

Member' s Annual Report 2009

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1. About the Organization

(1) Name of the organization and postal address of the office

National Water Resources Board (NWRB)
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(2) The representative of the organization

Mr. Vicente S. Paragas - Executive Director
Atty. Elenito M. Bagalihog – Chief, Water Rights Division

(3) Purposes and roles of your organization

a) Historical background of the organization :

March 28, 1974 - The NATIONAL WATER RESOURCES COUNCIL (now BOARD) is created by virtue of Presidential Decree (PD) 424 to be a permanent high level ex-officio body attached to DPWTC tasked to coordinate and integrate all activities related to water resources development and management with the head of the following agencies as members of the Council: MPWH (as Chair), DENR, NEDA, NPC, NIA and BOPW.

September 1974 - The NWRB starts operating with a working staff of 31 housed in the College Engineering building of the University of the Philippines (UP) in Diliman, Quezon City under the leadership of Executive Director Angel A. Alejandrino.

December 31, 1976 - The Water Code of the Philippines was promulgated into law by Presidential Decree 1067. The Code updates and consolidates into one piece of legislation basic laws and administrative systems governing ownership, appropriation, utilization, exploitation, development, conservation and protection of the country's water resources.

October 6, 1977 – Presidential Decree 1206 directs the transfer of the jurisdiction, supervision and regulation of private water supply systems from the defunct Board of Power and Waterworks of the Department of Energy to NWRB.

1979 - The Philippine Water Code with Implementing Rules and Regulations was published.

July 22, 1987- NWRC was renamed and reorganized as the National Water Resources Board (NWRB) pursuant to Executive Order No. 124-A.

September 12, 2002, Executive Order 123, was signed by President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo reconstituting the National Water Resources Board to effectively accomplish its

mandate, which has the following activities to be immediately initiated:

- Ⓛ! Review of the existing Implementing Rules and Regulations of the Water Code of the Philippines ; and
- Ⓛ! Review of the proposed NWRB organizational structure

February 8, 2010-, Executive Order 860, transferred the NWRB to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and reconstituted the members of the Board. The new Board members are: Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), as chair; National Economic Development Authority (NEDA) as vice-chair and the members are: Department of Justice (DOJ); Department of Science and Technology (DOST) and the National Hydraulics Research Center (NHRC). In addition, the NWRB will desist regulating the water tariffs of Water Districts.

b) Purposes and roles of the organization :

The NWRB is the government agency that is responsible for all the water resources in the Philippines . It coordinates and regulates all water related activities in the country that impact on the physical environment and the economy.

The NWRB is the lead government agency in the Philippine Water Sector, conferred with policy making , regulatory and quasi-judicial functions. It is responsible for ensuring the optimum exploitation, utilization, development, conservation and protection of the country 's water resources, consistent with the principles of Integrated Water Resources Management.

Vision Statement : 3 Water for All₄

Mission Statement:

- a. To ensure access to safe, adequate water supply and sanitation at acceptable rates and levels of service.
- b. To allocate sufficient water that will ensure food security and spur economic development of the country.
- c. To protect water environment to preserve flow regimes, biodiversity and cultural heritage as well as the mitigation of water-related hazards.

The NWRB has three major functions such as:

I. Policy Formulation & Coordination

- Formulates policies and plans for the Philippine water sector within the framework of Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM)
- Coordinates and integrates development programs, projects and activities

II. Resource Regulation

- Conserves and protects all water resources
- Regulates water utilization and allocation based on policies consistent with beneficial use and sustainable development.

Appropriation of waters, as defined in the Water Code is the acquisition of rights over the use of waters or the taking or diverting of waters from a natural source in the manner and for any purpose allowed by law through a system of water rights.

III. Economic Regulation

The NWRB is the economic regulator of private water utilities protecting customers' interest by setting standards and targets.

The authority on the operation of private water supply systems is through the granting of a Certificate of Public Convenience (CPC) and/or Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN).

It also ensures that consumers are protected against unreasonable water rates.

(4) Outline of the organization

1) Number of staff : 95

2) Amount of annual budget in 2009

Personal Services-----P	31,719,128.00
Maintenance & Other Operating Expenses--- P	9,143,922.00
Other Appropriations----- P	4,507,342.00
Total ----- P	45,370,392.00

3) Organizational chart

In accordance with Executive Order 860 signed in 2010, the composition of the NWRB Board are as follows:

Chairman :Secretary, Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)

Vice-Chairman:Director-General, National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA)

Members: Secretary, Department of Justice (DOJ)

Secretary, Department of Science and Technology (DOST)

Director, National Hydraulics Research Center (NHRC)

NWRB Key Officials and respective Positions/Divisions:

Vicente S. Paragas - Executive Director

Atty. Nathaniel C. Santos - Deputy Executive Director

Atty. Elenito M. Bagalihog - Chief, Water Rights Division

Atty. Juan Y. Corpuz - Officer-in-Charge, Water Utilities Division
Engr. Isidra D. Penaranda - Officer-in-Charge, Policy and Program Division
Engr. Jorge M. Estioko - Chief, Monitoring & Enforcement
Division Belen T. Tormon - Chief, Administrative & Finance Division

4) On-going Projects and Programs

a. Study on IWRM for Poverty Alleviation and Economic Development for the Pampanga River Basin (2009-2011).

This is under the JICA- Development Study Program of JICA to be implemented for a period of two years with two components: (a) Basic survey and (b) Formulation of the Pampanga River Basin IWRM Plan.

The objective of the Study is to capacitate concerned staff as well as formulate IWRM Plan in the river basin.

b. Philippine Water Supply and Sanitation Portal

This is an internet-based platform/venue to facilitate the exchange and access of information on water supply and sanitation sector being hosted by NWRB.

The Portal has been developed in collaboration with different participating agencies. Memorandum of Agreement among agencies was signed in December 2006. Users Training Workshops/seminars and series of meetings were currently conducted to facilitate the web page development with the consultant.

The Web address for the Portal has been registered (www.philwatsan.org.ph).

Continuing Implementation.

c. Implementation of Water Supply Sector Roadmap

The Roadmap was formulated in 2009. To date projects are implemented by different concerned agencies. The NWRB are implementing the following activities:

- MDGF-1919: Enhancing Access to and Provision of Water Services with the Active Participation of the Poor (2009-2012)

This is a Joint Programme under the Democratic Economic Governance window of the MDG-F with NWRB as the major partner of NEDA relative to the NWRB Economic Regulatory function.

Specifically the outputs on Tariff setting methodology adjusted for small scale water service providers; and DILG outputs on capacities at the local level strengthened, localized customer service code.

- Institutionalization of the Process of Utility Performance Improvement This is a Technical Assistance (Water Supply and Sanitation Program/World Bank) (Oct. 2009-June 2011) in order to improve regulatory effectiveness as well as sector performance
- Registration and Regulation of Water Providers (October 2009 up to June 2011) WB funding

The objective is to map out Water Utilities through registration and regulation in areas to be identified. It includes generating data based on Water Service Providers (WSPs) operating in a specific area; understanding how they operate; and identifying the practical and/or applicable type of regulation for their use. Information to be derived from this project will be used in the formulation of regulatory framework.

d. Training Interventions:

- AusAID-assisted Human Resource Activity under the Philippine Australian Human Resources Development Facility (2004-present).

This is a series of capacity building interventions that aims to strengthen the capability of NWRB staff.

Currently, the reentry plans of the different trainings are being pursued. As a result of these AUS-Aid Trainings, NWRB staff are capacitated and recognized as the lead coordinating agency in the Philippines .

(5) Main Events in 2009

- 1) Conduct of Water is Life Photo Contest 2009 (Theme: Climate Change)
- 2) Conduct of the World Water Day celebration Symposium.
- 3) Conduct of the National Consultative Meeting on the Review of the Water Code of the Philippines for possible amendment
- 4) Earth Day 2009

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2. About NARBO activity

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

- 1) The name, position, phone & fax number, e-mail address of the contact person

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2) The organization's web-site URL (English and local language respectively)
www.nwrp.gov.ph

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(2) Activities your organization implemented in 2009 as member

- ⓔ! Served as resource persons on the role of NWRB and IWRMin different fora.
- ⓔ! Conduct series of Technical Working Groups Meeting stakeholders consultations as part of the activities under the study on IWRM in the Pampanga River Basin .
- ⓔ! Strict Implementation of Laws, Rules and Regulations regarding water rights system
- ⓔ! Conduct series of IEC Campaign to inform water users about water rights system
- ⓔ! Continuing partnership with LGUs and other water related agencies like LLDA, Water Districts, thru deputation and MOA execution.
- ⓔ! Act as chair in the formulation of the Water Sector Climate Change Adaptation Strategy.
- ⓔ! Approved Policy on Rationalization of Pricing Of Water resources
- ⓔ! Conducted water data collection, geo-resistivity survey.
- ⓔ! Coordinated with various water-related agencies for the water resources assessment in Iloilo , Kalibo, Aklan and Cagayan de Oro City.