

**TANGGAPAN NG SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN**

EXCERPT FROM THE JOURNAL OF THE 138<sup>th</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE 20<sup>th</sup> SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF LA UNION HELD AT THE SPEAKER PRO-TEMPORE FRANCISCO I. ORTEGA PROVINCIAL LEGISLATIVE BUILDING AND SESSION HALL, PROVINCIAL CAPITOL, CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, PROVINCE OF LA UNION ON FEBRUARY 18, 2016

**Hon. Aureo Augusto Q. Nisce**..... Vice-Governor / Presiding Officer

PRESENT:

Hon. Francisco "Kit" C. Ortega, Jr. ....	Member
Hon. Jonathan Justo A. Orros .....	Member
Hon. Joaquin C. Ostrea, Jr. ....	Member
Hon. Reynaldo M. Mosuela .....	Member
Hon. Victoria L. Aragon .....	Member
Hon. Nancy Corazon M. Bacurnay .....	Member
Hon. Robert B. Madarang, Jr. ....	Member
Hon. Christian I. Rivera .....	Member
Hon. Ruperto A. Rillera, Jr. ....	Member
Hon. Bellarmin A. Flores II .....	Member
Hon. Manuel "Mannix" R. Ortega, Jr. ....	Member
Hon. Alfredo Pablo R. Ortega .....	Member

ABSENT:

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**RESOLUTION NO. 090-2016**

**RECOMMENDING TO THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES THRU THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT BUREAU, REGION I, THE DESIGNATION OF THE AMBURAYAN RIVER SYSTEM AS WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT AREA PURSUANT TO REPUBLIC ACT 9275, THE PHILIPPINE CLEAN WATER ACT OF 2004**

*Sponsored by: Hon. Francisco "Kit" C. Ortega, Jr.  
Hon. Reynaldo M. Mosuela*

WHEREAS, Republic Act 9275, the Clean Water Act of 2004, provides that the State shall pursue a policy of economic growth in a manner consistent with the protection, and revival of the quality of fresh, brackish and marine waters and that to achieve this end, the framework for sustainable development shall be pursued;

WHEREAS, it is a policy of the state to formulate a holistic national program of water quality management which recognizes that water quality management issues cannot be separated from concerns about water sources and ecological protection, water supply, public health and quality of life and to provide for comprehensive management program for water pollution focusing on pollution prevention;

WHEREAS, as a matter of policy and strategy to protect and sustainably manage the country's surface water resources, Section 5 of the Clean Water Act provides for the designation by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) in coordination with the National Water Resources Board (NWRB) of certain areas as water quality management areas (NQWA) using appropriate physiographic unit such as watershed, river basins and water resources regions, and that said management areas

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shall have similar hydrological, meteorological or geographical, biological reactions and diffusions of pollutants in the water bodies, or otherwise share common interest or face similar development programs and prospects;

WHEREAS, Amburayan River System and its tributaries and watershed have similar hydrological, meteorological or geographic conditions which affect the physicochemical, biological and bacteriological reactions and diffusions of pollutants in the water bodies;

WHEREAS, Amburayan River System and its tributaries and watershed include areas in the Municipalities of Santol, Sudipen and Bangar in the Province of La Union, and which drain to the West Philippine Sea and therefore has a direct and long term impact on the socio-economic and ecological well-being of the individuals, communities, businesses, and agriculture and other stakeholders within the River System;

WHEREAS, Amburayan River System is a potential source of water in the future for households, industries and commercial establishments in addition to the present daily uses of aquaculture, agriculture and other domestic uses;

WHEREAS, the present state of water quality of the Amburayan Water System requires serious protection and management actions by the local government units and various stakeholders located within the watershed, working singly and collaboratively, to ensure the River Systems' sustainability and generate maximum benefits and welfare to the communities and stakeholders;

WHEREAS, the Jaime T. Ongpin Foundation, Inc. (JVOFI) and the Environmental Management Bureau Region 1 (EMB R-1), in partnership with all local government units within the Amburayam River System, national government agencies, industries, academe, non-government organizations and other stakeholders have conducted a series of meetings and consultations and information dissemination activities on the Amburayan Water System to generate and ensure understanding and support for its designation as a Water Quality Management area;

WHEREAS, recognizing the importance of proper management and sustainable development of the Amburayan Water System and its current potential contributions to the social and economic development of its citizens and communities, the municipalities of Santol, Sudipen and Bangar in the Province of La Union consistently and actively participated in planning and policy discussion about the Amburayan River System in preparation for its designation as a Water Quality Management Area and for this purpose, has created and operationalized a local Water Quality Task Force;

WHEREAS, in consideration of the economic and ecological importance of the Amburayan River System to the people and communities within the Amburayan River System watershed, the Province of La Union affirms the need for cooperative action with other LGUs, other government agencies, academe, industry, agriculture and service sector and NGOs in the area recognizing that the actions and activities of one affect the others;

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of Hon. Francisco "Kit" C. Ortega, Jr., unanimously seconded;

THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN IN SESSION DULY ASSEMBLED:

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to recommend to the Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources thru the Environmental Management Bureau, Region I, the designation of the Amburayan River System as



Water Quality Management Area pursuant to Republic Act 9275, the Clean Water Act of 2004;

RESOLVED FINALLY, to furnish copies of this resolution to the Honorable Ramon JP Paje, Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, and Regional Director Maria Victoria V. Abrera of the Environmental Management Bureau, DENR, Region 1, City of San Fernando, La Union, for their information and kind consideration.



APPROVED.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing resolution.

  
**DONATO A. RIMANDO**  
Secretary to the Sanggunian

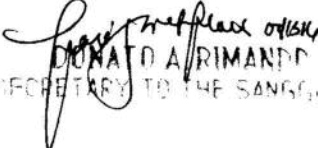
ATTESTED:

  
**AUREO AUGUSTO Q. NISCE**  
Presiding Officer  
Vice-Governor 

NOTED:

  
**MANUEL C. ORTEGA**  
Governor  
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