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MEMORANDUM

FOR

The Regional Executive Director

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FROM

The OIC Director

SUBJECT

MINUTES OF MEETING AND RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY THE

EL NIDO-TAYTAY MANAGED RESOURCE PROTECTED AREA

(ENTMRPA) MANAGEMENT BOARD

This is to acknowledge your Memorandum of 05 April 2022, providing copies of the approved Minutes of Meeting and Resolutions passed by the El Nido-Taytay Managed Resource Protected Area (ENTMRPA) Management Board during its meeting held on November 20, 2020.

It was noted that there are eleven (11) PAMB Resolutions deliberated by the Management Board: seven (7) were approved, three (3) are for rectification and resubmission and one (1) was disapproved.

Relative to this, we are pleased to provide our comments and recommendations:

	Resolution No. /Title	Comments/Recommendations
	Resolution No. 020-2020 Revoking Res. No. 016 series of 2020 and authorizing the opening of Big Lagoon, Small Lagoon and Shimizu Island for recreational and ecotourism-related activities	Please ensure that the IATF COVID 19 protocols are strictly implemented.
	Resolution No. 021-2020 Endorsing the proposed reclamation of foreshore area intended for the construction of Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) Station at Brgy. Buena Suerte, El Nido, Palawan	The PCG requested a new site for their Office, where they can accommodate their staff and a Special Operations Group, an elite force with complete equipment. They proposed a site in Brgy. Buena Suerte for this purpose. The said proposal was already endorsed to the barangay subject to reclamation of an approximate area of 2,000 sq. m. Please be guided by Section 20(v) Prohibited Acts of the NIPAS Act as amended by ENIPAS Act which includes "Constructing any permanent structure within the forty (40)-meter easement from the high water mark of any natural body or issuing a permit for such construction pursuant to Article 51



of Presidential Decree No. 1067: Provided, that construction for common usage wharves and shoreline protection shall be permitted by the PAMB only after thorough EIA." The draft Manual of Operations formulated by the TWG was Resolution No. 022-2020 Endorsing the El Nidopresented on 15 September 2020. **Taytay Managed Resource** Protected Area We concur with the recommendation of the RO for the (ENTMRPA) Manual of rectification/revision and resubmission of the draft Manual of Operations re: PAMB Composition should be in accordance Operations with Section 11 of NIPAS Act as amended by RA 11038 or the ENIPAS Act of 2018. There was no further discussion on the presentation of the draft Manual of Operations in the minutes of Meeting, except for the Committees created including its members, hence, may we request copy of the said Manual of Operations for our review and comments. Resolution No. 023-2020 Noted. Adopting the ENTMRPA Logo Resolution No. 024-2020 The ENTMRPA PAMB en banc has a total of 47 members, of which 16 are members of the Executive Committee. Appointing the Chairperson and Members We concur with the recommendation of the RO for the of the Seven (7) rectification/revision and resubmission of the draft Manual of Committees of ENTMRPA PAMB, El Nido, Palawan Operations to revisit and to ensure that the PAMB composition is in accordance with Section 11 of NIPAS Act as amended by RA 11038 or the ENIPAS Act of 2018. Resolution No. 025-2020 Appointing the Chairman There are 7 PAMB Committees created for which the and Members of PAMB chairpersons were appointed. **Executive Committee of** ENTMRPA, El Nido, It was noted that Chairperson of some of the Committees are Palawan and its Functions not member of the PAMB as per NIPAS Act as amended and Duties (MENRO, MPDO, MTCO, etc), hence, should be reviewed further Please ensure that the Chairperson and members of the committees are duly designated or appointed PAMB members in accordance with Section 11 of NIPAS Act as amended by RA 11038 or the ENIPAS Act of 2018. Further, may we follow up the list of PAMB ex-officio members and supporting documents of representatives and other non-ex-officio members for appointment by the DENR Secretary. Resolution No. 026-2020 The ENTMRPA PAMP covering 2020-2029 was presented Adopting and approving including the processes involved in its formulation. The the ENTMRPA PAMP for Vision, Mission and short term goals were enumerated. 2020 to 2029 Management Focus with budget and distribution of potential funding sources as well as the terrestrial and marine management zoning were presented.

We concur with the recommendation of the RO for the rectification/revision and resubmission of the ENTMRPA PAMP and to interchange the PA mission and vision.

The PAMO should also ensure that BMB Technical Bulletin No. 2018-01 "Clarifying the Procedures in the Identification, Designation and Delineation of Management Zones of Protected Areas under the NIPAS" was considered in the identification and designation of appropriate management zones.

Resolution No. 027-2020 Endorsing the Road Widening and Off-Carriageway Improvement Projects of Department of Public Works and Highways

(DPWH)

Resolution No. 028-2020 Endorsing the proposed **Projects of SMART** Communications, Inc. Telecommunications Project/SMART FTK **Tower Conversion**

We noted that a 1.56 km road widening project is located in Brgy. Maligaya to Brgy. Corong-Corong, El Nido Palawan. While the off-carriage way improvement are located along El Nido Junction - New Ibajay road (KO273+583) and Sitio Batbat, Brgy Libertad to Sitio Nasigdan, Brgy Masagana, El Nido, Palawan which is 1.94 km.

The proposed projects are the three (3) cell sites located in:

- Brgy Corong -corong with approximate area of 256 sq.m. within the Unidentified Public Forest;
- Brgy. Masagana within the A&D owned by Majestic Legacy Home Development Corporation titled area;
- Brgy Pasadena with approximate area of 256 sq.m. within timberland.

It was noted that the Board approved the proposed projects (road widening and off-carriage way) of DPWH and SMART Communications, Inc. Telecommunications Project/SMART FTK Tower conversion subject to the submission of pertinent documents and that the proponents abide by relevant laws, rules and regulations.

The PAMO should ensure that construction/activities are in accordance with the PAMP of ENTMRPA and that the requirements such as the ECC have been secured.

The Moratorium in El Nido was imposed in July 2019 by the Regional Directors of DOT-MIMAROPA, DILG-MIMAROPA and the Regional Executive Director of DENR-MIMAROPA. The said Moratorium was based on the instruction of DENR Secretary Roy A. Cimatu during his joint visit with the DOT

and DILG Secretaries in El Nido in 2018.

BMB has already submitted its recommendation in response to the request for the lifting of the said Moratorium on February 21, 2022. This Office recommended the continuous imposition of the moratorium for the issuance of all permits for the construction of new buildings and any improvements on existing structures until the concerned Local Government Unit (LGU), Protected Area Management Office (PAMO) and ENTMRPA Management Board have complied and/or acted on the measures as mentioned in the said memorandum such

1. Updating of PAMP including the management zones based on the results of the carrying capacity study for consideration in the designation of SPZ;

Resolution No. 029-2020 Requesting the DENR Regional Executive

Director to Lift the Moratorium on the issuance of all permits for the construction of New Buildings and any improvements on existing structures relative to the implementation of rehabilitation program in the Municipality of El

Nido, Palawan

2. Translate the carrying capacity study recommendations into management strategies;

3. Rehabilitate areas susceptible to erosion;

4. Coordinate with EMB for the establishment of permanent water quality monitoring stations;

5. Impose measures addressing the various issues on water quality and land uses.

Resolution No. 030-2020
Requesting the DPWH to submit the list of projects for CY 2021 and properly coordinate with the Local Government and the PAMB especially if the area is within the jurisdiction of ENTMRPA

A PAMB Member requested that DPWH should submit the list of their projects for proper coordination to avoid conflicts.

The PAMO should ensure that all projects are consistent with the PAMP of ENTMRPA and to require the DPWH to submit to the DENR their plans and programs that will affect the protected area.

Further, the acceptance of new applications for Special Use Agreement in Protected Areas (SAPA) should be held in abeyance while the said moratorium is in effect.

For information and further appropriate action.

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