



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
NATIONAL WATER RESOURCES BOARD

34-0318

RESOLUTION NO.
March 21, 2018 – 176th Board Meeting

**POLICY REINSTATING THE DEPUTATION OF NATIONAL IRRIGATION
ADMINISTRATION**

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:

WHEREAS, the National Water Resources Board (NWRB) as the national regulating and coordinating agency on water resources management and development is mandated to implement the Water Code of the Philippines (“Water Code”);

WHEREAS, in the performance of its mandate, Article 80 of the Water Code provides that the Board may deputize any official or agency of the government to perform any of its specific functions or activities;

WHEREAS, the Revised Sections 5-14 of the Amended Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of the Water Code on water permit application (WPA) processing provide the filing of WPAs with deputized agencies, namely the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), National Irrigation Administration (NIA) and Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Regional Offices;

WHEREAS, the NWRB has issued Board Resolution No. 03-0414 on April 23, 2014 which denied the request for deputation of various Water District and likewise revoked/cancelled previously issued deputation of other agencies while retaining the deputation of the DPWH and the DENR;


WHEREAS, the aforementioned Board Resolution resulted in ambiguity with regard to the status of the deputation of NIA which was previously deputized by virtue of a Memorandum of Agreement between NWRB and NIA dated October 24, 1989 which has not been revoked to date;

WHEREAS, it is necessary to reinstate the previous deputation of NIA to assist the NWRB in the performance of related activities assigned to deputies as stated in Article 80 of the Water Code.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Board REINSTATES the deputation of NIA.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands this 21st day of March 2018
in Quezon City, Philippines.

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