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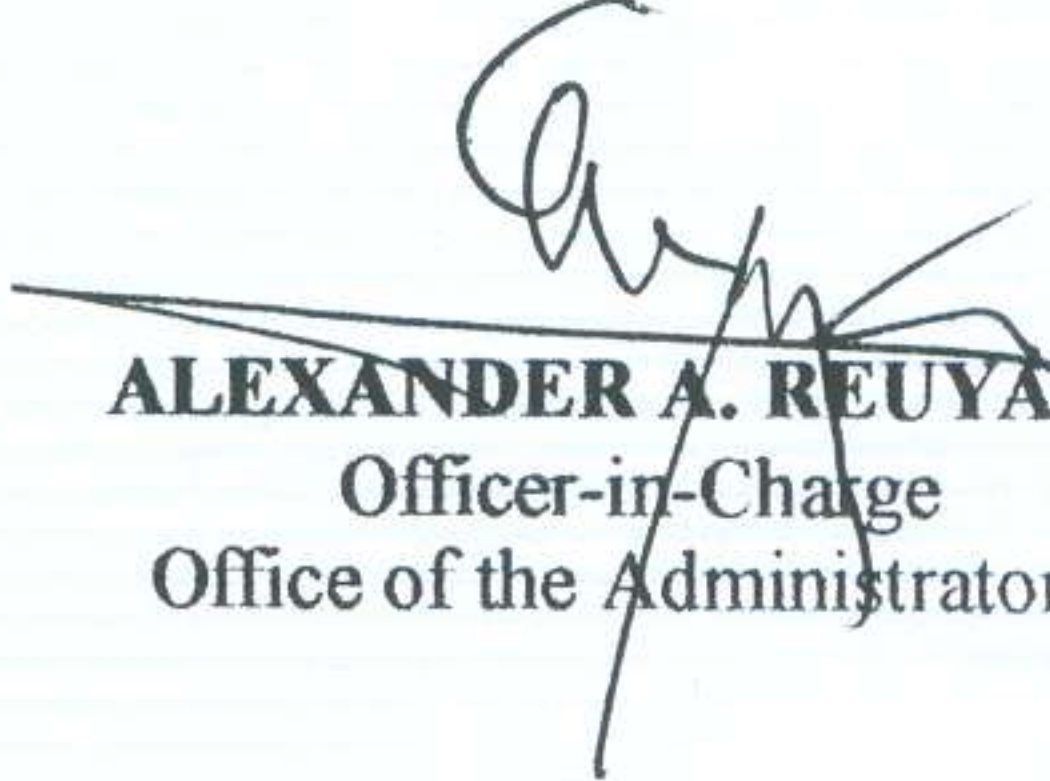
TO : THE ACTING DEPUTY ADMINISTRATORS, DEPARTMENT/
REGIONAL /OPERATIONS / PROJECT MANAGERS;
DIVISION MANAGERS AND ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT : **PRESIDENTIAL ISSUANCES**

For your information and guidance, attached are certified copies of the following Presidential Issuances:

1. Administrative Order No. 278 dated February 8, 2010 entitled "PROVIDING MEASURES FOR THE OPTIMUM UTILIZATION OF WATER RESOURCES IN METRO MANILA".
2. Proclamation No. 2003 dated February 19, 2010 entitled "DECLARING YEAR 2010 AS THE "NATIONAL YEAR OF BIODIVERSITY".

Be guided accordingly.


ALEXANDER A. REUYAN
Officer-in-Charge
Office of the Administrator

16 March 2010

MALACAÑANG
Manila

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 278

**PROVIDING MEASURES FOR THE OPTIMUM UTILIZATION OF WATER
RESOURCES IN METRO MANILA**

WHEREAS, the water level in Angat Dam has fallen to an alarming level, which may be aggravated by the forecasted El Niño conditions during the first quarter of 2010;

WHEREAS, as a consequence, a shortfall in water supply for Metro Manila is expected;

WHEREAS, there is a critical need to institute appropriate measures to ensure the optimum utilization of water resources for Metro Manila;

WHEREAS, there is a need to actively implement water conservation measures and to improve the operational efficiency of water service providers (e.g., reduce the level of non-revenue water) to maximize the limited supply of water.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Declaration of Policy. The Government shall adopt urgent and decisive measures to address the water shortage in Metro Manila to protect the health and well-being of the population.

Sec. 2. The following measures are hereby adopted to mitigate the effects of water shortages:

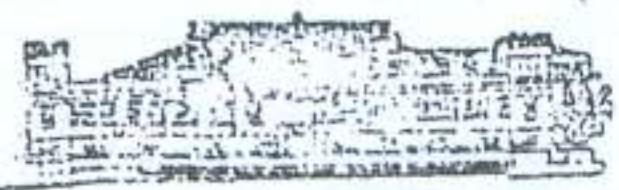
- a. The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), through the National Water Resources Board (NWRB), shall appropriately cut-down water allocation and actual releases to the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS) and the National Irrigation Authority (NIA) effective January 2010;



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- b. The DENR, with the NWRB, the MWSS, and the Public Information Agency (PIA) shall undertake a massive information, education and communication campaign to encourage people to implement water conservation measures;
- c. All Local Government Units (LGUs) in Metro Manila through the barangays shall monitor and report all water leaks and pilferages to the concerned Water Concessionaire;
- d. The MWSS and its Concessionaires shall actively pursue and immediately respond to all complaints of water leaks within twenty four (24) hours and shall ensure that the leaks are repaired within 3 to 5 days after receiving the complaints;
- e. The Philippine National Police shall assist the MWSS and Water Concessionaires in the enforcement of anti-pilferage measures;
- f. The LGUs in Metro Manila shall expedite the grant of permits for the repair of water leaks by allowing the 2 concessionaires to apply for permits directly with the barangay concerned with a copy of the permit furnished the Office of the Mayor for recording purposes;
- g. The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), the Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA) and other concern government agencies shall provide immediate assistance to the MWSS and Water Concessionaires in improving water service delivery;
- h. The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), in coordination with the Department of Finance (DOF), shall work for the grant of incentives for the production of goods that conserve water and establishments undertaking optimum water conservation and utilization in Metro Manila;
- i. The Department of Agriculture, through the National Irrigation Authority, shall terminate or schedule land soaking activities of Angat-Maasim River Irrigation System (AMRIS) service areas to maximize the use of available water for irrigation;
- j. All government agencies and instrumentalities shall assign water marshals and shall undertake water conservation and assessment program, using as reference point, water consumption in January 2010, and submit monthly comparative report of water consumption to the NWRB.



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Sec.3. The Angat Hydro-Electric Plant shall be exempted from use for ancillary services.

Sec. 4. The National Economic & Development Authority, in coordination with NWRB and MWSS, shall engage experts in identifying all possible options on demand-side management (e.g., use of water-free urinals, off-the-shelf environmental-friendly practices), operational efficiency improvement (e.g., reduction in non-revenue water) and new water supply sources that will avert the water crisis, and analyzing each identified option/intervention in terms of "value for money".

Sec. 5. The DENR, through the NWRB, shall take the lead in the preparation of the detailed action plan and coordinate activities to implement this Order.

Sec. 6. All Departments; agencies and instrumentalities of Government are hereby directed to provide assistance in the implementation of this Order.

Sec. 7. This Administrative Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 8th day of February, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Ten.

Gloria M. Arago



By the President:


EDUARDO R. ERMITA
Executive Secretary



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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 2003

DECLARING YEAR 2010 AS THE "NATIONAL YEAR OF BIODIVERSITY"

WHEREAS, biological diversity, also referred to as biodiversity, provides a large number of goods and services essential to sustain all life and is a foundation of a sound environment that is necessary for human well-being and sustainable development;

WHEREAS, the Philippines, as one of the eighteen (18) megadiverse countries with immensely rich biodiversity is also one of the biodiversity hotspots and continues to face constant threats of degradation;

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of the United Nations, concerned by the continuous loss of biodiversity throughout the world and by the social, economic, environmental and cultural implications of this loss, conscious of the need for effective education to raise public awareness on biodiversity, and acknowledging the need for concerted efforts to significantly reduce the rate of loss of biodiversity, declared the year 2010 as the International Year of Biodiversity (IYB);

WHEREAS, the Philippines, as one of the member states of the United Nations and a Party to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), is encouraged to take advantage of the International Year of Biodiversity to increase awareness of the importance of biodiversity by promoting actions at the national, regional, and local levels;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the constitution and by law, do hereby declare the year 2010 as the National Year of Biodiversity (NYB) in support of the 2010 IYB celebration.

All agencies of the executive branch including but not limited to commissions, national government agencies, local government units, state universities and colleges, government-owned and controlled corporations, in cooperation with other private sectors of society, i.e., church, industry, civil



society and other non-government organizations are hereby enjoined to initiate activities to promote the NYB.

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources shall coordinate the NYB activities and submit a report to the Office of the President two (2) months after the culmination of the NYB.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 19th day of February, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Ten.

Glenn M. Araya



By the President:

Eduardo R. Ermita
EDUARDO R. ERMITA
Executive Secretary

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