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REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL XII

NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
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Excerpts from the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Economic Development Committee (EDC) of the Regional Development Council (RDC) XII Held on May 28, 2021, via videoconference

EDC XII Resolution No. 5 series of 2021

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING REGION XII'S COCONUT FARMERS AND INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT PLAN (CFIDP) 2021-2025

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 11524 or *An Act Creating the Coconut Farmers and Industry Trust Fund, providing for its Management and Utilization, Reconstituting for the Purpose the Philippine Coconut Authority Board, and For Other Purposes* or in short the *Coconut Farmers and Industry Trust Fund Act* was signed by President Rodrigo R. Duterte on February 26, 2021;

WHEREAS, one of the vital components of R.A. 11524 is the preparation of the Coconut Farmers and Industry Development Plan (CFIDP) to set the overall directions for the development of the coconut industry and identify programs and projects for funding by the Trust Fund;

WHEREAS, the PCA Regional Offices have been tasked to facilitate the formulation of the Coconut Farmers and Industry Development Plan in their respective regions to be consolidated into one over-all CFIDP for final review and endorsement of the PCA Board and approval of the President this July 2021;

WHEREAS, to fast track the implementation of RA 11524, the Philippine Coconut Authority, as mandated, took the lead in the preparation of the CFIDP with the immediate issuance of the Program Planning and Strategic Management System for the Crafting of the CFIDP, as guide in the plan formulation;

WHEREAS, the Program Planning and Strategic Management System highlights, among others, the following:

- a. The overall goal of a secure and resilient coconut industry with empowered and prosperous coconut farmers;
- b. The multi-agency convergence approach for holistic development of the Philippine Coconut Industry with empowered coconut farmers; and,
- c. The proposed key programs and projects with the accompanying processes and systems for its funding and implementation.

WHEREAS, the PCA Regional Office XII thus coordinated the formulation of the Coconut Farmers and Industry Development Plan for 2021-2025 towards a profitable and highly productive coconut industry with empowered and innovative coconut farmers in Region XII, consistent with the outcomes of AmBisyon Natin 2040 particularly on the *Pagbabago or Inequality-reducing transformation* pillar and Chapter 8 of the Regional/Philippine Development Plan 2017-2022 on *Expanding economic opportunities in agriculture, forestry and fishery*;



WHEREAS, an updated feature of region's CFIDP 2021-2025 is the aggressive goal to double its regional coconut production and its area of coverage in the next five-year period given the competitive advantages of Region XII in agricultural production, as follows:

- a. It is the only region in the country which is considered typhoon-free;
- b. Available large tracts of agricultural areas of no less than 350,000 hectares with high potential due to climate and suitable for coconut production; and,
- c. Favorable for intensified coconut production with the application of enhanced technology and funding support.

WHEREAS, the CFIDP is a product of a series of local and regional consultations with various coconut farmers organizations, concerned government agencies, and other key stakeholders in the region and provinces, through small group meetings, consultations, and focus group discussions to update and align to the national CFIDP and ensure a participatory planning process in the crafting of the plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of Engr. Sammy P. Malawan, Regional Director of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Region XII and duly seconded by Private Sector Representative Ramon N. Floresta, Co-Chairperson of the Regional Development Council XII, **BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, That the EDC XII support and endorse the Coconut Farmers and Industry Development Plan 2021-2025 to RDC XII and PCA Board, for consideration and support.


RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of this resolution be furnished to the Regional Development Council XII, Philippine Coconut Authority and Department of Agriculture for their endorsement and support.

DONE this 28th day of May 2021, via videoconference.

Certified Correct:


MARIA FELLICIDAD R. GUERRERO
Secretary

Approved:


ROLANDO S. DORIA, DVM
Chairperson