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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 have overall supervision and management of operations of all Bureaus, Services and Regional Offices. In addition, he shall also act as Chairman of the DPWH Management Committee.

**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).

As designated by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte, he shall also serve as Chief Implementer of the Build Build Build (BBB) Program who shall supervise and oversee the flagship projects under BBB, including those implemented by this Department. In that capacity, he 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 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
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 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.

He shall also serve as Undersecretary for Technical Services in a concurrent capacity. 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.

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
ANTONIO V. MOLANO, JR.

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
WILFREDO S. MALLARI

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 Matters and Special Concerns. As such, he shall assist the Secretary on all legal matters and special concerns.

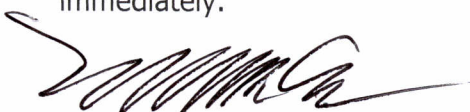
He shall also have supervision over the Legislative Liaison Office (LLO) as well as the three (3) Department Legislative Liaison Specialist (DLLS) Positions and two (2) CTI Positions, which were transferred to the Office of the Secretary by virtue of Department Order No. 74, Series of 2019.

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)**, **Stakeholders Relations Service (SRS)**, and **Legal Service (LS)** shall be under the direct supervision and control of the Office of the Secretary.

All Assistant Secretaries and Undersecretaries for Bureaus, Services and Regional Offices shall report to the Secretary through the Senior Undersecretary.

This Order supersedes Department Order No. 85 s. 2021 dated October 26, 2021; Department Order No. 89, s. 2021 dated November 9, 2021; Special Order No. 287, s. 2021 dated November 10, 2021; and other previous issuances to the contrary and shall take effect immediately.



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