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## WQMA Governing Board meets for the Second Quarter Multi-Sectoral Group Monitoring



Ormoc City—On July 14-15, 2022, the Environmental Management Bureau Region 8 conducted the Second Quarter CY 2022 Joint Ormoc Bay and Dupong, Matlang, and Merida Water Quality Management Areas (WQMA) Multi-Sectoral Group Monitoring and Meeting through the Ambient Monitoring Section of the Environmental Monitoring Enforcement Division. There are 29 member-agencies comprising the Ormoc Bay WQMA Governing Board and 18 member-agencies from Dupong, Matlang, and Merida WQMA. The two WQMAs include the nine municipalities of Baybay, Ormoc, Albueria, Merida, Matag-ob, Isabel, Palompon, Kananga, and Burauen, Leyte.

The WQMA Governing Board facilitates and oversees local governments' adherence to the WQMA Action Plan. It organizes pertinent activities among its members and aids in conflict resolution. These are just some of the roles and responsibilities provided in Section 5.4 of DENR Administrative Order 2005-10.

A meeting, water quality monitoring, and a site visit to the proposed Ormoc City Environmental Water Quality Laboratory at Brgy. San Pablo, and Septage Treatment Facility were done. This laboratory is one of the milestone initiatives of the City of Ormoc to handle environmental samples, particularly those from WQMA monitoring.