# Republic of the Philippines DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

#### OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Manila

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DEPARTMENT ORDER )		Responsibilities	of DPWH	Key Offici	als
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In the interest of the service and pursuant to the pertinent provisions of E.O. No. 124, Series of 1987, and in view of the approval of the DPWH Rationalization Plan pursuant to E.O. No. 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 and control 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 and control over all 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) and 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 and control over the Human Resource and Administrative Service (HRAS), the Finance Service (FS), the Procurement Service (PrS).

Undersecretary EMIL K. SADAIN Shall serve as Undersecretary for Unified Project Management Office (UPMO). As such, he shall have overall supervision and control over the five (5) specialized clusters of the UPMO, namely, Flood Control Management Cluster, Bridges Management Cluster, Roads Management Cluster 1, Roads Management Cluster 2, and Buildings & Special Projects Management Cluster.

He shall also serve as Alternate Representative and Focal Person in the Inter-Agency Task Force Bangon Marawi and manage implementation of various infrastructure projects in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM).

### Undersecretary ROBERTO R. BERNARDO

Shall serve as Undersecretary for Regional Operations in Visayas, NCR, and Region IV-B. As such, he shall have overall supervision and control over the operations of all Regional Offices in Visayas, NCR, and Region IV-B. He shall likewise have overall supervision and control over all 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 Atty. EDUARDO S. RAMOS, JR.

Shall serve as Undersecretary for Legal Services and Office of the Secretary. As such, he shall have overall supervision and control over the Legal Service (LS). He shall assist the Secretary in matters relating to his functions, duties, and responsibilities, particularly, legal, personnel, and administrative matters.

He shall also serve as the Focal Person of the Internal Audit Service (IAS). As such, he shall have the overall supervision over it and shall have the authority to sign documents in relation to IAS functions, as reviewed and recommended by appropriate personnel.

He shall also have overall supervision and control over the Stakeholders Relations Service (SRS).

# Undersecretary EUGENIO R. PIPO, JR.

Shall serve as Undersecretary for Regional Operations in Mindanao. As such, he shall have overall supervision and control over the operations of all Regional Offices in Mindanao. He shall likewise have overall supervision and control over all 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.

Shall serve as Undersecretary for Technical Services.

#### MAXIMO L. CARVAJAL

As such, he shall have overall supervision and control 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 ANTONIO V. MOLANO, JR.

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

### 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 and control over the HRAS, the FS, and the PrS.

# Assistant Secretary Atty. MEL JOHN I. VERZOSA

Shall serve as Assistant Secretary for Legal Services and Special Concerns. As such, he shall assist the Undersecretary for Legal Services in the overall supervision and control of the Legal Service (LS), as well as matters that the Secretary considers as special concerns.

He shall also have control and 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 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 nonexpropriation cases, which shall include the filing of appropriate complaints or pleadings in any court, tribunal, quasi-judicial agency, or administrative body.

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This Order supersedes Department Order No. 17, Series of 2020, and all other issuances inconsistent herewith, and shall take effect immediately.

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