



National  
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# The NWRB

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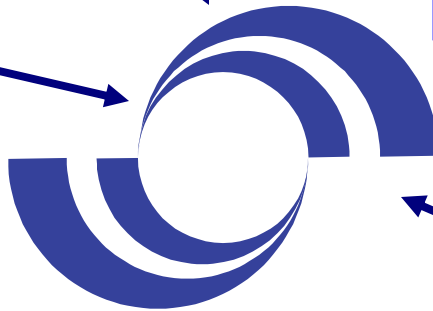
**2<sup>nd</sup> Thematic Workshop on Water Allocation  
and Water Rights**

5-9 May 2006

**PD 424** creating the NWRC (1974)

**PD 1067** The Water Code of the Philippines (1976)

**EO 124-A** converted NWRC to NWRB (1987); transferred BRS to DPWH



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**PD 1206** assigned the residual functions of the Board of Waterworks and the defunct Public Service Commission to NWRB

**EO 123** reconstituted the NWRB Board; transferring NWRB to DENR and transferring regulatory functions of LWUA to NWRB (2002)

## **NWRB Mission**

1. To efficiently and equitably manage the country's water resource in support of national programs for food security and self-sustaining vibrant economy;
2. To protect, preserve and conserve the country's water resource and environment, and mitigate water related hazards by safeguarding flow regimes and biodiversity; and
3. To provide a regulatory environment that encourages investment in the water sector and ensures the provision of potable water at affordable rates and acceptable level of service all over the country.

## **NWRB Vision**

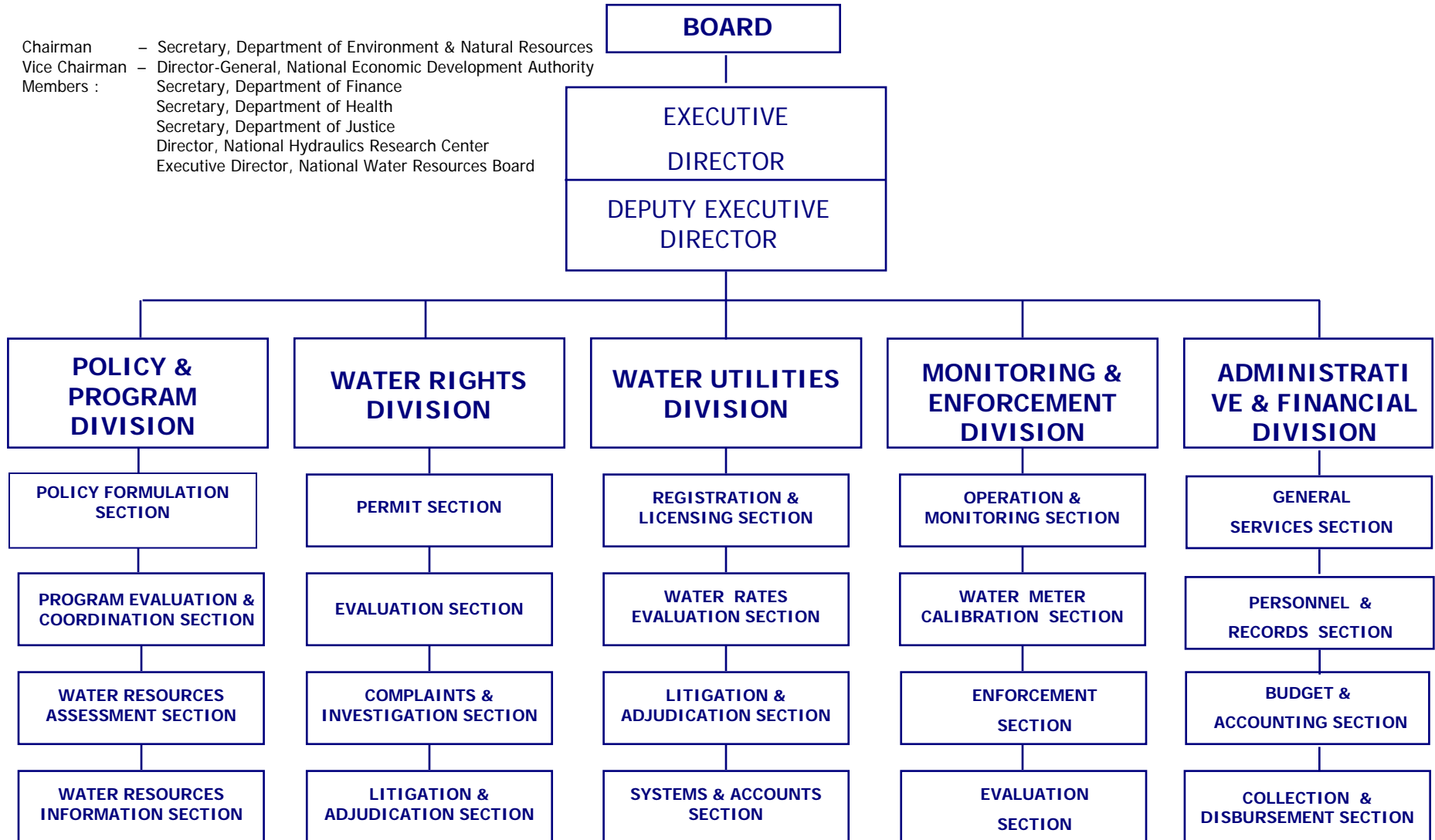
The efficient and equitable management of the country's water resource addressing the immediate and long-term needs of all sectors of the economy consistent with the principles of integrated water resource management and sustainable national development.

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<b>Chair</b>	<b>Department of Environment and Natural Resources</b>
<b>Vice Chair</b>	<b>National Economic and Development Authority</b>
<b>Members</b>	<b>Department of Health</b>
	<b>Department of Justice</b>
	<b>Department of Finance</b>
	<b>National Hydraulics Research Center</b>
	<b>Executive Director, NWRB</b>

## NATIONAL WATER RESOURCES BOARD (NWRB) ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

- Chairman – Secretary, Department of Environment & Natural Resources  
 Vice Chairman – Director-General, National Economic Development Authority  
 Members : Secretary, Department of Finance  
 Secretary, Department of Health  
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# The NWRB Mandate

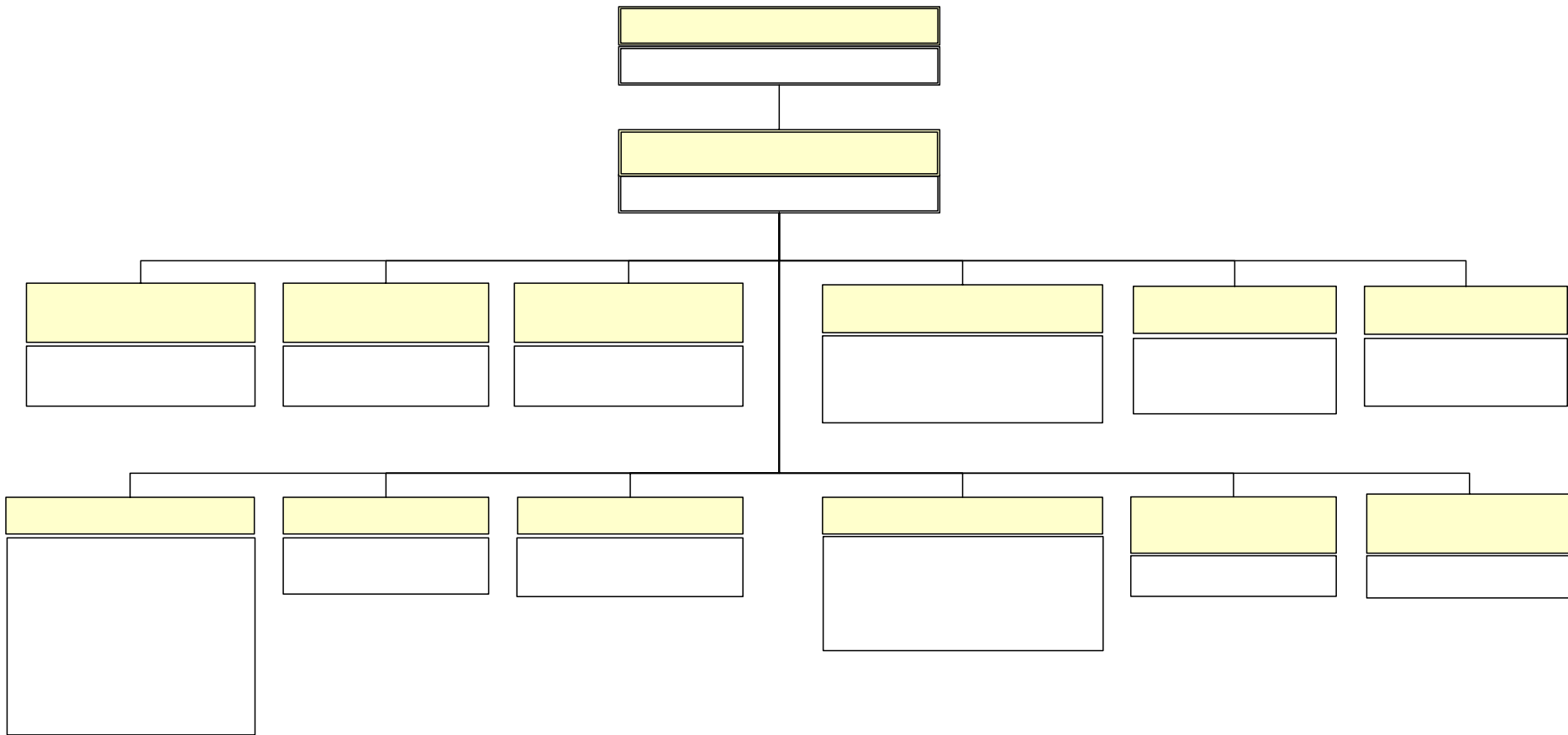
- I. Policy Formulation and Coordination**
- II. Resource Regulation**
- III. Economic Regulation**

# I. Policy Formulation & Coordination

- The formulation of policies and plans for the Philippine water sector within the framework of **Integrated Water Resources Management** through the coordination and integration of development programs, projects and activities.

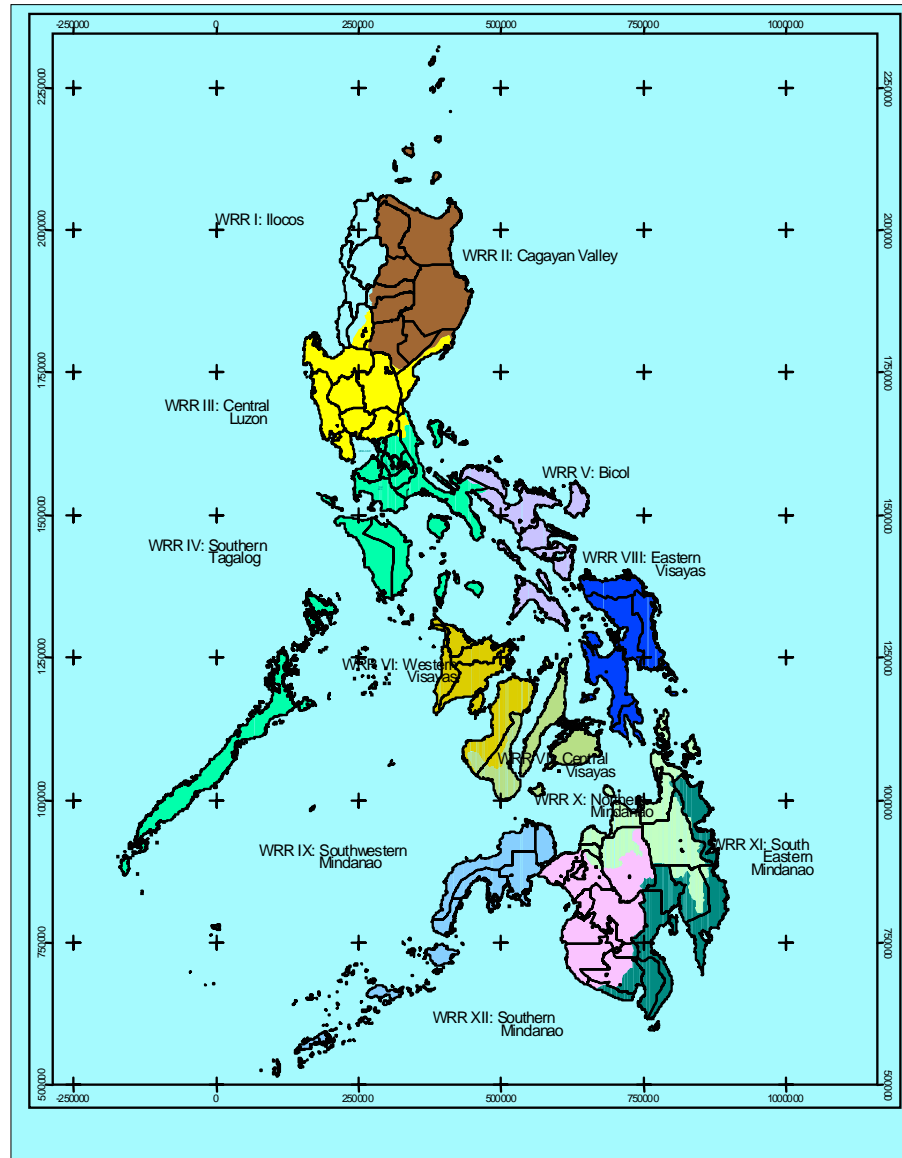


# Functional Chart of Water Related Agencies (Philippines)



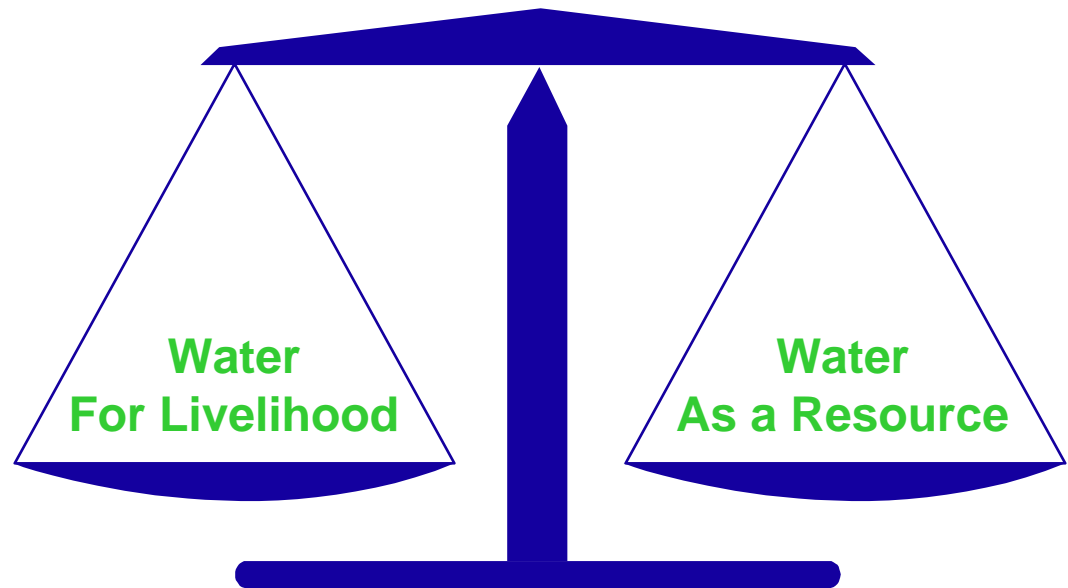
\* Agency involve in water supply as coordinator

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## II. Resource Regulation

- The conservation and protection of all water resources by regulating their utilization and allocation based on policies consistent with beneficial use and sustainable development.



## Duties and Functions as Resource Regulator

- Issue/suspend/revoke/approve transfer of water permits for the appropriation and use of waters;
- Declare waters not previously appropriated exempt from appropriation;
- Promulgate rules and declare the existence of control areas for the coordinated development, protection, and utilization of ground and surface waters;
- Establish minimum stream flows for rivers and streams and minimum water levels for lakes as may be necessary for the protection of the

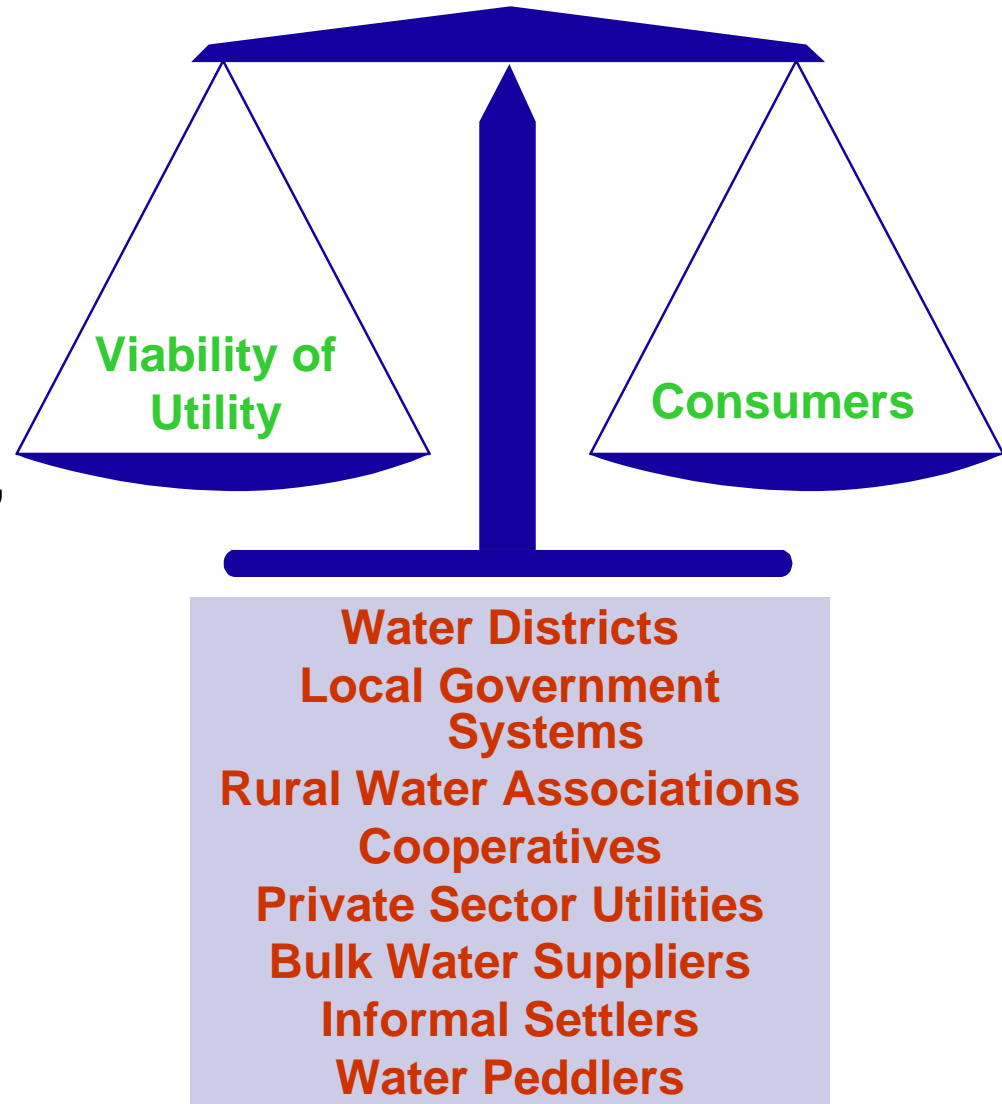
environment, control of pollution, navigation, prevention of salt damage, and general public use;

- Issue permits for development of streams, lakes or springs for recreational purposes;
- Issue permits for drilling of wells;
- Issue rules and regulations for reservoir operations;
- Approve transfer of water from one river basin to another;
- Coordinate data collection, research and manpower development;

- Impose penalties for administrative violations;
- Impose and collect reasonable fees or charges for water resource development;
- Approve rules and regulations prescribed by other government agencies pertaining to the utilization, exploitation, development, control, conservation or protection of water resources;
- Adjudicate all disputes relating to appropriation, utilization , exploitation, development, control, conservation and protection of waters.

### III. Economic Regulation

- The protection of consumers and the economic viability of water utilities by determining service standards and targets, tariff levels and schemes, monitoring and measuring company performance, enforcing compliance, and imposing sanctions



## **Duties and Functions as Economic Regulator**

- Adjudicate and grant CPC, CPCN to operators of waterworks utility system and services;
- Impose penalties for administrative violations and promulgate rules and regulations relative thereto;
- Supervise and control waterworks utilities and their franchises and other properties; regulate and fix water rates to be charged by waterworks operators, except those falling under the jurisdiction of the MWSS and LWUA and water districts;



- Exercise original jurisdiction over all disputes relating to water rates of utilities and decide on appeal water rates involving water districts;
- Impose and collect Annual Supervision and Regulation Fees for charges from waterworks systems and public utility operators pursuant to Commonwealth Act No. 146.

# Organizational Chart of the Proposed Rationalization Plan

