NWRB RESOLUTION No.04-0320 EXTENSION OF VALIDITY OF CONDITIONAL WATER PERMIT IN LIGHT OF THE ENHANCED COMMUNITY QUARANTINE

The NATIONAL WATER RESOURCES BOARD ("the Board"), a government institution, created and existing under Philippines, with office address at 8th Floor, NIA Building, EDSA, Quezon City, states:

At the referendum of the Board Members of the National Water Resources Board on March 18, 2020, the following resolution was approved and confirmed, to wit:

WHEREAS, the country has been plagued with the outbreak of the Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) that has posed a threat to the lives of the Filipino people and the Philippine economy as well;

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, President Rodrigo Duterte issued Proclamation No. 922, declaring the country under a state of public health emergency;

WHEREAS, to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, a Memorandum Circular was issued by the Executive Secretary on March 16, 2020, by order of President Duterte, which provides for the Enhanced Community Quarantine over Luzon from March 17 to April 13, 2020;

WHEREAS, office work and classes have been suspended and most businesses have been ordered closed by the government in line with the quarantine placed over the whole of Luzon;

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, President Duterte issued Proclamation No, 929, declaring the Philippines under state of calamity for a tentative period of six months;

WHEREAS, there are Conditional Water Permits that are on their last extension and will be expiring in March 15 to June 30, 2020;

WHEREAS, amidst the foregoing circumstances, extension of time should be provided for expiring Conditional Water Permits;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that all Conditional Water Permits due to expire from March 15 to June 30, 2020, including those with granted extensions, shall continue to be valid six (6) months after its/their expiration/s.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that any violation/s on the conditions in the Conditional Water Permit shall be ground for the validity of the said permit to be considered lapsed.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, we set our hand this ____ day of March, 2020 in the City of Quezon, Philippines.

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