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Subject : Creation of Technical Assistance
Steering Committee (TASC) and
Technical Working Group (TWG)
For the Technical Assistance (TA)
Grant Agreement for the Implementation
of Master plan of Agusan River Basin.

In response to the request of Secretary Michael T. Defensor, Department of Environment and Natural Resources to designate and alternate representative to the Technical Assistance Steering Committee (TASC) and Technical Working Group (TWG) for the Technical Assistance (TA) Grant Agreement for the Implementation of the Master Plan of Agusan River Basin, the following are hereby designated to represent the Department, to wit:

Representative to the TASC

Raul C. Asis
Assistant Secretary

Representative to the TWG

Philip F. Menez
Project Director, MFCDP II

Alternate Representative

Julius D. Borja
Project Manager, CARBDP-PMO

The TASC and TWG are created to ensure the systematic implementation of the project. The TASC shall provide over all policy direction in the implementation of the TA. The TWG shall closely monitor the project and resolve technical issues and concerns that may arise during the project implementation

This order shall take effect immediately.

HERMOGENES E. EBBANE, JR.
Acting Secretary

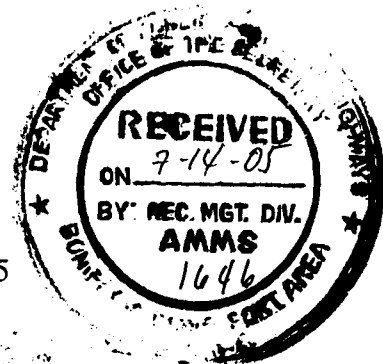


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HON. FLORANTE M. SORIQUEZ

Secretary

Department of Public Works and Highways
Port Area, Manila

Dear Secretary Soriquez:

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) recently approved the Technical Assistance (TA) Grant Agreement for the implementation of the Master Plan for the Agusan River Basin. The TA aims to help the Government to prepare a master plan for the Agusan River Basin in Mindanao through an Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) approach with the participation of all stakeholders, including civil society, the private sector, the local government units (LGUs), and the national government. The objective of the master plan is to map out a development strategy that will promote optimal development of resources and reduce poverty in Agusan River Basin.

The TA will help the government in: a) conducting extensive consultations with the stakeholders in the Agusan River Basin; b) formulating a plan to strengthen IWRM in communities; and c) identifying appropriate institutional arrangements for managing the basin. The DENR in coordination with the NWRB is the executing agency. The project will be for 12 months to commence on June 2005.

To ensure the systematic and effective implementation of the project, a Technical Assistance Steering Committee (TASC) and Technical Working Group (TWG) will be created at the Central Office and at the Region, respectively. The TASC shall provide over-all policy direction in the implementation of the TA. The Steering Committee will be chaired by the DENR Secretary and co-chaired by the NWRB Executive Director.




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The TASC will consist of senior representatives from NEDA, DA-NIA, DPWH, NCIP, the four Provincial Governments involved and Butuan City. The TWG shall closely monitor the Project and resolve technical issues and concerns that may arise during the project implementation. It will be chaired by the DENR Regional Director and will consist of a representative from the NWRB, and senior officials from the regional offices of NEDA, DPWH, DA-NIA, NCIP, EMB, MGB, the four Provincial Governments involved and Butuan City. In this regard, may we be advised on the name of your representative and alternate representative to the TASC and TWG.

We will appreciate receiving the names of your representatives and/or alternate representatives on or before July 18, 2005 through facsimile at 926-8074 and 926-8065.

Thank you and we look forward to your kind cooperation.

Very truly yours,


MICHAEL T. DEFENSOR
Secretary

