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MEMORANDUM

TO : **THE REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**
DENR Region IV B
DENR by the Bay, Roxas Blvd., Manila

FROM : **THE UNDERSECRETARY**
Field Operations for Luzon & Visayas and Environment

SUBJECT : **INQUIRY ON PROJECT RESTORATION OF RIVERS IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF BACO, PARTICULARLY THE
DREDGING OF ALAG AND LUNGOS RIVERS**

DATE : **SEP 28 2023**

This pertains to the letter dated 14 September 2023 from Municipal Mayor Allan A. Roldan regarding the abovementioned subject.

May we refer the matter to your Office for comments and further appropriate action. Furnish this Office and the parties concerned of the actions taken citing document tracking number OUFOE 2023-001213 for monitoring and record purposes.

For compliance.


ATTY. JUAN MIGUEL T. CUNA, CESO I




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14 September 2023

ATTY. JUAN MIGUEL T. CUNA

Officer-in-Charge

Office of the Secretary

Department of Environment and Natural Resources

Dear **ATTY. CUNA**,

Warm greetings from the Municipality of Baco!

Generally, floods are usually triggered by a combination of factors including climate change, typhoons, tropical depressions, prolonged heavy rains and overflowing rivers. However, in Baco, floods are a perennial challenge with its overall topography, geographical location and physical environment having numerous low-land areas and overflowing rivers.

Overflowing rivers do not necessarily need heavy rains to experience river flooding. In Baco, fourteen (14) barangays with a total population of 16,364 have higher flood risk being near to the rivers of Alag and Lungos. These are just two out of the seven rivers in Baco. We emphasize that being a low-lying Municipality in topography, Baco is susceptible to flood due to its lower elevation and being bounded by rivers that tend to overflow even without heavy rains.

As most of us are well aware, the immediate negative impacts of floodings are numerous including loss of human lives, damage to properties, destruction of crops, loss of livestock and deterioration of health conditions owing to waterborne diseases and making the water unfit for drinking. Baco's coastal tourism and associated businesses suffer significantly too since images of flood-affected areas often lead to cancellations in bookings and a significant reduction in tourist numbers because they are discouraged from visiting such flooded places. Recurrent floodings in Baco discouraged long-term investments hindering growth and development. For decades, floods disrupted the business and social affairs of our people and these caused continuing stress. For some, the psychological impacts can be long lasting, especially the loss of loved ones which has deep impacts, especially on children.

Lack of development in flood-prone areas may cause social inequity and even social unrest posing threat to peace and stability in our Municipality. The present Administration recognizes that though the perils of floods cannot be easily addressed, it can at least be mitigated. Therefore, there should not only be effective response to relief operations during major flood events to avoid public discontent and loss of trust in the government but flood-control projects must be instituted to curb, if not totally stop floodings. It is for this reason that we have allocated reasonable portion of our Municipal budget to flood-control projects. In the case of Baco, it is imperative that

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rivers are restored, drainage systems are clean and in order to prevent floods. The mere fact that the rivers will be restored to its original state and drainages are clean and unclogged will pave the way to control the flow of water and prevent damages due to floods. When added with flood barriers, it can control floods.

It is on this light that the Bacoños led by the undersigned welcome with gratitude the **Project Restoration of Rivers in the Municipality of Baco**, particularly the **dredging of Alag and Lungos Rivers**. Attached are the Resolutions passed en banc by the SB and Liga ng Mga Barangay to that effect. As one united Municipality, we look forward to immediate implementation of this project to improve the existing water features, deepen the rivers, reshape land and water features to alter drainage and navigability that will reduce, if not totally eliminate the floodings to mainland and populated areas due to overflowing rivers. We have high hopes that this project is the best solution to date to the perennial challenge of massive floodings in Baco.

In view of the above, we respectfully appeal to your Office for the **fast approval and speedy facilitation of permits required for the above-mentioned project**. This will benefit **not only the 13 barangays near the rivers of Alag and Lungos but all the 27 barangays in the entire Municipality with a total population of 39,817**. We believe that you share with our objective of giving the best without undue delays. For several decades, Bacoños had been dreaming of a flood-free Baco. Its realization during your Administration is one of the enduring legacies you can leave to our people.

Favorable consideration of our earnest request shall go a long way to improving the quality of lives of our beloved Bacoños. We pray for the immediate approval of our request to which we shall be very grateful.

Very truly yours,

ALLAN A. ROLDAN
Municipal Mayor



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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF BACO, ORIENTAL MINDORO HELD ON JUNE 7, 2023 AT THE SESSION HALL OF THIS MUNICIPALITY. THE SESSION STARTED AT 9:00 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING.

PRESENT:

HON. DIONISIO D. HERNANDEZ	<i>Councilor/Presiding Officer</i>
HON. ARLENE M. PEREÑA	<i>Councilor</i>
HON. JAY LORENCE C. NAJITO	<i>Councilor</i>
HON. SEVERINA B. JIMENEZ	<i>Councilor</i>
HON. VICTOR D. VALENZUELA	<i>Councilor</i>
HON. ARNEL A. ABARQUEZ	<i>Councilor</i>
HON. MARCIANO R. ICAL	<i>Councilor</i>
HON. LEONARDO L. DE OCAMPO	<i>Councilor</i>
HON. BENEDICTO D. MANIMTIM	<i>LNB President</i>
HON. FERDINANDO L. ABAT	<i>IPMR</i>

ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS:

HON. REYNALDO A. MARCO	<i>Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer</i>
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ABSENT:

HON. CHRISTIAN DHAREL A. ANDAL	<i>SK Federation President</i>
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RESOLUTION NO. 126 – 2023

A RESOLUTION INTERPOSING NO OBJECTION ON THE RESTORATION PROJECT OF RIVERS WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BACO WITH THE BIRDS NEST RESOURCES COMPANY, IN CONSIDERATION WITH LIGA NG MGA BARANGAY RESOLUTION NO. 02-2023 ENTITLED "ISANG KAPASYAHANG NAGPAPAABOT NG KAHILINGAN SA TANGGAPAN NG PUNONG BAYAN, KGG. ALLAN A. ROLDAN NA MAISAAYOS ANG PAGPAPALALIM NG MGA ILOG SA NASASAKUPAN NG DALAWAMPU'T PITONG (27) BARANGAY DITO SA BAYAN NG BACO, AT NAGPAPAHAYAG NA WALANG PAGTUTOL ANG LAHAT NG MGA KAPITAN NG BAYAN NG BACO TUNGKOL DITO".

WHEREAS, the Municipal Mayor, Hon. Allan A. Roldan transmitted his communication to the Office of the Sangguniang Bayan endorsing the Liga ng mga Barangay Resolution No. 02-2023 for appropriate action;

WHEREAS, rivers play a vital role in the ecological balance, water supply, transportation, and economic development of the municipality;

WHEREAS, the LGU Baco has allocated funds for infrastructure projects particularly flood control projects for the year 2024 hence, the need to prepare the rivers thru dredging;

NOW, THEREFORE, RESOLVED as it is hereby resolved to request, as it does hereby requesting the Provincial Governor Hon. Humerlito "Bonz" A. Dolor for the fast approval and facilitation of permits on the Project Restoration of Rivers in the Municipality of Baco;

On motion of Hon. Jay Lorence C. Najito, duly seconded by all members of the Sangguniang Bayan present, the said resolution was. . .

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED:

I CERTIFY to the correctness of the above-mentioned resolution.



CLEMEN A. BAUTISTA

Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

ATTESTED BY:



REYNALDO A. MARCO

Vice-Mayor/Presiding Officer



OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF BACO, ORIENTAL MINDORO HELD ON JUNE 27, 2023 AT SESSION HALL OF THIS MUNICIPALITY. THE SESSION STARTED AT 9:00 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING.

PRESENT:

HON. REYNALDO A. MARCO	<i>Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer</i>
HON. ARLENE M. PEREÑA	<i>Councilor</i>
HON. JAY LORENCE C. NAJITO	<i>Councilor</i>
HON. SEVERINA B. JIMENEZ	<i>Councilor</i>
HON. DIONISIO D. HERNANDEZ	<i>Councilor</i>
HON. VICTOR D. VALENZUELA	<i>Councilor</i>
HON. MARCIANO R. ICAL	<i>Councilor</i>
HON. LEONARDO L. DE OCAMPO	<i>Councilor</i>
HON. BENEDICTO D. MANIMTIM	<i>LNB President</i>
HON. CHRISTIAN DHAREL A. ANDAL	<i>SK Federation President</i>

ABSENT:

HON. ARNEL A. ABARQUEZ	<i>Councilor</i>
HON. FERDINANDO L. ABAT	<i>IPMR</i>

RESOLUTION NO. 142 – 2023

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR HON. HUMERLITO "BONZ" A. DOLOR FOR THE FAST APPROVAL AND FACILITATION OF PERMITS ON THE PROJECT RESTORATION OF RIVERS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BACO.

WHEREAS, last June 26, 2023 the office of the Local Chief Executive submitted a letter to the Sangguniang Bayan thru Vice Mayor Hon. Reynaldo A. Marco requesting the August Body to pass a resolution requesting the Provincial Governor Hon. Humerlito "Bonz" A. Dolor for the fast approval and facilitation of permits on the Project Restoration of Rivers in the Municipality of Baco;

WHEREAS, the Municipality recognizes the urgent need for immediate dredging of rivers as rainy season is fast approaching and our town already experiences frequent heavy rains nowadays;

WHEREAS, considering that the river dredging, when conducted responsibly and in accordance with the environmental regulations, can be essential tool for flood prevention as it involves the removal of the sediments, debris and other accumulated materials from river channels to restore their capacity and improve water flow;



ATTENDANCE SHEET
ABC MONTHLY MEETING
ABC HALL - BACO, ORIENTAL MINDORO
June 05, 2023



NO.	BARANGAY	NAME OF BARANGAY CAPTAIN	SIGNATURE
1	ALAG	DINESH M. BLANCO	RAYMUNDO H. LUYON
2	BANGKATAN	LORENZO R. CAJAYON JR.	
3	BARAS	DIOSDADO I. SAMA	
4	BAYANAN	NINARDO C. BARSUGON JR.	
5	BURBULI	VIRGILIO A. ATIENZA	
6	CATUWIRAN I	ARMANDO A. PEREZ	
7	CATUWIRAN II	MYRNA H. CARPIO	
8	DULANGAN I	DENNIS A. GARCIA	
9	DULANGAN II	ROBERTO A. DE OCAMPO	
10	LANTUYANG	CENON C. PUNGKOK	
11	LUMANGBAYAN	RICHE C. ANDAL	
12	MALAPAD	DANILO D. SALOME	
13	MANGANGAN I	EFREN A. TORRELIZA	
14	MANGANGAN II	MENALEN V. MERCADO	
15	MAYABIG	TEODULO B. BINAY	
16	PAMBISAN	EDELSON A. MORALES	
17	POBLACION	ERNESTO F. PRADO JR.	
18	PULANTUBIG	MEYNARDO V. CUETO	
19	PUTICAN - CABULO	MARIETA M. CASTILLO	
20	SAN ANDRES	VICTORIANO M. ZULUETA	
21	SAN IGNACIO	BELEN M. JARDINERO	
22	STA. CRUZ	THOR P. ALASAAS	
23	STA. ROSA I	DANNY MARK D. MACARAIG	
24	STA. ROSA II	BENEDICTO D. MANIMTIM	
25	TABONTABON	DELMAR C. GARCIA	
26	TAGUMPAY	APOLINARIO B. VISAYA	
27	WATER	ALVIN B. CABATAY	

SAPAGKA'T, kung hindi ito mahuhukay at mapapalalim ay mabilis ang pagkakaroon ng baha kahit malakas na ulan lamang ang pagmumulan;

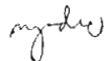
SAPAGKA'T, kapag tuluy-tuloy ang pag-ulan ay mabilis umapaw ang tubig sa mga kailugan dito sa dalawampu't pitong (27) barangay sa Bayan ng Baco na kaagad umaabot sa mga kabahayan;

SAPAGKA'T, ang mga kailugan ay mababaw, maraming naaapektuhang mga kabahayan at ari-arian ng mga mamamayan ng Baco at kung ito ay masosolusyunan ay mababawasan na ang mabilisang pag-apaw ng mga ilog kung sakaling may tuluy-tuloy na pag-ulan at mababawasan din ang problema natin sa baha.


KUNG KAYA sa mungkahi ni KGG. MENALEN V. MERCADO na sinangayunan ng lahat ay napagpasiyahang humiling sa Tanggapan ng Punong Bayan KGG. ALLAN A. ROLDAN na maisaayos ang pagpapalalim ng mga kailugan sa dalawampu't pitong Barangay sa Bayan ng Baco;

DAHIL DITO AY: pinagpasiyahan ng bumubuo ng Liga ng mga Barangay ng Bayan ng Baco na magpaabot ng kahilingan sa Tanggapan ng Punong Bayan KGG. ALLAN A. ROLDAN, na maisaayos ang pagpapalalim ng mga kailugan ng dalawampu't pitong (27) Barangay sa Bayan ng Baco.

Pinatutunayan ko ang kawastuan ng nasasaad na kapasyahan na pinagtibay ng Liga ng mga Barangay ng Baco, Oriental Mindoro sa pagpupulong na ginanap sa ABC HALL Building, Baco, Oriental Mindoro ngayong Ika- 5 ng Hunyo, 2023.


KGG. BELEN M. JARDINERO
Kalihim ng Liga
Punong Barangay, San Ignacio

PINAGTIBAY:


KGG. BENEDICTO D. MANIMTIM
Pangulo ng Liga
Punong Barangay, Sta. Rosa II



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TANGGAPAN NG LIGA NG MGA BARANGAY

SINIPI MULA SA KATITIKAN NG KARANIWANG PAGPUPULONG NG LIGA NG MGA BARANGAY NG BACO, ORIENTAL MINDORO NA GINANAP NGAYONG IKA - 5 NG HUNYO, 2023, SA ABC HALL BUILDING, BACO ORIENTAL MINDORO SA GANAP NA IKA - 9:00 NG UMAGA.

MGA DUMALO:

1. KGG. RAYMUNDO H. LUZON
2. KGG. LORENZO R. CAJAYON JR.
3. KGG. DIOSDADO I. SAMA
4. KGG. VIRGILIO A. ATIENZA
5. KGG. ARMANDO A. PEREZ
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20. KGG. DELMAR C. GARCIA
21. KGG. APOLINARIO B. VISAYA
22. KGG. ALVIN B. CABATAY

DI DUMALO:

1. KGG. NINARDO C. BARSUGON JR.
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Resolusyon Bilang 02 - 2023

ISANG KAPASYAHANG NAGPAPAABOT NG KAHILINGAN SA TANGGAPAN NG PUNONG BAYAN, KGG. ALLAN A. ROLDAN NA MAISAAYOS ANG PAGPAPALALIM NG MGA ILOG NA NASASAKUPAN NG DALAWAMPU'T PITONG (27) BARANGAY DITO SA BAYAN NG BACO, AT NAGPAPAHAYAG NA WALANG PAGTUTOL ANG LAHAT NG MGA KAPITAN NG BAYANG NG BACO TUNGKOL DITO.

SAPAGKA'T, ang ating mga kailugan ay masyado ng mababaw kung kaya ito ay dapat ng hukayin;

WHEREAS, dredging is the process of removing sediment and debris from riverbeds and waterways can help restore navigability, maintain water flow, and improve overall river health;

WHEREAS, a comprehensive and sustainable approach to river dredging can balance the need for economic development, ecosystem conservation, and community well being;

WHEREAS, the importance of sustainable river management is being recognized and acknowledge dredging as a valuable tool for maintaining healthy and functional river;

NOW THEREFORE, RESOLVED as it is hereby resolved to interpose, as it does hereby interposing no objection on the restoration project of rivers within the Municipality of Baco with the Birds Nest Resources Company, in consideration with the Liga ng mg mga Barangay Resolution No. 02-2023 entitled "Isang Kapasyahang Nagpapaabot ng Kahilingan sa Tanggapan ng Punong Bayan, Kgg. Allan A. Roldan na maisaayos ang pagpapalalim ng mga ilog sa nasasakupan ng dalawampu't pitong (27) Barangay dito sa bayan ng Baco, at nagpapahayag na walang pagtutol ang lahat ng mga Kapitan ng Bayan ng Baco tungkol dito".

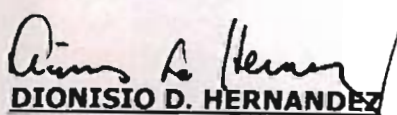
On motion of Hon. Benedicto D. Manimtim duly seconded by all of the Sangguniang Bayan Members present, said resolution was. . .

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED:

I CERTIFY to the correctness of the above-mentioned resolution.


CLEMEN A. BAUTISTA
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

ATTESTED BY:


DIONISIO D. HERNANDEZ
Presiding Pro-Tempore



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please refer to PBB for comments.
Thank you.