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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
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SPECIAL ORDER

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SUBJECT: DESIGNATION OF DR. JUNEL B. SORIANO AS OFFICER-IN-CHARGE, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF SOILS AND WATER MANAGEMENT (OIC-ASST. DIR., BSWM)

In the exigency of service, **DR. JUNEL B. SORIANO**, Professor IV, Isabela State University, detailed at the Department of Agriculture, is hereby designated as **OFFICER-IN-CHARGE, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF SOILS AND WATER MANAGEMENT (OIC-ASST. DIR., BSWM)**

As such, he shall perform the following functions, duties, and responsibilities inherent to the designation:

1. Assist the Director in the continuing assessment of the sustainability of the country's agricultural production systems, particularly soils and water as vital agricultural resources.
2. Assist in the formulation and promotion of sustainable agricultural land management practices in the different pedo-ecological zones: lowland, upland, hilly land, and highland.
3. Provide guidance in the formulation of a national research and development agenda on sustainable agricultural land management through participatory process.
4. Lead in the undertaking of upstream and midstream researches, including location-specific and targeted researches, in coordination/collaboration with research offices of the Department and research institutes of State Universities and Colleges (SUCs).
5. Render advice and assistance on policy matters related to the mitigation of the effects of extreme climate events on agricultural lands; assist in the formulation of design and development of rainwater harvesting (small water impounding) and other water-related small-scale infrastructures; and formulate recommendations on waste water use and reuse.
6. Provide technical guidance and support to the technical divisions of the Bureau, and other DA attached Agencies, Bureaus and Corporations, public and private sectors, academe, NGOs and farmers concerning utilization and management of soils and water.

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7. Coordinate with other relevant government agencies, local government units, institutions and private sector on matters related to provision of technical assistance in the mitigation/solving of land degradation problems such as soil erosion, soil fertility decline and other related soil problems.
8. Perform relevant activities as required/directed by the Secretary;

He shall be entitled to travelling allowance, per diems and incidental expenses that may be incurred in the performance of his duties and responsibilities chargeable against the BSWM funds, subject to existing government accounting and auditing rules and procedures.

All officials and employees of the Department, including its Bureaus, Attached Agencies and Corporations and Regional Field Offices are hereby directed to give their full support and cooperation to Asst. Director Soriano in the performance of his duties and responsibilities.

This Order shall take effect immediately. All orders inconsistent herewith are deemed revoked.

Done this 18 day of March 2021.



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Secretary



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