



Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Environment and Natural Resources  
MIMAROPA REGION  
PROVINCIAL ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE

May 26, 2023

**MEMORANDUM**

**FOR** : The Regional Executive Director  
1515 DENR By the Bay Building  
Roxas Blvd., Barangay 668, Ermita, Manila

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

**SUBJECT** : **SERVICE OF COPY OF THE RESOLUTION DATED  
FEBRUARY 27, 2022 IN THE CASE ENTITLED  
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY  
MR. MASUETO FUERTES AGAINST ENGR. REX  
VELASCO FOR ALLEGED LAND GRABBING**

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Forwarded for information is the memorandum of CENRO Puerto dated May 18, 2023 informing that the Resolution dated February 27, 2023 was personally served thus received by Mr. Mansueto Fuertes on May 18, 2023.

Attached is the copy of the Resolution bearing the signature of Mr. Fuertes for record and guidance.

For the PENRO:

  
**WAMALAYDA S. TALABUCON**  
OIC Chief MSD/Office-In-Charge

Copy furnished:

The CENRO Puerto Princesa City  
TSD-RPS DRN 2023-4636/lmo

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May 18, 2023

**MEMORANDUM**

**FOR :** PENRO Palawan  
Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa City

**FROM :** The OIC-CENRO Puerto Princesa  
Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa City

**SUBJECT :** **SERVICE OF COPY OF THE RESOLUTION DATED  
FEBRUARY 27, 2022 IN THE CASE ENTITLED IN THE  
MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY MR. MANSUETO  
FUERTES AGAINST ENGR. REX VELASCO FOR ALLEGED  
LAND GRABBING**

**DENR PENRO  
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BY: [Signature]  
DATE: 05-22-2023 BN 23-4636

This pertains to your memorandum dated April 19, 2023 which was received by this Office on April 27, 2023 regarding service copy of Resolution to the party Mr. Mansueto Fuertes dated February 27, 2022 in the above case mentioned.

Please be informed that a copy of the said Resolution was personally served and received by Mr. Mansueto Fuertes on even date. Attached is a copy of the same Resolution wherein Mr. Fuertes has affixed his signature opposite his name, which serves as proof of service to him.

For information and record.

[Signature]  
**PEDRO A. VELASCO**

Cc: CENRO/File  
DRN-2023-2834/RPS/\*mmp

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CENRO PUERTO PRINCESA  
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DATE: 05-19-23  
BY: [Signature]



Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Environment and Natural Resources  
MIMAROPA REGION  
PROVINCIAL ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE

April 19, 2023

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO :** The Community Environment and  
Natural Resources Officer  
Puerto Princesa City

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

**SUBJECT :** **SERVICE F COPY OF THE RESOLUTION DATED FEBRUARY 27, 2022 IN THE CASE ENTITLED IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY MR. MASUETO FUERTES AGAINST ENGR. REX VELASCO FOR ALLEGED LAND GRABBING**

Relative your memorandum dated March 30, 2023 informing the non attachment of the Resolution of subject case subject of your delivery to Mr. Mansueto Fuertes.


Attached is the copy of our memorandum of March 15, 2023 <sup>furnishing</sup> the certified true copy of the Resolution of February 27, 2022.

Please for your compliance and submission of the proof of service.

  
FELIZARDO B. CAYATOC

Copy furnished:

**The Chief, Legal Division**  
1515 DENR By the Bay Building  
Roxas Blvd., Barangay 668, Ermita, Manila  
TSD-RPS DRN 2023-3436/lmo

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Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Environment and Natural Resources  
**MIMAROPA Region**

**MEMORANDUM**

**FOR :** The PENR OFFICER  
Palawan

**ATTENTION :** The CENR OFFICER  
Puerto Princesa City

**FROM :** The Chief, Legal Division

**SUBJECT :** SERVICE OF COPY OF THE RESOLUTION DATED FEB-  
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AGAINST ENGR. REX S. VELASCO FOR ALLEGED LAND  
GRABBING

**DATE :** JAN 16 2023

This has reference to the service to the complainant, **Mr. Mansueto Fuertes**, by registered mail, of the copy of the Resolution dated February 27, 2022 in the above-cited case, which was returned to sender (RTS) with the notation **Unclaimed**.

Relative thereto, may we respectfully request for your Office to cause the delivery of the certified true copy of the Resolution, hereto attached, to the party or his representative for the case to consequently attain finality. Further, please furnish this office of the proof of service or acknowledgment immediately upon receipt thereof by the party.

  
**ATTY. GANDHIG. FLORES**

Copy furnished:

CENRO Puerto Princesa City

**DENR PENRO  
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BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE: 13-14-2023 DN 23-2256





**IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT  
FILED BY MR. MANSUETO FUERTES  
AGAINST ENGR. REX S. VELASCO FOR  
ALLEGED LAND GRABBING**

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**RESOLUTION**

For consideration is the Complaint sent through electronic mail on July 26, 2016 by Mr. Mansueto "Baby" Fuertes against Engr. Rex Velasco (Velasco) addressed to the Office of the Secretary, copy furnished the Office of the Ombudsman, this Office, and PENRO Palawan.

The Complaint alleged that Velasco committed land grabbing activities and victimized poor people in Puerto Princesa City.

A Memorandum dated July 26, 2016 was issued by PENR Officer directing Velasco to explain in writing within three (3) days upon receipt of the Memorandum. Likewise, then Regional Director Oscar C. Dominguez issued a Show-Cause Memorandum dated July 27, 2016 requiring Velasco to submit his written explanation within seventy-two (72) hours from receipt thereof.

On July 28, 2016, Velasco submitted his Counter-Affidavit stating that the Complaint was highly imaginative, absurd and without basis, and requested the creation of an investigating body regarding the case.

Regional Special Order (RSO) No. 404, dated August 2, 2016, was then issued creating an investigation team which immediately conducted a meeting on August 4, 2016 together with the Complainant and ten (10) other individuals. During the meeting, it was found out that the allegation of the Complainant regarding land grabbing has no leg to stand on considering that he had no evidence to support his claim. There were ten (10) individuals who testified that the issue was not land grabbing, but rather on the procedural matters regarding their land titling applications. Hence, the investigation team recommended that the Complaint against Velasco be dismissed.

Further, an Affidavit of Desistance dated September 23, 2016 was submitted by the Complainant where he stated that his Complaint was purely a result of misunderstanding and misapprehension of facts, and he was no longer interested in pursuing any further investigation/prosecution of his Complaint, and that he will no longer testify against Velasco.

In the case of *Yap vs. Lagtapon*<sup>1</sup>, the Supreme Court ruled that the presumption of regularity in the performance of official duties is an aid to the effective and unhampered administration of government functions. Without such benefit, every official action could be negated with minimal effort from litigants, irrespective of merit or sufficiency of

<sup>1</sup> Susan A. Yap vs. Elizabeth Lagtapon (January 23, 2017, G.R. No. 196347)

evidence to support such challenge. To this end, our body of jurisprudence has been consistent in requiring nothing short of clear and convincing evidence to the contrary to overthrow such presumption.

Thus, in the absence of evidence to overthrow the presumption of regularity, the Complaint cannot be given due course.

**WHEREFORE**, premises considered, the complaint against Engr. Rex S. Velasco is hereby **DISMISSED**.

**SO ORDERED.**

Manila, Philippines. FEB 27 2022

  
**LORMELYN E. CLAUDIO, CESO IV**  
OIC, Regional Executive Director

Copy furnished:

Mr. Mansueto Fuertes  
Golden Valley, Brgy. Sicsican  
Puerto Princesa City

Engr. Rex S. Velasco  
CENRO Puerto Princesa City


Office of the Ombudsman

Office of the Secretary  
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~~PENRO~~ Palawan

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Administrative Division

 5-17-23



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MIMAROPA Region



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**MARLENE M. BADILLA**  
Admin. Asst. III/ Records Officer-Designate  
Legal Division, DENR MIMAROPA Region