



Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Environment and Natural Resources  
**NATIONAL WATER RESOURCES BOARD**

**NWRB RESOLUTION NO. 15-1116**

**DEPUTATION OF DENR REGIONAL OFFICES ON CERTAIN FUNCTIONS OF  
WATER USE REGULATION**

The **NATIONAL WATER RESOURCES BOARD** (“the Board”) a government institution, created and existing under Philippines, with office address at 8<sup>th</sup> Floor NIA Building, EDSA, Quezon City, states:

WHEREAS, the National Water Resources Board (NWRB) as the national regulating and coordinating agency on water resources management and development is mandated to implement the Water Code of the Philippines. In the performance of this mandate, the NWRB is called upon to conduct monitoring and enforcement activities all over the country. However, because of lack of personnel and field offices, the NWRB is constrained in performing this function;

WHEREAS, the NWRB under Article 80 of the Water Code (P.D. 1067) is empowered to deputize any official or agency of the government to perform any of its specific functions or activities. At present deputized agents are the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) and National Irrigation Administration (NIA);

WHEREAS, the NWRB had issued Resolution No. 004-0410 entitled “Deputation of Field Offices of DENR as Nodes on Water Use Regulation” during its 87<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting held on April 14, 2010. However, the same has not been implemented to date;

WHEREAS, a Water Resources Utilization Section (WRUS) was created in the DENR Regional Offices effective calendar year 2015 pursuant to the approved DENR Rationalization Plan;

WHEREAS, with this new development, it is recommended that the NWRB proceed with the deputation of DENR Regional Offices and it is proposed that the WRUS under the Licenses, Patents and Deeds Division shall serve as NWRB’s Deputy in the DENR Regional Offices to perform some functions relative to regulation of water use to complement the existing deputized agents such as the DPWH, NIA and some water districts;

WHEREAS, Supplemental Guidelines on the Preparation of FY 2016 Work and Financial Plan issued by the Undersecretary for Policy, Planning and Foreign Assisted Programs on December 11, 2015 provides that the activities to be undertaken by the Regional Offices shall be in support to the NWRB function of issuance of water permit and other related activities;

WHEREAS, the DENR personnel have undergone training in the 3-day “Training on Deputation of DENR Regional Offices on Water Use Regulation” conducted by the NWRB that was held on February 22-24, 2016 at the Hotel Rembrandt in Quezon City;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** to adopt the deputation of the DENR Regional Offices with the terms and conditions as follows:

NWRB shall:

1. Continually provide training and technical support to the duly designated representatives of the Deputy relative to the processing of water permit applications and other related activities;
2. Regularly provide the Deputies through its Regional Director with updated water policies, issuances, water permit grantees and other related information; and
3. Conduct periodic monitoring and evaluation to assess performance of Deputy as well as to gather feedbacks on its additional needs, issues and concerns.

DENR Regional Offices shall:

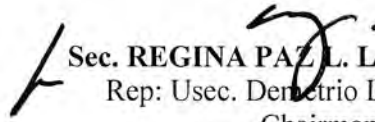
1. Accept/verify water permit applications (WPAs);
2. Conduct continuing inventory of water users;
3. Identify water sources and make a water sources inventory map;
4. Conduct information, education and communication (IEC) campaign on the Water Code of the Philippines and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) to key stakeholders in collaboration with NWRB;
5. Conduct re-echo training for PENROs and CENROs and coordination meeting with other deputized agents in the area; and
6. Perform such other related activities as may be specifically assigned to it in accordance with the Water Code that may be agreed by the parties.

As deputized agents, DENR Regional Offices shall submit the following monthly report of accomplishments every 2<sup>nd</sup> day of the ensuing month in accordance with prescribed forms:

- Investigation report on water use conflict referred by the Board
- Inspection and monitoring reports of water permittees referred by the Board
- Report on water permit applications facilitated and investigated
- Inventory of illegal drilling/water users (legal and illegal)
- Inventory of water resources development activities/projects
- Report on identified and mapped water sources

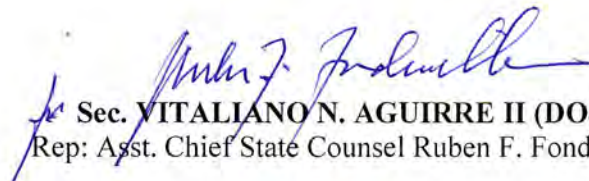
**FINALLY, RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that the deputation of the DENR Regional Offices shall be subject to annual review and evaluation by the Planning Units of DENR and NWRB.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, we have hereunto set our hand this November 24, 2016 in Quezon City.


  
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