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**AN ORDER CREATING THE SINUCALAN RIVER WATER QUALITY TASK
FORCE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALASIAO, PANGASINAN**

WHEREAS, Section 2 of Republic Act No. 9275, the Clean Water Act of 2004, provides that the State shall pursue a policy of economic growth in a manner consistent with the protection, preservation and revival of the quality of our fresh, brackfish and marine waters;

WHEREAS, Clean Water Act of 2004, stated that it shall be the policy of the State to formulate holistic national program of water quality management that recognizes the water quality management issues concerning water resources and ecological protection, water supply, public health and quality of life. And encourages cooperation and self-regulation among citizens and industries through incentives and market-based instruments;

WHEREAS, Clean Water Act of 2004, promotes the role of private industrial enterprises in shaping its regulatory profile within the acceptable boundaries of public health and environment, provide comprehensive management program for water pollution focusing on pollution prevention, and to encourage civil society and other sectors, particularly labor, the academe and business undertaking environment related activities and their efforts to educate and motivate the people in addressing pertinent environmental issues and problems at the local and national levels;

WHEREAS, Clean Water Act, applies to water quality management in all water bodies. Provided, that it shall primary apply to the abatement and control of pollution from land-based sources. Provided, further, that the water quality standards and regulations and the civil liability and penal provisions under this Act shall be enforced irrespective of sources of pollution;

WHEREAS, Section 5, Chapter 2, Article 1 of Clean Water Act of 2004, provides that the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) shall designate certain areas as water quality management areas (WQMA) using appropriate physiographic units such as watershed, river basins or water resources regions. Said management areas shall have similar hydrological, hydrogeological, meteorological or geographic condition which affect the physiochemical, biological, and bacteriological reactions and diffusions of pollutions in the water bodies, or otherwise share common interest or face similar development programs, prospects or problems.

WHEREAS, Section 20 of RA 9275 provides the Role of Local Government Unit to share the responsibility in the management and improvement of water quality within their territorial jurisdiction.

WHEREAS, each local government unit shall, through its Environment and Natural Resources Office (ENRO), established in RA 7160, have the following powers and functions:

- a. Monitoring of water quality;
- b. Emergency response;
- c. Compliance with the framework of the Water Quality Management Action Plan
- d. To take active participation in all efforts concerning water quality protection and rehabilitation; and

- e. To coordinate with other government agencies and civil society and the concerned sectors in the implementation of measures to prevent and control water pollution: provided, however, that in municipalities where there are no environment and natural resources officers, the local executive concerned may, with the approval of the Secretary of the DENR designate any of his official and/or chief of office preferably the municipal agriculturist, or any of his employee: Provided, finally, that in case an employee is designated as such, he must have sufficient experience in environmental and natural resources management, conservation and utilization.

WHEREAS, a Water Quality Management Area (WQMA), the Sinucalan-Dagupan Rivers System Water Quality Management Area (SDRS-WQMA) has already been established by the DENR and is already functioning and is operational, and LGU Calasiao is one of the covered LGUs and is already complying with its responsibilities, like in the preparation of Plan(s) and after implementation, the submission of LGU Accomplishment Report regularly;

WHEREAS, it is to the interest of the Municipal Government of Calasiao to reduce pollution of the Sinucalan River and its tributaries as strategy to protect the health of communities, sustain the use of the river and comply with the provisions of the Clean Water Act;

WHEREAS, while a water quality management system, the Sinucalan-Dagupan Rivers System Water Quality Management Area has already been established and functional that included LGU Calasiao as one of the members, there is still the necessity to have established a Water Quality Task Force in order to have concerted efforts and to strengthen LGU's monitoring and reporting system on river water pollution and related works and for appropriate responses;

NOW THEREFORE, I, KEVIN ROY Q. MACANLALAY, Municipal Mayor of Calasiao, Pangasinan, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby;

Section 1. Organization. The Sinucalan River Water Quality Task Force in the Municipality of Calasiao, Pangasinan, is hereby created and mobilized.

Section 2. Composition of the Sinucalan River Water Quality Task Force.

Chairman	-	HON. KEVIN ROY Q. MACANLALAY Municipal Mayor
Vice Chairman-		MR. MARK PAOLO H. CASPILLAN MENRO
Members	-	MR. ELVIS DION Senior Environmental Management Specialist
		MR. FREDDIE VILLACORTA MDRRMC Officer
		DR. MONETTE NOGUIT Municipal Agriculturist
		ENGR. EDWIN TIGNO Municipal Engineer
		DR. GEMMA RODRIGO Municipal Health Officer

All Punong Barangays of Barangays along/traversing the Sinucalan River.

Section 3. Functions. The Sinucalan River Water Quality Task Force shall have the following functions.

3.1. Take the lead in protecting water quality of surface and ground water within the jurisdiction of the LGU and recommend to the Local Chief Executive appropriate measures, including ordinances, the object of improving and safeguarding water quality.

3.2. On behalf of the LGU, participate in inter-LGU activities and planning on water quality protection of the Sinucalan River System.

3.3. Take the lead in the preparation of compliance plans that the LGU may be required to formulate in accordance with the Water Quality Management Area Action Plan as provided by the Clean Water Act.

3.4. Call on other LGU department officials and employees to enable the Task Force to undertake its functions.

3.5. Meet monthly for the purpose of accomplishing its functions.

In participation to the inter-LGU water quality management meetings, at least two (2) members of the LGU Water Quality Task Force shall attend such meetings.


Section 4. Secretariat. A Task Force Secretariat is hereby designated.

MRS. DESIREE S. POSERIO is hereby designated as Water Quality Task Force Secretariat and shall perform the following functions:

- Administrative support to the Task Force in the performance of their functions;
- Keeps, records, minutes of the meeting, agreements, resolutions;
- Prepare and coordinate invitations for the Task Force Meetings and various activities.

Section 5. Effectivity. This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain valid and effective until the same is revoked in writing by the undersigned or by a competent authority.

Done this 6th of May 2024 at the Municipality of Calasiao, Pangasinan.


HON. KEVIN ROY Q. MACANLALAY
Municipal Mayor