



Republic of the Philippines
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Elliptical Road, Diliman
1100 Quezon City

SPECIAL ORDER

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SUBJECT : DESIGNATION OF ASEC. ARNEL V. DE MESA, CESO III AS NATIONAL PROJECT DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE-PHILIPPINE RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (DA-PRDP)

In the interest of service and in accordance with the authority granted by the Office of the President through a "Memorandum from the Executive Secretary" dated July 15, 2022, **ENGR. ARNEL V. DE MESA, CESO III** is hereby designated as **NATIONAL PROJECT DIRECTOR** of **DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE-PHILIPPINE RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (DA-PRDP)**, in concurrent capacity as Assistant Secretary for Operations.

As such, he shall perform the functions, duties and responsibilities inherent to the designation and such others as may be directed by the DA Undersecretary for Operations including but not limited to the following functions:

1. Sign contracts, memoranda of agreement, travel orders, activity designs of trainings and workshops, administrative issuances, instruments, and administrative and financial documents necessary to carry out DA-PRDP objectives, policies, functions, plans, programs, and projects, for the efficient and effective operations of the DA-PRDP, in accordance and within the limitations provided for in the PRDP Operations Manual, and other relevant issuances;
2. Coordinate and correspond with the World Bank representatives and other relevant partner government agencies, institutions and stakeholders in order to carry out the DA-PRDP objectives, policies, functions, plans, programs, and projects, for the efficient and effective operations of the DA-PRDP, in accordance and within the limitations provided for in the PRDP Operations Manual, and other relevant issuances;
3. Sit as *ex-officio* Chairman or Member of all duly constituted committees, councils, boards, or bodies where the PRDP National Project Director is a member, or designate other DA regular staff, detailed with the DA-PRDP, to the same;
4. Act as the designated Head of Procuring Entity (HoPE), and reconstitute the Special Bids and Awards Committee (SBAC);
5. Recommend the appointment, reassignment and/or designation of DA regular staff to be detailed to the DA-PRDP, subject to the approval of the DA Undersecretary for Operations;

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6. Exercise disciplinary powers over hired consultants, contracted staff and detailed DA regular staff of the DA-PRDP, including their investigation and the designation of a committee or DA-PRDP staff to conduct such investigation, in accordance with relevant laws, rules and regulations;
7. Implement policies and standards for the efficient and effective operations of the DA-PRDP, in accordance with the directives and priority programs of the DA Undersecretary for Operations and DA Secretary; and
8. Perform such other powers as may hereinafter be so delegated.

It is understood that all acts of the PRDP National Project Director that are performed pursuant to the abovementioned authorities and in accordance with existing laws, rules, and regulations, shall be considered valid, unless subsequently disapproved or reprobated by the DA Undersecretary for Operations.

All expenses that would be incurred in the performance of his duties and responsibilities such as additional remuneration, travelling allowance, per diems and incidental expenses shall be chargeable against the PRDP funds and other available funds, subject to the existing government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

All officials and employees of the Department including its Bureaus, Attached Agencies and Corporations, DA-Service Units and Regional Field Offices are hereby directed to give their full support and cooperation to Assistant Secretary de Mesa in the performance of his duties and responsibilities.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force until revoked in writing. All orders and issuances inconsistent herewith are deemed revoked.

Done this 12th day of August 2022.



LEOCADIO S. SEBASTIAN, Ph.D., CESO I
Undersecretary for Operations and Chief of Staff



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