

RDC XI Recommends the Mainstreaming of DMRA Programs, Activities and Projects in the FY 2018 Budget Proposal of MGB



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(Davao City, 10 February 2017). At the recently concluded FY 2018 Budget Review and Consultation conducted at the NEDA-RDC XI Conference Hall, Davao City on January 31-February 2, 2017, the Regional Development Council (RDC) XI recommended to the Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) XI to include priority programs, activities and projects (PAPs) in the Diwalwal Mineral Reservation Area (DMRA).

During the Budget Review and Consultation, OIC-Director Wilfredo G. Moncano of the MGB XI presented the budget proposal of the agency where he cited the specific plans and programs to be undertaken by MGB XI for FY 2018. After his presentation, Acting RDC XI Chair and NEDA XI Director Maria Lourdes D. Lim suggested that MGB include programs and projects in the DMRA in its budget proposal considering that the said mineral reservation area is within the agency's mandate. Director Lim also recommended that MGB XI use as reference the DMRA Development Plan (DMRADP), 2012-2032 in identifying programs and projects since management strategies in the mining area have already been identified in the said Plan.

After clarifying that the National Task Force Diwalwal-Project Monitoring Coordination Center (PMCC) is responsible for the activities in the area and that MGB only submits its workplan to PMCC for consideration, Director Moncano agreed to include priority PAPs on "Vulnerability Risk Assessment", Hydrological Assessment", and "Communication Plan" formulation for the DMRA and shall submit to the RDC XI Secretariat the revised 2018 budget proposal of agency incorporating the recommendations of the RDC XI.

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