



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 18
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**REORGANIZING THE MANILA BAY TASK FORCE OF THE
MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF LOS BAÑOS**

WHEREAS, Section 16, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that the state shall protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature;

WHEREAS, Section 455 (b) (iii), Chapter 3, Title III of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991 mandates local chief executives to issue such executive orders for the faithful and appropriate enforcement and execution of laws and ordinances;

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court in its decision in the case of Metropolitan Manila Development Authority, et.al vs. concerned residents of Manila (G.R. No. 171947-48) dated December 18, 2008, ordered the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) together with twelve (12) other National Government Agencies (NGAs)/offices, in a continuing mandamus to clean-up, preserve and rehabilitate Manila Bay;

WHEREAS, in the same decision, the Supreme Court ordered the coordinative and collective efforts of Local Government Units (LGUs) and their respective instrumentalities, NGAs and the private sector;

WHEREAS, the DILG through the Manila Bay Clean Up, Rehabilitation and Preservation Program (MBCRPP) Implementing Rules and Regulations, Series of 2015, directs LGUs to create a Manila Bay Task Force (MBTF) or Monitoring Team responsible for the overall planning, and implementation of programs relative to the rehabilitation of the Bay, and in complying with the protocols and policies that may be issued by the concerned agencies in relation to the Program;

WHEREAS, the establishment of an LGU MBTF is instrumental to the sustainability of plans, programs and activities as well as compliance with pertinent laws and policies relative to the rehabilitation of Manila Bay. Its creation will also ensure a holistic approach to the implementation of the MBCRPP that focuses on the cross-cutting impacts of Manila Bay on the environmental economic and socio-cultural sectors of an LGU and the whole of the Manila Bay region;

WHEREAS, DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2022-090 dated June 28, 2022 re: Rationalizing the Establishment of a Manila Bay task Force (MBTF) in Local Government Units (LGUs) within the Manila Bay Watershed Area. It aims to provide guidelines for LGUs in the Manila Bay region relative to establishment /reestablishment of respective MBTF;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ANDREW N. NOCON, Municipal Mayor of the Municipality of Los Baños, by virtue of the authority vested in me by law, do hereby order the reorganization the Los Banos Manila Bay Task Force (MBTF), to wit:

Section 1. COMPOSITION. The Los Banos MBTF shall be composed of the following representatives:

Chair: Hon. Neil Andrew N. Nocon
Municipal Mayor

Co-Chair: Mr. Joseph Mario M. Navasero
OIC-MENRO

Members: Hon. Myla E. Alinsunurin
Municipal Councilor/Chair, Environment Committee

Hon. Gaudencio P. Macatangay
President, Liga ng mga Barangay

Hon. Samantha Nicole B. Ortega
President, Federation of Sangguniang Kabataan

Mr. Anatoly M. Guinto
EAV/Chief of Staff/Acting Municipal General Services Officer

Ms. Cheryll L. Gonzales
Municipal Agriculturist

Engr. Oliver D. Manaig
Municipal Assessor

Ms. Joyce Ann Mae L. del Valle
Acting Municipal Budget Officer

Engr. Ricky R. Estopace
Municipal Engineer

Dr. Alvin A. Isidoro
Municipal Health Officer

Ms. Hanna Erika E. Lavina
MSWD Officer

Ms. Twila T. Torres
Municipal Planning and Development Coordinator

Ms. Cynthia N. Quintans
OIC-MDDRMO

Ms. Karen Joy B. Coronado
Head MUDHO

Mr. John Marvin S. Canaria
Head, Public Information Office

Dr. Antonio J. Alcantara
MENRO Consultant

Ms. Lizette D. Cardenas
MENRO Consultant

Ms. Michiko R. Escalante
DILG MLGOO

Ms. Deborah Simsuangco
Envirokunsult Equipment and Services, Inc.
Accredited Service Provider

Members: Ms. Susana Maligalig
Los Baños Grand 103 Lions Club
NGO Representative

Mr. Joel Barcala
MFARMC President

The Task Force members may designate an alternate, provided that the alternate is next in rank to the principal member. If not, the alternate must be fully authorized to decide for and on behalf of their respective offices and shall bind the principal to whatever legal effects or liabilities the alternate decision may produce.

Section 2. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES. The members of the Los Banos MBTF shall work harmoniously and shall perform the following functions, to wit:

- a) The MBTF shall be the body primarily responsible for the development and recommendation of local policies for endorsement to the Sangguniang Bayan, pertinent national laws supporting the rehabilitation of Manila Bay, including but not limited to the following:
- b) The MBTF shall ensure LGU compliance with the development of local plans that will facilitate the implementation of programs, projects and activities (PPAs) that contribute to the objectives of the MBCRPP and the fulfillment of the LGUs' roles and responsibilities under the Program;
- c) The MBTF shall also ensure the LGU's compliance with organization of pertinent local committees and boards for the implementation of PPAs under the aforementioned priority areas;
- d) Pursuant to PD 198 as amended, PD 856 as amended and RA 9275, the MBTF shall assist pertinent local bodies and offices in ensuring that the existing sewage lines of all structures, including commercial establishments (CEs), Industrial Factories (IFs) and Private Homes (PHs) are connected to available sewage systems or Sewerage Treatment Plants (STPs) or have septic tanks compliant with national standards, and impose fines, penalties and other administrative sanctions to compel compliance thereof;
- e) The MBTF shall assist the Solid Waste Management Board (SWMB) to ensure the LGU's compliance with the provisions of RA 9003, focusing on, but not limited to the establishment of Materials Recovery Facilities and/or Systems (MRFs/MRS); closure and rehabilitation of open dumpsites; establishment/use of sanitary landfills (SLF); and effective implementation of the LGUs' 10-year Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP);
- f) Pursuant to the Supreme Court Mandamus and in accordance with the provisions of RA 7279, the MBTF shall assist pertinent local bodies and offices in ensuring the effective management of ISFs, delineation of suitable relocation site, and implementation of corresponding Socialized Housing Projects (SHPs);
- g) The MBTF shall ensure that the LGU facilities comprehensive and strategic Information, Education and Communication (IEC) campaign as well as engage in partnerships with NGAs, Non-Government Organizations (NGOs), Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), and private sector to establish support and buy-in on the Manila Bay Clean-up, Rehabilitation of Manila Bay;
- h) In the conduct of meetings, the MBTF shall ensure presence of quorum and that proceedings and agreements are well documented for reference of the DILG Local Government Operations Officers, and compliance with the documentary requirements of the MBCRPP LGU Compliance Assessment;
- i) The MBTF shall ensure regular monitoring of accomplishments relative to the implementation of the MBCRPP Program with their locality;
- j) The MBTF, in close coordination with their respective MBCRPP Program Management Teams (PMTs) of their regions, shall ensure all reportorial requirements under the MBCRPP are submitted in a timely and accurate manner;
- k) The MBTF shall regularly evaluate the implementation of its PPAs and procedure accomplishment reports and catch-up plans for areas of the MBCRPP that the LGU needs to direct its focus on;

- l) To ensure the sustainability of the rehabilitation efforts, MBTF shall ensure that the results of the LGU Compliance Assessment, through the Regional Interagency Committee (RIAC) and the National Interagency Committee (NIAC) are aptly evaluated and utilized for effective planning and development of necessary interventions and remedial actions;
- m) The MBTF shall ensure the accurate and timely submission of the LGU's Manila Bayanihan Data Capture Forms (MB-DCFs) quarterly pursuant to MC 2022-019;
- n) The MBTF shall be responsible for safekeeping copies of all related MBCRPP reports and documents of the LGU, and shall, at least at all times, ensure the proper turnover of the same to their successors in the event of replacements in representatives, and/or re-organization of the Task Force;
- o) The MBTF shall serve as coordinating body responsible for all concerns relative to the rehabilitation of Manila Bay. It shall limit, or restrain the mandate of any local department or office but instead work to harmonize all efforts, relative to the fulfillment of the MBCRPP goals; and
- p) The MBTF shall perform such other functions which may hereafter be assigned by law or executive issuance.

Section 3. SECRETARIAT. The Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office (MENRO) shall serve as the Secretariat of the Los Banos MBTF with the following responsibilities:

- a) Provide technical support to the MBTF;
- b) Prepare Notice of Meetings, agenda, attendance and proceedings of all meetings and activities;
- c) Prepare reports as needed by the MBTF;
- d) Prepare quarterly Environmental Compliance Audit (ECA) and the annual LGU Compliance Audit of which the contents shall come from the contributions of each team; and
- e) Extend other assistance as may be required by the MBTF.

Section 4. MEETINGS. The MBTF shall meet on a quarterly basis at an agreed time and place. The majority of the Board shall have a quorum for it to exercise its power and perform its duties.

Section 5. FUNDING. Funds to defray cost of meetings and other activities of the MBTF shall be chargeable to the MENRO Budget subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

Section 6. REPEALING CLAUSE. All Orders or parts thereof that inconsistency with this Executive Order are hereby repealed, amended or otherwise modified accordingly.

DONE this 19th day of August 2025 in Los Banos, Laguna.


 HON. NEIL ANDREW N. NOCON
 Municipal Mayor