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NO. 85)
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**SUBJECT: Authorities and Areas of
Responsibilities
of DPWH Key Officials**

In the interest of service and pursuant to the pertinent provisions of E.O. No. 124, series of 1987, and the approved DPWH Rationalization Plan pursuant to E.O. 366, series of 2004, the authorities and responsibilities of DPWH Undersecretaries and Assistant Secretaries are hereby amended as follows:

**Senior Undersecretary
RAFAEL C. YABUT**

Shall serve as Undersecretary for Regional Operations in Luzon. As such, he shall have overall supervision over the operations of all Regional Offices in Luzon, except the National Capital Region (NCR) and Region IV-B. He shall likewise have overall supervision over infrastructure projects implemented by this Department, but funded under the budget of various line agencies, i.e., school buildings, health centers, and farm-to-market roads in his area of assignment.

**Undersecretary
MARIA CATALINA E. CABRAL**

Shall serve as Undersecretary for Planning Service (PS), the Public-Private Partnership Service (PPPS), and the Information Management Service (IMS).

**Undersecretary
ARDELIZA R. MEDENILLA**

Shall serve as Undersecretary for Support Services. As such, she shall have overall supervision over the Human Resource and Administrative Service (HRAS), the Finance Service (FS), and the Procurement Service (PrS).

**Undersecretary
EMIL K. SADAIN**

Shall serve as Undersecretary for Unified Project Management Office. As such, he shall have overall supervision over the five (5) specialized clusters of the UPMO as well as the Regional Project Management Office for Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (RPMO-BARMM).

He shall be the Focal Person for the Build Build Build Program of this Department, and in that capacity, shall coordinate with the other government agencies and private concessionaires in the successful implementation of all infrastructure projects under the Program.

He shall also serve as Alternate Representative and Focal Person in the Inter-Agency Task Force Bangon Marawi and manage the implementation of various infrastructure projects in BARMM.

Undersecretary
ROBERTO R. BERNARDO

Shall serve as Undersecretary for Regional Operations in NCR, Region IV-B and the Visayas. As such, he shall have overall supervision over the operations of all Regional Offices in NCR, Region IV-B and the Visayas. He shall likewise have overall supervision over infrastructure projects implemented by this Department, but funded under the budget of various line agencies, i.e., school buildings, health centers, and farm-to-market roads in his area of assignment.

Undersecretary
EUGENIO R. PIPO, JR.

Shall serve as Undersecretary for Regional Operations in Mindanao. As such, he shall have overall supervision over the operations of all Regional Offices in Mindanao. He shall likewise have overall supervision over infrastructure projects implemented by this Department, but funded under the budget of various line agencies, i.e., school buildings, health centers, and farm-to-market roads in his area of assignment.

Undersecretary
MAXIMO L. CARVAJAL

Shall serve as Undersecretary for Technical Services. As such, he shall have overall supervision over all the Bureaus, namely, Bureau of Construction, Bureau of Design, Bureau of Equipment, Bureau of Maintenance, Bureau of Quality & Safety, and Bureau of Research & Standards.

Undersecretary
EDUARDO S. RAMOS, JR.

Shall serve as Undersecretary for Legal Service (LS), and shall be in charge of special concerns. As such, he shall have overall supervision over the Legal Service (LS).

Assistant Secretary
MARICHU A. PALAFOX

Shall serve as Assistant Secretary for Support Services. As such, she shall assist the Undersecretary for Support Services in the overall supervision over the HRAS, the FS, and the PrS.

Assistant Secretary
WILFREDO S. MALLARI

Shall serve as Assistant for Regional Operations in Luzon. As such, he shall assist the Undersecretary for Regional Operations in Luzon, except NCR and Region IV-B.

Assistant Secretary
ANTONIO V. MOLANO, JR.

Shall serve as Assistant for Regional Operations in NCR, Region IV-B and the Visayas. As such, he shall assist the Undersecretary for Regional Operations in NCR, Region IV-B and the Visayas.

Assistant Secretary
ADOR G. CANLAS

Shall serve as Assistant for Regional Operations in Mindanao. As such, he shall assist the Undersecretary for Regional Operations in Mindanao.

Assistant Secretary
MEL JOHN I. VERZOSA

Shall serve as the Assistant Secretary for Legal Service (LS). As such, he shall assist the Undersecretary for Legal Service.

He shall also have supervision over the Legislative Liaison Office (LLO) as well as the three (3) Department Legislative Liaison Specialist (DLLS) Positions and two (2) CTI Positions, which were transferred to the Office of the Secretary by virtue of Department Order No. 74, Series of 2019.

In addition, he shall have the authority to sign Verification and Certification of Non-Forum Shopping in relation to DPWH cases handled by the Office of the Solicitor General (OSG) which are not expropriation cases in nature, including the necessary communications to the OSG related to non-expropriation cases. He shall also have the authority to sign Special Power of Attorney authorizing the Solicitor General and/or any of his duly authorized representative/s and/or any DPWH officials or employees to represent DPWH in non-expropriation cases, which shall include the filing of appropriate complaints or pleadings in any court, tribunal, quasi-judicial agency, or administrative body.

The **Internal Audit Service (IAS)** and the **Stakeholders Relations Service (SRS)** shall be under the direct supervision and control of the Office of the Secretary.

This Order supersedes D.O. No. 108, s. 2020 and other previous issuances to the contrary and shall take effect immediately.



ROGER G. MERCADO
Acting Secretary

