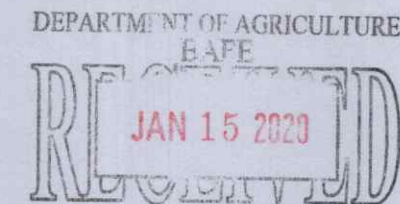




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SUBJECT : CREATION OF A TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP TO REVIEW THE IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES OF DA FARM-TO-MARKET ROAD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

In the exigency of service and in order to strengthen and improve the implementation of the DA Farm-to-Market Road Development Program (FMRDP), a Technical Working Group (TWG) to review the DA-FMRDP Implementing Guidelines is hereby created composed of the following:

Chairman : Engr. Ariodear C. Rico
Director, BAFE

Vice Chairman : Engr. Francia Macalintal, PCAF

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The TWG shall have the following functions and responsibilities:

- 1) Gather relevant information, issues and problems, policy studies/issuances relative to Farm-to-Market Road (FMR) implementation;
- 2) Coordinate and conduct meetings with DPWH, DILG, NIA, DAR, DENR, DOT, DOLE, TESDA, DSWD, LRA, NCIP and other concerned national government agencies with the end view of getting information on their best practices, policies and program implementation guidelines, and possible DA convergence/collaboration arrangement with them relative to FMR implementation;

- 3) Conduct review on the following existing/proposed guidelines relative to FMR implementation and draft revisions taking into consideration on the above Item 1 and 2, the DA Policy Framework for inclusive Agri-industrialization and New Thinking for Agriculture (DA AO No. 16, series of 2019), implementation of Philippine Development Plan, AFMP and relevant laws such as RA No. 8435, RA No. 10601, RA No. 10915, among others, and the Philippine Agricultural Engineering Standards :
 - a) DA AO No. 4, series of 2016, *"General Guidelines on the Implementation of FMRDP"*;
 - b) Existing DA-DPWH MOA on the Implementation of FMR Development Program
 - c) Draft Joint DA-DPWH-DILG Circular, *"General Guidelines on the Implementation of FMRDP"*; and
 - d) Definition/Coverage of FMR


- 4) Prepare the following documents as part of the Revised DA FMRDP Implementing Guidelines or support the implementation of FMRDP:
 - a) Convergence/collaboration instruments (MOA/MOU, Joint Memorandum Circulars, etc.) of DA with concerned government agencies relative to FMR implementation taking into reference Items 1,2 and 3 above;
 - b) Detailed Action Plan/Program on the preparation of FMR Network Plan;
 - c) FMR Capacity Development Plan for the Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering Groups/Units of DA-RFOs, bureaus and attached agencies, LGUs including SCUs/HEIs ABEs and PSABE members; and
 - d) Draft Executive Order to institute inter-agency cooperation and collaboration and delineation of roles/functions on FMR implementation.

- 5) Conduct consultation meetings with concerned DA operating units and various stakeholders in coordination and collaboration with the Philippine Council for Agriculture and Fisheries.

The TWG members shall be under the direct supervision of Undersecretary Waldo R. Carpio. Moreover, the TWG members and the Secretariat are entitled to travelling expenses/allowance, per diems and other incidental expenses that may be incurred in the performance of their functions and responsibilities, chargeable against the FMRD funds, subject to existing government and auditing rules and regulations.

This order shall take effect immediately.

Done this 10 day of January 2020


WILLIAM D. DAR, Ph.D.
 Secretary

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