

Member's Annual Report 2005

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1. About the organization

(1) Name of the organization

NATIONAL WATER RESOURCES BOARD

(2) Purpose and roles of your organization

a) Historical background of the organization

The Creation of the NWRB's Predecessor National Water Resources Council, as the Policy-Making Body for the Philippines Water Sector.

The predecessor of the NWRB is the National Water Resources Council ("NWRC"), which was created in 1974 under Presidential Decree No. 424, otherwise known as the "Integrated Reorganization Plan". It was subsequently renamed as NWRB pursuant to Executive Order No. 124-A. Under the said decree, the NWRB is tasked among others, to:

- Coordinate and integrate water resource development activities of the country;
- Formulate general criteria, methods and standards for data collection, project investigation, formulation, planning design and feasibility evaluation, and rules and regulations for the exploitation and optimum utilization of water resources;
- Undertake river basin surveys, inventories and appraisals, and develop comprehensive basin-wide plans of storage and control to maximize the conservation and multi-purpose use of water;
- Undertake hydrologic surveys, and establish, operate and maintain observation station networks and centralized water resources data center;
- Conduct and/or promote special studies and researches with other government or agencies on related aspects of water resources development.

The NWRB is also tasked to advise the National Economic and Development Authority ("NEDA") on matters pertaining to water resources development projects and programs;

and recommend general policies and guidelines and short/long range plans and programs for water resources development.

The Institution of NWRB as Resource Regulator.

In 1976, Presidential Decree No. 1067, otherwise known as the “Water Code of the Philippines” was enacted. Based on the principles that: (a) “all water belongs to the State”; and (b) the State may allow the use or development of its waters by administrative concession,” the NWRB was instituted as a “water resource regulator” tasked to regulate and control the utilization, exploitation, development, conservation and protection of all water resources.

The specific functions of the NWRB, as a “Water Resource Regulator”, include among others, (a) the issuance of water permits for the appropriation, and use of waters; and (b) adjudication of disputes relating to the appropriation, utilization, exploitation, development, control and conservation, protection of waters.

The Institution of NWRB as Economic Regulator for Waterworks Systems.

In 1977, the Board of Power and Waterworks (BPW) was abolished pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 1206. The function of BPW that were inherited from the Public Service Commission as regards waterworks systems, were later transferred to the NWRB, instituting the NWRB as an “economic regulator” of waterworks systems.

The Transfer of Regulation of Water Tariffs for Water District to the NWRB.

In 2002, the approval of tariffs for water districts was transferred to the NWRB from the Local Water Utilities Administration (LWUA), pursuant to Executive Order No. 123. In the same executive order, the membership of the NWRB was changed to its present composition.

(3) Outline of the organization

1) Number of staff

One Hundred Six (106) personnel

2) Amount of the annual budget

P29.924 Million Pesos

3) Organizational chart

<Please see attached the organization chart here>

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4) Ongoing project

< Please write about some of the ongoing projects>

- a) **Study on Rationalization of Water Tariffs for Private Utilities** – the study aims to review and improve the NWRB rate-setting methodology and prepare guidelines/primers on tariff setting and performance monitoring.
- b) **Performance Improvement and Benchmarking of Small Towns Water Utilities Project** – it aims to improve performance of small towns' water utilities, sector transparency and accountability and improve capacity of participating utilities and institutional partners (DILG, NWRB, LWUA and PAWD)
- c) **Enhancement of Processing Water Permit Applications, Billing and other related information Systems and Creation of Water Resources Regional Council in Region 7** – it aims to enhance the processing of WPA, billing and other related information system and creation of Water Resources Regional Council (WRRC) in Cebu City.
- d) **Implementation of the Proposed Master Plan Study on Comprehensive Agusan River Basin Development** – it is the preparation of the comprehensive river basin development plan that would assess development plan that would assess development potentials in the Agusan River Basin and formulates environment-friendly agricultural and flood control development plans to improve the standard of living of residents in the basin.
- e) **Price Policy for Public Goods, (Raw Water Pricing Phil. Report)** – it is the supervision and environmentally sound management of raw water resources in the pilot provinces have been improved.
- f) **“IWRM 2005 Target”** – formulation of the National IWRM and Water Efficiency Plans.

- g) Institutional Strengthening of IWRM through a River Basin Approach (IWRM) Strategic Framework.**
- h) Integrated Quality Management Program**
- i) Capacity-Building for Institutional Strengthening for Effective Economic Regulation of Water Resources.**

5) Big events in 2005

<Please write about the big events that happened in 2005 that your organization involved in>

- a) WORLD WATER DAY 2005 SYMPOSIUM
- b) 2004 NWRB Strategic Planning and Management on IWRM
- c) Integrated Quality Management Program
- d) Capacity-Building for Institutional Strengthening for Effective Economic Regulation of Water Resources.

2. About NARBO activity

(1) Activities your organization implemented in 2005 as a member

- a) Strategic Plan for NWRB in the context of IWRB
- b) Adoption of IWRM as the general strategy for water Resources Management in the Medium Term Philippine Development Plan 2004-2010
- c) Integrated Quality Management Program
- d) Capacity-Building for Institutional Strengthening for Effective Economic Regulation of Water Resources

(2) The contact person and organization's web-site

1) The name of the contact person and contact number (including e-mail address)

ATTY. ELENITO M. BAGALIHOG

2) Your organization's web-site URL (English and local language)

<http://www.nwr.gov.ph>

(3) Resolutions and expectations for NARBO activities.

1) Your organization's resolutions

<Please write about your resolutions or how your organization contribute to NARBO activities as a Member>

1. To actively participate in activities like seminars/workshops and meetings related to NARBO.
2. By implementing the NARBO approach to the river basin management.

2) Expectations for NARBO activities

<Please write about what your organization expects in NARBO activities>

1. NARBO activities will help the agency in enhancing its capability in the management and development of water resources management thru river basin approach.

(4) Accessibility to the NARBO web-site (<http://www.narbo.jp>)

Please write about:

1. Whether you can access to the NARBO web-site. YES
2. Whether you can access to the ADB's web site (<http://www.adb.org/>) and ADB's web site (<http://www.adbi.org/>) YES
3. Who can access NARBO web-site usually. ALL
4. The way of the access (Dial up or others) DSL CONNECTION