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**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 28**  
**Series of 2023**

**REORGANIZING THE DAVAO ORIENTAL PROVINCIAL WATER QUALITY  
MONITORING COMMITTEE DEFINING ITS POWERS AND  
FUNCTIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to related policies from the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, to the constitutional provisions on the right for a healthful environment, and to the national and local laws and policies on social and environmental safeguards, Executive Order No. 11-c, series of 2022 was issued for the creation of the Provincial Water Quality Monitoring Committee defining its powers and functions and related provisions;

**WHEREAS**, the assumption of a new Chief Executive of the Province of Davao Oriental necessitates the re-issuance and/or reorganization of the said executive order for it to remain effective and enforceable;

**NOW THEREFORE, I, NIÑO SOTERO L. UY, JR.**, Governor of the Province of Davao Oriental, by virtue of the power vested in me by law, do hereby reorganize the Davao Oriental Provincial Water Quality Monitoring Committee;

**SECTION 1- RORGANIZATION.** The reorganized provincial task force shall still be known as the *Provincial Water Quality Monitoring Committee*, a multi-sectoral and multi-level provincial committee that shall operate under the inclusive governance of the provincial government in collaboration with national agencies tasked to monitor sanitation and water quality at the local level, and with pertinent private entities.

**SECTION 2- COMPOSITION.** The Provincial Water Quality Monitoring Committee shall be composed of the following:

Niño Sotero L. Uy, Jr., Governor	-	Chairperson
Everindo L. Esver, Chief of Staff	-	Vice Chairperson

**Members:**

1. Provincial Administrator (PADO)
2. Provincial Engineer (PEO)
3. Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer (ENRO)
4. Provincial Tourism Officer (PTO)
5. Provincial Planning and Development Officer (PPDO)

6. Provincial Agriculture Officer (PAGRO)
7. Provincial Health Officer (PHO)
8. SP Member Committee Chair on Environment
9. SP Member Committee Chair on Health and Sanitation
10. Representative, Davao Oriental State University
11. Representative, Department of Environment and Natural Resources-PENRO
12. Representative, Environmental Management Bureau
13. Representative Department of Science and Technology
14. Representative, Water District
15. Representative, Water Refilling Stations
16. CSO Representative
17. NGO Representative

### **SECTION 3- ROLES, FUNCTIONS, AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

A. The Provincial Water Quality Monitoring Committee shall perform the following:

1. Formulate, recommend, and implement policies, plans, and programs that will establish systematic and efficient water management and ensure the availability of water for specific purposes in the province;
2. Coordinate different agencies of the government that have water-related functions and programs;
3. Prepare a water quality monitoring plan and spearhead its implementation;
4. Conduct research, data collection, and analysis;
5. Conduct continuing surveys and studies of the province's 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 existing water supply sources, and create and implement province-wide master plans for water resources management and development which are to be downloaded to component LGUs for the sustainable management of their respective resources;
6. Regulate and control the utilization, exploitation, abstraction, diversion, and development of water resources, taking into account its equitable distribution, sustainable use, and supply, and determine the standards of beneficial and priority uses of water in times of crisis and emergencies;
7. Conduct and continue studies pertaining to water use, exploitation, development, conservation, or protection of waters, water resources, and watershed or basin areas;
8. Recommend and formulate local policies and guidelines concerning water quality surveillance and addressing water quality issues;
9. Ensure and protect the rights and welfare of all stakeholders;
10. Ensure that sufficient potable water shall be available and readily accessible to the needs of households, commercial and tourism, agricultural, and industrial;
11. Coordinate with the Environmental Management Bureau (EMB), Department of Health (DOH), and related agencies in the conduct of water quality monitoring, surveys, collection of samples and analysis;
12. Conduct an immediate sanitary survey during the existence of a potential cause of contamination;
13. Conduct water quality audits wherever necessary.
14. Conduct IEC Advocacy and campaign on water law, policy, and other related knowledge and information.

**SECTION 4- SECRETARIAT.** The Secretariat shall be handled by representatives from the Environment and Natural Resources Office and Provincial Health Office. They shall be responsible for the documentation of proceedings of meetings, preparation of reports, and other necessary documents needed by the Committee.

**SECTION 5- MEETINGS.** The meetings shall be held once in every quarter or as the need arises.

**SECTION 6- FUNDING.** The Provincial Government shall provide funds for the operation of the Committee under existing and available fund/ budget allocation subject to pertinent guidelines on funds utilization.

**SECTION 7- SEPARABILITY CLAUSE-** If any provision or part hereof is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of this Order, not otherwise affected, shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 8- EFFECTIVITY.** This order shall take effect immediately.

Done this 5th day of September, 2023 in the City of Mati, Davao Oriental, Philippines.

  
**NIÑO SOTERO L. UY, JR.**  
Provincial Governor

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