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SUBJECT: NWRB Regional Presence

The National Water Resources Board (NWRB) is implementing the Institutional Strengthening of the NWRB, a sub-component of the Water Resources Planning and Management Improvement Component of the Water Resources Development Project (WRDP). To strengthen the capacity of the NWRB to carry out its policy implementation and coordination as well as its capacity for monitoring and enforcement of water rights and withdrawals, the NWRB shall establish regional units serving Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao, initially to handle water permitting and monitoring functions. The regional presence of the NWRB will be effected thru the fielding of Water Resources Regional Coordinators at key water resources regional centers consist of at least two personnel from the NWRB on a traveling status. The key water regional centers for Luzon are Tuguegarao City, San Fernando City and Legazpi City; those for Visayas are Cebu City, Iloilo City and Tacloban City; and those for Mindanao are Davao City, Cagayan de Oro City and Zamboanga City. The DPWH Regional Offices shall serve as the official stations of the assigned NWRB Water Resources Regional Coordinators.

In view of this, all Regional Directors are hereby directed to extend assistance to the NWRB Water Resources Regional Coordinators, as follows:

- a. Provide an office space and use of such office facilities as may be needed by the Water Resources Regional Coordinator.
- b. Allow the Water Resources Regional Coordinator to coordinate with the DPWH Regional Hydrology Staff in the hydrologic data collection for the purpose of regional water assessment/water availability as one of the bases for granting water permits for different water users.
- c. Allow the Water Resources Regional Coordinator to coordinate with the District Engineering Offices under the respective DPWH Regional Offices in the investigation of water permit applications, monitoring of drilling of wells, and other water resources development activities to check for and ensure conformance with the provisions of the Water Code of the Philippines.

This Order takes effect immediately.


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