

Republic of the Philippines PROVINCE OF BOHOL City of Tagbilaran



PROVINCIAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

January 28, 2022

HON. BENJAMIN R. MADRIGAL, JR. Administrator
Philippine Coconut Authority
Commonwealth Avenue
Diliman, Quezon City
1101 Metro Manila

Dear Administrator Madrigal:

The undersigned is pleased to transmit to your good office Provincial Development Council — Executive Committee (PDC ExeCom) Resolution No 12-2022, entitled "A RESOLUTION URGENTLY REQUESTING THE PHILIPPINE COCONUT AUTHORITY TO WAIVE FEES AND GRANT A MORATORIUM ON THE REQUIREMENT OF PERMITS TO ENABLE BOHOLANOS TO UTILIZE FALLEN COCONUT TREES DESTROYED BY TYPHOON ODETTE FOR USE IN REBUILDING THEIR HOMES."

This resolution was passed by the Body during the January 27, 2022 PDC Executive Committee Meeting and the attached copy is hereby provided to your good office for your support and further action, as may be necessary.

Thank you very much.

ATTY. ARTHUR C. YAP

Very truly you

Governor

Chairperson, PDC Bohol

cc: Mr. Primo T. Galendez Head, PCA-Bohol



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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PROVINCIAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (PDC-EXECOM) MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 27, 2022 VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE.

In Attendance:

Gov. Arthur C. Yap.....Chairman, Presiding Officer and Majority of the Members of the PDC ExeCom

PDC EXECOM RESOLUTION NO. 12-2022

A RESOLUTION URGENTLY REQUESTING THE PHILIPPINE COCONUT AUTHORITY TO WAIVE FEES AND GRANT A MORATORIUM ON THE REQUIREMENT OF PERMITS TO ENABLE BOHOLANOS TO UTILIZE FALLEN COCONUT TREES DESTROYED BY TYPHOON ODETTE FOR USE IN REBUILDING THEIR HOMES

WHEREAS, super typhoon Odette (international name Rai) made landfall in the Province of Bohol on December 16, 2021 that has caused great damaged to all private and public institutions, facilities and properties in all the 47 municipalities and 1 city of the province;

WHEREAS, in the aftermath of the destructive path of TS Odette, one of the most damaged sectors is Agriculture and Forestry, particularly coconut trees (both plantations and backyard), which were devastated to an unprecedented extent;

WHEREAS, these fallen coconut trees currently pose dangers to the general public and affect the rehabilitation and relief activities of the government and private sectors, as they impede accessibility to affected local communities and cause the loss of income of the marginalized families that relied on the production, harvesting and selling of these crops as coco juice or dried coconut kernels;

WHEREAS, regular processes of the PCA require permits and fees to utilize even fallen coconut trees;

WHEREAS, the families located in the rural communities of Bohol with coconut trees that were destroyed by TS Odette have coursed through the Provincial Government of Bohol (PGBH) their request for a moratorium on these permits and the waiving of fees in the cutting of these fallen coconut trees and their subsequent utilization as coco lumber for their personal use as materials in the repair of their damaged properties like houses, sheds and other structures;

WHEREAS, the Provincial Government of Bohol (PGBh) finds merit in these requests for the utilization of these fallen coconut trees by the affected families and the waiving of their cutting fees considering that these trees have already been toppled or destroyed;

 $\label{eq:WHEREFORE} \textbf{WHEREFORE}, \text{ upon proper motion duly seconded, be it resolved by this Body in a meeting duly convened} -$

to urgently request the Philippine Coconut Authority to waive fees and grant a moratorium on the requirement of permits to enable Boholanos to utilize fallen coconut trees destroyed by Typhoon Odette for use in rebuilding their homes.

Provided **FURTHER** that a Certification by the barangay local government unit (LGU), as to ownership and TS Odette as the immediate cause of the destruction of the coconut trees, be included as an integral requirement for the granting of their conversion to coco lumber and the waiving of the cutting fees.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

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I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing Resolution.

ATTY. JOHN TITUS J. VISTAL

Head, PDC Secretariat

Approved:

ATTY. ARTHÚR C. YAP

Governor Chairman, PDC-Bohol