



**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 09**  
**Series of 2023**

**AN EXECUTIVE ORDER RECONSTITUTING THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON UPLAND/WATERSHED CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT UNDER THE CITY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL-ENVIRONMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**WHEREAS**, the forest is an ecosystem that provides numerous ecological services and functions. The intact and extensive forests help mitigate the impacts of natural disasters brought by heavy rains and/or typhoons, such as flooding, sedimentation, soil erosions, siltation, and landslides, among others. The forest further plays a crucial role in maintaining water cycles, including its vital importance in mitigating the impacts of the changing climatic conditions.

**WHEREAS**, the whole of General Santos City comprising a total land area of fifty-three thousand six hundred six (53,606) hectares, is within the four (4) major watershed areas, namely, Buayan River, Silway River, Makar River, and Siguel River, wherein seven (7) of the twenty-six (26) barangays of the City are upland barangays and situated in the classified forest and forestland areas;

**WHEREAS**, the City's forest and forestland have been through the years subjected to heavy denudation from unsustainable agricultural practices, such as slash and burn farming practices, timber poaching, unregulated production of charcoal, and the illegal conversion of forestlands into other inappropriate uses, causes by open access status and absence of property rights over the area and inadequacy of forest protection and law enforcement by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and other concerned agencies;

**WHEREAS**, in order to protect, conserve, and rehabilitate the remaining forest covers and forestland of the city, the City Government of General Santos in collaboration with the DENR and other relevant national government agencies, Barangays, Non-Government Organizations (NGOs), upland communities and people's organizations, private sector, and other stakeholders, must work together to harmonize, compliment, and consolidate all initiatives, plans, and resources;

**WHEREAS**, as an institutional strategy, the Environmental Management Committee (EMC) of the City Development Council (CDC) during its first regular quarterly meeting on March 30, 2021 passed Resolution No. 01, Series of 2021 for the creation of the General Santos City Upland Development and Management Sub-Committee (GSCUDMSC) to be responsible for the development of plans pertaining to city upland development and management, and to oversee and monitor its implementation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LORELIE G. PACQUIAO**, City Mayor of General Santos, by virtue of the power vested in me by law and the sovereign will of the people, do hereby order the following:

**SECTION 1. RECONSTITUTING THE GENERAL SANTOS CITY UPLAND DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE.** There shall be created a General Santos City Upland Development and Management Sub-Committee (GSCUDMSC) under the CDC-Environmental Management Committee composed of the following:



- Chairperson:** Department Head, City Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO)
- Vice Chairpersons:**
1. Department Head, Public Safety Office (PSO); and
  2. Executive Assistant, City Mayor's Office
- Voting Members:**
1. Chairperson, Sangguniang Panlungsod (SP), Committee on Climate Change, Adaptation and Environment
  2. Representative, Indigenous Peoples Mandatory Representation
  3. Department Head, City Planning and Development Office (CPDO)
  4. Department Head, City Economic Management and Cooperative Development Office (CEMCDO)
  5. Department Head, City Agriculture Office (CAgO)
  6. Department Head, City Engineers Office (CEO)
  7. Department Head, PSO-City Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office
  8. Brgy. Chairman, Barangay Council of Barangay Conel
  9. Brgy. Chairman, Barangay Council of Barangay Mabuhay
  10. Brgy. Chairman, Barangay Council of Barangay Olympog
  11. Brgy. Chairman, Barangay Council of Barangay Siguel
  12. Brgy. Chairman, Barangay Council of Barangay San Jose
  13. Brgy. Chairman, Barangay Council of Barangay Upper Labay
  14. Brgy. Chairman, Barangay Council of Barangay Sinawal
  15. Director, National Commission on Indigenous People (NCIP)
  16. Community Environment and Natural Resources Officer, DENR-CENRO, General Santos City
  17. Regional Director/Officer In-charge, Department of Trade and Industry, General Santos City
  18. Department of Education (DepEd) School Superintendent, DepEd- General Santos City Division
  19. City Director, General Santos City Police Office
  20. Task Force Commander, Joint Task Force
  21. Chancellor, Mindanao State University – Gensan Campus
  22. School President, Ramon Magsaysay Memorial Colleges
  23. Executive Director, Mahintana Foundation, Inc.
- Expanded Members:**
1. Representative, Philippine Institute of Environmental Planner
  2. Representative, Spectrum



3. Representative, Department of Public Works and Highways
4. Representative, National Irrigation Authority
5. President, Quarry Permittees and Dealers Association
6. Executive Director, OND Hesed Foundation

As it may deem necessary, the GSCUCMSC may remove existing expanded members and/or include additional expanded members.

**Secretariat:** Representative, CENRO

## **SECTION 2. FUNCTIONS OF THE GENERAL SANTOS CITY UPLAND DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE (GSCUDMSC):**

1. Formulate the City Upland Development and Management Plan (CUDMP) and its subsequent Action Plans and coordinate, facilitate, and assist in the implementation of the same. The CUDMP shall be endorsed by EMC to CDC for endorsement to SP for adoption;
2. Prepare and/or review policy proposals, project development proposals, strategies, guidelines, innovations on CUDMP, and recommend to the Local Chief Executive and SP for adoption or approval, if necessary;
3. Establish linkages with other local and national government agencies for enhancing CUDMP implementation and with neighboring local government units relative to transboundary UDM interventions through forging of memorandum of understanding or agreement; and
4. Formulate its Manual of Operation defining therein the organizational structure, specific roles, and responsibilities of officers and members, conduct of regular and special meetings, formation of committees, and other necessary internal rules and guidelines.

## **SECTION 3. REPRESENTATION OF THE GSCUDMSC**

1. In case the head of the member agency/organization cannot attend regular meetings, a permanent alternate shall be designated by the head through the issuance of a memorandum or order, whichever is applicable.
2. In case there is a change in the head of the agency/organization, the new head shall automatically replace the former head through formal communication informing the Sub-Committee of the change.

**SECTION 4. MEETING AND QUORUM.** The GSCUDMSC shall immediately convene upon the issuance of this Executive Order and shall meet quarterly. During such meetings, the GSCUDMSC shall ensure the deliberation of policy proposals. Moreover, special meetings shall be called when necessary. The Chairperson, or in his/her absence, the Vice-Chairpersons, shall convene the GSCUDMSC and preside in all its meetings. In the absence of the Chairperson, and in case both Vice-Chairpersons are present, the



Department Head of Public Safety Office shall preside. A quorum of the GSCUDMSC shall be composed of a simple majority of all voting members.

**SECTION 5. REPEALING CLAUSE.** All orders, memoranda, rules, and regulations, or any part(s) thereof, inconsistent with the provisions of this Order are hereby revoked or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 6. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** If any provision or part hereof is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of this Order not otherwise affected shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 7. EFFECTIVITY.** This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in full force and effect unless otherwise revoked or amended.

Done this 13 day of January 2023, in General Santos City, Philippines.

**LORELIE GERONIMO PACQUIAO**  
City Mayor

Cf: File  
Office of the President  
All Departments  
All Members of GSCUDMSC