



EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE SIXTEENTH (16TH) REGULAR SESSION OF THE 12TH SANGGUNIANG BAYAN HELD ON NOVEMBER 17, 2025 AT THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN SESSION HALL, NATIONAL HIGHWAY, BRGY. TIMUGAN, LOS BAÑOS, LAGUNA.

PRESENT:

Hon. Marlo PJ A. Alipon	Municipal Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer
Hon. Miko C. Pelegrina	S.B. Member
Hon. Aldous Amiel B. Perez	S.B. Member
Hon. Muriel Laisa B. Dizon	S.B. Member
Hon. Leren Mae M. Bautista	S.B. Member
Hon. Benedicto S. Alborida	S.B. Member
Hon. Rand Edouard R. De Jesus	S.B. Member
Hon. Myla E. Alinsunurin	S.B. Member
Hon. Jay G. Rolusta	S.B. Member
Hon. Gaudencio P. Macatangay	Ex-Officio Member/Liga President

ABSENT:

Hon. Samantha Nicole A. Banasihan-Ortega	Ex-Officio Member/SK Federation President- O.B.
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RESOLUTION NO. 2025-217

A RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING CLOSER COORDINATION BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES LOS BAÑOS (UPLB) AND THE MUNICIPALITY OF LOS BAÑOS FOR A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT ON THE IDENTIFICATION AND ASSESSMENT OF ARTESIAN WELLS, FORMULATION OF MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS, PROVISION OF ASSISTANCE TO Affected COMMUNITIES, AND ENSURING THAT ALL RELEVANT STUDIES POSING RISKS TO PUBLIC HEALTH ARE FURNISHED TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT SPECIFICALLY THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN FOR CRISIS MANAGEMENT.

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WHEREAS, it is the declared policy of the Municipality of Los Baños to protect and promote the right of all residents to a balanced ecology, clean water, and public health security, consistent with the mandates of the Local Government Code of 1991 and relevant national laws;

WHEREAS, recent scientific assessments, including studies conducted by the University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB), have identified artesian wells within certain barangays of the Municipality as potentially unsafe due to contamination or other environmental hazards, thereby posing imminent risks to public health and welfare;

WHEREAS, the timely acquisition, review, and legislative evaluation of such scientific findings are essential for the Sangguniang Bayan to exercise its oversight, crisis-management, and policy-making functions;

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WHEREAS, it is therefore imperative that all research outputs, technical reports, or studies that indicate, suggest, or confirm risks to the health and safety of the citizenry be mandatorily furnished to the Sangguniang Bayan, to enable the immediate formulation of responsive measures and appropriate legislative action;

WHEREAS, UPLB, as a national university with recognized competence in environmental science, water quality assessment, microbiology, and public health research, is an indispensable partner of the Municipality in generating science-based inputs relevant to local governance;

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Bayan Committee on Health, Nutrition, and Sanitation is charged with the duty to recommend measures that will safeguard public health, ensure access to safe water, and guide the Municipality in the formulation of policies concerning sanitation and environmental protection;

WHEREAS, stronger and more structured collaboration between UPLB and said Committee is necessary for (1) the accurate identification and mapping of artesian wells; (2) the scientific assessment of their water quality and safety; (3) the formulation of technically sound recommendations; and (4) the extension of appropriate interventions to affected communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Sangguniang Bayan of Los Baños, in session duly assembled, to formally request and establish close institutional coordination between the University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB) and the Local Government Unit thru Committee on Health, Nutrition, and Sanitation for the following purposes:

1. The joint identification, mapping, and comprehensive assessment of artesian wells in all barangays where such wells are present;
2. The preparation of consolidated technical findings and evidence-based policy recommendations pertaining to the regulation, management, rehabilitation, or possible decommissioning of contaminated or unsafe artesian wells;
3. The development of community-level guidance, advisories, and action plans aimed at mitigating public health risks and improving groundwater safety;
4. The conduct of consultative meetings, technical briefings, and coordination activities necessary to support the objectives of this Resolution.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that all studies, scientific assessments, technical reports, or related documents that reveal or imply risks to public health or environmental safety shall be immediately furnished to the Sangguniang Bayan for timely review, crisis-response deliberation, and the formulation of appropriate legislative or policy measures.

RESOLVED FURTHERMORE, that the Municipal Government, through the Municipal Health Office (MHO), Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office (MENRO), Municipal Engineer Office (MEO) and concerned Sangguniang Barangays, shall extend

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appropriate assistance to affected communities, which may include but is not limited to temporary water support, issuance of safety advisories, sanitation interventions, and technical guidance regarding alternative potable water sources.

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Councilor Muriel Laisa B. Dizon, duly seconded by Councilor Aldous Amiel B. Perez and concurred by all other members present;

RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to respectfully request closer coordination between the University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB) and the Municipality of Los Baños for a collaborative effort on the identification and assessment of artesian wells, formulation of management recommendations, provision of assistance to affected communities, and ensuring that all relevant studies posing risks to public health are furnished to the Local Government Unit specifically the Sangguniang Bayan for crisis management.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED : November 17, 2025

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the above-quoted Resolution.


DONA T. ALBORADA - DIZON
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

CERTIFIED ADOPTED:


HON. MARLO P. ALIPON, MPA, REE, RMP
Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer