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DENR ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

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Subject : Institutionalizing the Manila Bay Environmental Management Project within the DENR through the Implementation of the Operational Plan for the Manila Bay Coastal Strategy (OPMBCS)

Pursuant to EO 192 and consistent to the objectives for the sustainable and integrated management of the country's catchment and river basins as instituted in Executive Order 510, Creating the River Basin Control Office; Executive Order 533, Adopting Integrated Coastal Management (ICM) as a National Strategy to Ensure Sustainable Development of the Country's Coastal and Marine Environment and Manila Bay Project Coordinating Committee (MB-PCC) Resolution 06-02, Transforming the Manila Bay Project Coordinating Committee to Manila Bay Coordinating Committee, there is hereby defined an institutional arrangement for the Manila Bay River Basin.

Section 1. Objective. *It shall be the objective of this Order to establish the Manila Bay River Basin Coordinating Office (MBRBCO) within the DENR under the supervision of the River Basin Control Office (RBCO) in order to mainstream the initiatives of the Manila Bay Environmental Management Project (MBEMP) under the Regional Programme, "Building Partnerships for the Environmental Management Project for the Seas of East Asia" or (PEMSEA) and operationalize the Manila Bay Coastal Strategy (MBCS) within the Manila Bay River Basin covering Region 3, the National Capital Region and Region 4-CALABARZON.*

Section 2. Responsibilities of the MBRBCO. The MBRBCO shall have the following responsibilities:

1. Coordinate with partner national government agencies, Local Government Units, the NGOs and PCOs, private sector, religious and academe, and the civil society on the implementation of the Manila Bay Coastal Strategy and its Operational Plan and the Philippine Master Plan for the Integrated River Basin;
2. Monitor implementation of programs, projects, and activities on Manila Bay following a prescribed system;
3. Serve as Secretariat to the Manila Bay Coordinating Committee (MBCC) and other related governing bodies that may be organized consistent with laws and national or international commitments;
4. *Recommend appropriate policies for an enhanced management of the Manila Bay River Basin and delivery of services;*
5. Prepare annual work and financial plans, and

6. Promote the adoption, implementation and support for the Manila Bay Coastal Strategy and the management frameworks for Manila Bay

Section 3. Operations. There shall be local management of the Manila Bay area at the Regional Offices 3, NCR and 4 which shall be under the Office of the Regional Executive Director (RED) of DENR-Region 3, NCR and Region 4-CALABARZON.

In concurrent capacity, the concerned REDs shall perform the following functions:

1. to provide direction to the implementation of the Operational Plan for the MBCS (OPMBCS) in the Region, and
2. to Chair the Manila Bay Site Coordinating Committee (SCC).

Section 4. Support Services for the MBRBCO

All concerned DENR Offices and attached Agencies shall render support services to the overall management of the Manila Bay River Basin.

Section 5. Operational Funds for MBRBCO. The DENR Finance Management Service (FMS) shall ensure that the cost for the operations of the Manila Bay River Basin Coordinating Office is incorporated in the budget of RBCO.

Section 6. Structure. A structural framework of the Manila Bay Management is prescribed and attached as Annex "A" to this Order.

This Order takes effect immediately and all other orders/memoranda inconsistent herewith are hereby superseded.


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**ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE FOR THE
MANILA BAY RIVER BASIN COORDINATING OFFICE
(MBRBCO)**

