

RESOLUTION NO. _____
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10th Regular Session
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Tandag City

AUTHORIZING HON. JOHNNY T. PIMENTEL, PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR, THIS PROVINCE TO ENTER INTO AND SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA), FOR AND IN BEHALF OF THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF SURIGAO DEL SUR BY AND AMONG THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (DENR) REPRESENTED BY ITS OFFICER-IN-CHARGE, PENR OFFICER, MR. ADELFO R. LUENGAS, JR., THE MUNICIPALITY OF MARIHATAG REPRESENTED BY ITS MUNICIPAL MAYOR, HON. BENJAMIN T. FAZON, JR., THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN AGUSTIN REPRESENTED BY ITS MUNICIPAL MAYOR, HON. NICOLAS O. ALAMEDA, THE MUNICIPALITY OF LIANGA REPRESENTED BY ITS MUNICIPAL MAYOR, HON. AMADO M. LAYNO, JR., THE NATIONAL IRRIGATION ADMINISTRATION (NIA) SURIGAO DEL SUR - IRRIGATION MANAGEMENT OFFICE REPRESENTED BY ITS DIVISION MANAGER, ENGR. ADELINE H. MANLUNAS, THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (NEDA), BUTUAN CITY, REPRESENTED BY ITS REGIONAL DIRECTOR, DIR. GEMIMA A. OLAM, CESO IV, THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON INDIGENOUS PEOPLES (NCIP), CARAGA REGION 13, BUTUAN CITY, REPRESENTED BY ITS REGIONAL DIRECTOR, DIR. JULIUS L. MABINI, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS (DPWH) 1ST ENGINEERING DISTRICT SURIGAO DEL SUR, REPRESENTED BY ITS DISTRICT ENGINEER, ENGR. RUEL D. BANTUGAN, THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (DA), REPRESENTED BY ITS OFFICER-IN-CHARGE, CHIEF AGRICULTURAL PROGRAM COORDINATING OFFICE (APCO), MR. ALVIN C. ASUNCION, THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRARIAN REFORM PROVINCIAL OFFICE (DARPO) REPRESENTED BY ITS PROVINCIAL AGRARIAN REFORM OFFICER, MR. JERRY R. VILLASON, MAED., CADT 116 WITH CERTIFICATE OF ANCESTRAL DOMAIN TITLE R13-SNM-0609-116 REPRESENTED BY HAWUDON ALY B. MONTENEGRO, CADT 278 WITH CERTIFICATE OF ANCESTRAL DOMAIN TITLE R13-LIA-1224-278 REPRESENTED BY HAWUDON CONSTANCIO B. DUHAC, JR., THE SAMMILIA FEDERATION OF PEOPLES FOREST DEVELOPMENT COOPERATIVE (SFPFDC), LIANGA SURIGAO DEL SUR, REPRESENTED BY ITS CHAIRPERSON, MR. ROSARIO M. TABUYAN, THE MUNICIPAL AGRICULTURE OFFICE AND FISHERY COUNCIL OF MARIHATAG REPRESENTED BY ITS CHAIRPERSON, MR. APRONIANO D. CUMILING, THE MUNICIPAL AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERY COUNCIL OF SAN AGUSTIN REPRESENTED BY ITS CHAIRPERSON, MS. NERZA S. CERVANTES, THE MUNICIPAL AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERY COUNCIL (MAFC) OF LIANGA REPRESENTED BY ITS CHAIRPERSON, MR. MIGUEL S. DAGANGON, THE SUBANGAN NG HUBO KAMAYO IRRIGATORS ASSOCIATION REPRESENTED BY ITS CHAIRPERSON, MR. GREGORIO CLIMACO, THE HUBO RIGHT IRRIGATORS ASSOCIATION, SAN AGUSTIN, SURIGAO DEL SUR, REPRESENTED BY ITS CHAIRPERSON, MR. FERMIN MUÑEZ, THE MUNICIPAL ECONOMIC ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT OFFICE, MARIHATAG, SURIGAO DEL SUR, REPRESENTED BY ITS MUNICIPAL ECONOMIC ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT OFFICER, MR. JOEL JONAH M. FUERTES, THE DIAMOND STREAMWORKS INCORPORATED, CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY, MISAMIS ORIENTAL, REPRESENTED BY ITS GENERAL MANAGER, MR. RAMIL ENZO, THE LIANGA WATER DISTRICT REPRESENTED BY ITS GENERAL MANAGER, MR. WILFREDO G. SANCHEZ, THE NORTH EASTERN MINDANAO STATE UNIVERSITY (NEMSU) REPRESENTED BY ITS PRESIDENT, DR. NEMESIO G. LOAYON, PH.D., THE ECOLOGY MINISTRY OF DIOCESE OF TANDAG REPRESENTED BY ITS BISHOP, MOST REV. RAUL B. DAEL, D.D., THE SURIGAO DEL SUR POLICE PROVINCIAL OFFICE REPRESENTED BY ITS PROVINCIAL DIRECTOR, PCOL. JEFFREY LAWRENCE D. MAURICIO, THE 75TH INFANTRY BATTALION PHILIPPINE ARMY REPRESENTED BY ITS COMMANDING OFFICER, LT. COL. EARL C. PARDILLO AND THE 3RD SPECIAL FORCES BATTALION REPRESENTED BY ITS COMMANDING OFFICER, LT. COL. PAULO BAYLON, ON THE CREATION OF HUBO RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT COUNCIL, IN ACCORDANCE WITH DENR ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2021-41

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SPONSORS:

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SR., HON. RUEL D. MOMO, HON. RAUL K. SALAZAR,
HON. VALERIO T. MONTESCLAROS, JR., HON. MARGARITA
G. GARAY, HON. JOEY S. PAMA AND HON. MELANIE JOY M.
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WHEREAS, the 1987 Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines mandates the protection and advancement of the right of Filipino People to a healthful and balanced ecology, provides for the promotion of social justice, guarantees the right of the people and their organization to the reasonable participation at the levels of social, political and economic decision making;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7160 known as the Local Government Code (Code) of 1991 directs and authorizes local government to establish, maintain, preserve and conserve communal forest and watersheds;

WHEREAS, Executive Order 192 mandates the DENR as the primary government agency responsible for the conservation, management and protection and the proper use and sustainable development of the country's environmental and natural resources and the LGUs, who have likewise the responsibility for sustainable management and development of forest resources and watersheds within their territories, mutually commit themselves to pursue such objectives under a multiple and sustainable use, demand driven and participatory, development approach;

WHEREAS, DENR Administrative Order No. 2021-41 provides the guidelines in the creation of watershed management council in the Philippines to further strengthen the collaboration between the DENR, DILG, LGUs, POs, NGOs and other critical stakeholders in the sustainable management of watershed for the information and guidance of all concerned;

WHEREAS, the role of Non- Government Organizations, people's and civic organization in local governance and administration in the area of environmental protection and management is promoted and mandated under the Local Government Code;

WHEREAS, the management of watersheds should achieve the goal as of (1) sustainable and multiple use of natural resources within the watershed in a manner that is environmentally sound, economically viable and socially acceptable and (2) the prevention of further watershed degradation and the restoration of the productive and protective function of currently degraded watershed;

WHEREAS, the Hubo River Watershed is situated within the province of Surigao del Sur with an area of 20,915 hectares supporting National Irrigation System covering three (3) Municipalities namely: Municipalities of Marihatag, San Agustin and Lianga, all of this Province;

WHEREAS, Hubo River Watershed serves as a vital natural resource, providing a sustainable source of water for domestic, agricultural and industrial use, ensuring the well-being and economic stability of communities within vicinity, plays a critical ecological as a habitat for diverse flora and fauna, including endemic and endangered species, thereby contributing to biodiversity conservation and ecosystem balance;

WHEREAS, the Hubo River Watershed supports essential ecological services such as groundwater recharge, flood mitigation and climate regulation, which are crucial for maintaining environmental resilience and reducing disaster risks;

WHEREAS, effective and purposive collaboration and coordination of development initiatives among all stakeholders in a watershed including Local Government Unit, National Government Agencies, Non- Government Organizations, Peoples Organizations and the Private Sectors will hasten and facilitate the achievement of these goals;

WHEREAS, Hon. Johnny T. Pimentel, Provincial Governor, this Province in his letter dated April 18, 2025 addressed to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan thru Hon. Manuel O. Alameda, Sr., Vice Governor requested this August Body for the passage of a Resolution authorizing him to enter into and sign a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), for and in behalf of the Provincial Government of Surigao del Sur, by and ^{among} ~~between~~ the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, duly represented by its Officer-in-Charge, PENR Officer, Adelfo R. Luengas, Jr. et al., on the said purpose;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 465 (1) (vi) of the Local Government Code of 1991, the Provincial Governor shall represent the province in all its business transactions and sign in its behalf all bonds, contracts, and obligations, and such other documents upon authority of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan or pursuant to law or ordinance;

WHEREAS, in view of the foregoing and to make the Memorandum of Agreement legal and binding and on motion of _____ and duly seconded by _____;

NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Surigao del Sur to authorize Hon. Johnny T. Pimentel, Provincial Governor, this Province to enter into and sign a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), for and in behalf of the Provincial Government of Surigao del Sur, by and among the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) represented by its Officer-In-Charge, PENR Officer, Mr. Adelfo R. Luengas, Jr., the Municipality of Marihatag represented by its Municipal Mayor, Hon. Benjamin T. Fazon, Jr., the Municipality of San Agustin represented by its Municipal Mayor, Hon. Nicolas O. Alameda, the Municipality of Lianga represented by its Municipal Mayor, Hon. Amado M. Layno, Jr., the National Irrigation Administration (NIA) Surigao del Sur - Irrigation Management Office represented by its Division Manager, Engr. Adeline H. Manlunas, the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), Butuan City, represented by its Regional Director, Dir. Gemima A. Olam, Ceso IV, the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP), Caraga Region 13, Butuan City, represented by its Regional Director, Dir. Julius L. Mabini, the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) 1st Engineering District Surigao del Sur, represented by its District Engineer, Engr. Ruel D. Bantugan, the Department of Agriculture (DA), represented by its Officer-In-Charge, Chief Agricultural Program Coordinating Office (APCO), Mr. Alvin C. Asuncion, the Department of Agrarian Reform Provincial Office (DARPO) represented by its Provincial Agrarian Reform Officer, Mr. Jerry R. Villason, MaEd., CADT 116 with Certificate of Ancestral Domain Title R13-SNM-0609-116 represented by Hawudon Aly B. Montenegro and CADT 278 with Certificate of Ancestral Domain Title R13-LIA-1224-278 represented by Hawudon Constancio B. Duhac, Jr., the Sannilia Federation of Peoples Forest Development Cooperative (SFPFDC), Lianga Surigao Del Sur, represented by its Chairperson, Mr. Rosario M. Tabuyan, the Municipal Agriculture Office and Fishery Council of Marihatag represented by its Chairperson, Mr. Aproniano D. Cumiling, the Municipal Agricultural and Fishery Council of San Agustin represented by its Chairperson, Ms. Nerza S. Cervantes, the Municipal Agricultural and Fishery Council (MAFC) of Lianga represented by its Chairperson, Mr. Miguel S. Dagangon, the Subangan ng Hubo Kamayo Irrigators Association represented by its Chairperson, Mr. Gregorio Climaco, the Hubo Right Irrigators Association, San Agustin, Surigao Del Sur, represented by its Chairperson, Mr. Fermin Muñoz, the Municipal Economic Enterprise Development and Management Office, Marihatag, Surigao Del Sur, represented by its Municipal Economic Enterprise Development Management Officer, Mr. Joel Jonah M. Fuertes, the Diamond Streamworks Incorporated, Cagayan De Oro City, Misamis Oriental, represented by its General Manager, Mr. Ramil Enzo, the Lianga Water District represented by its General Manager, Mr. Wilfredo G. Sanchez, the North Eastern Mindanao State Univeristy (NEMSU) represented by its President, Dr. Nemesio G. Loayon, Ph.D., the Ecology Ministry of Diocese of Tandag represented by its Bishop, Most Rev. Raul B. Dael, D.D., the Surigao del Sur Police Provincial Office represented by its Provincial Director, Pcol. Jeffrey Lawrence D. Mauricio, the 75th Infantry Battalion Philippine Army represented by its Commanding Officer, Lt. Col. Earl C. Pardillo and the 3rd Special Forces Battalion represented by its Commanding Officer, Lt. Col. Paulo Baylon, on the creation

of Hubo River Watershed Management Council, in accordance with DENR Administrative Order 2021-41, provided that the parties mutually agree to the terms and conditions as stated in the MOA, specifically the following roles and functions of the Council, to wit:

1. create a Watershed Management Planning Team (WMPT) for the preparation of Integrated Watershed Management Plan to include, among others, protection, restoration and rehabilitation, water quality monitoring and delineation of buffer zone;
2. approve the Integrated Watershed Management Plan endorsed by the WMPT;
3. participate in the formulation of policies that support inter-agency coordination, collaboration, cooperation, partnership & convergence, and complementation of natural resources benefits and cost sharing, and resources planning and program implementation;
4. contribute in the management of the resources and development activities stipulated under the approved Integrated Watershed Management Plan;
5. review existing policies governing their specific watershed and recommend appropriate revision/amendments to concerned agencies, if necessary;
6. join in the monitoring of the activities, such as rehabilitation and protection, among others, within their particular watershed;
7. ensure the enforcement of Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) laws, rules and regulations in coordination with DENR and concerned agencies;
8. endorse persons for deputation by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources Office (DENRO);
9. facilitate the resolution of problems and conflicts that may occur within their particular watershed, in coordination with concerned agencies;
10. support and participate in activities that promote and establish awareness on watershed management and resource use;
11. formulate internal rules, regulations and guidance with regards to the conduct and principles for the proper functioning of the Council;
12. develop a Manual of Operations for the guidance of the Council;
13. coordinate with existing watershed management bodies present within the watershed to ensure that watershed programs, projects and activities of the council complement with that of other watershed management bodies;
14. present to RDC the Integrated Watershed Management Plan for adoption;
15. provide technical assistance in the areas of planning, project development, investment programming, and monitoring and evaluation to the WMC; and
16. facilitate the inclusion of the watershed development agenda and priorities in the Caraga Regional Development Plan.

RESOLVED FINALLY: To furnish copies of this Resolution to Hon. Johnny T. Pimentel, Provincial Governor, to For. Adelfo R. Luengas, Jr., OIC PENR Officer, Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Telaje, Tandag City, to Hon. Benjamin T. Fazon, Jr., Municipal Mayor, Municipality of Marihatag, to Hon. Nicolas O. Alameda, Municipal Mayor, Municipality of San Agustin, to Hon. Amado M. Layno, Jr., Municipal Mayor, Municipality of Lianga, to Engr. Adeline H. Manlunas, Division Manager, the National Irrigation Administration (NIA) Surigao del Sur - Irrigation Management Office, Tabon-tabon, Victoria, Tago, Surigao del Sur, to Dir. Gemima A. Olam, Ceso IV, Regional Director, National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), J. Rosales Avenue, Butuan City, to Dir. Julius L. Mabini, Regional Director, National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP), Ground Floor, Samping Building, J.C. Aquino Avenue, Butuan City, to Engr. Ruel D. Bantugan, District Engineer, Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) 1st Engineering District Surigao del Sur, to Mr. Alvin C. Asuncion, Officer-In-Charge, Chief Agricultural Program Coordinating Office (APCO), Department of Agriculture (DA), Paradise Heights, Telaje, Tandag City, to Mr. Jerry R. Villason, MaEd., Provincial Agrarian Reform Officer, Department of Agrarian Reform Provincial Office (DARPO), Purok Narra, Mabua, Tandag City, to Hawudon Aly B. Montenegro, CADT 116, Brgy. Tina, San Miguel, Surigao del Sur and Hawudon Constancio B. Duhac, Jr., CADT 278, Diatagon, Lianga, Surigao del Sur, to Mr. Rosario M. Tabuyan, Chairperson, Sammilia Federation of Peoples Forest Development Cooperative (SFPFDC), Brgy. Diatagon, Lianga Surigao del Sur, to Mr. Aproniano D. Cumiling, Chairperson, Municipal Agriculture Office and Fishery Council of Marihatag, Brgy. Bayan, Marihatag, Surigao del Sur, to Ms. Nerza S. Cervantes, Chairperson, Municipal Agricultural and Fishery Council of San Agustin, Brgy. Oteiza, San Agustin, Surigao del Sur, to Mr. Miguel S. Dagangon, Chairperson, Municipal Agricultural and Fishery Council (MAFC) of Lianga, Lianga, Surigao del Sur, to Mr. Gregorio Climaco, Chairperson, Subangan ng Hubo Kamayo Irrigators Association, Brgy. Oteiza, San Agustin, Surigao del Sur, to Mr. Fermin Muñoz, Chairperson, Hubo Right Irrigators Association, Brgy. Salvacion, San Agustin, Surigao del Sur, to Mr. Joel Jonah M. Fuertes, Municipal Economic Enterprise Development Management Officer, Municipal Economic Enterprise Development and Management Office, Poblacion, Marihatag, Surigao del Sur, to Mr. Ramil Enzo, General Manager, Diamond Streamworks Incorporated, Kegi Building, Tepolo St., Baloy Tablon, Cagayan De Oro City, Misamis Oriental, to Mr. Wilfredo G. Sanchez, General Manager, Lianga Water District, Poblacion, Lianga, Surigao del Sur, to Dr. Nemesio G. Loayon, Ph.D., SUC President III, North Eastern Mindanao State Univeristy (NEMSU), to Most Rev. Raul B. Dael, D.D., Bishop, Ecology Ministry of Diocese of Tandag, to PCol. Jeffrey Lawrence D. Mauricio, Provincial Director, Surigao del Sur Police Provincial Office, Camp Vicente Pimentel, Tandag, Surigao del Sur, to Lt. Col. Earl C. Pardillo, Commanding Officer, 75th Infantry Battalion Philippine Army, Purok 1. Barangay Magroyong, San Miguel, Surigao del Sur, and to Lt. Col. Paulo Baylon, Commanding Officer, 3rd Special Forces Battalion, Barangay St. Christine, Lianga, Surigao del Sur, for their information, guidance and appropriate action.