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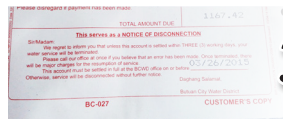
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## BCWD IMPLEMENTS


# BILLING DATE ADJUSTMENTS

by Ann Patrimonio

The Butuan City Water District (BCWD) implemented an adjustment in the provisions stipulated in the Application and Contract for Water Services, specifically on the due date of the current water bill from 15 days to 7 days after date of delivery effective this March 2023 bill. The BCWD Board approved the change per BOD Resolution No. 068-2022 dated October 10, 2022.

The adjustment of the billing date is BCWD's way of encouraging its concessionaires to pay their water bill on or before due date to avoid penalty.

BCWD is also reminding its concessionaires that the water bill in excess of the guarantee deposit, which remains unpaid during the next billing, shall be followed by a red bill/notice of disconnection. **The water service will be terminated without further notice after the additional grace period of three (3) days shall have expired, unless payment is made.**

This is part of BCWD's program to improve collection efficiency. 





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## DISTRICT NEWS

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# OATH TAKING

## FOR THE RENEWAL OF DIR. MONTERO

as BCWD Board of Director

by Ann Patrimonio

**The Butuan City Water District (BCWD) opens year 2023 with the renewal of ENGR. RONALDO C. MONTERO as one of the members of BCWD's Board of Directors.**

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The Oath Taking Ceremony of Engr. Ronaldo C. Montero took place on the morning of February 1, 2023 at Fr. Saturnino Urios University - College Building. It was administered by Hon. Ronnie Vicente C. Lagnada, City Mayor and witnessed by Atty. Dennis M. Bacala, the Chairman of the Board, Director Carmenchu B. Vicente, and





Director Horacio T. Santos together with the general manager, Engr. Anselmo L. Sang Tian.

Engr. Montero represents the Education Sector and will serve the term for six (6) years, following the provisions of Presidential Decree 198, otherwise known as The Provincial Water Utilities Act of 1973, as amended, and LWUA Memorandum Circular 005.16 dated June 6, 2016.

The reappointment of Dir. Montero will ensure continuity of programs and projects of BCWD to improve its services to Butuan City.







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## DISTRICT NEWS

# MORE THAN JUST TREE PLANTING:

BCWD kicks-off partnership with BBY2K20 for its Adopt-a-Forest Project

by Ann Patrimonio

It is more than just tree planting, it is a partnership.

The Butuan City Water District (BCWD) kicked-off its partnership with the Balik Butuan 2020 (BBY2K0) for the Adopt-a-Forest Project at the Taguibo River Watershed Forest Reserve (TRWFR) on March 21, 2023 at the Collection Lobby of the BCWD Administration Building. BBY2K0 committed to adopt a total area of 40 hectares at the TRWFR to reforest.





The simple kick-off celebration started with the acknowledgment of the BBY2K0 donors for BCWD's Adopt-a-Forest Project. Highlight of the said activity is the posting of names in leaves to the Tree Board by the donors for the BBY2K0 Adopt-a-Forest Partnership placed at BCWD's Collection Lobby.

BCWD's Adopt-a-Forest Project is a 3-year tree planting and "parenting" project undertaken by BCWD which serves as a model project for those individuals, institutions and organizations willing to provide funds for the reforestation of one hectare or more of the area where Butan's major water source is located — the Taguibo River Watershed Forest Reserve (TRWFR). With its growing number of donors, BCWD deeply appreciates BBY2K0 for joining the growing number of donors/partners in ensuring the reforestation of the TRWFR for future generations.

The Balik Butuan 2020 (BBY2K0) is an event fostering the return of expatriates from Butuan during the Balanghais Festival in May. BBY2K0 occurs every 5-years and for these instalment, BBY2K0 chose to include in their activities the partnership with BCWD.

The formal launching through Memorandum of Agreement Signing and Ceremonial Tree Planting will take place on May 2023.





# WATER AND SANITATION:

A Multi-Pronged Approach through Partnership with Stakeholders



by Ram Barquin

The United Nations (UN) in 2015 identified 17 Sustainable Development Goals to achieve for each nation to improve quality of life for everyone in the world. Among the identified Global Goals, the Butuan City Water District (BCWD) has been actively trying to take action on Goal #6 – Clean Water and Sanitation.





## “ CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME.



The concept of BCWD's campaign is based on the message: "Charity Begins at Home."

BCWD evaluated on a means to advocate for clean water and sanitation within its jurisdiction. Thus, coming up with creating a partnership with the stakeholders located in the Taguibo River Watershed Forest Reserve (TRWFR) in Barangay Anticala, Butuan City.

### Why focus on Taguibo Watershed?

TRWFR is a critical watershed that serves as the primary source of irrigation and potable water for the residents of Butuan City as well as the source of forest and non-forest-based livelihood of the communities living within the watershed.

BCWD is one of the lead agencies in the protection and conservation of the TRWFR since it was proclaimed as a watershed forest reserve through Presidential Proclamation No. 1076 on September 04, 1997 by President Fidel V. Ramos covering a total area of 4,367.44 hectares.

BCWD established partnership with the upland settlers in the implementation of reforestation program through Agro-forestry technology within the watershed area as well as implementing sanitation advocacies in the area to ensure that the water quality of Taguibo River will remain fit for drinking water supply.



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A Multi-Pronged Approach is utilized for BCWD's Partnership with the Stakeholders of the TRWFR to be able to implement several water and sanitation advocacies in the area to ensure sustainability of its water supply source.

**BCWD prioritized in its campaign for water and sanitation, the following:**

- End open defecation in the TRWFR and provide access to sanitation;
- Protect and restore the TRWFR and its ecosystem; and
- Improve water quality of the Taguibo River by implementing solid waste management for the watershed settlers in the area and minimize throwing their wastes in the river.

## BCWD'S CAMPAIGN FOR WATER AND SANITATION

**BCWD's approach to partnership with watershed stakeholders in water and sanitation campaign include:**

- 1) Ending open defecation in the TRWFR and provide access to sanitation;
- 2) Protecting and restoring the TRWFR and its ecosystem; and
- 3) Improving water quality of the Taguibo River by implementing solid waste management for the watershed settlers in the area and minimize throwing wastes in the river.





## 1. End Open Defecation in the TRWFR and Provide Access to Sanitation

### A. CONSTRUCTION OF COMMUNAL COMFORT ROOMS

- Construction of communal sanitation facilities in the TRWFR is a project by BCWD in partnership with Barangay Anticala so that the residents of the said barangay living within the TRWFR will have a proper sanitation facility. This will be a means of improving the water quality of the Taguibo River and lessen incidents of diseases with proper sanitation facilities in the area. To date, a total of 12 Communal Comfort Rooms and 10 Individual Comfort Rooms were constructed within the TRWFR.

The watershed settlers were taught how to properly take care of their communal sanitation facilities as well as its advantages.

There were two types of comfort room project implemented by BCWD:

#### 1.) COMMUNAL COMFORT ROOMS

- BCWD constructed a set of comfort rooms shared by more than two (2) households;



and

#### 2.) INDIVIDUAL COMFORT ROOMS

- Only two (2) households were beneficiaries of the Individual Comfort Rooms. For the individual comfort rooms, BCWD implemented the project in direct partnership with the specific beneficiaries. BCWD provided toilet bowls and the construction of the septic tanks, while the beneficiary households (two households) were responsible for the construction of the enclosure of the comfort rooms for privacy.





## B. CONSTRUCTION OF DUGYAMAN WATER SYSTEM

- To be able to provide access to clean water to the residents of Sitio Dugyaman, Barangay Anticala, BCWD constructed a water system in the area since residents in the area has to walk to fetch water during dry season since their water source dries up when there is little rain in the area. BCWD also installed the water supply pipeline for Dugyaman Elementary School so that students can have access to clean water while studying.



## C. SITIO MAHAYAHAY WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM FUNDED THROUGH LUNTIAW MINDANAO IN THE AMOUNT OF ₱ 150,000.00 AND ₱ 600,000.00 FROM BCWD

- Residents of Sitio Mahayahay, Barangay Anticala have a problem with their water supply source during dry season since their source is a stream located at a lower elevation than where the houses of the residents are located. As such, during dry season, the flowing water from the stream can no longer reach their homes. To be able to provide continuing water supply to the residents in the area, BCWD partnered with Luntiaw Mindanao and constructed the Sitio Mahayahay Water Supply System. The system includes a water pump to boost the water to a reservoir. BCWD also constructed a distribution line so that individual homes can have their own faucets.



BCWD turned over the system to the Purok/Sitio officials who is now responsible for the maintenance of the water supply system.



## 2. Protection and restoration of the TRWFR and its ecosystem

- BCWD advocates reforestation of the TRWFR. The purpose of this is to ensure sustainable water supply for the Taguibo River may it be rainy or dry season. BCWD already partnered with the department of Environment and Natural Resources (*DENR*) for the National Greening Program implemented in the TRWFR. However, one of the highlight reforestation project of BCWD in the TRWFR is its Adopt-A-Forest program wherein interested Peoples Organizations, Civil Society Organizations, Non-Government Organizations and other entities can participate in the rehabilitation program in order to save the Taguibo Watershed based on BCWD's outlined activities and methods.



BCWD has already implemented 69 hectares within the TRWFR under its Adopt-A-Forest Program with 34 generous donors. As of 2022, BCWD has a new donor and partner for its Adopt-A-Forest Program, One Meralco Foundation.

One Meralco Foundation (*OMF*) is the social development arm of MERALCO. The OMF programs are designated to provide solution

to social challenges. The OMF designed and implemented a One for Trees Program. The inception of One for Trees started in 2019. It aims to nurture more trees through collaboration with partner organizations to benefit local farmers. The OFT program, emphasizes the importance of creating sustainable solutions to address environmental, social and economic needs.

One Meralco Foundation expressed its interest to participate in the Adopt-A-Forest program of the BCWD in line with their One for Trees program.

A total of eighty (80) hectares or 48,000 seedlings is under implementation amounting to Five Million Fifty One Thousand Pesos and 00/100 (₱ 5,051,000.00). The OMF shouldered the amount of Four Million Pesos and 00/100 (₱ 4,000,000.00) while BCWD will provide a counterpart of One Million Fifty One Thousand Pesos and 00/100 (₱ 1,051,000.00). Said

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project has an implementation period of four (4) years covering the planting to maintenance stages.

3. Improve Water Quality of the Taguibo River by Implementing Solid Waste Management for the Watershed Settlers in the Area and Minimize Throwing Wastes in the River

- BCWD believes that water quality of the Taguibo River can be improved through the elimination of dumping of wastes in the river by the residents in the TRWFR. As such, part of BCWD's advocacy is to inculcate in the residents the implementation of solid waste management. Another project implemented is supporting the purok's implementation of the Solid Waste Program and constructing Material Recovery Facilities within the TRWFR.

### a. Watershed Community Symposium

Every year, BCWD conducts a quarterly Watershed Community Symposium. A Team from BCWD visits two (2) Sitios every quarter to discuss about the concept of Watershed, Forest Protection, Solid Waste Management, and Water Quality Management Area (WQMA). This will ensure that the education of the watershed settlers is continuous. They are reminded of their important role in taking care of the watershed and its protection. During the implementation of the said symposium, BCWD invites speakers from the Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Management Bureau and other partner agencies/stakeholders in the area.

At the end of the symposium, the watershed

settlers are given the avenue to inquire or raise their concerns regarding their activities and role in the protection and preservation of the Watershed. They also share their opinions and suggestions to better implement the projects of BCWD within their area. It is also BCWD's way of getting feedback from the people living in the watershed.







## COVER STORY



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Solid Waste Management Program, BCWD constructed MRF's in the area so that the residents can place their recyclables and other wastes for pickup. A total of 4 MRFs were constructed within the TRWFR. This also helps minimize throwing of wastes in the river.

### **b. Support the sustainable implementation of proper solid waste management at Sitio Tagkiling and Sitio Dugyaman, Barangay Anticala, Butuan City.**

As a result to the continuous Information Drive of BCWD in the area regarding Forest Protection, About the Watershed and Solid Waste Management, two Sitios of the TRWFR started to implement their Solid Waste Management Program.

BCWD supports Sitio Tagkiling to ensure proper implementation of Solid Waste Management by providing incentives monthly to the top three clusters garnering the highest number of points for proper Solid Waste Management. By end of the month, a team from BCWD will visit the area to inspect their respective clusters and gauge whether they continue to implement their solid waste management program.

Due to this program, you can no longer see wastes such as empty packets, celophanes, plastics, diapers, sanitary napkins, etc. floating in the river.

### **b. Construction of MRF's at Sitio Tagkiling and Sitio Dugyaman, Barangay Anticala, Butuan City.**

- To aide proper implementation of the



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## UPCOMING PROJECTS UNDER PROTECTION AND RESTORATION OF THE TRWFR

Aside from the continuing implementation of the abovementioned activities, BCWD will also conduct the following:

- Multi-Hectare Adopt-a-Forest partnership with BBY2K20.
- BBY2K20 is a Non-Profit Organization (NGO) of Balikbayan's from Butuan City. The said NGO is currently consolidating the funds for its commitment for BCWD's Adopt-a-Forest Program which will be implemented in 2023.



## STATUS OF THE TAGUIBO WATERSHED

Since BCWD's implementation of its campaign for clean water and sanitation utilizing a Multi-Pronged Approach through Partnership with the Stakeholders of the TRWFR, the following are the observed effects in the area:

- The surrounding areas of the built-up areas within the watershed is more clean with less garbage;
- There is an increased vegetation and trees in the area;
- There are less wastes floating in the Taguibo River; and
- The quality of living in the area has improved.

It is fulfilling for BCWD to witness the fruits of following the concept of "Charity Begins at Home." To see the difference in the TRWFR from prior to the interventions of BCWD to what it is now.







That through its Multi-Pronged Approach and BCWD's Partnership with the Stakeholders of the TRWFR, it was able to implement several water and sanitation advocacies in the area hopefully ensuring the sustainability of its water supply source.

BCWD's priority campaign for water and sanitation of ending open defecation in the TRWFR and provide access to sanitation; protecting and restoring the TRWFR and its



ecosystem; and improving the water quality of the Taguibo River by implementing solid waste management for the watershed settlers in the area and minimize throwing their wastes in the river has been by far continuing and well supported by its partner stakeholders.

BCWD hopes that this project will continue and can be duplicated in other areas of BCWD.

BCWD knows that delivering sustainable water and sanitation will help deliver the ambitions of the United Nations and achieving Global Goal #6 Clean Water and Sanitation for all.







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## GRANTS & COLLABORATION



BCWD conducts information updates for beneficiaries as it implements the

# 1<sup>ST</sup> PHASE OF THE ONE MERALCO FOUNDATION ADOPT-A-FOREST PROJECT

by Ann Patrimonio

The Butuan City Water District (BCWD) conducts information updates activity to the 44 beneficiaries of the One Meralco Foundation (OMF) Adopt-a-Forest Project which covers a total area of 80 hectares of the Taguibo River Watershed Forest Reserve (TRWFR) to be reforested as BCWD is about to implement the planting for the 1<sup>st</sup> phase of the partnership. The IEC was conducted last February 9, 2023 at the AWFPC Multipurpose Hall, Sitio Mahayahay, Brgy. Anticala, Butuan City.



The IEC provided additional information for the beneficiaries on the schedules for the planting and the maintenance of the planted seedlings.

The 1<sup>st</sup> phase of the Adopt-A-Forest Project of the OMF was planted last February 2023 with 48,000 seedlings of various grafted fruits and forest trees such as Rambutan, Lanzones, Narra and Tugas or equivalent to 600 seedlings per hectare.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Pass Maintenance Activity of the eighty (80) hectares Adopt-A-Forest Program Planted on February 2023 for Project CY 2023 at the TRWFR is scheduled for validation on May 2023. The target survival rate of the planted



seedlings is 90%.

BCWD is blessed to have the support of the private sector in helping to protect and preserve the TRWFR to ensure sustainability of water supply for future generations of Butuanons.







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## PERSONNEL MOVEMENT



# BEA NEW SET OF OFFICERS TAKE OATH

by Ram Barquin

The new set of officers of the BCWD Employees Association (BEA) takes oath on January 6, 2023 with the Butuan City Water District (BCWD) general manager, Engr. Anselmo L. Sang Tian, as inducing officer. The said oath taking ceremony took place at BCWD's Office of the General Manager.





On December 21, 2022, BEA conducted an Election of Officers. The newly elected officers of BEA were:

President - Arnel C. Basnillo  
 Secretary - Anna Karina O. Patrimonio  
 Treasurer - Grace G. Corpin  
 PIO - Essa Mae H. Openiano  
 Auditor - Mary Grace M. Tejano

## BEA Board Members:

Roberto C. Aguilar  
 Ramil S. Barquin  
 Irwin R. Buquis  
 Al Patrick M. Dela Calzada  
 Bernie E. Casimsiman

The BCWD Employees Association (BEA) is an employees association of the Butuan City Water District (BCWD) duly registered with the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) under Certificate of Registration No. 1767 and duly accredited by the Civil Service Commission (CSC) under Certificate of Accreditation No. 829.





# PERSONNEL MOVEMENT

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JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2023

### RECRUITMENT

Name	1ST DAY OF EMPLOYMENT	POSITION	Status
Edelmart P. Datchile	January 3, 2023	Forester	Contract of Service
Jestony N. Ariate	January 17, 2023	Call Center Staff	Contract of Service
Christian Anthony R. Peliño	January 18, 2023	Call Center Staff	Contract of Service
Twiggy Chenmae T. Pahuyo	January 26, 2023	Clerk	Contract of Service
Chrisia May D. Tibay	January 30, 2023	Clerk	Contract of Service
Harley Jon C. Penados	March 6, 2023	Clerk	Contract of Service
Angel John F. Mallonga	March 23, 2023	Meter Reader/ Bill Handler	Contract of Service

### DESIGNATION

Name	EFFECTIVITY DATE	POSITION	Designation
Josephine S. Anasta	January 1, 2023	Cashiering Services Chief B	Officer-In-Charge, Finance Department
Glenda D. Torralba	January 1, 2023	Cashier A	Supervisor-In-Charge, Cash Management Division
Engr. Germanico P. Pactol	January 24, 2022	Principal Engineer C	Officer-in-Charge, Engineering Department & PAMD
Joseph Y. Tantoy	March 1, 2022	Supervising Material Planning Officer	Supervisor-In-Charge, Procurement & Records Services Division
Ramil S. Barquin	March 11, 2022	Community Relations Chief B	Officer-In-Charge, Management Services Department

### REASSIGNMENT / TRANSFER OF ASSIGNMENT / STATUS-QUO OF ASSIGNMENT

NAME	EFFECTIVITY DATE	POSITION	FROM	TO
Anthony A. Cabahug	January 5, 2023	Utility Worker A	General Services Division, ASD	Office of the Board of Directors
Neil Gabriel B. Atrogenio	January 3, 2023	Courier	Office of the Board of Directors	Community Relations and External Affairs Division, MSD
Anna Karina O. Patrimonio	March 16, 2023	Administrative Services Officer B	Human Resource Division, ASD	Community Relations and External Affairs Division, MSD



## VIRTUAL TRAININGS/ SEMINARS

JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2023

TITLE	INCLUSIVE DATES	VENUE	CONDUCTED BY:	PARTICIPANTS
<b>CONVENTIONS/CONFERENCES/FORUM/SUMMIT ATTENDED BY OFFICERS &amp; EMPLOYEES</b>				
Caraga Women's Summit	August 10-11, 2023	Gov. D.O. Plaza Sports Complex, Government Center, Patin-ay, Agusan del Sur	Agusan del Sur Chamber of Commerce & Industry Foundation, Inc (ADSCCIF)	Benito, Engr. John Michael Y.

## ONLINE SEMINARS / TRAININGS / WORKSHOPS ATTENDED BY OFFICERS & EMPLOYEES

TITLE	INCLUSIVE DATES	VENUE	CONDUCTED BY:	PARTICIPANTS
Virtual Orientation on the Process of Securing Accreditation from the Board of Chemistry	March 10, 2023	via Zoom	Professional Regulation Commission Regional	Catacte, Meinheart S.
				Lacea, Johny Cris G.
Webinar Series of GFMIC re: Updates on Strategic Performance Management System (SPMS) Implementation on Government and Performance-based Bonus Implementation Status	March 15, 2023	via Zoom	Government Financial Management Innovators Circle (GFMIC)	Basnillo, Arnel C.
				Corpin, Grace G.

## TRAININGS/ SEMINARS

JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2023

TITLE	INCLUSIVE DATES	VENUE	CONDUCTED BY:	PARTICIPANTS
<b>OTHER ACTIVITIES / MEETINGS</b>				
Gender Health and Environment Subcommittee Meeting	March 9, 2023	VCDU Convention Center	Regional Gender and Development Committee	Nicario, Danicaluz L.



# Adopt-a-Forest

## Project of Butuan City Water District in Taguibo River Forest Reserve

is a 3-year tree planting and “parenting” project undertaken by BCWD which will serve as a model project for those individuals, institutions and organizations that would like to conduct tree planting activity and/or just donate or provide funds for one hectare or more hectares to be reforested in TRWFR.

### Who can Adopt?

Adopters- can be any **Individual, Organization, Corporation**, or **Group** who wishes to help.

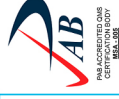
### How much Does it Cost?

It will take **₱ 75,000.00** to reforest one hectare of the TRWFR.

**Donors can opt to donate ₱30,000.00** per hectare and BCWD will provide the **additional fund** to complete the **₱75,000.00** requirement



Your donation will ensure that the seedlings provided will be planted, well-maintained and monitored regularly. In this manner we can assure high survival rate of the planted seedlings, which eventually, will enhance the forest cover of TWFR.



For more information, customers are advised to call the BCWD Call Center at contact Numbers **09189304234 / 09171888726 / (085) 3423145/46; 3416373/74.**

