



MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 2016-06

TO: General Managers of Water Districts, the Administrator of the Local Water Utilities Administration, the Chairperson of the Commission on Audit and All Others Concerned

SUBJECT: **Extension of the Moratorium on the PCW Review and Endorsement of Local Water District Annual Gender and Development Plans and Budgets**

DATE: 10 October 2016

- 1.0 With reference to PCW Memorandum Circular (MC) 2015-03, "Guidelines on the Review and Endorsement of Water District Annual Gender and Development (GAD) Plans and Budgets (GPBs)," dated 19 May 2015, **the moratorium on the PCW review and endorsement of local water district (LWD) GPBs is, hereby, extended.**
- 2.0 The extension of the moratorium is due to the need to clarify the operational procedures for the submission, review and endorsement of LWD GPBs, and the on-going enhancement of the Gender Mainstreaming Monitoring System (GMMS) considering the large number of LWDs.
- 3.0 Nonetheless, during the moratorium period, LWDs shall continue to prepare their annual GPBs and GAD ARs in line with the GAD planning and budgeting provisions under Section 36 of Republic Act No. 9710 or the Magna Carta of Women. The preparation of GPBs and GAD ARs shall follow the parameters set under PCW MC 2015-03 and PCW-NEDA-DBM Joint Circular 2012-01, particularly on the identification of gender issues/GAD mandates and the development of corresponding GAD programs, activities and projects (PAPs) to address these.
- 4.0 All LWD GPBs and GAD ARs shall be submitted to the LWUA. In addition, for Categories¹ A, B and C LWDs, their GPBs shall be reviewed by LWUA, but will not be reviewed nor endorsed by PCW during the moratorium period.
- 5.0 For the LWD GAD ARs, these shall be compiled and transmitted by LWUA to PCW for inclusion in the annual GAD budget report and other purposes.

¹ This refers to the categorization provided under the 2011 Revised Local Water District Manual on Categorization, Re-Categorization and Other Related Matters (LWD-MaCRO) issued by DBM.

- 6.0 LWDs shall also be guided by COA Circular 2014-01 on the "Revised Guidelines in the Audit of GAD Funds and Activities in Government Agencies," and other related issuances. The implementation of the moratorium shall not preclude the Commission on Audit from conducting its annual audit of GAD funds and activities of LWDs.
- 7.0 The moratorium shall take effect immediately and shall be in force until a new Memorandum Circular has been issued to lift it.


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