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SUBJECT: Creation of an Inter-Agency Steering Committee for the DPWH Tree Planting Convergence Initiative with the DENR

In line with the policy direction of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) to attain environmental sustainability and biodiversity conservation and enhance climate change mitigation and adaptation for economic growth and stability, an Inter-Agency Steering Committee (IASC) composed of representatives from the DPWH and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) is hereby created to ensure the effective and coordinated planning and implementation of the DPWH Tree Planting Convergence Initiative with the DENR in line with the Memorandum of Understanding between the DPWH and DENR.

The IASC shall be headed by **Undersecretary MARIA CATALINA E. CABRAL, Ph.D., CESO I**, Undersecretary for Planning and PPP Services, together with the following:

Vice-Chairperson : DENR Undersecretary
(to be appointed by the DENR Secretary)

Members : Director ALEX G. BOTE
DPWH Planning Service

Project Director RAMON A. ARRIOLA III
DPWH Unified Project Management Offices-Flood Control Management Cluster

Regional Director ROSELLER A. TOLENTINO
DPWH Regional Office III

Regional Director JOVEL G. MENDOZA
DPWH Regional Office IV-A

Regional Director EDGAR B. TABACON
DPWH Regional Office VIII

Regional Director JUBY B. CORDON
DPWH Regional Office XI

One (1) **Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer (PENRO) from Luzon**
(to be appointed by the DENR Secretary)

One (1) **PENRO from Visayas**
(to be appointed by the DENR Secretary)

One (1) **PENRO from Mindanao**
(to be appointed by the DENR Secretary)

The IASC shall ensure the successful accomplishment of the objectives of the Tree Planting Convergence Initiative including, but not limited to, providing policy guidelines and overseeing the implementation of the DPWH-DENR Memorandum of Understanding.

Lastly, a Technical Working Group (TWG) shall likewise be created to assist the IASC in developing plans for the maintenance, protection and conservation of trees planted pursuant to this undertaking, monitoring of tree planting activities, and such other functions which may be assigned by the IASC for the accomplishment of the objectives of this convergence initiative.

The TWG shall be headed by **Project Manager ROSEMARIE B. DEL ROSARIO, DSD.**, Division Chief, Environmental and Social Safeguards Division, Planning Service, with its composition/members to be selected and determined under a separate Special Order.

This Order shall take effect immediately.


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