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MICHELLE C. R. LASTIMOZA • ACTING ADMINISTRATOR

Guam Environmental Protection Agency
Board of Directors' Special Meeting
Saturday, June 3, 2023 at 8:30am
Guam EPA Conference room and via Google Meet Platform

MINUTES

- **Call to Order:** Chairman Steven Carbullido called the Board of Director's special meeting to order at 8:30am via the Google meet platform. Roll call was done by Acting Board Secretary, Arlene Acfalle, as follows:

Board Members:

Chairman Steven Carbullido	- Present in-person Guam EPA Conference room
Vice Chairman Steve Carrara	- Present calling in from Yona
Director Fran Castro	- Present calling in from Ipan, Talofofo
Director Dave Duenas	- Present calling in from Dededo
Director Danny Taitingfong	- Present in-person Guam EPA Conference room

**Quorum has been established.*

Guam EPA Staff: Michelle CR Lastimoza, Jesse Cruz, Arlene Acfalle, Connie Afleje, Nic Lee, Sabrina Cruz-Sablan, Kristan Finney, CAPT. Brian Bearden, Romeo Zacarias and Malia Tom

General Public: Steve Hollister

Chairman inquired if Kristan can state the part of the law that would allow us to have this special session. Kristan shared that under 5 GCA, §8108 a special meeting may occur and that the 5day and 24 hour notice may be waived in the event of an emergency certified in writing by the public agency. Chairman inquired if we the agency has the certification for the emergency in which Acting Administrator Lastimoza advised we are using the Governor's State of Emergency Declaration.

Chairman Carbullido advised that the board will only be discussing the first item on the agenda which is the final disbursement of \$500K from the RRF for FY23 to the Mayor's Council of Guam (MCOG).

Chairman advised we will table the confirmation of Mrs. Michelle Lastimoza as Guam EPA Administrator till our next regular scheduled board meeting. Acting Administrator Lastimoza was in concurrence.

- **Approval of Special meeting Agenda:** Vice Chairman Carrara made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Director Duenas. All voted in favor, zero (0) opposed and motion passed.



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Chairman briefly explained the purpose of the RRF account for our new board member, Danny Taitingfong.

- **Final distribution of \$500K (FY23) from the RRF to Mayors Council of Guam (MCOG) Based on PL 36-107 –**

Acting Administrator Lastimoza briefly advised the board on the agency's current post Typhoon Mawar debris management. Governor Leon Guerrero has asked the agency to take a more active role in the 19 transition sites island wide that are currently managed by the village mayors. Because there has been issues with illegal dumping the Governor looked to providing more management oversight over those transition sites. The agency will be providing security through a PO with a private security company but agency staff will service as monitors for the waste coming in. Aside from that, at these sites are pre-typhoon debris which are materials that have been left from previous storms or have been used as staging sites by the mayors for the Islandwide Environmental Clean-Up program under MCOG.

MCOG is looking to utilize the remaining \$500K out of the \$1.5Mil that was allocated by the legislature for FY23 to dispose of the pre-typhoon debris at the transition sites so that it does not get co-mingled with the disaster debris which would compromise or jeopardize any FEMA reimbursement to the local Government.

Acting Administrator Lastimoza also updated the board on the close out of FY21 & FY22. Mr. Angel Sablan, MCOG Director, advised that MCOG will work towards deobligating the funds back to the RRF in the next coming weeks. Acting Administrator also advised that if they do not provide the affidavit, Guam EPA will force the deobligation of those funds.

Chairman inquired clarification that the \$500K will be used as specified in the MOA in which acting administrator concurred. Chairman inquired if the holdup on the close out report process is administrative with DOA. Acting Administrator advised that the vendors have to sign off on a release of claim to ensure the vendor is in agreement that all invoices have been submitted and paid and that the government does not owe them any money. Acting Administrator added that Connie has taken the initiative and compiled the purchase orders along with the vendors' amounts and that Connie can contact the vendors directly to have the forms signed. Connie also added that if they are not able to sign the release of claim an email response will suffice to close their purchase order.

Acting Administrator also advised the funds from FY21 & FY22 that were not spent during those years are inaccessible by MCOG and cannot be spent further (they just need to be de-obligated and returned to the RRF). Guam EPA is just making sure that the funds for those two fiscal years are properly accounted for and the remaining balance is transferred back to the RRF.

Chairman called for a motion. Director Castro made a motion to transfer the remaining \$500K to MCOG seconded by Director Carrara, All in favor, zero opposed and motion passed.



Note that the Legislature has taken steps to ensure that any protected personal identifying information has been redacted or excluded in whole or in part in order to protect the privacy of any individual(s) whose information has been included as part of this transmittal.

New Meeting Date/Adjournment. Next regular meeting was set for June 15, 2023 at 4pm. Director Fran Castro made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Director Duenas at 4:20pm. All voted in favor, zero (0) opposed.


Arlene Acfalle
Board Secretary



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