

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 222, January 24, 1995]

**ESTABLISHING THE COMMITTEE ON WATER CONSERVATION
AND DEMAND MANAGEMENT**

WHEREAS, water is a basic necessity essential to human survival and to sustainable economic development.

WHEREAS, water has scarcity value and as a precious commodity should be conserved and rationally and optimally utilized.

WHEREAS, the country's water resources continue to deteriorate in quality and abate in quantity thereby raising the probability of critical water shortfalls in the immediate future.

WHEREAS, the pollution of our water bodies and the impending shortfall in water supply may be attributed to our disregard of the importance of water to human survival.

WHEREAS, there is now an urgent need to properly manage the utilization of the nation's water resources to ensure that human and economic needs are provided for in a sustainable way.

WHEREAS, a water conservation program must now be set in place and implemented through coordinative, consultative and mutually-supportive mechanisms where the private sector plays an active role.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Creation and Composition - A committee on Water Conservation and Demand Management, herein referred to as the Committee, is hereby created. The Committee shall be composed of the following:

- a. Department of Public Works and Highways - Chairman
- b. Department of Energy - Co-Chairman
- c. Department of Interior and Local Government - Member
- d. Department of Education, Culture and Sports - Member
- e. Department of Science and Technology - Member