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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 012 – 2025

AN ORDER DESIGNATING MARIO N. ALFARO AND FRITZ MARK T. GULINAO AS MUNICIPAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE MARILAO-MEYCAUAYAN-OBANDO RIVER SYSTEM WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT AREA (MMORS-WQMA)

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 5 of RA 9275 otherwise known as the Philippine Clean Water Act of 2004, DENR Administrative Order No. 2005-10 or the Implementing Rules and Regulations of RA 9275 and DENR Memorandum Circular 2009-15 which adopts the Procedural Manual for the Designation of Water Quality Management Areas, and considering its critical importance on Manila Bay, the Marilao-Meycauayan-Obando River System was designated as Water Quality Management Area (WQMA).

WHEREAS, the Management Area shall be governed by a governing board composed of representatives of mayors and governors of member local government units, and representatives of relevant national government agencies, duly registered non-governmental organizations, water quality sector, and business sector.

WHEREAS, the Local Chief Executive may appoint/authorize representatives to the board, provided that the representatives shall be able to make commitments.

NOW THEREFORE, I, BARTOLOME R. RAMOS, Local Chief Executive of the Municipality of Santa Maria, Province of Bulacan, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

Section 1. DESIGNATION – I hereby designate the Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Officer as Focal Person, **MR. MARIO N. ALFARO** and **MR. FRITZ MARK T. GULINAO**, Administrative Aide III as Alternate Focal Person, as representative to the WQMA Governing Board.

Section 2. FUNCTIONS – As representative of the Municipality of Santa Maria, you should have the following powers and functions:

1. **Monitoring of water quality:** They are responsible for regularly monitoring the water quality within the designated area. This involves conducting tests, collecting data, and analyzing the results to assess the health of the river system.

2. **Emergency response:** In case of any water-related emergencies, they are expected to respond promptly and effectively. This may include coordinating rescue operations, providing assistance to affected communities, and implementing emergency measures to mitigate the impact of the crisis.

3. **Compliance with the framework of the Water Quality Management Action Plan:** They are tasked with ensuring that the actions and initiatives undertaken by the Municipality of Santa Maria align with the objectives and strategies outlined in the Water Quality Management Action Plan for the MMORS-WQMA.

4. **Active participation in all efforts concerning water quality protection and rehabilitation:** They are required to actively engage in various activities aimed at protecting and rehabilitating the water quality of the river system. This may involve participating in workshops, seminars, clean-up drives, and other initiatives aimed at raising awareness and implementing measures to improve water quality.

5. **Coordination with other government agencies, civil society, and concerned sectors:** They are expected to collaborate with other relevant stakeholders, including government agencies, civil society organizations, and sectors such as agriculture, industry, and tourism. This collaboration is essential for implementing comprehensive measures to prevent and control water pollution effectively.

Section 3. EFFECTIVITY – This order shall take effect immediately.

DONE and **SIGNED** this 22nd day of April, 2025, at the Municipality of Santa Maria, Bulacan.

BARTOLOME R. RAMOS
Municipal Mayor