

MEMORANDUM OF COMMITMENT

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

This Memorandum of Commitment (MoC) is made and entered into between and among:

The **DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**, a duly organized national government agency, herein represented by its Regional Executive Director, FELIX S. MIRASOL JR., hereinafter referred to as “**DENR MIMAROPA and/or AGENCIES**”;

The **ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT BUREAU – MIMAROPA**, a line bureau of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), created and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, with regional satellite office at 12F, Trium Square, 2138 Sen Gil J. Puyat Ave., Pasay City, Metro Manila, represented in this Agreement by its Regional Director, JOE AMIL M. SALINO hereinafter referred to as “**EMB MIMAROPA**”;

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The following **GOVERNMENT AGENCIES** located in the MIMAROPA Region and **NON-GOVERNMENT AGENCIES**, Department of Interior and Local Government (**DILG**), Department of Science and Technology (**DOST**), Department of Agriculture (**DA**), Department of Trade and Industry (**DTI**), Department of Health (**DOH**), Philippine Information Agency (**PIA**), Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (**TESDA**), Palawan Council for Sustainable Development (**PCSD**), Department of Education, Commission on Higher Education (**CHED**), National Economic and Development Authority (**NEDA**), Department of Tourism (**DOT**), Coalition of Solid Waste Management Providers (**CSWMP**), Philippine Alliance for Recycling and Material Sustainability (**PARMS**) and Solid Waste Management Association of the Philippines (**SWMAP**) represented in this Memorandum of Commitment by their Head of Offices, Local Chiefs or Executive Directors, hereinafter referred to as “**AGENCIES**”;

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Republic Act (RA) No. 9003 or the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000 as amended by RA 11898 or the Extended Producer Responsibility Act of 2022, prescribes the establishment of Regional Ecology Center (REC) and under Rule V, Section 1 of DAO 2001-34 shall provide technical expertise, information, training, networking services and coordinate SWM mandates for the implementation;

WHEREAS, it is one of the mandated functions of EMB MIMAROPA to supervise, regulate and coordinate the implementation of RA 9003, within the MIMAROPA Region;

WHEREAS, EMB MIMAROPA, a line bureau under the DENR, has the personnel and technical capability as well as expertise to supervise, coordinate, and consult with LGUs within the MIMAROPA Region regarding in their task to implement RA 9003;

WHEREAS, RA 9003 mandates various government and non-government AGENCIES to support the implementation of said law and to be part of the REC, and that EMB MIMAROPA and the AGENCIES agree that a joint effort is needed to implement RA 9003 in the MIMAROPA Region through the MIMAROPA REC;

WHEREAS, the AGENCIES hereunder listed agreed to and fully support this Memorandum of Commitment and willing to provide the necessary technical expertise to interested parties on request, the implementation of RA 9003;

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WHEREAS, the AGENCIES have signified their interest to actively participate and support the mandate and operation of the MIMAROPA REC as provided under RA 9003 and RA 11898;

WHEREAS, the EMB MIMAROPA and the AGENCIES agree that LGUs need support and technical assistance to implement RA 9003 at the local level;

WHEREAS, the specific mandate, roles and functions of the individual participating AGENCIES in MIMAROPA REC are listed in RA 9003 in words as follows:

- DENR

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aside from its powers and functions necessary to achieve the objectives of RA 9003 (DAO 01-34, IRR Rule V, Sec. 3), shall have also visitorial powers and regulatory functions (DAO 01-34, IRR Rule V, Sec. 4 and 5)

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in coordination with concerned agencies and institutions, DENR shall spearhead the setting of standards for leachate; conduct monitoring of the leachate contamination of ground water and surface water; chair the panel that will evaluate research proposals on solid waste management for possible funding; lead in the benchmarking of researches on solid wastes for the identification of gaps; study on factors for success/failure of community-based waste management initiatives; pursue improvement in the disposal practices for the solid wastes including sludge; undertake researches on economic instruments in solid waste management (DAO 2001-34, IRR Rule XXI, Sec. 1b);
- DILG

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in coordination with the REC, shall endeavor active education and public information on waste management of every local government unit, from the province, highly urbanized cities, component cities, municipalities and barangays (DAO 2001-34, IRR Rule XXI, Sec. 3a);
- DOST

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in coordination with concerned agencies and institutions shall: initiate study on the alternative usage of non-recyclable and non-reusable materials; develop an environmental technology verification (ETV) program in the evaluation of technologies prior to its introduction locally, ETV will serve as basis for verifying the performance of technology under the local conditions; promote the development of clean technology (CT)/production (CP) program in industry; develop and apply new and improved methods of collecting and disposing of solid wastes and processing and recovering materials and energy from solid wastes; improved utilization of various types of organic materials as source of fertilizer and biofuels; conduct of study and development of new uses of recovered resources (DAO 2001-34, IRR Rule XXI, Sec. 1c);
- DA

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shall publish an inventory of existing markets and demands for composts. Said inventory shall be updated and published annually (DAO 2001-34, IRR Rule XI, Sec. 3); Organic fertilizers derived from compost and intended to be distributed commercially shall conform with the standards for organic fertilizers set by the Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority of the Department of Agriculture; provided that composting of agricultural wastes, and other compostable materials, including but not limited to garden wastes, shall be encouraged (DAO 2001-34, IRR Rule XI, Sec. 2);

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- lead in the improvement of composting technology which is more affordable to the barangay composting facilities/MRFs and households; identify/inventory existing markets and demand for compost; encourage the composting of agricultural waste, and other compostable materials including, but not limited to garden waste; assist the compost producers to ensure that the compost products conform to standards; set standards for organic fertilizers from compost (DAO 2001-34, IRR Rule XXI, Sec. 1d);
- with DENR and its appropriate bureaus, develop a solid waste generation and management techniques as well as management, technical and operational approaches to resource recovery; list of materials being recycled or brought by processors/recyclers and their respective prices; with DENR and its appropriate bureaus and DOST, information on cleaner productions/cleaner technologies that promote efficient solid waste management (DAO 2001-34, IRR Rule V, Sec. 1b);
- with DENR, thru its appropriate bureaus, and with the involvement of NEC, shall provide technical assistance and advisory guidance to any interested parties duly supported by the LGUs intending to set up multi-purpose environmental cooperatives or associations (DAO 2001-34, IRR Rule VI, Sec. 8);
- shall, with DENR and its appropriate bureaus & DILG, undertake a study of existing markets for processing and purchasing recyclable materials, and the potential steps necessary to expand these markets; when developing the market for recycled goods, an investigation of markets should be made for each recyclable material, and should include identifying potential purchasers of the recovered material through standard market research techniques and directly contacting buyers and determining the buyers quality specifications, potential transportation agreements and any minimum quantity criteria; all information from the investigation of markets, including a list of prospective buyers of recycled products, and a list of procedures, standards and strategies to market recyclable materials and develop local markets, shall be easily accessible by the public, through the solid waste management information database and the National Ecology Center (DAO 2001-34, IRR Rule XII, Section 1);
- shall encourage regional and local agencies and organizations to purchase environmentally preferable products and services (DAO 2001-34, IRR Rule XII, Section 2);
- to conduct a study into product standards for recyclable and recycled materials;
- shall formulate and implement a coding system for packaging materials and products to facilitate waste recycling and re-use (DAO 2001-34, IRR Rule XII, Sections 3-4);

DOH

- shall develop training manuals for proper handling of solid wastes, and in coordination with the Provincial/City/Municipal Health Officer, shall provide necessary training to the collectors and personnel to ensure that the solid wastes are handled

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properly in accordance with the guidelines prescribed under RA 9003 (DAO 2001-34, IRR Rule X, Sec. 1);

- in coordination with the concerned agencies and institutions, shall spearhead the study on the adverse health effects of the unintentional release of by-products of combustion (e.g., dioxins and furans) and methods to eliminate said effects. Likewise, the health effects of solid wastes to scavengers, garbage collectors and other personnel involved in the solid waste management (SWM) programs shall be looked into by concerned agencies (DAO 2001-34, IRR Rule XXI, Sec. 1a);

TESDA

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with DepEd, CHed, DENR and other concerned government agencies, shall aggressively incorporate ecological waste management in the school systems at all levels, emphasizing the involvement of the school administrators, teaching and non-teaching staff, and studentry in school-wide and nearby community waste management actions, and in the strengthening of the waste management content in the curricula (DAO 01-34, IRR Rule XXI, Sec. 2a)
- shall allocate, as much as possible, regular free airtime and print spaces on waste management matters, in television, radio, broadsheets, outdoor signage, other telecommunications, information technologies and non-traditional media channels (DAO 2001-34, IRR Rule XXI, Sec. 3);

PIA

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- with DENR, shall also help implement various efforts in the education and public information on waste management (DAO 01-34, IRR Rule XXI, Sec. 3f)

CSWMP, PARMS, and SWMAP

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develop or undertake effective solid waste management; to actively participate in any program geared towards the promotion of ecological solid waste management; to publicly endorse & patronize environmentally acceptable products & packaging materials

WHEREAS, the following AGENCIES has been determined as necessary members of the MIMAROPA REC:

- with DENR and its appropriate bureaus, DILG, and other concerned government agencies, shall provide necessary information and expertise in relation to the province of Palawan;

PCSD

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- approve the local government solid waste management plans in the province of Palawan (RA 9003, Sec. 16)

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- chair the Provincial SWM Board for the province of Palawan (DAO 01-34, IRR Rule VI, Sec. 3)

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- with TESDA, DENR, and other concerned government agencies, shall aggressively incorporate ecological waste management in the school systems at all levels, emphasizing the involvement of the school administrators, teaching and non-teaching staff, and studentry in school-wide and nearby community waste management actions, and in the strengthening of the waste management content in the curricula such education program shall emphasize, but not limited to, the ill effects of solid wastes

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relative to human health and the environment, waste minimization and pollution prevention, waste segregation (biodegradable and non-biodegradable) and storage, waste reduction at source, waste recycling/reuse, composting, different methods of waste management and economic benefits derived thereat, and other community-based solutions to the solid waste problem; the education program should also include the provisions of the prohibited acts, their sanctions, and the right of citizens to file suit (DAO 01-34, IRR Rule XXI, Sec. 2a, 2b & 2c)

- NEDA

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shall ensure that waste management is incorporated in the curriculum of primary, secondary and college students (DAO 01-34, IRR Rule VII, Sec. 3, i)
- with DENR, DILG and the various leagues of local government, shall develop a coordinative mechanism that will ensure that LGUs are significantly guided in the preparation of LGSWMP (DAO 01-34, IRR Rule VII, Sec. 2)
- DOT

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with the MIMAROPA Region being a premier destination of tourists, shall provide support in the monitoring of the solid waste management system of different tourism establishments and LGUs within the MIMAROPA Region and other related activities;

WHEREAS, the MIMAROPA REC may from time to time, call on any other concerned agencies or sectors as it may deem necessary;

WHEREAS, the MIMAROPA REC shall craft and have a Manual of Operation after the establishment hereof to ensure guidance on all the actions and decisions of the ecology center;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the above premises, the parties commit themselves to the following:

That EMB MIMAROPA shall:

- a.

Establish the MIMAROPA REC and lead its operation (DAO 2001-34, IRR Rule V, Sec. 1) by providing all the necessary secretariat functions and solid waste management expertise needed;
- b.

Coordinate, lead and document all regular MIMAROPA REC meetings to be held semi-annually or as the need arises, and inform the regular members accordingly; and
- c.

Highlight and advocate all positive accomplishments of MIMAROPA REC, whereas publications will only be released after agreement of the involved AGENCIES within the MIMAROPA REC;

That the AGENCIES shall:

- a.

Be represented officially in the MIMAROPA REC by its Head of Office and/or its designated duly authorized representative(s);
- b.

Appoint a permanent focal person for Solid Waste Management, whose function is explicitly to represent its AGENCY and to participate and make commitments in the regular meetings of the MIMAROPA REC and in consequently agreed activities or special projects and meetings;

- c. Provide sufficient work time and logistic support for the appointed focal person to attend the regular MIMAROPA REC meetings; and
- d. Enter into Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with any other AGENCY of the MIMAROPA REC and/or EMB MIMAROPA to conduct specific agreed joint activities and projects for SWM-related activities in the MIMAROPA Region as the need arises and in accordance to the specific mandate of the AGENCY specified under RA 9003.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the parties, through their respective representatives have signed this Memorandum of Commitment this _____ day of _____ 2024, at _____.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

BEFORE ME, this _____ day of _____ at City of Pasay, personally
appeared the following:

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Known to me to be the same person who executed the foregoing instrument, and they
acknowledge to me the same is their free and voluntary act of deed.

WITNES MY HAND AND SEAL on the date and place first above written.

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