

[ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 401, March 11, 1977]

**CREATING AN INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE TO ASSIST IN THE
PLANNING AND TO UNDERTAKE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A
RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM IN CONNECTION WITH THE
CONSTRUCTION OF THE WATER SUPPLY DAM FOR THE
METROPOLITAN CEBU WATER DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the design of a modern water system for Metropolitan Cebu is currently being undertaken for the Metropolitan Cebu Water District (MCWD) with the assistance of the National Government and with executive responsibilities assigned to the Local Water Utilities Administration (LWUA).

WHEREAS, to secure the foreseeable water demand of Metropolitan Cebu, the construction of a dam, and the necessary reforestation of the catchment area for the prevention of siltation in the reservoir, will require the consequent resettlement of residents of the catchment area.

WHEREAS, in order to guarantee the smooth implementation by LWUA of the MCWD Project, a government inter-agency participation is necessary.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby constitute and create an Inter-Agency Committee to assist LWUA in formulating plans and devising ways and means to implement a successful resettlement program for the affected residents of the catchment area of the Metropolitan Cebu Water District project.

The Committee shall be composed of the following:

The Regional Executive Director as representative from the National Economic and Development Authority	Chairman
The Regional Director as representative from the Department of Agrarian Reform	Vice-Chairman
The Regional Director (Lands) as representative from the Department of Natural Resources	Vice-Chairman
The Regional Director as representative from the Department of Local Government and Community Development	Member
The Regional Director as representative from the Department of Public Works, Transportation and Communication	Member
The General Manager of the Metropolitan Cebu Water District	Member

The Committee is empowered to call upon any department, bureau, office, agency or instrumentality of the government for such assistance as it may need. The Regional Offices of the different agencies composing this committee which are located in Metropolitan Cebu shall participate in all manner possible in this undertaking.

The Committee is hereby empowered to create the following:

1. A policy formulating body which shall:

- a) Set general operating guidelines;
- b) Propose for approval of the Committee a budget for the operational and maintenance expenses of the Committee and its personnel.

2. A resettlement technical planning staff which shall:

- a) Collect basic socio-economic data of the population affected by the project together with an immediate census of inhabitant in the Balamban catchment area;
- b) Conduct a survey that would identify a relocation area for residents which shall be displaced from the catchment area;
- c) Draw up plans for the relocation areas as far as the infrastructural facilities are concerned;
- d) Plan and conduct information programs that would deal with the various problems and their solutions relating to the livelihood of the affected residents, as well as encourage the participation of schools and universities;
- e) Draw up measures that would prevent land speculation within the catchment and resettlement area;
- f) Make recommendation for the acquisition of land and transfer of public lands in the catchment area to the MCWD;
- g) Determine possible socio-economic problems that