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The world is in danger as it faces with the dangerous Corona Virus Disease-19 (COVID-19), affecting millions of people and claimed thousands of lives around the world. As most of the countries impose lockdowns to contain the spread of the virus, all that we used to do are halted. Economies are shattered as the movement of products and services are strictly controlled. Businesses are closing down, resulting to massive unemployment and loss of income. Many are hungry and hopeless.



BCWD holds 5th Community Water Conservation Festival

Butuan City Water District (BCWD) held the 5th Community Water Conservation Festival at the Atrium of Robinson's Place Butuan on January 31, 2020. The festival, anchored on the theme: **"Water Security and Resiliency,"** was part of the celebration of the Water District Week which falls every last full week of January.

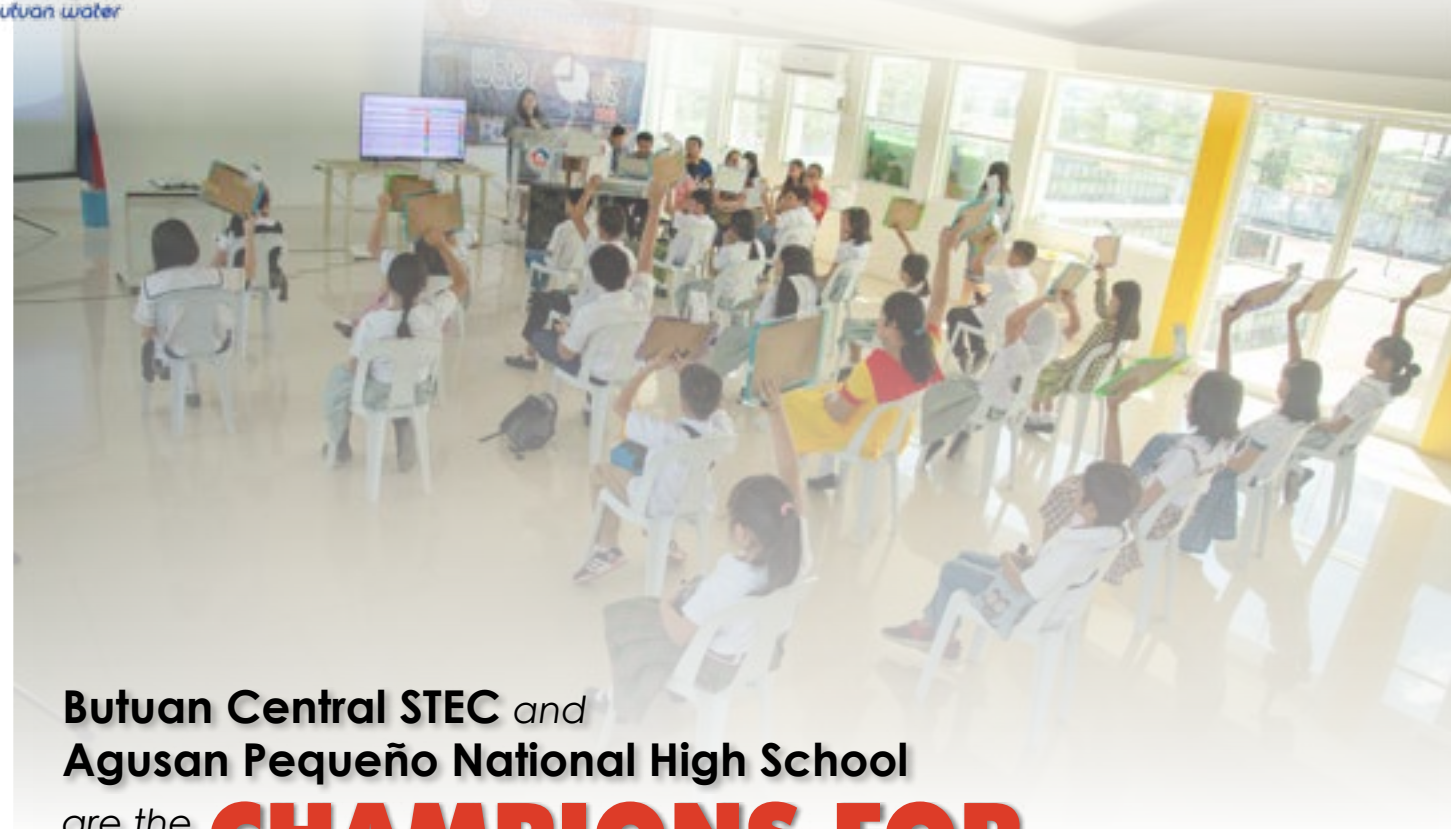
by Neiko Discipulo

Booth Exhibit

BCWD conducted the Booth Exhibit in the morning of January 30, 2020 at the Robinson's Place Butuan Atrium. The

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Butuan Central STEC and
Agusan Pequeño National High School
are the **CHAMPIONS FOR
THE 1ST WATER QUIZ** for 2020

by Ann Patrimonio



Students from Butuan Central Elementary School STEC and Agusan Pequeño National High School were declared the champions of the 1st Quarter Water Quiz Show of the Butuan City Water District for the elementary and junior high school levels, respectively. Dominique C. Paradiang of Butuan Central Elementary



School STEC and Aldren B. Cocon of Agusan Pequeño National High School outscored the other contestants thus grabbing the coveted prize of being declared the champion for the 1st quarter.

The 1st set of Quarterly Water Quiz Show was conducted last January 29, 2020, 9:00 a.m. for the elementary level and 2:00 p.m. for the junior high school level at the BCWD Training Hall. A total of 24 elementary and 21 junior high school students participated in the said contest. Among the 20 elementary pupils, 16 were female and 8 were male. For the junior high school level, 10 were female and 11 were male.

Members of the Board of Evaluators for the Quarterly Water Quiz Show were (1) Department of Education representative, Dr. Corazon Roa; (2) representative from Butuan City Water District, Engr. Al Patrick M. dela Calzada; and (3) the representative from the Department of Science and Technology Caraga Region, Ms. Jennifer J. Dejarne.

The Water Quiz Show is a quarterly activity in which its main purpose is to measure the water knowledge and the level of awareness of the young students of today about water as well as its conservation and preservation.





The Butuan City Water District (BCWD) kicked off its 2020 Watershed Community Symposium with a visit at Sitio Dugyaman, Barangay Anticala and Barangay Pianing last January 21-22, 2020. A total of 181 participated in the said activity for the two (2) barangays with a total of 89 coming from Sitio Dugyaman, Brgy. Anticala and 92 coming from Barangay Pianing.

by Ann Patrimonio

The 1st quarter Watershed Community Symposium was conducted by BCWD as part of the celebration of the Water District Week every last full week of January and the City Ordained Watershed Consciousness Week every 3rd week of January.

Aside from BCWD, partner stakeholders also participated in the said activity as



resource speakers of the symposium, namely: Jonathan Budlat assisted by Juliebee Cabarles from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Caraga who discussed about Forestry Laws; Cymagine Donna A. Dela Rosa and Ailyn dela Peña from the Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) Caraga who discussed about the Water Quality Management Area (WQMA) specifically Taguibo River and about the Water Quality of Taguibo River; Ms. Bernardita Tecson from the City Environment and Natural Resources Office who discussed about Solid Waste and Other SP Ordinances related to environmental concerns; and Rosemarie Alas Adobas and Margie P. Guliman of

DENR Community Environment and Natural Resources Office – Nasipit who discussed about the Importance of Trees and Importance of Watershed.

The Watershed Community Symposium is an Information Education Campaign (IEC) activity of BCWD to ensure the continuing awareness and education of watershed settlers and its continuum. This is BCWD's way of watershed protection and preservation by starting with the grassroots level.



Booth Exhibit was a contest for the tertiary level. Each College or University was given an area where they can create a booth depicting the theme or topic provided to them. A total of four colleges and/or universities participated in the said activity.

Participating schools and their respective booths were:

Booth 1 - WATER CYCLE
by Caraga State University



Booth 3 - SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT
by Father Saturnino Urios University



Booth 2 - WATER CONSERVATION TIPS
by Butuan City Colleges



Booth 4 - TAGUIBO RIVER WATERSHED
by St. Joseph Institute of Technology



Declared winners for the 5th Booth Exhibit were: 1st Prize – Caraga State University receiving a cash prize of ₱20,000.00, 2nd Prize – St. Joseph Institute of Technology receiving ₱15,000.00, and 3rd Prize – Father Saturnino Urios University receiving ₱10,000.00.

Special awards were also given to the most creative and thematic booth and to the most visited booth. The winner for the Most Creative and Thematic Booth was Caraga State University while the winner for the Most Visited Booth went to St. Joseph Institute of Technology. A cash token of ₱5,000.00 were given to each of the special awards winners.

Serving as judges for the booth exhibit were: Dr. Nora Molde, Ms. May Diez, Atty. Elsie A. Alejandro, and Dr. Marietta A. Lumawag.

Film Showing

The Film Showing was done in the afternoon showcasing the BCWD and the Taguibo River Watershed Forest Reserve through a documentary.

Four schools participated in the activity to view the documentary. The four schools were: Maon Elementary School with 25 pupils, Riverside Integrated Secondary School with 25 pupils, Obrero Elementary School with 25 pupils, and West Central Elementary School with 25 pupils.

After the viewing, question and answer portion was conducted to gauge whether the students learned something from the film. Small tokens were given to students who gave the correct answer.







Alviola Village Elementary and Los Angeles National High School win BCWD 31st On-the-Spot Poster Making Contest

John Dave M. Jamito of Alviola Village Central Elementary School and Albert C. Belioco of Los Angeles National High School are the champions of the 31st On-the-Spot Poster Making Contest organized by the Butuan City Water District (BCWD) as part of the 19th Water Consciousness Week and BCWD 46th Anniversary celebration. Held last March 12, 2020 at the BCWD Training Hall, the BCWD 31st On-the-Spot Poster Making Contest gathered a total of 21 elementary pupils and 20 junior high school students as participants.

by Ann Patrimonio

“ Preserve, Conserve... Deserve Ko ang Fight for Water ”

This year's theme: **“Preserve, Conserve... Deserve Ko ang Fight for Water”** for the Elementary and **“ACT 4 H2O ... Activate the Cause and Time 4 Water”** for the Junior High School level was best depicted by the posters of Mr. Jamito and Mr. Belioco thus both of them earning the 1st place spot.

Other winners for the Elementary level were Trisha Kristine E. Sepulveda of Obrero Elementary School bagging 2nd Place; Devone F. Calrito of Enfant Cheri Study Center Inc. placing 3rd; while the consolation prize winner was John Hervie O. Auguis of Ong Yiu Central Elementary School.

“ **ACT4H2O... Activate the Cause and Time 4 Water** ”



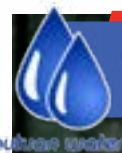
For the Jr. High School level, winning 2nd place was Gloria Maris C. Yonson of the Butuan City School of Arts and Trades; Trix Aree E. Cubillas of the CFC School of the Morning Star placing 3rd place while settling for the consolation prize was Mae Anna Faith S. Ligerio of Starland International School.

Judging the posters were the following: Mr. Crismiero Tamis as the Chairperson of the Board of Judges; Mr. Omar Arellano and Mr. King Cupaz Rosales as members.

Prizes for the Elementary level were ₱3,500.00 cash plus gold medal for the champion; ₱2,500.00 cash and silver medal for the 2nd place; ₱2,000.00 cash plus bronze medal for the 3rd place and ₱1,000.00 cash plus a medal for the consolation prize winner. Non-winners for the Elementary level will each receive ₱300.00 each and a certificate of participation.

For the Jr. High School level, the champion receives ₱4,000.00 cash with gold medal; ₱3,000.00 cash plus silver medal for the 2nd place; ₱2,500.00 cash plus bronze medal for the 3rd place and ₱1,500.00 plus a medal for the consolation prize. Non-winners for the Junior High School level will receive ₱400.00 each with a certificate of participation.





BCWD CONDUCTS

1ST BISITA ESKWELA FOR 2020



BCWD visited four schools within the two-day schedule for the 1st quarter Bisita Eskwela, namely: St. Joseph Institute of Technology Grade School with a total of 56 participants, St. Joseph Institute of Technology High School with a total of 82 participants, Pareja Elementary School with a total of 109 participants and Pareja Integrated Secondary School with a total of 75 participating students.

the BCWD profile and its history; watershed; how water is brought from the source to the taps; water quality; how to detect leaks in our homes; and water saving tips.

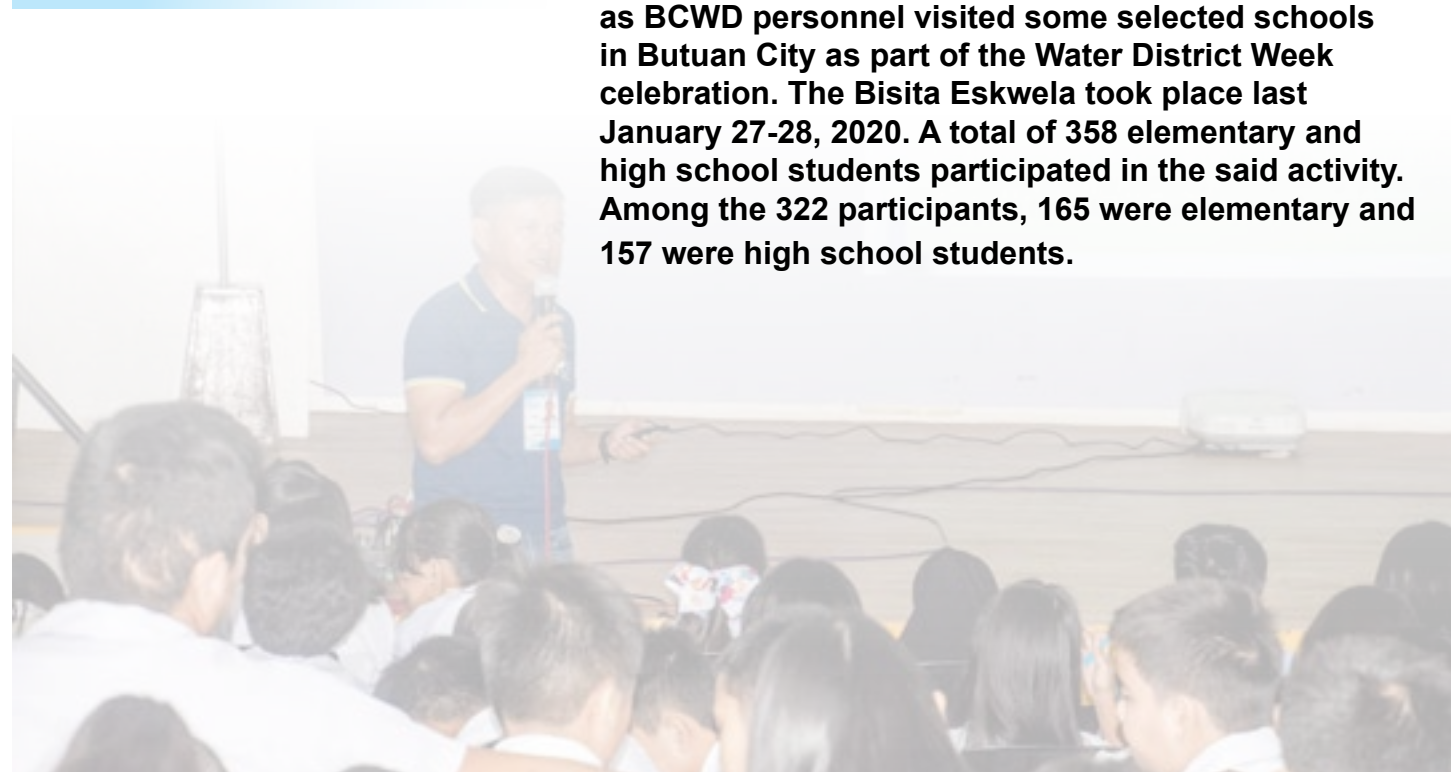
Bisita Eskwela is part of BCWD's Water Education and Advocacy Program to the students to inculcate the appreciation of the importance of water conservation as future stewards of this precious resource.



The student participants learned all about

by Ann Patrimonio

The Butuan City Water District (BCWD) conducted the 1st set of the Bisita Eskwela Program for 2020 as BCWD personnel visited some selected schools in Butuan City as part of the Water District Week celebration. The Bisita Eskwela took place last January 27-28, 2020. A total of 358 elementary and high school students participated in the said activity. Among the 322 participants, 165 were elementary and 157 were high school students.





by Ann Patrimonio

The judging of the 16th Photo Contest organized by the Butuan City Water District (BCWD) as part of its 19th Water Consciousness Week and 46th Anniversary celebration has wrapped up last March 25, 2020, and the winning images and photographers have finally been identified. Ryan Santino Dasilao of Libertad Central Elementary School, Anjo V. Artucilla of Consuelo National High School Jr. High, and Kimberly Mae Saang of Consuelo National High School Sr. High, took the 1st place award for their respective categories as their photographs best depicted the wonders of nature and its importance to be able to have a sustainable water supply.



This year's Photo Contest was open to three levels namely, Elementary, Jr. High School and Sr. High School. A total of thirteen (13) Elementary pupils; fourteen (14) Jr. High School; and thirteen (13) Sr. High School students

participated in the on-location shooting which was conducted last March 11, 2020 at Sitio Tagkiling, Brgy. Anticala.


Judging of entries took place through electronic mail last March 25, 2020. The Board of Judges for this year's Photo Contest were: Mr. Gerie Mae Coco, Mr. Jecky Fortun and Mr. Lyndshir Dave Cariño Manpatilan.

Declared winners for the Elementary level were: **RYAN SANTINO DASILAO** of Libertad Central Elementary School for the **1ST PRIZE** (P3,500 plus gold medal); **SERAH KAE C. PIENCENAVES** of Pinamanculan Elementary School for the **2ND PRIZE** (P2,500 plus silver medal); and **AL JAMES M. BUTAO** of Mandacpan Elementary School for the **3RD PRIZE** (P1,500 plus bronze medal).

For the Jr. High School level winners: **ANJO V. ARTUCILLA** of Consuelo National High School Jr. High grabbed the **1ST PRIZE** (P3,500 plus gold medal); **ALEXIS NICOLE I. ELMIDO** of Libertad National High School earned **2ND PRIZE** (P2,500 plus silver medal); and **JOANNA RUTH G. MAN-ON** of Butuan City School of Arts and Trades clinched the **3RD PRIZE** (P1,500 plus bronze medal).

Sr. High School winners were: **KIMBERLY MAE SAANG** of Consuelo National High School Sr. High for the **1ST PRIZE** (P3,500 plus gold medal); **SAMAEKAN WINONA B. AMANTE** of Angelicum Montessori School for the **2ND PRIZE** (P2,500 plus silver medal); and **REYMON JOHN H. ABUCAYON** of CFC School of the Morning Star for the **3RD PRIZE** (P1,500 plus bronze medal).



All non-winners received P 500.00 each and a certificate of participation. 



In a proactive effort to minimize COVID-19 exposure, the Butuan City Water District (BCWD) adhered to the guidance issued by City Government of Butuan in its Executive Order 18 series of 2020 with regard to the suspension of public mass gatherings. This order applied to all the government agencies in the city encouraging agencies to minimize unnecessary mass gatherings in the city.

Thus, BCWD will cancel and/or postpone the slated activities for its celebration of the 19th Water Consciousness Week and 46th Anniversary.

by Ann Patrimonio

BUTUAN CITY WATER DISTRICT



BCWD CANCELS SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES for the 19th WATER CONSCIOUSNESS WEEK and 46TH ANNIVERSARY

Cancelled/postponed events:

ORIGINAL DATE	ACTIVITY	POSTPONED/CANCELLED
March 17, 2020	- 2 nd Quarter Water Quiz Show (Elementary and Jr. High School)	POSTPONED to June. <i>Exact date will be announced later.</i>
March 20, 2020	- Tour to BCWD Facilities - students	CANCELLED
March 23, 2020	- Bloodletting Orientation (after prayer fellowship)	CANCELLED
March 24, 2020	- Judging of Entries for Photo Contest	PUSHED THROUGH AS SCHEDULED
March 25, 2020	- Tree Planting	CANCELLED
	- Bloodletting Activity	CANCELLED
March 26, 2020	- Visit to Por Cristo	CANCELLED
	- Mass Feeding and Gift Giving	CANCELLED
March 27, 2020	- Anniversary Give-aways to Concessionaires	CANCELLED
	Employees Night	POSTPONED to April 25, 2020
March 28, 2020	- Motivational Talk – Anthony Pangilinan	POSTPONED to April 25, 2020
March 30, 2020	- Tap and Drill Olympics	PUSHED THROUGH AS SCHEDULED
	Anniversary Give-aways to Concessionaires	CANCELLED
March 31, 2020	- Visit to Balay Silonganan	CANCELLED
	- Anniversary Give-aways	CANCELLED
	Free Snacks for Concessionaires	CANCELLED
April 1, 2020	- 1 st 46 Concessionaires free T-Shirt	PUSHED THROUGH AS SCHEDULED
	- Institutional Awards	CANCELLED
	- Distribution of Press Kits	CANCELLED

April 1, 2020



MITIGATING THE EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE



BCWD ANNOUNCES OFFICE CLOSURE to MITIGATE COVID-19 SPREAD

Butuan City Water District (BCWD) General Manager Anselmo L. Sang Tian announced changes to the office operations of the District.



by Ram Barquin

Effective Thursday, March 19, 2020, BCWD will be closed to the public until April 19, 2020 and will only retain a few skeletal staff to accommodate maintenance activities and call center employees to cater calls from concessionaires. The closing of the office is in accordance with the Local Government of Butuan's Executive Order No. 19 series of 2020 placing the entire Butuan City under localized community quarantine to prevent and/or mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

The health and safety of the employees of BCWD and the residents of Butuan City continue to be the highest priority of BCWD.

This measure regulates the social exposure of its employees to halt the transmission of COVID-19.

BCWD assures the public that services including water supply are not hampered by the closure of its office as skeletal forces will be in-place to ensure continuous service.

BCWD encourages everyone to take this public health emergency seriously and continue following the guidelines of both the Department of Health (DOH) and the local government of Butuan City.



BCWD IMPLEMENTS ONLINE BILLING INQUIRY ONLY

by Ram Barquin



To help prevent the spread of COVID-19, the Butuan City Water District (BCWD) wishes to inform its consuming public that only online billing inquiry (OBI) will be implemented. For concessionaires to be updated in their current billing, please access the online billing services of BCWD at its official website www.bcwd.gov.ph/obi/.

To avoid congestion at the BCWD Administration Building, BCWD will continue with the EXTENDED PAYMENT PERIOD and NO SURCHARGES OR PENALTIES for water bills until resumption of its normal operations. Disconnection of water services is still temporarily suspended until upon resumption of the normal operations of BCWD.

For more information, customers are advised to call the BCWD Call Center at contact Numbers

09189304234 / 09171888726 / (085) 3423145/46; 3416373/74 or leave or send a personal message (PM) at the official Facebook page of the Butuan City Water District (BCWD).

BCWD encourages everyone to take this public health emergency seriously and continue following the guidelines of both the Department of Health (DOH) and the local government of Butuan City.



The Butuan City Water District (BCWD) wishes to inform its consuming public that with the closure of its office from March 19, 2020 – April 19, 2020, water bills delivered and received by concessionaires as of March 18, 2020 will have an **EXTENDED PAYMENT PERIOD** from the due date indicated in the water bill until resumption of the operations of BCWD and **NO SURCHARGES** will be imposed.

All BCWD services such as new water connection applications, disconnection and reconnection of water services and all other services are temporarily suspended and will resume on April 20, 2020.



Butuan City Water District
EXTENDS PAYMENT PERIOD and **WAIVES PENALTIES**
on received billing as of March 18, 2020
In Light of the Suspension of its Operation

Butuan City Water District: ADAPTING during the time of the COVID-19 PANDEMIC through FOCUSING on the FUNDAMENTALS and LOOKING to the LONG-TERM

by Ann Patrimonio

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In the Philippines, the effects of the pandemic was first felt in March when Metro Manila was declared as under Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ), which was followed by putting the entire Luzon under ECQ.

As the corona virus continues to spread, the impact it's having in communities and the Philippine economy is vast, varied and quickly evolving. As new cases emerge in the Philippines and around the world, businesses are feeling a strain on productivity, supply chains, profitability and of course their people. In the Philippine setting, majority of the communities are under the Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) while others are under the General Community Quarantine (GCQ) wherein movement of the people are limited only to buying of essentials while those high risk individuals are not allowed to leave their homes.



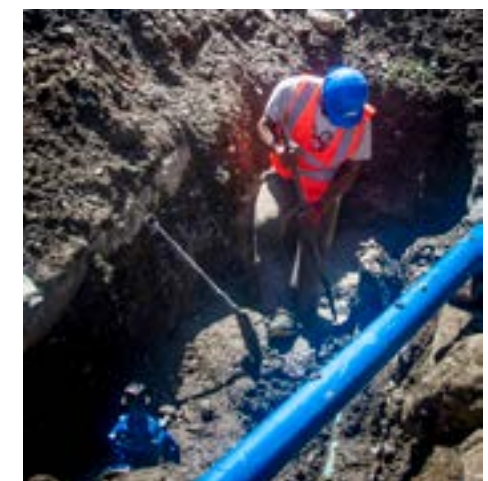
Most business establishments and offices are closed and only those offering essential services are allowed to open. This is to ensure that the spread of the virus will be limited considering that the health care system of the country is not that sophisticated and vast. Locking down the country's capital surely creates a domino effect as the provincial and regional economies are intertwined with Metro Manila. As such, all provinces and regions are having a hard time coping with the situation.

In Butuan City, only groceries, market, pharmacy, banks and basic services providers are open including water district, electric company and hospitals

and some government agencies. There is no mass public transport available except for taxis and tricycles only limited to two passengers. This hampers most of the mobility of the constituents of Butuan thus also affecting the capability of the masses to purchase goods and pay for services.

Greatly affected are the more than 530 Local Water Districts (LWDs). They hurdle the challenges brought about by the pandemic. This is the first time that we are fighting enemies that we cannot see. It creates confusion and uncertainty – confusion on how to deal with the problem and uncertainty of the future.

Water is very essential especially that we are battling with COVID-19 pandemic, in which our only defense against the invisible enemies is hand washing to wipe them out. In fact, Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) labels water as Category 1 which means that those involved in providing water supply, including LWDs are frontliners, thus, operate in full capacity during ECQ and GCQ.



BCWD was created last April 1, 1974 by the Municipal Board of Butuan under the leadership of then Mayor Figurado O. Plaza. Its birth was covered by **Resolution No. 256** and in accordance with the provisions of **Presidential Decree No. 198**, as amended, otherwise known as the **"Provincial Water Utilities Act of 1973."**

Forty Six (46) years after its birth, its service area stretches to 60 urban and rural barangays. These barangays are now sufficiently supplied with potable drinking water, boasting BCWD with 52,579 active service connections, as of April 30, 2020.

The major source of the water supply of Butuan City is through surface water by acquiring supply through its bulk water supplier, the **Taguibo Aquatech Solutions Corporation (TASC)** while having five (5) pumping stations as back-up sources.



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BCWD gives importance to the COVID-19 preparedness and response plan especially to internal and external stakeholders, first and foremost, ensuring the health and safety of the personnel, concessionaires and other stakeholders. Thoughtful communication is also utilized to ensure continuity of operations in the days and weeks ahead and minimize the near and long term financial and reputational impact of the virus on the District.

BCWD BEST PRACTICES DURING COVID-19

BCWD's mantra during this time of the COVID-19 pandemic is adapting through focusing on the fundamentals and looking to the long-term.

Focusing on the Fundamentals...

With having limitations in the operations of BCWD because of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is important not to be dormant. BCWD works to adapt its operations to be able to deliver services and accept customers while putting into consideration steps to ensure the safety of everybody including intensifying its information dissemination to concessionaires for updates.

BCWD conducts the following measures:

- Announcement through the official facebook page, website, press release and textblast, all about COVID-19, how it is transmitted and how a person can avoid being infected;
- Information dissemination about the Legionnaires Disease through sending out letters to large establishments in the city advising said establishments to conduct thorough flushing of its pipelines and disinfection of its plumbing system and reservoirs. Bill stuffers/flyers about Legionnaires Disease are also printed and distributed. Information was also released through the official facebook page and website and through textblast;
- Open to receive payments from 8:00AM – 4:30PM without noon break from Mondays to Fridays;
- Collection centers are also open to receive payments including those with arrears;
- Conduct of thermal scanning starting March 18, 2020;
- Extending the payment period and waiving penalties for received billings and discontinue of disconnection as of March 18, 2020;
- Seminar for new water connection is done online or one-on-one;
- Implementation of online billing inquiry, no more delivery of water bill house-to-house except for large corporations or establishments;

- BCWD also implements precautionary measures within its premises:

1. Limited Entry – entry to BCWD premises is limited only to those wearing facemasks;



2. Temperature Check – before entering the premises, BCWD employees, concessionaires and other clients undergo thermal scanning. Recorded temperature exceeding 37.5 degree Celsius is not allowed to enter the BCWD premises;



3. Physical Distancing – safe distancing of one (1) meter is implemented between frontliners and concessionaires and between concessionaires and concessionaires;



4. Hand Hygiene – Alcohol are provided at entry points of the premises and frontline counters for public use; and



5. Footbath – anybody who enters the BCWD premises must step on the footbath at the entry points of the premises.



All activities enumerated above were announced to the public through the official facebook page, website, press release and textblast to inform the concessionaires.

For employees' benefit, the following are conducted:

- COVID-19 Orientation – Took place last February 28, 2020 at the BCWD Training Hall participated in by all employees of BCWD with the speaker, Dr. Glee D. Valenzona, Infectious Disease Cluster Head of the Department of Health – Center for Health Development Caraga;



The following were the highlights of her discussion:

- The first part of the orientation focused on the background of COVID-19, how, where and when was it discovered;
- The World Health Organization declared the outbreak as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC) last January 30, 2020;
- In the Philippines, parameters are identified for those persons required to undergo home quarantine, to wit:
 1. Any person, regardless of nationality, race and age, who does not exhibit any sign nor symptom but has history of travel to other areas of China and/or history of exposure to confirmed cases of COVID-19 shall be required to undergo monitored home quarantine; and
 2. Those persons who exhibit fever or any symptom of lower respiratory illness, and have a history of travel to other countries with a confirmed case of COVID-19 but without any history of exposure;

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- Those undergoing home quarantine shall be prohibited to leave their rooms/homes where they are quarantined until they have been certified by the local health official to have finished the 14-day requirement for quarantine procedures;
- The speaker then discussed the difference between the Persons Under Monitoring (PUM) and Persons Under Investigation (PUI);
- The speaker also discussed the possible means of transmission for the COVID-19 virus such as direct contact through sneezing and touching surfaces that a positive COVID-19 patient touched and touching your hands to your eyes or nose;
- The signs and symptoms of possible COVID-19 positive person include:
 1. Fever;
 2. Dry Cough;
 3. Body Malaise;
 4. Sore Throat; and
 5. rare sign includes diarrhea.
- The speaker then shared some tips on how to minimize chances of contracting the virus:

1. Using of face masks;
2. Hand Hygiene Practice for all. Perform hand hygiene by:
 - a. washing hands with soap and water;
 - b. use disposable paper towels to dry hands after washing of hands;
 - c. if disposable towels are not available, use dedicated cloth towels and replace it when wet;
 - d. hand hygiene should also be performed before and after preparing food, before eating, after using the toilet and when every hands look dirty;
 - e. when no soap and water is available, you can use 70% alcohol or hand sanitizer to clean hands.
- Partial operation with skeletal personnel complement – employees were only required to be on duty 3x a week according to schedule ensuring that daily business transactions and operations will not be hampered. This is implemented so that social distancing can be fully executed taking into consideration the health of the employees;



- Provision of service vehicle for all employees due to the absence of public transport – with the declaration of community quarantine, there are no available public transport in Butuan except for a few taxis and tricycle. To ensure that the employees will have no difficulty in reporting to work, BCWD provided service vehicles to employees needing assistance in transport. A schedule is set for picking up and also for bringing the employees home by area.

Looking to the Long-Term...

BCWD is also improving and updating its operations designing it for the long-haul with dedication and perseverance. BCWD believes that now is a good time to build and hone its operations and services rendered.

With this in mind, the following activities are conducted:

- BCWD encourages its concessionaires that while water is important in this COVID -19 pandemic, that it is also prudent that water conservation should be practiced. Top 10 water saving tips were released for the concessionaires to be reminded to save water and there were announced to the public through the official facebook page, website, press release, textblast and interview on ABS-CBN Northern Mindanao to inform the concessionaires;
- BCWD ensures continuous water supply during this time of COVID-19 Pandemic. Aside from making sure that all its facilities are operating efficiently, it conducts water pressure monitoring on the distribution pipes to investigate the pressure on densely populated areas and end points of the system;



Pressure Monitoring

- BCWD continues with improvement/ expansion projects as it lays pipes in Brgy. Buhangin and Brgy. Mahay in an effort to improve the water supply in areas experiencing low water pressure most of the time. The project entails 600 linear meters long of 4" diameter pipes to replace existing 2" diameter pipes. Another improvement project is the upgrading of line in Brgy. Maug to 4" diameter pipes with a length of 2,100 linear meters;



Upgrading of Lines at Brgy. Buhangin and Maug

- In ensuring that **BCWD water passed the quality standards set by the Philippine National Standards for Drinking Water (PNSDW)**, BCWD is continuously conducting water sampling activity. The roving laboratory personnel collect water samples daily from different sampling points to monitor chlorine residual and turbidity all over the service area. Also water samples are collected for bacteriological, physical and chemical analyses to ensure that the water being distributed is potable;



Water Conservation Variety Show

To complete the celebration of the Water District Week, BCWD conducted the Festival Variety Show in the afternoon of January 31, 2020 at the Robinson's Place Butuan Atrium. There were four secondary schools that participated in the said contest.

Emerging as champion for the 5th Water Conservation Variety Show was the contingents from ANHS Senior High School. 2nd prize was from Libertad National High School, and lastly, 3rd prize went to the representatives of Pareja Integrated Secondary School.

The Board of Judges for the variety show were: Dr. Nora Molde, Ms. May Diez, Atty. Elsie A. Alejandro, and Dr. Marietta A. Lumawag.

Winners and non-winners received the following prizes: 1st Prize - ₱10,000.00, 2nd Prize - ₱8,000.00, and 3rd Prize - ₱5,000.00 while the non-winners received ₱2,000.00 each.



Keeping UPDATED

as BCWD conducts orientation on
COVID-19 Awareness

by Danica L. Nicario

Keeping updated especially on critical issues and current events, the Butuan City Water District (BCWD) conducted an Orientation on COVID-19 Awareness on February 28, 2020, 4:00 PM at the BCWD Training Hall for all its employees. The resource speaker for the said orientation was Dr. Glee D. Valenzona, Infectious Diseases Cluster Head of the Department of Health- Center for Health Development Caraga.

The Orientation presented the history of COVID-19 or formerly known as NCoV-19 which was first reported in Wuhan City, Hubei Province of China last December 31, 2019. Chinese health authorities preliminarily identified the cause of this viral pneumonia as a new or novel type of coronavirus. With an increasing number of cases spreading to various territories and confirmed human-to-human transmission, the World Health Organization declared the outbreak as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC) last January 30, 2020.

In the said orientation, it was explained that any person, regardless of nationality, race and age, even those that did not exhibit any sign nor symptom, but has history of travel to other areas of China and/or history of exposure to a confirmed case of COVID-19, within the past 14 days, shall be required to undergo monitored home quarantine and those person exhibiting fever or any symptom of lower respiratory illness, and has travel history to other countries with confirmed cases of COVID-19 but without any history of exposure, shall

also be advised to undergo monitored home quarantine. Those undergoing home quarantine are prohibited to leave their rooms/ homes where they are quarantined until they are certified by the local health official to have finished the 14-day requirement for quarantine procedures. Initial coordination should be done with the Local Government Epidemiologic Surveillance Unit on the logistical, administrative and clinical parameters to be standardized in any attempt to refer a PUM for transfer or consultation.

Hand Hygiene Practice for all is the best way to minimize chances of contracting COVID-19. Perform hand hygiene by washing hands with soap and water. If hands are not visibly soiled, 70% alcohol or any alcohol-based hand rub can be used. When using soap and water, the use of disposable paper towels to dry hands is better. If paper towels are not available, the use of dedicated cloth towels is another option. You just need to replace it when said towels become wet. Hand hygiene should also be performed

before and after preparing food, before eating, after using the toilet and whenever hands look dirty.

Dr. Valenzona said that like any other virus, the perfect way to fight COVID-19 is to exercise proper hand hygiene practice and to keep healthy by taking in healthy food that will boost our immune system and to wear face masks in public.





by Ann Patrimonio



2020 proved to be a victorious year for the Butuan City Water District (BCWD) for bringing home three (3) major awards from three (3) categories in the national level contest of the Philippine Association of Water Districts, Inc. (PAWD) conducted during its 41st Annual Convention last February 4-6, 2020 at the SMX Convention Center, SM Lanang Premier, Davao City.

The conduct of the National Level Contests was one of the highlights during the PAWD Convention, namely: Sports Olympics for Regional Association of water districts, Tap and Drill Olympics for Water District Employees and Best Publication Awards.

BCWD participated in both the Tap and Drill Olympics and the Best Publication Awards bringing home major awards from the said national level contests winning **1st Runner-up in the Tap and Drill Olympics, 3rd Prize in Best Publication Awards Magazine Category and 2nd Prize in Best Publication Awards Newsletter Category.**

The PAWD National Tap and Drill Olympics took place last February 4, 2020 at the grounds of Davao City Water District Bajada Office with water district employees from around the Philippines as participants.

Winners for the National Tap and Drill Olympics were:

Champion	-	Jeffrey Rodriguez (Alicia Water District)
1 st Runner-Up	-	Rex De Guzman (Butuan City Water District)
2 nd Runner-Up	-	Anthony C. Pusong (Hermosa Water District)


Given recognition during the PAWD Awards last February 6, 2020 were the winners of the recently concluded Sports Olympics and PAWD Best Publication Awards Magazine and Newsletter categories. Winners for the PAWD Best Publication Awards are the following:

Magazine Category

1 st Prize	-	Crystal Flow (Davao City Water District)
2 nd Prize	-	Aguador (Cabanatuan Water District)
3 rd Prize	-	Breakwater (Butuan City Water District)

Newsletter Category

1 st Prize	-	The Flow
2 nd Prize	-	Breakwater Newsbitz (Butuan City Water District)
3 rd Prize	-	H2O Newsplash

The PAWD National Level Contests is an annual competition conducted by the Philippine Association of Water Districts for water districts all over the country to participate in. 



- Installation of new service connection is also continuing;



- BCWD is currently on the process of applying for GCash as a form of online payment for its concessionaires while preparations for partnership with PayMaya and Coins.ph is also on the works; and
- BCWD is also coming up with a **NEW NORMAL OPERATIONS** Plan taking into consideration the effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Despite the restrictions and limitations experienced by the operations of BCWD, it has continued to serve its public finding ways to improve and adapt its operations to the current situation of the country affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

BCWD: adapting during the time of the COVID-19 Pandemic through focusing on the fundamentals and looking to the long-term.

PERSONNEL MOVEMENT				
JANUARY- MARCH 2020				
RECRUITMENT				
NAME	FIRST DAY OF EMPLOYMENT	POSITION	STATUS	
Geromie P. Bagasbas	January 2, 2020	Laborer/Plumber Aide	Project-Based (Expansion)	
Renante C. Dayaday	January 2, 2020	Laborer/Plumber Aide	Project-Based (Expansion)	
Julito P. De Jesus	January 2, 2020	Laborer/Plumber Aide	Project-Based (Expansion)	
Eddie M. Espinosa	January 2, 2020	Laborer/Plumber Aide	Project-Based (Expansion)	
Dave M. Mejorada	January 2, 2020	Laborer/Plumber Aide	Project-Based (Expansion)	
Jimboy P. Amporias	January 6, 2020	AutoCAD Operator	Project-Based (DED)	
Ian Jay P. Delos Angeles	January 6, 2020	AutoCAD Operator	Project-Based (DED)	
Bliezyl M. Funchica	January 6, 2020	AutoCAD Operator	Project-Based (DED)	
Cheryl R. Cañete	February 3, 2020	Customer Service Assistant	Contract of Service	
Russel B. Gamayon	February 3, 2020	Laborer/Plumber Aide	Project-Based (Maintenance)	
Dixel P. Grisola	February 24, 2020	Administrative Aide	Contract of Service	
PROMOTION				
NAME	EFFECTIVITY DATE	FROM (POSITION)	DESIGNATION	
Novie Marie B. Anit	March 16, 2020	Corporate Accountant	Senior Corporate Accountant C	
Louie B. Tancinco	March 16, 2020	Storekeeper C	Property Officer C	
Joseph Y. Tantoy	March 16, 2020	Records Officer B	Supervising Material Planning Officer	
Christine M. Tiempo	March 16, 2020	Administration Services Asst. B	Industrial Relations Development Officer A	
CHANGE OF STATUS/ APPOINTMENT				
NAME	EFFECTIVITY DATE	FROM	TO	POSITION
Christian Kier M. Betito	March 16, 2020	Project-Based (NRW)	Permanent	Engineer A
Danicaluz L. Nicario	March 16, 2020	Contract of Service	Permanent	Industrial Relations Management Assistant B
RECRUITMENT				
NAME	FIRST DAY OF EMPLOYMENT	POSITION	STATUS	
Atty. Elsie A. Alejandro	January 24, 2020	Division Manager A	OIC (Production and Distribution Department)	
Engr. Germanico P. Pactol	January 24, 2020	Division Manager A	OIC (Engineering Department & PAMD)	
CHANGE OF STATUS/ APPOINTMENT				
NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVITY DATE	FROM	POSITION
Chara Bless D. Abarquez	Customer Service Assistant C	February 3, 2020	Office of the General Manager	Commercial Services Department
Agem O. Alfafaras	Clerk-Processor B	February 3, 2020	Management Services Dept.	Engineering Department

TRAINING UPDATES			
January - March 2020			
TITLE	INCLUSIVE DATES	VENUE	PARTICIPANTS
CONVENTIONS / SUMMITS / CONFERENCES ATTENDED BY OFFICERS & EMPLOYEES			
Regional Dissemination Forum on the 2018 Full Year Official Poverty Statistics	January 31, 2020	Grand Palace Hotel and Convention Center, Butuan City	Aguilar, Roberto C.
			Albano, Valeriano R.
41 st PAWD National Annual Convention	February 4-6, 2020	SMX Convention Center, Lanang, Davao City	Lao, Juanito A.
			Young, Crispin L.
			Mendoza, Leah A.
			Santos, Horacio T.
			Sang Tian, Anselmo L.
			Amba, Elly Mark N.
			Barquin, Ramil S.
			Casimsiman, Bernie E.
			De Guzman, Rex E.
			Dela Calzada, Al Patrick M.
			Fudalan, Peter Al R.
			Joyohoy, Maria Luz S.
			Pactol, Germanico P.
			Patrimonio, Anna Karina O.
			Ruiz, Ernie G.
Tiempo, Christine M.			
7 th Annual PAWD-HRP Human Resource Conference	February 4, 2020	SMX Convention Center, Lanang, Davao City	Fudalan, Peter Al R.
			Tiempo, Christine M.
PAWD-PRO General Assembly	February 4, 2020	SMX Convention Center, Lanang, Davao City	Barquin, Ramil S.
			Patrimonio, Anna Karina O.
1 st Gender and Development Summit for Local Water Districts	March 10-12, 2020	Davao City	Fernan, Joyce T.
			Morales, Valentine Mercy S.
SEMINARS/TRAININGS/WORKSHOPS ATTENDED BY OFFICERS & EMPLOYEES			
Training/ Workshop on the Government Procurement Reform Act (RA 9184) and its IRR & Update	February 12-14, 2020	Manila	Alejandro, Elsie A.
			Tantoy, Joseph Y.
Workshop on Exposure and Vulnerability Assessment	February 12-13, 2020	SP Building, City Hall Compound, Brgy. Doongan, Butuan City	Dalman, Ian Blair S.

TITLE	INCLUSIVE DATES	VENUE	PARTICIPANTS
SEMINARS/TRAININGS/WORKSHOPS ATTENDED BY OFFICERS & EMPLOYEES			
Orientation- Seminar for Environmental Laboratory Recognition	February 13, 2020	EMB Caraga Regional Office	Catacte, Meinheart S.
Climate and Disaster Risk Assessment (CDRA) Workshop	February 24-28, 2020	Amontay Beach Resort, Nasipit, Agusan del Norte	Dalman, Ian Blair S.
Cooperative Development Authority Mandatory Training for the Cooperative Officers 2020	February 26-27, 2020	CDA Office, Butuan City	Abiera, Roy R.
			Balasico, Jenette T.
			Calo, Jonathan B.
			Catacte, Meinheart S.
			Dela Calzada, Al Patrick M.
			Elisan, Roberto G.
			Montera, Kit Irvin G.
			Lupiba, Emma B.
			Villa, Mylene B.
Local Climate Change Action Plan (LCCAP) Formulation Workshop	March 2-6, 2020	Amontay Beach Resort, Nasipit, Agusan del Norte	Dalman, Ian Blair S.
OTHER TRAVELS / ACTIVITIES / MEETINGS / AWARDS			
MAWD Special Meeting	January 22, 2020	Davao City	Sang Tian, Anselmo L.
Confirmation of Decision of the Court of Appeals' Decision on CA GR No. 152457 (CIAC Case No. 15-2010)	February 2-3, 2020	Manila	Sang Tian, Anselmo L.
Surigao Del Sur Water District Association, Inc. (SURWADA) 1st Quarter Meeting re: ISO Matters	February 21, 2020	Barobo, Surigao del Sur	Sang Tian, Anselmo L.
			Vitor, Lily Mae S.
Orientation on COVID-19 Awareness	February 28, 2020	BCWD Training Hall	Employees/Contract of Service/ Project-Based
Product Inspection & Testing of uPVC Pipes	March 5-6, 2020	Plant Site of Jhaycor Industries Inc., Davao City	De Jesus, Junie B.
CDRRMC Full Council Meeting	March 11, 2020	CMO Conference Room 2, City Hall, Butuan City	Pactol, Germanico P.
PAWD Executive Council 1 st Quarter/ Organizational Meeting	March 11-12, 2020	Baguio City	Sang Tian, Anselmo L.
			Fudalan, Peter Al R.
NorMin-NRMC and MAWD 1st Quarter Meeting	March 18-19, 2020	Cagayan de Oro City	Sang Tian, Anselmo L.

GIABHAG ANG TANAN SA PAGDAGINOT SA TUBIG

Importante ang kada tulo sa tubig. Maong karong panahon sa ting-init, ang buhatan sa Butuan City Water District (BCWD) nag-awhag sa tanan konsumador sa pagdaginot sa tubig para malikayan ang epekto sa ting-init o El Nino.

Mga simpleng pamaagi sa pagdaginot sa tubig:

1. Human gamiton, siguradohon nga sarado ang mga gripo sa sulod ug gawas sa balay.



2. Paggamit og balde ug kabo sa pagligo.



3. Magbubo og mga tanum o tanaman (garden) sa dili pa mosidlak o mosalop ang adlaw.



4. Magligom og tubig gikan sa ulan gamit ang mga balde ug uban pang mga sudlanan para adunay magamit sa paglimpyo sa balay, pangbubo sa kasilyas ug uban pa.



5. Kung maglimpyo og sakyanan, paggamit og balde, kabo ug trapo.



6. Paggamit og palanggana sa paghugas og mga plato, baso, kutsara ug uban pang mga gamit. Ayaw pasagdi ang tubig nga gaagas samtang nagsabon og nangwaswas.



7. Tingoba ang paglaba, dili anam-anam. Ayaw pasagdi nga mag-awas ang tubig sa palanggana samtang nangwaswas. Gamita sa panglimpyo ang giwaswasang tubig.



8. Sa pagsipilyo, gamit og baso, ayaw pasagdi nga mag-agas ang tubig sa gripo.



9. I-report dayon sa BCWD ang mga guba o buslot nga mga tubo sa tubig. Tawag sa BCWD Call Center.



10. Isangyaw kining simpleng pamaagi sa pagdaginot og tubig. Itudlo sa mga katabang sa balay, mga silingan, mga estudyante ug mga kaubanan sa trabaho.



Para sa dugang kasayuran, tawag sa BCWD Call Center sa mga numero 09189304234 / 09171888726 / (085) 3423145/ 46; 3416373 / 74 o mag-personal message (PM) sa official Facebook account sa Butuan City Water District. Puwede usab kamo mobisita sa www.bcwd.gov.ph.

