

Director Despi rolls out directives for EMB R8



Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) R8 Director Martin Jose V. Despi rolls out his new directives to the members of the executive committee of EMB during the meeting on July 22, 2022.

First on the agenda of the meeting is the discussion on Memorandum Circular No. 1, declaring certain positions in the Executive Department vacant; however, providing rules to ensure uninterrupted delivery of public service. At the regional level, the newly installed regional director says that there are some documents and special orders that are being held in abeyance to comply with said Memorandum Circular.

Director Despi also puts emphasis on the importance of fully utilizing the Integrated Information System (IIS) to fully operationalize paperless transactions in the organization. To materialize said instruction, crucial in the process is the use of electronic signature (e-signature) by the personnel. To avoid untoward circumstances that may arise due to the utilization of e-signatures, it shall be in accordance with the Electronic Commerce Act of 2000, also known as Republic Act 8792, which will be translated into office policies via memoranda and special orders.

Other matters tackled are the instructions during the recently held assessment of Environmental Monitoring Officers (EnMOs), which include the guidelines on solid waste monitoring, endorsement of notices and findings to the National Solid Waste Management Commission, and other administrative concerns such as office and workspace, computers, printers, and internet connectivity.

As regards submission of monthly accomplishment reports, Director Despi saw the necessity of having a uniformity in period coverage in the submission of reports of the different sections and units.



Particularly passionate about the protection and restoration of the natural waterbodies, being the former General Manager of the Boracay Inter-Agency Rehabilitation and Management Group (BIARMG), Director Despi urges EMB R8 to pull off a project or a program for the improvement of San Pedro Bay water quality. Overwhelming as it may seem, as it traverses a portion of two islands: on the north and east by Samar, and on the east by Leyte, the director believes that it can be done through the collaborative efforts of the different stakeholders. Settlements to benefit from the proposed undertaking are as follows: Basey, Marabut, Palo, Tacloban, Tanauan, and Tolosa.