



**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. PCG-24
SERIES OF 2023**

AN EXECUTIVE ORDER ESTABLISHING THE PASIG CITY EL NIÑO TASK FORCE AND PROVIDING DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS TO THE SAME

WHEREAS, DOST-PAGASA, on 24 March 2023 has raised the El Niño Southern Oscillation (ENSO) Alert and Warning System to El Niño Watch, based on the recent conditions and forecast models indicating that the El Niño season will likely develop sometime in July to September of 2023 and may persist until 2024;

WHEREAS, El Niño (the warm phase of ENSO) is characterized by unusually warmer than average sea surface temperatures (SSTs) in the Central and Eastern Equatorial Pacific (CEEP). When conditions are favorable for the development of El Niño within the next six (6) months, and the probability is fifty-five percent (55%) or more, an El Niño Watch is issued;

WHEREAS, El Niño increases the likelihood of below-normal rainfall conditions, which could bring negative impacts (such as dry spells and droughts) in some areas of the country; however, over the western part of the country, above-normal rainfall conditions during the southwest monsoon season (Habagat) may also be expected;

WHEREAS, the El Niño phenomenon may have a grave impact on people's lives, environment, health, and socio-economic conditions in terms of loss of life, disruption of production, livelihood opportunities, disruption of essential services, and damage to property and national infrastructure;

WHEREAS, coordination efforts must be undertaken to prepare for the El Niño phenomenon to minimize its adverse effects on our people;

WHEREAS, there is a need to constitute a task force to enhance inter-department coordination in the formulation and implementation of measures to mitigate the effects of El Niño, such as the comprehensive disaster preparedness and rehabilitation plan;

WHEREAS, in the Roadmap for Addressing the Impacts of El Niño (RAIN), it was recognized that the El Niño phenomenon affects five (5) areas, namely: food security, water security, energy security, health, and safety;

WHEREAS, recent monitoring of climate conditions indicates the threat of the development of the El Niño phenomenon;

WHEREAS, the possible recurrence of El Niño calls for the implementation of both short-term and long-term solutions to ensure livelihood, food security, water security, energy security, health, and safety, and improve the city's disaster and climate resilience;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, VICTOR MA. REGIS N. SOTTO, City Mayor of Pasig, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby ordain the following:



SECTION 1. CONSTITUTION OF PASIG CITY EL NIÑO TASK FORCE. – There is hereby constituted a City Task Force to mitigate the effects of the El Niño phenomenon. The Task Force shall be composed of the following:

- Chairperson : *Chief*
CITY DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT OFFICE
- Members: : *Head or Representative*
PUBLIC MARKET ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
- Head or Representative*
CITY ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT
- Head or Representative*
CITY ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE
- Head or Representative*
CITY SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICE
- Head or Representative*
COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND INFORMATION OFFICE
- Head or Representative*
CITY TRANSPORT DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT OFFICE
- Head or Representative*
LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INVESTMENT OFFICE
- Head or Representative*
EDUCATION UNIT
- Head or Representative*
PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE
- Head or Representative*
UGNAYAN SA PASIG OFFICE

SECTION 2. FUNCTIONS OF THE TASK FORCE. – The Task Force shall have the following functions:

- a) To formulate both a short-term and long-term comprehensive disaster preparedness and rehabilitation plan for the El Niño phenomenon focusing on the five (5) critical areas, namely: food security, water security, energy security, health, and safety;
- b) To establish adequate rainwater catchment systems throughout the City of Pasig in feasible areas in preparation for the El Niño phenomenon;



- c) To conduct water conservation drives and information campaigns to properly equip constituents to conduct preparatory and preventive measures on their own;
- d) To establish a reportorial system particularly pertaining to water leakages within the City of Pasig;
- e) To conduct a review of requirements and processes for the permitting of engineering works in relation to El Niño prevention and to ensure the speedy processing of such works;
- f) To monitor regularly the implementation of the disaster preparedness and rehabilitation plan;
- g) To conduct a massive information campaign to educate the public on the El Niño phenomenon and the needed interventions to reduce its expected adverse impact in the City;
- h) To enlist the assistance and support of any city government department, office, and unit, as well as civil society groups in pursuit of its functions and objectives;
- i) To identify possible funding sources to implement the activities of the Task Force, in coordination with the Local Finance Committee; and
- j) To undertake other functions, as may be necessary to fulfill its objectives.

SECTION 3. WORKING COMMITTEES. – The Task Force members shall constitute its members into working committees, each focused on different functional concerns, such as:

- a) Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Water Management;
- b) Early Warning System and Information Campaign;
- c) Energy and Power, Public Works, Transportation, and Telecommunication; and
- d) Consumer Protection, Social Services, Health and Rescue.

SECTION 4. ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT. – The City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office shall serve as the secretariat to the Task Force, with the assistance of the City Environment and Natural Resources Office.

SECTION 5. REPORTORIAL REQUIREMENTS. – The Task Force shall submit reports to the City Mayor every month, through the City Administrator, on the status of the activities.

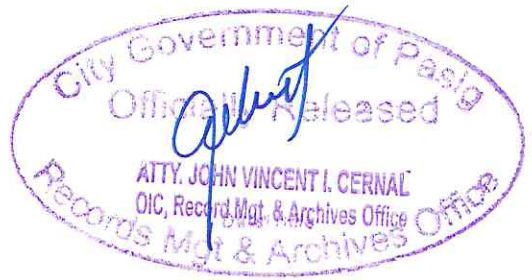
SECTION 6. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. – If any clause, provision, paragraph, or part thereof shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid, such judgment shall not affect, invalidate or impair any other part hereof but such judgment shall be merely confined to the clause, provision, paragraph, or part directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment has been rendered.



SECTION 7. – EFFECTIVITY. – This order shall take effect immediately.

DONE this 27th day of July 2023 at the City of Pasig, Metro Manila.

VICTOR MA REGIS N. SOTTO
City Mayor



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