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**MEMORANDUM**

**FOR** : The Regional Executive Director  
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**FROM** : The Provincial Environment and  
Natural Resources Officer

**SUBJECT** : **EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 163 CREATING THE ROXAS  
WATERSHED MANAGEMENT COUNCIL AND ITS  
TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP AND DEFINING THEIR  
COMPOSITION AND FUNCTIONS**




Respectfully forwarded is the memorandum dated May 16, 2022 from CENRO Roxas, Palawan with attached documents relative on the above mention subject.

Per review of the said order, the same is inconsistent with the DENR Administrative Order No. 2021-41 dated December 23, 2021 (Guidelines in the Creation of Watershed Management Councils) which states that the DENR shall hold the chairmanship of the Watershed Management Council (Section 7).

For information, review and further guidance.

  
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May 26, 2022


**MEMORANDUM**

**FOR :** The Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer - Palawan

**FROM :** The Community Environment and Natural Resources Officer

**SUBJECT :** **EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 163 CREATING THE ROXAS WATERSHED MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (RWMC) AND ITS TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP AND DEFINING THEIR COMPOSITION AND FUNCTIONS**

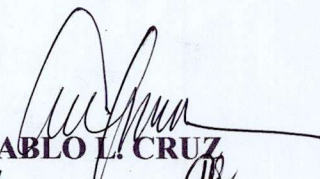
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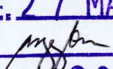
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Respectfully forwarded is the copy of the above Executive Order issued by Mayor Dennis M. Sabando of Roxas municipality, Palawan on April 29, 2022 creating the RWMC and TWG whose primary objective is to update, adopt and implement the Municipal Integrated Community Watershed Protection, Conservation and Management Plan of the municipality and DENR-CENRO Roxas, Palawan is one of the members. Based on the said Order, the RWMC shall be under the authority of the ECAN Board of the municipality (Section 5.1) and shall meet at least once every quarter (Section 6).

As per review of the said Order, same is inconsistent with the DENR Administrative Order No. 2021-41 dated December 23, 2021 (*Guidelines in the Creation of Watershed Management Councils*) which states that the DENR shall hold the Chairmanship of the Watershed Management Council (*Section 7*).

For information, review and further guidance.

  
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Republic of the Philippines  
Province of Palawan  
Municipality of Roxas  
**OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL MAYOR**



**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 163**  
Series of 2022

**CREATING THE ROXAS WATERSHED MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (RWMC) AND  
ITS TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP DEFINING THEIR COMPOSITION AND  
FUNCTIONS**

**WHEREAS**, the Municipal Government of Roxas recognizes the importance of watershed areas to sustain local economy particularly agriculture, forestry, eco-tourism and environmental health.

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act 7160 empowers local government units to generate resources and be responsible for the management of communal and small watersheds within their territorial jurisdiction which are sources of local water systems;

**WHEREAS**, Section 16 of the Local Government Code of 1991 mandates the local government unit to exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those essential to the promotion of the general welfare;

**WHEREAS**, Section 3.1(c) of Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Administrative Order No. 92-30, series of 1992, provides that the management, protection, rehabilitation, and maintenance of small watershed areas which are sources of local water supply as identified or to be identified by the DENR has been devolved to the Local government units (LGUs);

**WHEREAS**, Section 17(b)(2) of R.A. 7160 mandates LGU on watershed management while Section 6.3 of LGU-DENR Joint Memorandum Circular No. 98-01, series of 1998, stipulates the creation of municipal working groups/committees to help LGUs in carrying out their devolved functions;

**WHEREAS**, there are a number of issues and concerns which continue to pose danger on the preservation and protection of watersheds which include illegal cutting of trees, illegal occupation of forests, illegal quarrying in catchment areas, unabated "*kaingin*-making" practice, inadequate knowledge, damage to forests resulting from extreme weather events, such as Super Typhoon Odette, and improper implementation of environmental laws, among others;

**WHEREAS**, a municipal integrated watershed management plan is necessary because it leads to an increase in forest cover and secures water sources, contributes positive impacts on health, brings economic gains, contributes in the storage of carbon, protects people from the impacts of extreme weather events such as droughts and flooding, and provides materials for and supports means of livelihoods;

**WHEREAS**, the Municipality of Roxas aims to achieve water security within its territory and to make significant local contribution to one of our country's international commitments under the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), through the sixth global goal of "Ensuring availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation", and to the objectives of the United Nations Decade on Ecosystem Restoration (2021-2030);

**WHEREAS**, Municipal Ordinance No. 522, S-2015 entitled " Approving the Community Watershed Management Plan of the Municipality of Roxas, Palawan for 2015-2019" in which the

management plan aims to develop local capability and co-management for forest resources and organizational management, increase community awareness on environmental protection and watershed management and to regenerate watershed areas;

**WHEREAS**, Municipal Ordinance No. 440, Series of 2013 entitled “ An Ordinance Formulating the Forest Land Use Plan of the Municipality of Roxas, Palawan” identifies 24 watershed areas and provides co-management for watershed protection and conservation;

**WHEREAS**, to support the sixth Sustainable Development Goal and Municipal Ordinances mentioned above, there is a need to update, revise, approve, adopt, and implement a municipal integrated **Community Watershed Protection, Conservation and Management Plan** that shall serve as the municipal blueprint in carrying out the restoration, protection, conservation, and sustainable management of watersheds in the municipality;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need for the creation of Roxas Watershed Management Council (RWMC) as well as the Roxas Watershed Management Technical Working Group (RWM-TWG) as its technical professional support, to spearhead in the protection, conservation, restoration, and sustainable utilization of Roxas community watersheds and to discuss and resolve issues and matters that may arise in the management of the community watersheds in accordance with the environmental laws, rules, and regulations;

**NOW THEREFORE, I, DENNIS M. SABANDO**, Municipal Mayor of Roxas, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, and in consideration of the above premises, do hereby order the creation of the Roxas Watershed Management Council (RWMC) and its Technical Working Group (TWG), whose compositions and functions are as follows:

#### **Section 1. Composition of Roxas Watershed Management Council**

1.1 The Council shall be composed of the following officials and employees, to wit:

- A. Chairperson: Municipal Mayor
- B. Members:
  - a. Chair, Committee on Environment of Sangguniang Bayan
  - b. Chair, Committee on Appropriations of Sangguniang Bayan
  - c. Indigenous Peoples Mandatory Representative of Sangguniang Bayan
  - d. President, Liga ng mga Barangay
  - e. District Manager, Palawan Council for Sustainable Development (PCSD) - North District Management Office (DMO)
  - f. Community Environment and Natural Resources Officer, DENR Community Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO)-Roxas
  - g. Representative, National Irrigation Administration
  - h. Chief of Police, Philippine National Police-Roxas
  - i. Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Officer (MENRO)
  - j. Municipal Planning and Development Coordinator (MPDC)
  - k. Assistant Plant Manager, Roxas Water System Management Office (RWSMO)/ Representative from PGP I-Support Water Infrastructure Office (Palawan Water)
  - l. General Manager, Roxas Water District
  - m. Municipal Agriculturist
  - n. Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction Management Officer
  - o. Representative from the Academe
  - p. Representative from an Accredited Non-Government Organization (NGO)
  - q. Representative from the Women Sector

1.2 The composition of R-WMC shall, as much as possible, strive for gender balance or the equal representation of women and men.

**Section 2. Duties and Functions of Roxas Watershed Management Council:** The Council shall perform the following tasks:

- a. Review, approve, and adopt the TWG-endorsed municipal-wide Community Watershed Protection, Conservation and Management Plan (CWPCMP);
- b. Endorse and present to the Municipal ECAN Board, Sangguniang Bayan of Roxas, and other appropriate bodies the CWPCMP for adoption and possible inclusion in the Comprehensive Land Use Plan, Local Development and Investment Plan, Annual Investment Plan and Forest Land Use Plan;
- c. Provide oversight in the proper management of watershed resources and implementation of development and protection/conservation activities stipulated under the approved Community Watershed Protection, Conservation and Management Plan (CWPCMP);
- d. Formulate internal rules, regulations, and guidelines with regards to the conduct of its official business and the proper functioning of the Council;
- e. Promulgate the rules, regulations, and guidelines implementing this Order;
- f. Participate in the formulation of policies that support inter-agency coordination, collaboration, cooperation, partnership and convergence, and complementation of natural resources benefits and cost sharing, including the establishment of alternative financing mechanisms (such as Payments for Ecosystem Services or PES, water levy, and others) to support rehabilitation and conservation of water sources, sustainable livelihood, and forest protection;
- g. Establish a system for regular water monitoring and reporting as basis for assessing the condition of water resources;
- h. Coordinate with existing barangay watershed management bodies and other relevant management bodies present within the municipality to ensure that watershed programs, projects, and activities of the RWMC complement with that of other watershed management bodies;
- i. Enforce environment and natural resources (ENR) laws, rules, and regulations in coordination with DENR, PCSD, and other concerned agencies;
- j. Endorse members of community forest protection teams for deputation by the DENR or PCSD;
- k. Facilitate the resolution of problems and conflicts that may occur within the municipal watersheds, in coordination with concerned agencies;
- l. Recommend to the Sangguniang Bayan the declaration of other community watersheds for devolution to Roxas, Palawan; and
- m. Carry out such other functions mandated by other laws governing the protection and conservation of watershed areas and by other Executive Orders and Municipal Ordinances related to the same.

**Section 3. Composition of Roxas Watershed Management Technical Working Group (RWM-TWG) :** The TWG shall be composed of knowledgeable, capable, and highly technical personnel from the MLGU and other national, local, and non-governmental organizations.

3.1 The TWG shall be composed of the following officials and employees, to wit:

- a. Representative from Mayor's Office
- b. MENRO
- c. Indigenous Peoples Mandatory Representative Sangguniang Bayan
- d. MPDC
- e. Municipal Engineer
- f. Municipal Agriculturist
- g. Municipal Economic Enterprise and Development Officer (MEEDO)
- h. Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan
- i. District Manager, PCSD - North DMO
- j. DENR CENRO-Roxas
- k. Plant Manager, Roxas Water System Management Office (RWSMO)/  
Representative from PGP I-Support Water Infrastructure Office (Palawan Water)
- l. General Manager, Roxas Water District
- m. Representative from the Academe
- n. Representative from an Accredited NGO
- o. Representative from the Women Sector
- p. Field Technical Manager, USAID Safe Water

3.2 The composition of the TWG shall, as much as possible, strive for gender balance or the equal representation of women and men.

**Section 4. Duties and Functions of TWG:** The TWG shall serve as the technical arm of the Roxas Watershed Management Council (RWMC). It shall perform the following tasks:

- a. Prepare and draft the Community Watershed Protection, Conservation and Management Plan (CWPCMP) and submit to Roxas Watershed Management Council (RWMC) for evaluation, adoption, and approval;
- b. Formulate annual programs and work and financial plans for the efficient implementation of CWPCMP and submit the same to RWMC for adoption and endorsement to the Local Sangguniang Bayan for approval and inclusion in the LGU's Annual Investment Plan;
- c. Initiate fund sourcing and the establishment of innovative financing mechanisms, such as Payments of Ecosystem Services (PES) and water levy, to support implementation of the approved CWPCMP;
- d. Facilitate the regular monitoring of CWPCMP implementation and provide regular reports to the watershed management council;
- e. Review existing policies governing the specific watersheds within the municipality of Roxas and recommend appropriate improvements or amendments to the Watershed Management Council for endorsement to concerned agencies, if necessary;
- f. Participate in activities that promote and establish awareness on watershed management and resource use;
- g. Review and periodically update the CWPCMP ; and
- h. Perform other tasks as may be assigned by the watershed management council.

**Section 5. Operational Support:** For administrative and operational effectiveness and efficiency in the sustained, consistent, and comprehensive implementation of this Order, the Roxas Watershed Management Council shall be supported by the following in its operations:

5.1 The RWMC shall be under the authority of the ECAN Board of the Municipality of Roxas, Palawan, to ensure effective management of watersheds in the territorial jurisdiction.


5.2 The Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office (MENRO) is hereby designated to provide for Secretariat Services and to act as administrative and support staff of the RWMC.

5.3 The administrative, operational, and budgetary requirements of the RWMC and its TWG shall be drawn from funds as may be determined and recommended for appropriation by the undersigned and/or the Sangguniang Bayan.

**Section 6. Meetings and Quorum of the RWMC and its TWG:** The Council and the TWG shall meet at least once every quarter or as often as may be necessary. The presence of at least a majority shall constitute a quorum. It shall formulate, adopt, and approve its particular Internal Rules and Procedures (IRP) that shall govern its meetings and decision making.

**Section 7. Effectivity:** This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in full force unless otherwise revoked and/or modified by the undersigned. Any and all other issuance(s) contrary or inconsistent herewith are deemed superseded.

DONE in the Municipality of Roxas, Palawan this 29<sup>th</sup> day of April 2022.

  
DENNIS M. SABANDO  
Municipal Mayor