



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 42
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“PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF THE JOINT TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP TO ADMINISTER THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DREDGING AND QUARRYING ZONES IN CRITICAL RIVERS WITHIN THE PROVINCE OF OCCIDENTAL MINDORO, DEFINING ITS DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

WHEREAS, the rivers in the province of Occidental Mindoro are reported to be heavily silted, resulting to calamities such as riverine flooding and riverbank erosion which inflict damage on adjacent community (ies) and properties, including agricultural lands;

WHEREAS, the issue of unorganized river quarrying activities was raised in the Provincial Mining Regulatory Board Meeting held on September 19, 2019;

WHEREAS, the scattered distribution of approved quarrying permits in rivers hinder potential dredging projects due to the need to secure an additional clearance from all concerned sand and gravel permit holders, aside from the usual dredging permit application requirements;

WHEREAS, the establishment of designated dredging and quarrying zones shall promote dredging activities for flood control purposes by reducing, if not eradicating, future conflicts with sand and gravel permit holders;

WHEREAS, proper mapping of quarrying zones shall help in the protection of the riverbanks and the structural integrity of the different critical structures and public works through strict imposition of the prescribed buffer zones for quarrying activities;

WHEREAS, confining the sand and gravel extraction activities in delineated quarrying zones shall strengthen the monitoring capacity of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and the Provincial Government and thus, ensuring that such activities adhere to the environmentally sound guidelines of the concerned authorities;

NOW THEREFORE, I, EDUARDO B. GADIANO, Governor of Occidental Mindoro, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the creation of **A JOINT TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP TO ADMINISTER THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DREDGING AND QUARRYING ZONES IN CRITICAL RIVERS OF OCCIDENTAL MINDORO**, defining its duties and functions and appropriating funds therefor:

SECTION 1. Composition- The Joint Technical Working Group for the establishment of dredging and quarrying zones in critical rivers within the province of Occidental Mindoro shall be composed of the following:

Chairperson : **Chairman-Committee on Environment, Sangguniang Panlalawigan**



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- Members :
- Representative from the DPWH**
 - Representative from the DENR-PENR Office**
 - Representative from the DENR-EMB**
 - Representative from the DENR-MGB**
 - Representative from the DAR**
 - Representative from the NIA**
 - PMRB Technical Secretariats**
 - Representative from the Provincial Government –ENRO**
 - Representative from the Provincial Assessor’s Office**
 - Representative from the Provincial Engineering Office**

SECTION 2. Duties and Functions- The Joint Technical Working Group shall have the following duties and functions:

- a. Ensure that the following data are readily available:
 1. List of existing sand and gravel permit areas and their respective location/plot.
 2. List of infrastructure such as bridges, public water reservoirs, historical and archeological sites and their respective location.
 3. Boundary of established protected areas in the province.
- b. Identification of critical rivers in Occidental Mindoro that need immediate flood mitigating measures. Field verification activities shall be conducted if deemed necessary.
- c. Establishment of dredging and quarrying zones in the identified critical rivers. Output maps shall be duly certified by the concerned authorities.
- d. Conduct consultation and meeting with the Provincial Governor for the approval of the designated dredging and quarry zones.
- e. Prepare and submit a comprehensive technical report on the establishment of dredging and quarrying zones in the critical rivers within the province of Occidental Mindoro.

SECTION 3. Extent of Dredging and Quarrying Zones- The extent of the dredging and the quarrying zones shall be defined by the Technical Working Group, in accordance with the existing and applicable laws, rules and regulations, as follows:

- a. Item a-4 of Section 15 of DAO 2010-21, otherwise known as the Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations of the Philippine Mining Act of 1995, pertaining to areas closed to mining applications.



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“Offshore areas within five hundred (500) meters from the mean low tide level and onshore areas within two hundred (200) meters from the mean low tide level along the coast;”

- b. Item a-1 of Section 79 of DAO 2010-21, otherwise known as the Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations of the Philippine Mining Act of 1995, pertaining to the general terms and conditions of a Quarry/Commercial or Industrial Sand and Gravel/Government Gratuitous/Guano/Gemstone Gathering Permit.

“No extraction, removal and/or disposition of materials shall be allowed within a distance of one (1) kilometer from the boundaries of reservoirs established for public water supply, archeological and historical sites or of any public or private works or structures, unless the prior clearance of the Government agency(ies) concerned or owner is obtained...”

The Joint Technical Working Group may opt to set additional buffer zone requirements not mentioned in the above citations, if necessary.

Section 4. Monitoring and Evaluation- The Provincial Governor shall have the oversight authority in the project coordination, implementation and evaluation. The joint TWG shall hold meetings whenever necessary.

Section 5. Funding Requirements- Any expense of the Joint TWG for the establishment of dredging and quarrying zones in the identified critical rivers within the province of Occidental Mindoro shall be charged to the regular budget of the Provincial Government- Environment and Natural Resources Office.

Section 6. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done this 16th day of October 2019 at Mamburao, Occidental Mindoro.


EDUARDO B. GADIANO
Governor