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Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES
And
METROPOLITAN WATERWORKS AND SEWERAGE SYSTEM

JOINT MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR
No. 2009 - 01

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**SUBJECT: CREATION OF THE LA MESA WATERSHED MULTI-
SECTORAL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL AND DEFINING
ITS FUNCTIONS**

Pursuant to Article 2, Section 16 of the Constitution which mandate the protection and advancement of the right of the people to a balanced and healthful environment in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature; the provisions of **Presidential Decree No. 705**, otherwise known as the "Revised Forestry Code of the Philippines"; **Executive Order No. 192** defining the mandates of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) as the primary government agency responsible in the management, conservation and development of the country's forestlands including watersheds; **Republic Act 6234** defining the mandates of the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS) as the government agency responsible for the proper operation and maintenance of waterworks and sewerage systems and in furtherance thereto, adopt measure to prevent environmental pollution and enhance the conservation, development and maximum utilization of its natural resources, which include among others the La Mesa Watershed Reservation.

Presidential Proclamation No. 1336 declared the watershed area of La Mesa dam as a watershed reservation and placing it under the joint administrative jurisdiction, supervision and control of the DENR and the MWSS; the **LA MESA WATERSHED MULTI-SECTORAL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL** is hereby created to judiciously implement the functions promulgated hereunder:

I. BASIC POLICY

It is the policy of the State to protect and advance a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with rhythm, and harmony of nature. Consistent thereto, DENR and MWSS to jointly manage the preservation of the La Mesa Watershed in accordance with sustainable development, without impairing its usefulness as source of water for domestic use and other purposes.

II. OBJECTIVES

The main purpose of this Joint Circular is the creation of the La Mesa Watershed Multi-Sectoral Management Council which shall serve as the oversight and policy-making body over the management of the area, in accordance with existing laws, rules and regulations.

III. COMPOSITION

The La Mesa Watershed Multi-Sectoral Management Council (LMWMMC) shall be composed of the Chief Executive Officer of Agencies, Offices, Organizations and instrumentalities or their duly authorized representatives that have jurisdiction of the watershed to wit:

Chairperson : Secretary, DENR

Co-Chairperson : Administrator, MWSS

Members : Mayor, Quezon City

NGO Representative (non-voting member)

The position of the Chairperson shall have a term of two years. For the first term, the DENR shall hold the Chairmanship followed by MWSS upon its expiration and shall rotate between them thereafter.

The composition of the Council may be expanded to include other stakeholders as deemed necessary by majority vote of the council members.

The Council shall exercise and perform its duties by adoption of resolutions and/or directives thru a simple majority vote.

The Council shall be supported by a Technical Working Group (TWG) whose members shall be nominated and appointed by the MWSS, DENR and other Council members.

IV. FUNCTIONS OF THE WATERSHED MULTI-SECTORAL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

1. Prepare an Integrated Watershed Management and Development Plan to include among others, protection, restoration and rehabilitation, water quality monitoring, and delineation of buffer zone;
2. Formulate policies that support inter-agency coordination, collaboration, cooperation, partnership & convergence, and complementation of natural

resources benefits and cost sharing, and resources planning and program implementation;

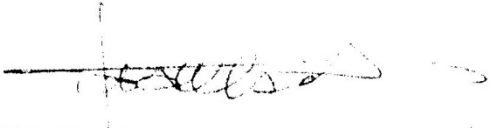
3. Review existing policies governing the watershed and recommend appropriate revisions/amendments if necessary;
4. Coordinate and monitor all activities within the reservation pertaining to rehabilitation and protection of the watershed; and
5. Generate or source funds for projects to support the objectives of the proclamation.

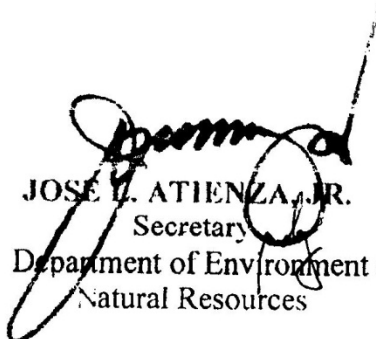
V. OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES

Immediately upon effectivity of this Circular, the Council shall convene and organize its activities.

VI. EFFECTIVITY

This joint Circular shall take effect immediately.


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