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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila



SEVENTEENTH (17th) CONGRESS
First Regular Session

Begun and held in Metro Manila, on Wednesday, First Day
of March, Two Thousand Seventeen.

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE HOUSE SPECIAL
COMMITTEE ON NORTH LUZON GROWTH QUADRANGLE ON MARCH 1, 2017 AT
NINE THIRTY IN THE MORNING AT THE SPEAKER ZULUETA HALL, 2ND FLOOR,
SOUTH WING ANNEX BUILDING., BATASAN COMPLEX CONSTITUTION HILLS,
QUEZON CITY

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 888

RESOLUTION EARNESTLY RECOMMENDING TO THE DEPARTMENT
OF AGRICULTURE (DA) TO IMMEDIATELY IMPLEMENT
MEASURES TO ADDRESS THE ~~SLACK~~ IN TECHNICAL
MANPOWER IN THE REGIONS THEREBY ESTABLISHING A
REGIONAL ENGINEERING GROUP CAPABLE OF EXECUTING
PLANS AND DESIGNS OF PROPOSED PROJECTS FOR THE
PROVINCE/DISTRICT/CITY OR MUNICIPALITY

WHEREAS, the DA is a Philippine government agency responsible
for the promotion of agricultural development by providing framework,
public investments, and support services needed for domestic and export-
oriented business enterprises;

WHEREAS, the Government of the Philippines (GOP) thru a World
Bank Loan has started a six-year (2014- 2020) Philippine Rural
Development Project (PRDP) designed to establish the government
platform for modern, climate-resilient and market-oriented agri-fishery
sector;

WHEREAS, the PRDP partners with Local Government Units (LGUs) and the private sector in providing key infrastructures, facilities, technology, and information that will raise incomes, productivity, and competitiveness in the countryside;

WHEREAS, the DA through the Water Resources Management Division (WRMD) of the Bureau of Soils and Water Management (BSWM), developed systems to harness the water resources in the country for Small-Scale Irrigation Projects (SSIPs) such as Small Water Impounding Projects (SWIP), Small Diversion Dam (SDD), Shallow Tube Wells (STW) and Small Farm Reservoir (SFR);

WHEREAS, in light of the regular DA infrastructure programs and i-Build component of the PRDP of which eligible sub-projects such as construction or rehabilitation of farm-to-market roads and bridges, communal irrigation systems, potable water systems, fishery-related infrastructures and other production and post-harvest facilities, the required personnel with technical expertise in the regions to plan and design or package proposals for funding is indispensable;

WHEREAS, the Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE) account of the DA regional offices had been reduced tremendously to date thereby rendering its technical services futile in providing much needed support to provincial/district, city/municipal project preparation details as basis for funding and implementation;

WHEREAS, in view of the exigency of providing a strong technical unit in all regional DA offices nationwide to respond to the urgent need for much needed agricultural and fishery infrastructure construction and rehabilitation in the province/district/city/municipality, it was moved and seconded during the Special Committee on North Luzon Growth Quadrangle meeting that a Resolution be passed seeking the DA Secretary to work on the increase in the agency's plantilla position thereby creating an engineering group in all DA regional offices nationwide.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED to recommend to the DA Secretary to work on the increase in



the agency's plantilla position thereby creating an engineering group in all DA regional offices nationwide.

APPROVED.

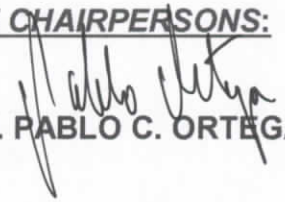


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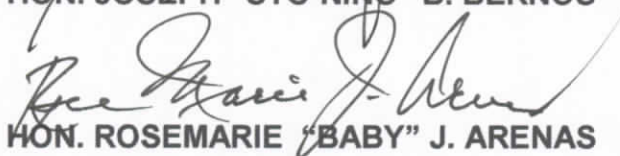
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