



## *Office of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan*

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 68<sup>th</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE 10<sup>th</sup> SANGGUNIANG  
PANLALAWIGAN OF ISABELA HELD AT PROVINCIAL CAPITOL, ILAGAN CITY, ISABELA  
ON FEBRUARY 23, 2021.

**PRESENT:**

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GRETCHEN F. VALDEZ	Member, Indigenous Cultural Communities Sector Representative

**SICK LEAVE:**

FAUSTINO G. DY III	Vice Governor
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### **RESOLUTION NO. 2021-08-16 SERIES OF 2021**

**A RESOLUTION URGING THE NATIONAL IRRIGATION AUTHORITY TO REVISE ITS  
MAGAT DAM PROTOCOLS ON DAM DISCHARGE AND FLOOD WARNING OPERATION  
TO INCLUDE THE APPROPRIATE DISASTER RISK REDUCTION MECHANISMS AND FLOOD  
PREVENTION POLICIES**

**Sponsor: HON. ADRIAN PHILIP S. BAYSAC**  
Chairperson, Committee on Agriculture

**Co-Sponsor: HON. EDWARD S. ISIDRO**  
Chairperson, Committee on Power, Energy, and Franchising

**Co-Sponsor: HON. ALFREDO V. ALILI**  
Chairperson, Committee on Disaster Preparedness

**WHEREAS**, the Provincial Government of Isabela recognizes the importance of having a strong partnership and communication with the National Government, including its departments and instrumentalities, to ensure the continuous achievement of its mandate to promote prosperity in the Province of Isabela;

***Nagkaisa para sa Isabela***

**WHEREAS**, the National Irrigation Authority, particularly the National Irrigation Authority – Magat River Integrated Irrigation System (NIA-MARIIS), is the duly authorized body tasked to manage the release dam of waters in the Magat Dam;

**WHEREAS**, the Province of Isabela suffered widespread devastation due to the occurrence of torrential rains and the successive entry of Typhoons Rolly, Siony, and Ulysses within a twelve-day period, particularly: Typhoon Rolly on November 01, 2020; Typhoon Siony on November 06, 2020; and Typhoon Ulysses on November 12, 2020;

**WHEREAS**, such events brought heavy rainfall that caused rapid and extensive flooding in various areas of the Province. Resultantly, countless houses, crops, and farmlands were submerged; various roads and bridges became impassable; numerous establishments closed operations; and a myriad of Isabeleños left stranded in their roofs at the mercy of roaring floods. These led to the declaration of a State of Calamity in the entire Province of Isabela;

**WHEREAS**, the foregoing events led to a public clamor to review NIA-MARIIS's Magat Dam Protocols on Dam Discharge and Flood Warning Operation, particularly the procedures it implemented immediately before the arrival of such typhoons and during their onslaught;

**WHEREAS**, on January 12, 2021, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan Committee on Power, Energy, and Franchising, and Committee on Agriculture conducted a Joint Committee Hearing in which officials of the NIA-MARIIS, representatives of the private sector, and other stakeholders were invited for an assessment on the *"Management and Operation of the Magat Dam During the Simultaneous Onslaught of Typhoons Rolly, Siony, and Ulysses, and Torrential Rains (November 01 to 15, 2020)"*;

**WHEREAS**, it was ascertained in the Joint Committee Hearing that the NIA-MARIIS observes outdated thresholds in the determination of critical water levels, and provides less attention and emphasis to flood control and flood prevention compared to irrigation;

**WHEREAS**, this Honorable Body acknowledges that the primary objective of NIA-MARIIS is to improve irrigation and irrigation systems in the Province of Isabela, not flood control. However, considering the devastations caused by the recent widespread flooding to the Province, there exist an extreme urgency for the revision of the Magat Dam Protocols on Dam Discharge of NIA-MARIIS;

**WHEREAS**, this Honorable Body recommends that NIA-MARIIS amend its Magat Dam Discharge Protocols to include, among other appropriate changes, lowering the figures it observes for dam water thresholds, critical dam water levels, and dam water release duly considering the current topography of the Province, including the absorption capacity of lands and depths of its water bodies, and the engagement of local government units, and concerned sectors, organizations, and stakeholders in its decision-making processes relative to the management of the water levels of the Magat Dam, flood control, and dam discharge;

**WHEREFORE**, premises considered, upon motion of Hon. Edward S. Isidro, duly approved and seconded in a session duly assembled, it was –

**A RESOLUTION URGING THE NATIONAL IRRIGATION AUTHORITY TO REVISE ITS MAGAT DAM PROTOCOLS ON DAM DISCHARGE AND FLOOD WARNING OPERATION TO INCLUDE THE APPROPRIATE DISASTER RISK REDUCTION MECHANISMS AND FLOOD PREVENTION POLICIES**

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**RESOLVED, AS IT HEREBY RESOLVES, TO PASS A RESOLUTION URGING THE NATIONAL IRRIGATION AUTHORITY TO REVISE ITS MAGAT DAM PROTOCOLS ON DAM DISCHARGE AND FLOOD WARNING OPERATION TO INCLUDE THE APPROPRIATE DISASTER RISK REDUCTION MECHANISMS AND FLOOD PREVENTION POLICIES**

**RESOLVED FINALLY**, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to: Universal Leaf Philippines President, Mr. Winston P. Uy, for his information; and NIA-MARIIS Operations Manager, Engr. Wilfredo C. Gloria, for his guidance and further action.

**Approved and Adopted, February 23, 2021.**

**I HEREBY CERTIFY TO THE CORRECTNESS  
of the foregoing Resolution:**

**ATTY. FRANCIS JAMES E. MEER**  
Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan

**ATTESTED/APPROVED:**

**DELFINITO EMMANUEL L. ALBANO**  
Member (1<sup>st</sup> District) & Presiding Officer Protempore