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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Philippines is a country abundant with bodies of water like rivers, lakes, and groundwater reservoirs which theoretically assure an adequate supply for domestic, agricultural, and industrial purposes. However, at present, management of the said water sources is lodged with different units or agencies of the government thereby resulting to poorly coordinated or even conflicts in the implementation of the national policies and plans on water, sewage, sanitation, and irrigation resulting to inefficiencies in the provision of water supply and sanitation services to the public.

It is the State's duty to provide safe, clean, accessible and affordable drinking water, sanitation, and irrigation service to the public. It is of utmost importance that this is achieved through a well-coordinated, effective, efficient and sustainable management of its water and sanitation resources.

Hence, there is an immediate need to create the Department of Water Resources and Services. This bill seeks to rationalize the water, irrigation, sewage, and sanitation resource management, including water rights, through the creation of the Department of Water Resources and Services.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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1 **AN ACT**
2 **CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES AND SERVICES AND**
3 **APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

4 *Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress*
5 *assembled:*

6 **CHAPTER I**
7 **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

8 **SECTION 1.** *Short Title.* — This Act shall be known as the "*Water Resources*
9 *Management and Rationalization Act.*"

10 **SECTION 2.** *Declaration of Policy.* — The State shall promote and protect the right
11 of the people to safer clean and affordable water as a basic human right. Further, the State
12 recognizes that safe, clean and affordable drinking water and proper sanitation are essential to
13 the full enjoyment by the people of life and the protection and sustainability of the environment.
14 Towards this end, the State shall ensure that people have access to safe, clean, and affordable
15 drinking water and proper sanitation services and facilities.

16 In pursuit of this policy, the objectives of this Act are as follows:

- 17 a) Establish the basic principles and framework relating to the appropriation,
18 control and conservation of water resources to achieve their optimum development and national
19 utilization;

b) Implement programs for the attainment of universal access to safe, adequate, affordable, and sustainable water supply and sanitation services for all Filipinos, and adopt all necessary measures directed towards this end;

c) Promote international participation in the education and sharing of information to achieve universal access to water and sanitation, and the integration of water, energy, environment, and food security;

d) Strengthen and coordinate water resource planning and policy-making to ensure sustainable and fair allocation and efficient use of water resources between competing water uses and users, including domestic and municipal use, irrigation, power generation, farming, fisheries, commercial and industrial use;

e) Strengthen and coordinate policy and planning in relation to flood control and flood risk management in order to plan, prevent, and reduce the detrimental and catastrophic effects of flood waters;

f) Secure and regulate all public works in order to obtain the highest efficiency and the most appropriate quality in construction and to plan, design, construct and maintain infrastructure facilities in accordance with national development objectives; and

g) Ensure the effective implementation of Republic Act No. 9275 otherwise known as the "*Philippine Clean Water Act of 2004*."

CHAPTER II ORGANIZATION

SECTION 3. *Department of Water Resources and Services.* — There is hereby established a Department of Water Resources and Services, hereinafter referred to as the Department, to manage, control, and protect water resources for domestic purposes, sanitation, irrigation, hydropower, fisheries, aquaculture, flood control, recreation, and for the enhancement and maintenance of water quality.

1 The following agencies or corporate entities are hereby transferred to the Department
2 from the authority of their current mother agencies or offices:

3 a) The National Water Resources Board (NWRB), which is currently under the
4 Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR);

5 b) The Local Water Utilities Administration (LWUA), which is currently under
6 the Office of the President; and

7 c) The National Irrigation Administration (NIA), which is currently under the
8 Office of the President;

9 d) Laguna Lake Development Authority (LLDA), which is currently under the
10 DENR; and

11 e) The Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission (PRRC), which is currently under
12 the Office of the President.

13 Likewise, the Department shall be responsible for the enforcement functions of Republic
14 Act No. 9275, otherwise known as the Philippine Clean Water Act of 2004, as well as all the
15 other water management functions of the Environmental Management Bureau of the DENR.

16 The Department shall be organized within one hundred eighty (180) days after the
17 approval of this Act.

18 **SECTION 4. *Powers and Duties of the Department.*** — The Department Shall exercise
19 the following powers and duties:

20 a) Formulate and develop policies to promote universal access to safe, adequate,
21 affordable and sustainable water supply, and sanitation services;

22 b) Manage, protect and preserve the water resources to ensure the optimal use
23 thereof for domestic water supply, sanitation, irrigation, hydropower, navigation, flood control
24 and recreation, including the enhancement, and maintenance of water quality, conservation of

watersheds, control of water pollution and environmental restoration, without compromising the natural ecosystem functions and services;

c) Manage the ownership, appropriation utilization, exploitation, development, conservation and protection of water resources;

d) Formulate and enforce rules and regulations in the administration and management of the water resources and implement rules and guidelines for the enforcement of the laws on water;

e) Coordinate with relevant entities to provide policy directions, strategies and targets to meet the goals and objectives of water supply, and sanitation management by integrating the issues of safe water and sanitation;

f) Conduct continuing surveys and studies of renewable water supply with a view towards formulating long-term policies to balance the sustainability and optimal use of water resources, defining the hydrologic boundaries of basins of the existing water supply sources, and creating and implementing countrywide masterplans for water resources management and development;

g) Undertake and coordinate with other agencies and government entities in data gathering, scientific research and studies on water resources management and development and conduct nationwide hydrologic surveys to determine the annual renewable water available per region;

h) Classify water quality standards for surface and ground water, including establishing national standards for drinking water and wastewater;

i) Effect inter-sectoral, inter-agency, and inter-departmental planning, data gathering, research and developmental studies on safe water and sanitation and compel submissions of statistic and data on water management with the aim of operationalizing the integrated approach to water resources management;

1 j)Regulate and control the utilization, exploitation, abstraction, diversion and
2 development of water resources, taking into consideration ts equitable distribution, and
3 determine the standards of beneficial and priority uses of water in times of crisis and national
4 emergencies;

5 k) Assist and provide the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA)
6 with required data and inputs from and for the water sector in the formulation of the short-term
7 and long-term strategic development plans and actions;

8 l)Coordinate with other relevant agencies and develop policies and plans in respect of
9 water resources used for farming, including sustainable mechanisms for irrigation;

10 m) Study all plans, programs, or development projects, that affect water resources,
11 its diversion or abstraction, and the construction of hydraulic facilities, including plans and
12 projects in watershed or basin areas of water supply sources, which have direct or indirect
13 impact on the affected locality's water resources;

14 n) Review from time to time regulations prescribed by any government agency
15 pertaining to water use, exploitation, development, conservation, or protection of waters, water
16 resources and watershed or basin areas;

17 o) Authorize its representatives or any deputized agent to enter any property of
18 public dominion or any private land building or enclave, whether inhabited or not for the
19 purpose of conducting hydrologic surveys and investigations, including assessing and
20 evaluating the conditions of water facilities installed and determining compliance with water
21 laws and standards;

22 p) Require local government units (LGUs) and national agencies to submit zoning
23 and land use plan shall become effective and enforceable unless and until a certification of
24 integration of water, and sanitation resource management plan has been issued by the
25 Department;

1 q) Provide technical assistance to water, sewer and sanitation users, including
2 farmers and LGLJs, whether directly or in coordination with other agencies, to assist them in
3 applying for water permits and providing data on water and sanitation resource usage;

4 r) Provide integrated planning for flood control, flood risk management and water
5 resource development and management systems, and other public works;

6 s) Issue and promulgate rules and regulations and guidelines as may be to
7 implement and enforce its powers and functions under this Act;

8 t) Appoint, hire and maintain adequate staff and personnel, advisers or consultants with
9 suitable qualifications and experience, as may be necessary; and

10 u) Exercise such other powers and functions necessary or incidental or that which
11 the President may, from time to time, assign to the Department to carry out the objectives of
12 this Act and for the effective administration and management of water and sanitation.

13 **SECTION 5. *Department Secretary; Powers and Functions.*** — The authority and
14 responsibility for the exercise of the mandate of the Department and for the discharge of its
15 powers and functions shall be vested in the Secretary of the Department, hereinafter referred
16 to as the Secretary, who shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines.

17 The Secretary shall exercise the following powers and functions:

18 a) Advise the President on the promulgation of executive or administrative orders,
19 regulations, proclamations and other issuances relative to matters under the jurisdiction of the
20 Department;

21 b) Establish the policies and standards for the operation of the Department
22 pursuant to the President's guidelines; and

23 c) Promulgate rules and regulations necessary to carry out the objectives, policies
24 and functions of the Department.

1 No person shall be appointed Secretary unless the appointee possesses extensive
2 knowledge of public administration and has a minimum seven (7) years of experience in the
3 administration of water resources or sanitation programs, preferably in a public agency.

4 **SECTION 6. *Office of the Secretary.*** — The Office of the Secretary shall be composed
5 of the Secretary and immediate staff.

6 **SECTION 7. *Undersecretaries.*** — The Secretary shall be assisted by not more than
7 three (3) Undersecretaries, who shall be appointed by the President upon the recommendation
8 of the Secretary. The Secretary is hereby authorized to delineate and assign the respective
9 functional areas of responsibility of the Undersecretaries with respect to the mandate and
10 objectives of the Department.

11 Within the functional area of responsibility, an Undersecretary shall have the following
12 functions:

- 13 a) Advise and assist the Secretary in the formulation and implementation of
14 Department policies, plans, programs and projects;
- 15 b) Supervise all the operational activities of the assigned units for which the
16 Undersecretary is responsible to the Secretary; and
- 17 c) Perform such other duties and responsibilities as may be assigned or delegated
18 by the Secretary to promote efficiency and effectiveness in the delivery of public services or
19 as may be required by this Act or other laws.

20 One (1) of the Undersecretaries Shall be the Undersecretary for Planning who shall have
21 primary responsibility, in coordination with the Planning Service, for advancing domestic
22 efforts in the pursuit of the ultimate goal of universal access to water supply and sanitation
23 systems, and sustainable management of water resources. The Undersecretary for Planning

1 shall also have primary responsibility for knowledge sharing and advancement of efforts
2 around the integration of water, energy, environment and food security.

3 The Undersecretaries must possess a working knowledge of public administration and
4 must have a minimum of five (5) years of experience in the administration of water or sanitation
5 programs, preferably in a public agency or with legal or financial knowledge of such programs.

6 The Undersecretaries shall exercise the powers and functions as provided under Section
7 10, Chapter 2, Book IV of the Administrative Code of 1987.

8 **SECTION 8. *Assistant Secretaries.*** — The Secretary Shall also be assisted by five (5)
9 Assistant Secretaries appointed by the President of the Philippines upon the recommendation
10 of the Secretary one (1) for the Monitoring and Information Service; one (1) for the Planning
11 Service; one (1) for the Comptrollership and Financial Management Service; and one (1) for
12 the Administrative and Human Resource Management Service.

13 The Assistant Secretaries must possess a working knowledge of public administration
14 and must have a minimum of three (3) years of experience in the administration of water or
15 sanitation programs, or other public works programs.

16 The Assistant Secretaries shall perform such duties and functions as may be assigned
17 by the Secretary or provided for by law.

18 **SECTION 9. *Organizational Structure.*** — The Department shall be composed of 32
19 the following organizational units:

20 a) Department proper consisting of the Office of the Secretary, the Offices of the
21 Undersecretaries and Assistant Secretaries, the Administrative and Human Resource
22 Management, Monitoring and Information Service, Planning Service, and Comptrollership and
23 Financial Management;

b) The National Water Resources Board, whose mandate, powers and functions are found in Presidential Decree No. 424, as amended;

c) The Local Water Utilities Administration, whose mandate, powers and functions are defined in Presidential Decree No. 198, as amended;

d) The National Irrigation Administration, whose mandate, power and functions are stated in Republic Act No. 3601 as amended and Presidential Decree No. 552, as amended;

e) The Laguna Lake Development Authority, whose mandate, powers and functions are laid out in Republic Act No- 4850, as amended;

f) The Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission, which was created by Executive Order No. 54, Series of 19gg, as amended;

g) The Water Management Bureau, Which is tasked to enforce and implement Republic Act No. 9275 and all environmental laws related to water management and conservation;

h) Any other agency exercising water resources management, conservation and protection functions which the President may order to be transferred to the Department; and

i) Regional offices, as deemed appropriate and necessary by the 10 Secretary.

SECTION 10. *Administrative and Manpower Management Service.* – The Administrative and Manpower Management Service of the Department is responsible for providing the Department with services relating to human resources development, personnel, records, facilities maintenance, medical and dental, security, and property and procurement services. For such purposes, it shall have the following functions:

a) Advise the Secretary on all matters relating to internal administration and human resources management;

b) Prepare and implement an integrated personnel plan that includes provisions on merit promotions, performance evaluation, job rotation, suggestions and incentive awards systems, and health and welfare services;

c) Provide services related to human resources training, education, and development including manpower, career planning and forecasting, and development of indigenous training materials;

d) Develop, establish, and maintain an efficient and cost-effective procurement system and facilities and coordinate or otherwise interface with relevant agencies, whether government or private, for the purpose of developing or upgrading the system;

e) Secure and maintain necessary Department facilities, and develop, establish, and maintain an efficient and effective security system covering, among others, personnel, physical installations, equipment, documents, and materials, including the conduct of security investigations;

f) Coordinate with the appropriate government agencies for a more efficient conduct of administrative processes;

g) Develop, establish, and maintain an efficient records system;

h) Provide assistance in its area of specialization to the Department bureaus, and regional offices and, when requested, the government and corporations attached to the Department; and

i) Perform such other related duties and responsibilities as may be assigned or delegated by the Secretary or as may be required by law.

SECTION 11. *Monitoring and Information Service.* — The Monitoring and Information Service is responsible for providing the Secretary timely reports on the status of various Department projects and activities and develop and implement information programs for mass dissemination in coordination with the appropriate government agencies.

1 The Monitoring and Information Service shall have the following functions:

2 a) Advise the Secretary on all matters relating to monitoring and public
3 information;

4 b) Develop and maintain a system for retrieving and processing monitoring
5 information on all projects and activities of concern to the Secretary;

6 c) Provide accurate and timely status and exception reports to the Secretary;

7 d) Generate monitoring reports for the President, the Cabinet, or for any other
8 purpose as required by the Secretary;

9 e) Develop and supervise the implementation of communications programs to
10 have relevant policies, programs, and plans of the Department understood by the public;

11 f) Produce and supervise the dissemination of media materials in line with national
12 government public information programs;

13 g) Coordinate with the appropriate national government agencies tasked with
14 public information affairs; and

15 h) Perform such other related duties and responsibilities as may be assigned or
16 delegated by the Secretary or as may be required by law.

17 **SECTION 12. *Planning Service.*** — The Planning Service is responsible for providing
18 the Department with the capability to undertake infrastructure development planning and
19 programming. For this purpose, it shall have the following functions:

20 a) Advise the Secretary on all matters relating to infrastructure planning

21 b) Assist the Undersecretary for Planning on all matters related to the specific
22 functions of the position;

23 c) Formulate strategies and priorities for infrastructure development consistent
24 with national development objectives and initiate or undertake relevant surveys for
25 development planning;

1 d) Formulate long-range, medium-term, and annual development plans and
2 programs for infrastructure, including flood control, water resource development systems, and
3 other public works projects, including phasing of implementation and review and integrate land
4 use plans with these water development plans;

5 e) Identify priority packages for infrastructure development, including flood
6 control, water resource development systems, and other public works projects, and undertake
7 or supervise and evaluate the conduct of feasibility studies and project preparation thereof;

8 f) Prioritize project implementation and the allocation of funds and other resources
9 and package project proposals for funding and implementation,

10 g) Evaluate and appraise all regional interregional infrastructure development
11 plans and programs to their feasibility and consistency with approved strategies and long and
12 medium-term plans;

13 h) Initiate regular Department-wide planning exercises and act as the secretariat
14 thereof;

15 i) Gather, analyze, and organize needed statistical data and information;

16 j) Provide technical assistance related to its functions to the other services, bureaus, and
17 the regional offices as needed; and

18 k) Perform such other related duties and responsibilities as may be assigned or
19 delegated by the Secretary or as may be required by law.

20 **SECTION 13. *Comptrollership and Financial Management Service.*** — The
21 Comptrollership and Financial Management Service is responsible for providing the
22 Department with coordinated services relating to financial systems and procedures, budget,
23 cash, accounting, and all financial housekeeping matters. For such purposes, it shall have the
24 following functions:

1 a) Advise the Secretary on all matters relating to the accounting of government
2 expenditures and receipts, budgeting and cash management, project finances, and financial
3 systems and procedures;

4 b) Prepare budget proposals and pursue formal budget authorizations, undertake
5 budget execution, and prepare and submit all appropriate reports to the proper offices;

6 c) Develop and maintain accounting, financial, and assets management systems,
7 procedures, and practices in the Department proper, bureaus, and regional offices;

8 d) Provide assistance in its area of specialization to any unit of the Department
9 and, when requested, to government corporations and councils attached to the Department; and

10 e) Review and appraise systems and procedures. Organizational structure, assets
11 management practices, accounting, and other records, reports, and performance standards such
12 as budgets and standard costs of the Department proper, bureaus, and regional offices;

13 f) Perform such other related duties and responsibilities as may be assigned or
14 delegated by the Secretary or as may be required by law.

15 **SECTION 14. *Legal Service.*** — The Legal Service is responsible for providing the
16 Department with services on such legal affairs as contract letting and litigation, legal and
17 legislative research, complaints and investigation, legal counseling, and other matters of law.
18 For such purposes, it shall have the following functions:

19 a) Advise the Secretary on all matters relating to legal affairs;

20 b) Prepare Department contracts and legal instruments, review and interpret all
21 contracts and agreements entered into by the Department, and evaluate all legal proposals;

22 c) Conduct administrative investigation as well as the review of administrative
23 charges against officers and employees of the Department;

24 d) Exercise functional jurisdiction over the legal staffs of regional offices;

1 e) Provide legal assistance to the Department proper, the bureaus, and regional
2 offices and, when requested, the attached corporation; and

3 f) Perform such other related duties and responsibilities as may be assigned or
4 delegated by the Secretary or as may be required by law.

5 **SECTION 15. *Regional Office.*** — Regional offices shall be responsible for flood
6 control, water resource development systems, and other public works within their regional
7 jurisdiction. For this purpose, their duties and responsibilities shall be as follows:

8 a) Undertake and evaluate the planning, design, construction, and works
9 supervision functions of the Department for the infrastructure projects within the region;

10 b) Undertake the maintenance of the infrastructure within the region and supervise
11 the maintenance of such local infrastructure receiving national government financial assistance
12 as the Secretary may determine;

13 c) Ensure the implementation of laws, policies, programs, rules, and regulations
14 regarding the infrastructure as well as all public and private physical structures;

15 d) Provide technical assistance related to their functions to other agencies within
16 the region especially the local government;

17 e) Coordinate with other departments, agencies, institutions, and organizations,
18 especially local government units within the region, in the planning and implementation of
19 infrastructure projects;

20 f) Conduct continuing consultations with the local communities, take appropriate
21 measures to make the services Of the Department responsive to the needs of the general public,
22 compile and submit such information to the central office, and recommend such appropriate
23 actions as may be necessary; and

24 g) Perform such other related duties and responsibilities as may be 19 assigned or
25 delegated by the Secretary or as may be required by law.

1 The Department shall retain and have such project management offices as may be
2 required, which shall be under the supervision and control of the appropriate regional director,
3 unless otherwise determined by the Secretary for reasons of supra-regional scope, magnitude,
4 and multi-functional coverage.

5 **SECTION 16. *Regional Director.*** — The regional office shall be headed by a regional
6 director who shall be responsible for efficiently and effectively carrying out the duties and
7 responsibilities of the regional office. Towards this end, the regional director shall, within the
8 defined powers, exercise functional and administrative supervision over district offices within
9 the region including the authority to commit their resources and personnel to integrated
10 regional water management and flood control and flood risk management initiatives. The
11 regional director shall also perform such other related duties and responsibilities as may be
12 assigned or delegated by the Secretary or as may be required by law.

13 The regional director shall be assisted by one (1) assistant regional director who Shall
14 exercise supervision the planning, project design, evaluation, and technical assistance functions
15 of the regional office.

16 **CHAPTER III** 17 **TRANSITORY PROVISIONS**

18
19 **SECTION 17. *Interface with Other Sector Regulators.*** —

20 a) The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) shall continue
21 to have the primary authority and responsibility for protecting the environment and shall
22 complement the Department's responsibility for the conservation of water and related natural
23 resources, including protecting water bodies from waste and pollution. It shall continue to
24 promulgate rules, regulations, and standards in this regard. The Department shall coordinate
25 with the DENR with respect to the conservation of water resources.

b) The Department of Health (DOH) shall have primary authority and responsibility for determining and enforcing drinking water quality and sanitation standards.

The Department shall coordinate with the DOH to achieve an integrated approach for sanitation, including collection, treatment, and evaluation of wastewater.

c) The Department shall share responsibility with the Department of Public Works and Highways for wholly or primarily water-related public works projects including flood control, water resources development, sewerage, sanitation, and the harnessing and impounding of water- The Secretaries of each department shall coordinate on the development of evaluation criteria, as necessary, to determine proper allocation of public works projects between the two departments.

d) The Department shall coordinate with the Department of Agriculture to ensure availability of water for agricultural development, reduce sources of long term pollution for surface water and groundwater, and agricultural and industrial economic development through irrigation, water recycling and treating wastewater.

SECTION 18. *Transfer of Rights and Obligations.* — The Department Shall, by virtue of this Act, be subrogated to all the rights, and assume all the obligations of the relevant parts of any government agency or unit whose powers and functions have been transferred to the Department.

The transfer of powers and functions as indicated in the preceding paragraph, as applicable, and agencies attached thereto, as herein provided for, shall take effect within one hundred eighty (180) days after the effectivity of this Act. The foregoing transfer of powers and functions shall include all applicable funds, personnel, records, property, and equipment, as may be necessary. All offices shall continue to function under their present mandates until transition is effected as provided for under this Act.

1 All rights and obligations of said government agencies are hereby transferred to and
2 assumed by the Department and shall be acted upon in accordance with the rules and
3 regulations of the Commission on Audit and other pertinent laws, rules, and regulations.

4 **SECTION 19.** *Separation from Service.* — Employees separated from government
5 service as a result of this Act shall, within six (6) months from their separation from the service,
6 receive the benefits to which they may be entitled under existing laws, rules, and regulations.

7 **SECTION 20.** *Funding.* — The sum of One hundred million pesos (P100,000,000.00)
8 shall be set aside from any available funds of the National Treasury, and is hereby appropriated
9 and authorized to be released, for the organization of the Department and its initial operations.

10 Thereafter, funds sufficient to fully carry out the objectives, powers, and functions of
11 the Department shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

12 The Department shall submit its annual budget, which shall include, among others,
13 detailed information the compensation and benefits received by their employees, to the Office
14 of the President for approval,

15 **SECTION 21.** *Periodic Performance Evaluation.* — The Department is hereby
16 required to formulate and enforce a system of measuring and evaluating periodically and
17 objectively the performance of the Department and submit the same annually to the President.

18 **SECTION 22.** *Prohibition Against Organizational Change.* — No change in the
19 organizational structure herein prescribed shall be valid except upon prior approval of the
20 President for the purpose of promoting efficiency and effectiveness in the delivery of public
21 services.

1 **SECTION 23. Separability Clause.** — If any provision of this Act is declared
2 unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full
3 force and effect.

4 **SECTION 24. Repealing Clause.** — The provisions on the charter creating the
5 following agencies Which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended or modified
6 accordingly, to wit;

7 a) National Water Resources Board under Presidential Decree No, 424 as
8 amended;

9 b) The Local Water Utilities Administration created by Presidential Decree 18 No.
10 198 as amended;

11 c) The National Irrigation Administration Republic Act No. 3601 as amended;

12 Furthermore, sub-sections 4(i) and 4(ee) of Republic Act No, 9275, entitled "*Philippine*
13 *Clean Water Act Of 2004,*" Section 1 of Executive Order No. 360, entitled "*Redefining, the*
14 *Composition and Powers of the National Water Resources Board,*" Series of 2010, Section 49
15 of Presidential Decree No. 198, entitled "*Declaring a 24 National Policy Favoring Local*
16 *Operation and Control of Water Systems; Authorizing the Formation of Local Water Districts*
17 *and Providing for the Government and Administration of such Districts; Chartering a National*
18 *Administration to Facilitate Improvement of Local Water Utilities; Granting said*
19 *Administration such Powers as are Necessary to Optimize Public Service from Water utility*
20 *Operations, and For 29 Other Purposes,*" as amended, Executive Order No. 165, entitled
21 "*Transferring the National Food Authority, National Irrigation Administration, Philippine*
22 *Authority, and Fertilizer and Pesticides Authority to the Office of the President,*" Series of
23 2014. Section 3.3(b) of Executive Order No. 149b entitled "*Streamlining of the Office of the*
24 *President,*" Series of 1993, and Section 3(h) of Executive Order No, 54, entitled "*Creating the*

1 *Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission,"* Series of 1999, are hereby amended or modified
2 accordingly to be consistent with this Act.

3 Accordingly, all laws, presidential decrees, letters of instructions, executive orders,
4 rules, regulations, and other issuances or parts thereof which are contrary to or inconsistent
5 with the provisions of this Act are likewise, revoked, repealed, 39 amended or modified
6 accordingly.

7 **SECTION 25. Effectivity.** — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
8 publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

9 Approved.