

THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION
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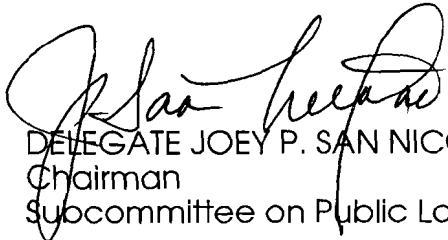
TO : Secretary, Department of Land and Natural
Resources
Director, Marianas Public Land Corporation
Director, Coastal Resources Management Office
Director, Parks and Recreation
Managing Director, Marianas Visitor Bureau

FM : Chairman, Subcommittee on Land

SUBJ : CONCON/DLNR/MVB Meeting

Attached is a summary of the issues that we will be discussing. This was not available yesterday.

I look forward to see you.



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Chairman
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attachments

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CONCON/DLNR/MVB MEETING

SUMMARY ISSUES

I. PERMANENT PRESERVES

1. Permanent preserves for cultural purpose.
2. Permanent preserves recreation purpose
3. Permanent preserves for wildlife purpose
4. Permanent preserves to medicinal and other plant life
5. Should permanent structures be prohibited in the preserve?
6. Should limited public facilities (toilet, picnic shelter with barbecue pits) be allowed in some preserves?
7. Should private recreational and cultural facilities (restaurant, restroom, info center, museum, playground, etc) be allowed in the preserve?
8. Should development be prohibited from certain portion of the beach to protect medicinal plants?
9. Should development be prohibited from certain portion of the preserve to protect wildlife habitat?
10. What size of public land should be protected?
11. Should specific public land or island be set aside for eco-tourism development?
12. Should lease of public land be contingent upon approval of a comprehensive land master plan?
13. Should Marianas Land Bureau (aka MPLC) has the sole management of the preserve?
14. Should joint management be allowed in the preserve?
15. Should a joint private/public partnership approach be allowed to manage the preserve?
16. Should marine reserves in Rota be included in the permanent preserve?
17. How many parks have been deeded to the Department of Land and Natural Resources?
18. Should inland parks be part of the permanent preserves?



II. Homestead Program

1. What is the MPLC program with respect to village and agricultural homestead? (Saipan, Tinian, Rota, Northern Island?)
2. Are there sufficient land for village and agricultural homestead?
3. Should agricultural homestead be allowed?
3. Should village homestead be allowed?
4. Should public land be set for village housing program (Koblerville or condo housing)?
5. How many village homestead applicants? Saipan? Tinian? Rota?
6. Any pending agricultural waiver application?

III. Land Exchange

1. What is the MPLC land exchange program? latest regulation?
2. How many land exchange proposals are pending? for Saipan? for Tinian? for Rota?
3. Are public land available for land exchange?
4. Should inter island land exchange be allowed?
5. Should there be a moratorium on commercial lease until all land problems are resolved? 5 yrs? 10yrs?
6. Should there be a moratorium on land exchange and commercial lease until a comprehensive public land master plan is adopted?

IV. Agricultural Areas

1. Should prime agricultural areas be protected in the Constitution?