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TO Undersecretary Fiorello R. Estuar
This Department

Subject : Chairmanship of the Small Water Impounding
Management (SWIM) Committee

Pursuant to LOI No. 898 dated July 25, 1979 and in line with the government's policy to accelerate the development of Small Water Impounding Management (SWIM) projects in support of the countryside development program, you are hereby designated as Chairman of the Small Water Impounding Management (SWIM) Committee.

VICENTE R. JAYME
Secretary



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
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PROJECT MANAGEMENT OFFICE
Small Water Impounding Management
2nd St., Port Area, Manila

June 19, 1987

MEMORANDUM For: Undersecretary Fiorello R. Estuar
This Department

SUBJECT: Reactivation of the Small Water Impounding
Management (SWIM) Committee)

BACKGROUND

- 1) A Small Water Impounding Management (SWIM) program was enunciated by the government with the promulgation of LOI No. 898 dated July 25, 1979 which seeks to develop small catchment reservoirs throughout the country as a primary means to control water on small scale for multiple use particularly, flood control, irrigation, water supply, power generation, and erosion control (see Annex A).
- 2) LOI No. 898 established a SWIM Committee, chaired by then Deputy Minister of Public Works (MPW), with the Deputy Minister of Human Settlements as co-chairman, and the Deputy Ministers of Energy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and the Budget, as members.
- 3) Likewise, LOI No. 898 established a SWIM Technical Working Group (TWG) under then MPW, chaired by then Chairman of the Task Force on Flood Control and Related Activities (TFFCRA) with the Executive Director of the National Water Resources Council as Vice-Chairman, and representatives of NIA, NEA, BS, MPWH, BFD, MHS, and other agencies concerned as members.

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

- 4) SWIM Projects are being implemented by each cooperating lead agency, namely: the National Irrigation Administration (NIA), the Farm Systems Development Corporation (FSDC), the National Electrification Administration (NEA), the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), the Bureau of Soils (B.S.) and the Bureau of Forest Development (BFD).

PROJECT FUNDS

- 5) SWIM funds are provided in the annual budgetary appropriation of this Department.

PROJECT STATUS

- 6) The TFFCRA was abolished in 1982 when MPWH was organized and a Project Management Office for Small Water Impounding Management (PMO-SWIM) was created. The chairmanship of the Technical Working Group (TWG) was assigned to the Project Manager of PMO-SWIM.
- 7) After the February revolution and with the abolition of the Ministry of Human Settlements, the SWIM Committee was reduced to inactive status.
- 8) Presently, only the Technical Working Group (TWG) through the PMO-SWIM is operating but now merely reduced to a monitoring group.

PROJECT TARGETS


- 9) In order to accelerate the development of SWIM projects, GOP seeks the assistance of the Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (OECF) of Japan to finance the construction of SWIM projects for the next five (5) years.
- 10) One of the matters discussed between OECF mission and DPWH on June 8 to 10, 1987 is the creation of a steering committee composed of the representatives of the executing agencies to oversee the smooth and effective implementation of the project. See copy attached, minutes of discussion, Annex B.

RECOMMENDATIONS

In view of the foregoing, it is recommended:

- 11) That the SWIM Committee shall be reactivated which will act as the Steering Committee.
- 12) That you will be the DPWH representative (as Chairman) to the Steering Committee because the critical activity involving the implementation of the SWIM program is the design phase.

Should you formally consider our recommendation, attached herewith is a department order designating you as the DPWH representative (as Chairman) to the Steering Committee, for your initial and signature of the secretary.


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Office of the President
of the Philippines
~~Malacañang~~

LETTER OF INSTRUCTION NO. 898

TO : The Minister of Public Works (MPW)

The Minister of Human Settlements (MHS)

The Minister of Energy (ME)

The Minister of Agriculture (MA)

The Minister of Natural Resources (MNR)

The Minister of the Budget (MB)

In order to ensure the effective and coordinated implementation of the program for small catchment basins and impounding reservoirs under the National Infrastructure Program which is envisioned to develop and control water on a small scale for multiple use particularly, flood control, irrigation, water supply, power generation, and erosion control, you are hereby instructed to implement the following:

1. Establish a Small Water Impounding Management (SWIM) Committee, which shall be constituted by a top-echelon official each from:

The Ministry of Public Works -----Chairman

The Ministry of Human Settlements--- Co-Chairman

The Ministry of Energy ----- Member

The Ministry of Natural Resources -- Member

The Ministry of Agriculture ----- Member

The Ministry of the Budget ----- Member

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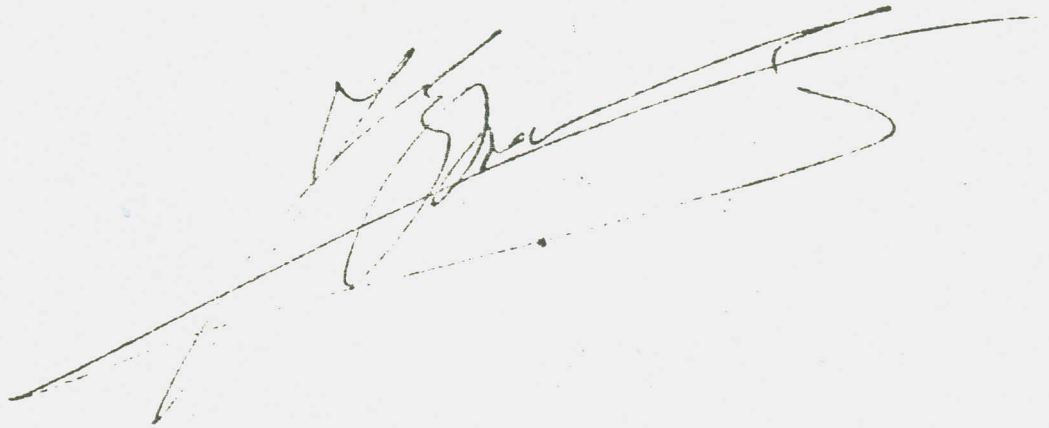
The main functions of the SWIM Committee are the formulation and coordination of operational policies and targets for the development of SWIM projects, closely interfacing these with the programs for Bagong Lipunan Sites and Services (BLISS), livelihood, energy development, food production, water supply, flood control, erosion control, and watershed management; the determination of priority areas for SWIM development; the adoption of the annual SWIM integrated programs and budgets; selection of the lead implementing agency and cooperating agencies for each SWIM project from among the National Irrigation Administration (NIA), the Farm Systems Development Corporation (FSDC), the National Electrification Administration (NEA), the Ministry of Public Works (MPW), the Bureau of Soils (BS), and the Bureau of Forest Development (BFD); and overall coordination and supervision of SWIM program implementation. The SWIM Committee shall submit to the President of the Philippines regular reports on the performance and progress of the SWIM projects.

2. Establish a SWIM Technical Working Group (TWG) under the MPW which shall be headed by the Chairman, Task Force for Flood Control and Related Activities (TFFCRA) and co-chaired by the Executive Director, National Water Resources Council. Each implementing/cooperating agency, namely, NIA, FSDC, NEA, BS, MPW, BFD, MHS and other agencies concerned, shall assign a senior technical representative/s to the TWG. The TWG shall serve as the technical arm of the SWIM Committee. Specifically, it shall be responsible for the identification of SWIM projects; the conduct of necessary studies, surveys and designs for the projects; the preparation of annual SWIM integrated programs and budgets; and monitoring and coordination of project construction in accordance with the policies, guidelines, and programs adopted by the SWIM Committee. Subject to the approval of the SWIM Committee, the TWG may engage consultants, hire personnel, and grant reimbursement of actual transportation and representation expenses to the officials concerned, pursuant to existing laws, rules and regulations.

3. Pursue, through the SWIM Committee, the construction of SWIM projects by the designated lead implementing and cooperating agencies in accordance with the approved annual SWIM programs and budgets.

4. To ensure the attainment of programs and targets, the Ministry of the Budget shall release the funds for the projects, in accordance with the approved SWIM programs and budgets, to the MPW, care of the TFFCRA, which shall then transfer the funds to the lead implementing and cooperating agencies concerned.

Done in the City of Manila, this 25th day of July on the year of our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Nine.

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, featuring a prominent horizontal stroke that extends across the width of the signature.