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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 013-2025

AN ORDER REORGANIZING THE SANTA MARIA RIVER COUNCIL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SANTA MARIA, BULACAN.

WHEREAS, Section 16, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that "the State shall protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature";

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, also known as the "General Welfare Clause," provides that every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare, specifically to ensure and support, among other things, the preservation and enrichment of culture, promote health and safety, and enhance the right of the people to a balanced ecology;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Title Two, Chapter 3, Article I, Section 444(b)(1)(iii) of the Local Government Code of 1991, the Municipal Mayor shall, at the opening of the regular session of the Sangguniang Bayan and as may be deemed necessary, present the program of government and propose policies and projects for the consideration of the Sangguniang Bayan as the general welfare of the inhabitants and the needs of the municipal government may require;

WHEREAS, the establishment and reorganization of the Santa Maria River Council is imperative to institute a local mechanism that shall oversee the protection, rehabilitation, and sustainable management of the Santa Maria River System in order to ensure its ecological integrity and water quality;

WHEREAS, it is necessary to implement comprehensive and participatory programs to preserve and restore the ecological functions and biological diversity of the Santa Maria River System, thereby maintaining its capacity to support life and serve the needs of the community;

WHEREAS, the revival of the Santa Maria River as a center of local heritage, culture, and trade is aligned with the mandate of the local government to promote historical and cultural preservation under Section 16 of the Local Government Code and to recognize rivers as essential natural and cultural assets;

WHEREAS, the recent appointment of the new Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Officer, Mario N. Alfaro, and the new DepEd District Supervisor, Cecilia P. Buenaventura, necessitate an adjustment to Executive Order No. 056-2024 to ensure alignment with the current leadership, specifically with respect to the Santa Maria River Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARTOLOME R. RAMOS, Mayor of the Municipality of Santa Maria, Bulacan, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the reorganization of the Santa Maria River Council of the Municipality of Santa Maria, Bulacan.

SECTION I. COMPOSITION. The composition of the Santa Maria River Council shall be the following;

CHAIRPERSON	:	**BARTOLOME R. RAMOS** Municipal Mayor
VICE-CHAIRPERSON	:	**FROILAN C. CAGUIAT** SB Chairman, Committee on Environmental Protection and Natural Resources.
SECRETARIAT	:	**MARIO N. ALFARO** Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Officer
MEMBERS	:	**ELMER B. CLEMENTE** Municipal Administrator
	:	**JAYFIE P. NASARRO** Local Government Operations Officer VI
	:	**LORENA F. GONZALES** Municipal Budget Officer
	:	**RODELIO A. BERNARDO** Municipal Planning & Development Coordinator
	:	**ARNEL M. GARCIA** Municipal Agriculturist
	:	**CARMELITA G. GUEVARRA** Municipal Engineer
	:	**MA. CONSUELO G. FELICIANO** Municipal Health Officer
	:	**JONATHAN RICHEL C. HALILI** Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Officer III
	:	**SANDRA E. FABI** Municipal Social Welfare and Development Officer

	:	**MYRNA V. LOPEZ** Licensing Officer III
	:	**MA. NERISSA C. DEL ROSARIO** Tourism Operations Officer III
	:	**LEOVIGILDO A. RAMOS** President, Liga ng mga Barangay
	:	**CECILIA P. BUENAVENTURA** DepEd District Supervisor
	:	24 PUNONG BARANGAYS
Representatives from Concessionaire/Service Provider	:	Santa Maria Water District
	:	San Gabriel Rural Waterworks and Dev't Cooperative
	:	Mahabang Parang Waterwork Cooperative
Representatives from NGOs/Pos	:	Catmon Multi-Purpose Cooperative
	:	Sto. Niño de Parada Multi-Purpose Cooperative

SECTION II. DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS. The following shall be the duties and functions of the Santa Maria River Council;

1. To conduct regular monitoring of the physical state of the Santa Maria River System including its wasters and slopes.
2. To conduct periodic testing of the water quality of the Santa Maria River System.
3. To conduct regular IEC campaigns relative to the Clean Water Act and other environmental concerns affecting all water bodies.
4. To implement plans and programs in the preservation and protection of the Santa Maria River System.
5. To conduct periodic slope protection programs such as tree planting activities along the Santa Maria River System.
6. To submit periodic reports to the Municipal Mayor relative to the status of the Santa Maria River System.
7. To perform such other duties as may be required by the Municipal Mayor concerning the Santa Maria River System.

SECTION III. SECRETARIAT: The Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office (MENRO) of the Municipality of Santa Maria, Bulacan is designated as the Secretariat. Its role is to assist the Santa Maria River Council in fulfilling their roles and responsibilities. This assistance includes providing administrative and logistical services, as well as preparing meeting agenda and documentation.

SECTION IV. MEETINGS: The Santa Maria River Council shall convene at least quarterly to discuss initiatives and efforts to the implementation of their mandates under environmental laws that support the Santa Maria River Council.

SECTION V. SEPARABILITY: If any part, section, or provision of this Executive Order is held invalid or unconstitutional, other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION VI. EFFECTIVITY: This Executive Order shall take effective immediately.

DONE this 22nd day of April 2025 here at the Municipal Hall of Santa Maria, Bulacan.

BARTOLOME R. RAMOS
Municipal Mayor