the pre-qualified proponents if they will do that.</p>	
<p>Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, PH.D</p> <p>To summarize, same proponent, then include the river delta and the navigational channel in the EIA process as one document, and the Dredging Master Plan with the inclusion of the studies in the river delta.</p>	
<p>Atty. Earl Ligorio R. Turano II</p> <p>Is there a limit on the depth and length of the Navigational Channel?</p>	<p>Regional Executive Director Lormelyn E. Claudio, CESO IV</p> <p>That will be based on their studies Atty. Turano. Usually, there are certain areas which are heavily-silted at the delta.</p>
<p>Mr. Albert Alastre</p> <p>RED Claudio, is there a limit or maximum area when it comes to measuring the kilometers of the river delta?</p>	<p>Regional Executive Director Lormelyn E. Claudio, CESO IV</p> <p>Actually, you will identify that in the river mouth. So long as it is not that wide because it will cause coastal erosions. It depends on your studies depending on the size of the river, sediment supply, coaster dynamics and other geological processes.</p>
	<p>Atty. Earl Ligorio R. Turano II</p> <p>Also the navigational channel must not be bigger than the river dredging zone.</p>
<p>Regional Director Glenn Marcelo C. Noble</p> <p>Yes, Atty. Turano, that will be considered as offshore mining which is not allowed. There is a limitation up to five hundred (500) meters from the shoreline. We are only allowing that because of the Navigational Channel or pathway for your dredgers. If we will leave the</p>	<p>Regional Executive Director Lormelyn E. Claudio, CESO IV</p> <p>It is also the reason why we have one (1) proponent per river system. It is also the practical approach.</p>

<p>mouth of the river untouched, the water will have no exit point. Is that correct Governor? What is the purpose of our large-scale dredging operations if the outlet remains blocked? So long as the navigational channel is done only for the entrance of the dredgers to the rivers, there will be no problem. Of course, all will be based on your studies, the bathymetric study, hydrologic study, deposition study, and other studies as reference of the DPWH in the approval of their Dredging Master Plan for that area.</p>	
	<p>Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, PH.D</p> <p>This is also the reason why the EIA is very critical.</p>
<p>Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, PH.D</p> <p>Any other concerns while the Regional Directors are here PE Tejido?</p>	
<p>Engr. Edylou B. Tejido</p> <p>Considering that there are existing structures within some of the river systems and there is a prohibition of dredging activities within one (1) kilometer radius from the foot bridges or any structure. Unexpectedly, in San Antonio, Naujan, there is a footbridge located near the river delta. How will we address that?</p>	<p>Regional Director Gerald A. Pacanan, CESO III</p> <p>My first question PE Tejido is, are the projects you mentioned funded by the national government, or the province?</p>
	<p>Engr. Edylou B. Tejido</p> <p>Based on our initial study RD Pacanan, the footbridge in San Antonio Naujan is funded by the Provincial Government of Oriental Mindoro.</p>
<p>Regional Director Gerald A. Pacanan, CESO III</p> <p>The reason for the one (1) kilometer prohibition Governor is, if the structures are asset of the national government which we maintain, we really discourage dredging activities near them because it will endanger the integrity of the structures.</p>	<p>Engr. Edylou B. Tejido</p> <p>Actually RD Pacanan, the classification is footbridge, but the tricycles and other light vehicles can pass through, except SUVs and jeepneys.</p>

	<p>Regional Director Gerald A. Pacanan, CESO III</p> <p>Do you have pictures of that bridge PE Tejido? Now, what we can do about this matter is to adopt mitigation measures, but if the bridge is funded and maintained by the national government, we must strictly follow the guidelines.</p>
<p>Engr. Edylou B. Tejido</p> <p>Is there a possibility RD Pacanan for us to limit the area and allow dredging activities for up to four hundred (400) meters from the bridge?</p>	<p>Regional Director Gerald A. Pacanan, CESO III</p> <p>We will study that. Although the rule is the one (1) kilometer radius, we do have an exception.</p>
<p>Regional Director Glenn Marcelo C. Noble</p> <p>Let me just state this, what are the primary purposes of river dredging anyway? Number one (1) is to remove the silt, if we cannot clear the river system both downstream and upstream then there is no point in doing the project.</p>	<p>Regional Director Gerald A. Pacanan, CESO III</p> <p>Precisely. What I am saying RD Noble is, the exemption to the prohibition regarding the one (1) kilometer prohibition is there must exist a study which provides that the dredging activity itself will not impair the integrity of the structure.</p>
	<p>Regional Director Glenn Marcelo C. Noble</p> <p>Yes, that will be a funnel effect, so long as there are mitigating measures that we put in place then there will be no issue with us. I think that when it comes on dredging, the exemption will take place because as I was saying, the purpose of the dredging activity is to preserve the natural flow of the water. If we cannot address that, then there will still be flooding.</p>
<p>Regional Executive Director Lormelyn E. Claudio, CESO IV</p> <p>I think this will have both effects regardless of whether we remove the silt or not. First, if we do not remove the silt, then the structure will be endangered. If we proceed with dredging despite the prohibition, the bridge may also collapse because the foundation within the riverbed will basically erode because of too much extraction.</p>	<p>Ms. Rosanna Santos</p> <p>With regard to the one (1) kilometer prohibition, it is provided under the DAO, also for our safety, may I ask the Members of the IAC, is it possible for us to request through a letter for the grant of an exception?</p>

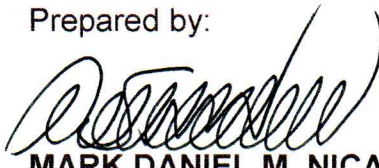
<p>Regional Executive Director Lormelyn E. Claudio, CESO IV</p> <p>Again, we have to revisit the intention of the DENR issuances. When it comes on DAO 14-2019, the prohibition on the one (1) kilometer radius from the existing structures is in place because we need to protect the investment of the DPWH. Now, because of the existing problem, the structure will also be endangered if the dredging is allowed without an existing mitigating measure. This is River Restoration, not quarrying. So the DAO is different, it talks about river restoration. RD Pacanan, because of this, we can have a common understanding.</p>	<p>Regional Director Gerald A. Pacanan, CESO III</p> <p>I agree RED Claudio. We must revisit the provisions of DAO 14-2019 and JMC 1-2019.</p>
<p>Engr. Edylou B. Tejido</p> <p>If I may Governor, the footbridge in Barangay San Antonio, Naujan is actually located near the river delta so the possibility of it incurring damage is at around fifty percent (50%). We need not need to conduct an actual study to determine the foundation because in the eventuality that the suction dredgers extract the materials, definitely it will collapse.</p>	<p>Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, PH.D</p> <p>It is also stated in the DAO that there is actually a Twenty Million cash bond deposited by the proponent to answer for any eventualities that may occur.</p>
	<p>Regional Director Gerald A. Pacanan, CESO III</p> <p>However, Governor, the cost of the bridges nowadays is not only around Twenty Million. We have to consider that. Considering the length of the bridge itself. It will be very costly. Sometimes we have to quantify the totality based on the methodology.</p>
	<p>Engr. Edylou B. Tejido</p> <p>Yes RD Pacanan we have to be very firm on this. With that issue, this will be the cause of delay because if we need to preserve the structure, the proponent will have to come up with an intensive study.</p>
<p>Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, PH.D</p> <p>What if we reinforce the bridge before the dredging activities?</p>	<p>Engr. Edylou B. Tejido</p> <p>That will not be effective Governor because we are talking about the foundation of the bridge itself.</p>

<p>Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, PH.D</p> <p>RD Pacanan what is the longest measurement that there must be an absolute prohibition?</p>	<p>Regional Director Gerald A. Pacanan, CESO III</p> <p>It is actually based Governor on the study. We have to consider the height and width of the siltation, the river flow, and what is the speed flow because the erosion will be accelerated. Let me also clarify. The prohibition actually is five hundred (500) meters upstream and five hundred (500) meters downstream.</p>
<p>Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, PH.D</p> <p>Any other concerns? There being none, the meeting is now adjourned.</p>	

The meeting adjourned at 1:00PM.

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