

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT: CLUSTER V RIVER BASIN COORDINATING COUNCIL

Republic of the Philippines
Cluster V River Basin Coordinating Council
Province of Leyte
Region VIII

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Cluster V River Basin Coordinating Council
(Binahaan, Daguitan-Marabong, and Palo Watersheds)

KNOW BY ALL MEN THESE PRESENTS:

This Memorandum of Agreement made and entered into this ____ day of _____ 2024 in *Barangay Baras, Palo, Leyte, Philippines*, by and among the following:

The **PROVINCE OF LEYTE**, a province created and existing by virtue of the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, herein represented by **GOV. CARLOS JERICHO L. PETILLA**.

The **DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**, a government entity created and existing by virtue of the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, represented in this agreement by Regional Executive Director **LORMELYN E. CLAUDIO, CESO IV** with office address at *Sto. Niño Extension, Tacloban City*.

The **CITY OF TACLOBAN**, a city created and existing by virtue of the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, herein represented by **HON. ALFRED S. ROMUALDEZ and MARITO E. BARILLO**.

The **CITY OF ORMOC**, a city created and existing by virtue of the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, herein represented by **HON. LUCY T. GOMEZ and INGRID G. MACABARE/JOSEPHINE C. PALACIO/JOSEFINA T. OCON**.

The **CITY OF BAYBAY**, a city created and existing by virtue of the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, herein represented by **HON. JOSE CARLOS L. CARI and GRETTEL CABRITO/RIO ABEGAIL LATORENO**.

The **MUNICIPALITY OF BURAUEN**, a municipality created and existing by virtue of the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, herein represented by **HON. JUANITO E. RENOMERON and ANN CARLA A. FERRER**.

The **MUNICIPALITY OF DAGAMI**, a municipality created and existing by virtue of the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, herein represented by **HON. ANGELITA M. DELUSA and ANTONIO B. DEL PILAR, JR.**

The **MUNICIPALITY OF DULAG**, a municipality created and existing by virtue of the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, herein represented by **HON. MILDRED JOY P. QUE and GINA D. VACAL**.

The **MUNICIPALITY OF JARO**, a municipality created and existing by virtue of the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, herein represented by **HON. JASSIE LOU TAÑALA and MARTIN C. CATIVO, JR.**

The **MUNICIPALITY OF JAVIER**, a municipality created and existing by virtue of the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, herein represented by **HON. MICHAEL DRAGON T. JAVIER**.

The **MUNICIPALITY OF JULITA**, a municipality created and existing by virtue of the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, herein represented by **HON. PERCIVAL S. CAÑA and JOHNNY G. CABEBEHAN**.

The **MUNICIPALITY OF LAPAZ**, a municipality created and existing by virtue of the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, herein represented by **HON. ANGEL A. SIA, JR and JAMES CHRISTIAN BAUTISTA**.

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The **MUNICIPALITY OF MACARTHUR**, a municipality created and existing by virtue of the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, herein represented by **HON. RUDIN T. BABANTE**.

The **MUNICIPALITY OF PALO**, a municipality created and existing by virtue of the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, herein represented by **HON. REMEDIOS L. PETILLA and ARMAND CABALTERA/MELVIN MILLAR**.

The **MUNICIPALITY OF PASTRANA**, a municipality created and existing by virtue of the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, herein represented by **HON. MARITESS C. MARCOS and MARITES A. ENTING**.

The **MUNICIPALITY OF SANTA FE**, a municipality created and existing by virtue of the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, herein represented by **HON. AMPARO H. MONTEZA**.

The **MUNICIPALITY OF TABONTABON**, a municipality created and existing by virtue of the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, herein represented by **HON. EFREN D. REDOÑA**.

The **MUNICIPALITY OF TANAUAN**, a municipality created and existing by virtue of the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, herein represented by **HON. GINA E. MERILO and GLEN M. GIL**.

The **MUNICIPALITY OF ALANGALANG**, a municipality created and existing by virtue of the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, herein represented by **HON. LOVELL ANNE M. YU-CASTRO and EUGENE V. BONDOS**.

The **BUREAU OF FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES** is a national government agency with office address at *Marasbaras, Tacloban City, Leyte*, herein represented by its **Regional Director DR. HANNIBAL M. CHAVEZ and DARL ELICOR S. PEDROSA**.

The **DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE** is a national government agency with office address at *Kanhuraw Hill, Tacloban City, Leyte*, herein represented by its **Regional Director ANDREW RODOLFO T. ORAIS and JOEL F. LACANDAZO**.

The **DEPARTMENT OF AGRARIAN REFORM** is a national government agency with office address at *Sto. Niño Extension, Tacloban City, Leyte*, herein represented by its **Regional Director ROBERT ANTHONY P. YU and IMEE M. SABILLO**.

The **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION** is a national government agency with office address at *Candahug, Palo, Leyte*, herein represented by its **School Division Superintendent MARIZA S. MAGAN, EdD, CESO V and ATTY. VERONICALIZA H. BAUTISTA - VALVIS**.

The **DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** is a national government agency with office address at *Kanhuraw Hill, Tacloban City, Leyte*, herein represented by its **Regional Director ARNEL M. AGABE, CESO III and MYLES JOSEPH E. COLASITO/ALDRIN MARGALLO**.

The **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH** is a national government agency with office address at *Government Center, Candahug, Palo, Leyte*, herein represented by its **Regional Director EXUPERIA B. SABALBERINO, MD, MPH, CESE**.

The **DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY** is a national government agency with an office address at *Government Center, Palo, Leyte*, herein represented by **RUFINO E. MENGOTE, CESE, OIC-Office of the Regional Director**.

The **DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM** is a national government agency with office address at *Magsaysay Bvd., Kanhuraw Hill, Tacloban City, Leyte*, herein represented by its **Regional Director KARINA ROSA S. TIOPEs, CESO III and VERNA VARGAS GLAN/REYNALDO N. DIAZ, JR.**

The **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS** is a national government agency with office address at *Government Center, Baras, Palo, Leyte*, herein represented by its **Regional Director EDGAR B. TABACON, CESO IV and RHODEL D. CANILLAS**.

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The **DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT** is a national government agency with office address at *Government Center, Palo, Leyte*, herein represented by its **Regional Director GRACE SUBONG** and **FEDERICO P. PAGAYANAN**.

The **DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY** is a national government agency with office address at *Brgy. Pawing, Palo, Leyte*, herein represented by its **Regional Director CELERINA T. BATO** and **ELEANOR P. EMILLE**.

The **NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY** is a national government agency with office address at *Government Center, Palo, Leyte*, herein represented by its **Regional Director MEYLENE C. ROSALES** and **MATTHEW B. AÑOSA**.

The **NATIONAL IRRIGATION ADMINISTRATION** is a national government agency with office address at *Marasbaras Tacloban City, Leyte*, herein represented by its **Acting Regional Manager JAIME C. DE JESUS** and **REYNAN M. ROSQUITES**.

The **OFFICE OF CIVIL DEFENSE** is a national government agency with office address at *Sagkahan, Tacloban City, Leyte*, herein represented by its **Regional Director LORD BYRON TORRECARION** and **RALPH S. MACANDA**.

The **INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR RURAL RECONSTRUCTION, ASIA** is a Non-Government Organization herein represented by its **Regional Director EMILY MONVILLE-ORO** and **JUVILYN SALAZAR - DORMITORIO**.

The **LEYTE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT** is a Non-Government Organization with office address at *Brgy. 74, Nula-tula, Tacloban City* herein represented by its **General Manager RONNIE CORNICO** and **GERUNDIO N. CALABIA**.¹

The **PRIME WATER LEYTE METRO** is a Non-Government Organization with office address at *Brgy. 74, Nula-tula, Tacloban City* herein represented by its **Branch Manager MS. SANSY N. SUSON** and **GRETCHEN URMENITA**.

The **FIREFLY BRIGADE INC.** is a Civil Society Organization herein represented by **JUDAH S. ALIPOSA** and **LLOYD V. ABRENICA**.

The **ARCHDIOCESE OF PALO** is a Civil Society Organization with office address at *Archdiocesan Chancery, Palo, Leyte* herein represented by **REV. JHON F. DU, DD**.

The **EASTERN VISAYAS STATE UNIVERSITY** is an academe with office address at *Lino Gonzaga Ave., Tacloban City* herein represented by **DR. DENNIS C. DE PAZ, PhD**.

The **LEYTE NORMAL UNIVERSITY** is an academe with office address at *Paterno Street, Tacloban City* herein represented by **DR. EVELYN B. AGUIRRE**.

The **VISAYAS STATE UNIVERSITY** is an academe with office address at *Baybay City, Leyte* herein represented by **DR. PROSE IVY GUASA YEPES**.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the 1987 Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines mandates the protection and advancement of the right of Filipino People to a healthful and balanced ecology, provides for the promotion of social justice, guarantees the right of the people and their organization to reasonable participation at all levels of social, political and economic decision making.

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7160 known as the Local Government Code (Code) directs and authorizes local government to establish, maintain, preserve, and conserve communal forests and watersheds.

WHEREAS Executive Order 192 mandates the DENR as the primary government agency responsible for the conservation, management, protection, and proper use and sustainable development of the country's environmental and natural resources and the LGUs, who have likewise

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the responsibility for sustainable management and development of forest resources and watersheds within their territories, mutually commit themselves to pursue such objectives under multiple and sustainable uses, demand is driven and participation, development approach.

WHEREAS, the role of non-government, people's, and civic organizations in local governance and administration in environmental protection and management is promoted and mandated in the Local Government Code.

WHEREAS, the management of watersheds should achieve the goals of (1) sustainable multiple uses of natural resources within the watersheds in a manner that is environmentally sound, economically viable, and socially acceptable; and (2) the prevention of further watershed degradation and the restoration of the productive and protective function of currently degraded, watersheds.

WHEREAS, effective and purposive collaboration and coordination of development initiatives among all stakeholders in a watershed including Local Government Units, National Government Agencies, Non-Government Organizations, People's Organizations, and the Private Sector, will hasten and facilitate the achievement of these goals.

Section 1. Creation of River Basin Coordinating Council - To carry out the objectives outlined of managing the Cluster V River Basin, the River Basin Coordinating Council is hereby created.

Section 2. Role and Function of the Council - The Council shall serve as a decision and implementing body that:

1. Create a Technical Working Group (TWG) for the operationalization and updating of the Climate Change – Responsive Integrated River Basin Management and Development Master Plan of Cluster V River Basin;
2. Approve the River Basin Master Plan endorsed by the Technical Working Group;
3. Participate in the formulation of 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;
4. Contribute to the management of the resources and development activities stipulated under the approved Cluster V River Basin Master Plan;
5. Review existing policies governing their specific watershed and recommend appropriate revisions/amendments to concerned agencies, if necessary;
6. Join in the monitoring of the activities, such as rehabilitation and protection, among others, within their particular watershed;

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- 7. Ensure enforcement of Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) laws, rules, and regulations in coordination with DENR and concerned agencies;
- 8. Endorse persons for deputation by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources Office (DENR);
- 9. Facilitate the resolution of problems and conflicts that may occur within their particular watershed, in coordination with concerned agencies;
- 10. Support and participate in activities that promote and establish awareness of watershed management and resource use;
- 11. Formulate internal rules, regulations, and guidelines with regard to the conduct and principles for the proper functioning of the Council;
- 12. Develop a Manual of Operations for the guidance of the Council;
- 13. Coordinate with existing watershed management bodies present within the watershed (Protected Area Management Board, Water Quality Management, etc.) to ensure that watershed programs, projects, and activities of the council complement that of other watershed management bodies; and
- 14. Present to RDC the updating of the Cluster V River Basin Master Plan for adoption.

Section 3. Composition of the River Basin Coordinating Council - the River Basin Coordinating Council shall be composed of the authorized representatives of all parties to this agreement.

Section 4. Term of Office - The position of the Chairperson shall have a term of two (2) years. The Province of Leyte Governor shall hold the Chairpersonship of the River Basin Coordinating Council. In the case of elective LGU officials, whether Chairperson or members of the Council, the term of Office shall be co-terminus to his/her position. Once the term of Office of the incumbent expires, the next official shall assume the position.

Section 5. Effectivity. This Memorandum of Agreement shall take effect upon the signing of the parties herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have affixed their respective signatures on this ____ Day of _____ 2024 at Barangay Baras, Palo, Leyte, Philippines.

HON. CARLOS JERICHO L. PETILLA Provincial Governor, Leyte	LORMELYN E. CLAUDIO, CESO IV Regional Executive Director, DENR VIII
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ANDREW RODOLFO T. ORAIS Regional Executive Director, DA VIII	DIR. ROBERT ANTHONY P. YU Regional Director, DAR VIII
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Alang-alang, Leyte

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City Mayor
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HON. JUANITO E. RENOMERON
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Firefly Brigade Inc.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Republic of the Philippines)
City of _____) s. s.

BEFORE ME, this ____ day of _____, _____ at _____, Leyte, Philippines, personally appeared the following with their competent proof of identity, i.e., Residence Certificates or photo identification cards issued by a government agency:

Competent Proof of Identification		Date/Place Issued	

all known to me to be the same persons who executed this **Memorandum of Cooperation** and they acknowledged to me that the same is their voluntary act and deed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, they have hereto signed their names in this Memorandum of Agreement on the date and place above mentioned.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL on the date and at the place aforesaid.

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