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Oath-taking of SURWADA Officers with LWUA Chairman Prospero A. Pichay, Jr. at LWUA, Quezon City on February 16, 2008.

TINUBDAN

“TINUBDAN” comes from the root word “tubod” translated in English as “source” or “spring” which means the place where something begins, where it springs into being, or a point at which water issues forth. Without a source, water districts would not be possible.

The Surigao del Sur Water Districts Association (SURWADA) has come up with this idea in order to disseminate relevant information to Surigaonons regarding the operations of a water district.

“Learning about where your drinking water comes from by coordinating with local water district for its protection makes a big impact to one’s health. SURWADA also aims to spread the message of water conservation because unknown to many that, if the entire world’s water were fit into a gallon jug, the fresh water available for us to use would equal only about one tablespoon.

VISION

A United, One voice Association of Surigao del Sur Water Districts.

MISSION

To create an aura of oneness among water districts in the Province of Surigao del Sur. SURWADA, INC. (Surigao del Sur Water District Association, Inc.) is a non-profit organization of water districts. Operating in the Province of Surigao del Sur, duly registered in the Security and Exchange Commission last November 2010.



The convergence of Surigao del Sur Water Districts forming SURWADA is a manifestation that the province is now in full great to fight the challenges in water supply brought about by human destruction on watersheds coupled with the effects of climate change and global warming.

Tinubdan is indeed the source of our life!

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BCWD conducts Basic Customer Skills Service Seminar

The Civil Service Commission (CSC) and Bislig City Water District (BCWD) held a two-day Basic Customer Service Skills Seminar last April 27-28, 2011 at the 2nd Flr. Sheilah's Restaurant, Espiritu St., Mangagoy, Bislig City.

The seminar aims to equip attendees as service providers with the necessary knowledge and skills in developing a customer-oriented culture in the organization.

Twenty-seven participants from Surigao del Sur Water District Association attended the seminar - Seventeen of

which are employees of BCWD, 3 from Tandag WD, 1 from both Carmen WD and Madrid WD.

The resource speakers were CSC Regional Director Adams D. Torres and Chief Personnel Specialist Ligaya S. Cueva.

The said seminar tackled service excellence and its importance, developing customer-oriented service culture, cycle of service, creating excellence environmental through customer feedback, understanding ourselves and the customers and skills in building customer satisfaction coupled with various workshops.



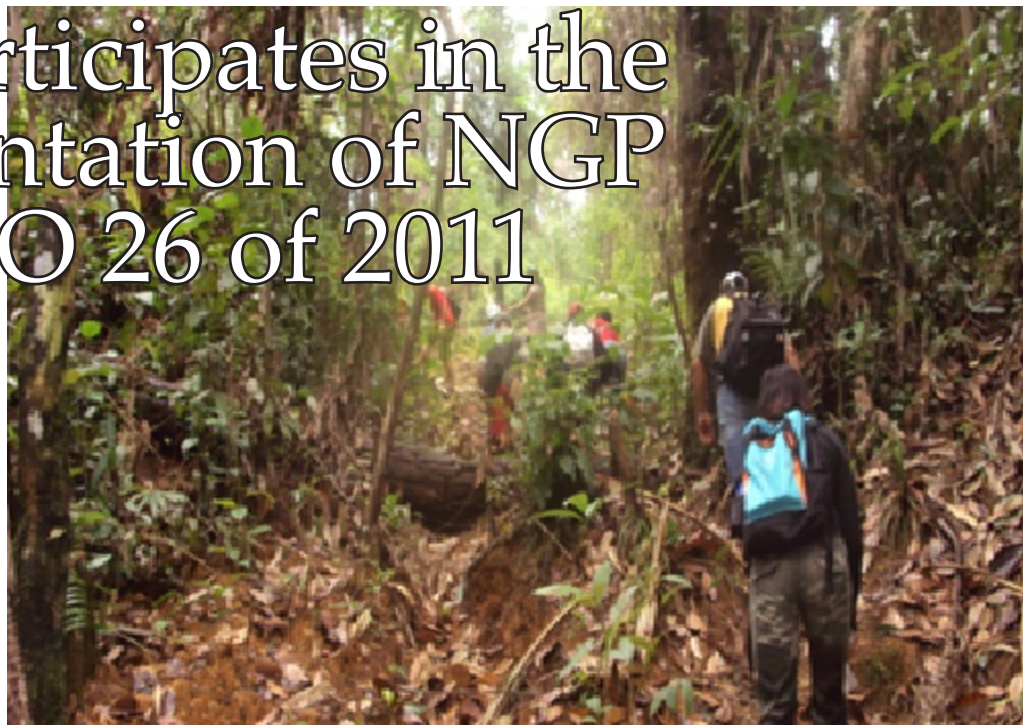
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CWD participates in the implementation of NGP under E. O 26 of 2011

Carmen Water District (CWD) participated in the implementation of the National Greening Program (NGP) under Executive Order 26 of 2011 by conducting tree planting activity on April 28, 2011 at Hubason, San Vicente Surigao del Sur. Said activity was dynamically adhered by the Board of Directors spearheaded by Chairman Aniano C. Ogdoc and GM Jilberto C. Tupas.

The monthly tree planting was designed to encourage Carmenanons in preserving the natural resources especially the watershed area and to strengthen rapport relationship among CWD Board of Directors and employees.



The group was able to plant 110 seedlings: 10 seedlings of bamboo, 50 seedlings of naga, 20 seedlings of mangium and 30 assorted species of fruit trees.

“To arrive at the mountainous

place needs greater endurance and determination but to envision that someday seedlings grown into a tree gives me the energy to lead my fellow board members,” said by a 67 year- old Board Chairman Ogdoc.



GM Jose Hilario V. Pandili, Jr. receiving a Certificate of Commendation from LGU-Hinatuan for his immediate response during tsunami alert evacuation on March 11, 2011 by providing transportation to the residents of said municipality.



The Hinatuan Water District Personnel having their sports activities on 11 January 2011 at Hinatuan Public Plaza as required by the Civil Service Commission per resolution no. 95-2907 under MC 6, S. 1995 called “HATAW” exercises. This was taken last January 11, 2011 at Hinatuan Public Plaza. The activity is scheduled every Wednesdays of the month.

CWD formally recognized as new member of SURWADA

The Surigao del Sur Water District Association conducted its monthly meeting on February 7, 2011 at Carmen WD although it was hosted by Madrid WD. General Managers from different water districts in Surigao del Sur attended the said meeting, namely: Engr. Menillo C. Siega (Bislig), Engr. Ruben C. Elpa (Tandag), Mr. Wilfredo Sanchez (Liang), Ms. Lucille R. De la Torre - OIC from Madrid, Engr. Jose Hilario V. Pandili Jr. from Hinatuan, Mr. Segundino B. Buniel from Cantilan and Engr. Jilberto C. Tupas from Carmen. It was the first time that the CWD attended the meeting and was formally introduced as part of the association. GM Tupas welcomed his fellow GMs and was very blissful that though CWD is a newly-created Water District, SURWADA with open-arms accepted it as a new member. In fact, GM Tupas said that it was a privileged to hold the meeting at their municipality. He further was glad to meet the General Managers from different districts. Some



of the GM gave him tips and advices in coping with several challenges that might be encountered in a newly- formed water district. Moreover, CWD BOD Chairman Aniano C. Ogdoc who was present in the meeting was introduced.

CWD was formally recognized as part of the association as it was the first time the district attended the said meeting.

GM Tupas expressed that he was glad that though CWD is a newly-created water district, SURWADA has welcomed them with open arms. He was also glad to meet the General Managers from different water districts.

During the meeting, all GMs gave him tips and pieces of advice on how to cope the challenges of a newly-created district.

Bislig City Water District Water Clarifier, now on-line



Mactan Rock Industries, Inc. continuously conducted testing and commissioning on the Water Clarifier. They also Implemented correction and adjustment on the facility to meet the required technical specifications and expected water output.

BCWD tapped Metropolitan Cebu Water District (MCWD). Laboratory results showed that input water from the source during heavy rain was 3,638 National Turbidity Unit (NTU) but when processed in the water clarifier, output was 6.1 NTU and when filtered at the filter basin, output was 3.8 NTU which is within the 5 NTU requirement of the National Standard for Drinking Water.

With this project, the more than 20 years of water turbidity problem on the said barangays is now a thing of the past.

Tandag WD's completed two (2) units 400 cu.m. Steel Fabricated Ground Reservoir; the first in Caraga Region

Tandag Water District has completed the installation of its two (2) units steel fabricated ground reservoir last year. Located in the elevated area of Brgy. Awasian, it is designed to supplement the concessionaires' water supply requirement especially during peak-hours. The completed reservoirs have helped cope the increasing water demand in Tandag.

Originally, TWD had planned to construct 800 cu.m. concrete ground reservoir but this was not implemented due to several disadvantages such as problem of site configuration, difficulty of accessing the site to deliver the needed construction materials and insufficiency of budget allocation since it has a high unit cost based on LWUA's Php21,000/cu.m.



These two (2) units reservoirs contributed to efficient and uninterrupted operation of the district. Water is stored in the tank at night and released in the

morning to increase pressure while supplying entire Tandag especially during peak-hour demand.



Tandag WD inducts new BOARD of DIRECTORS

Mr. Walderico R. Bonifacio, Jr. and Ms. Annie O. Ty, new members of the Board of Directors of Tandag WD who took their oath of office effective 01 January 2011 and 08 April 2011, respectively, were inducted by City Mayor Alexander T. Pimentel.

Present during the induction were incumbent members of the Board and GM Ruben C. Elpa.





Tagbina Water District



GM Ildefonso C. Albaraccin and former Parish Priest Tommy Acero during the blessing of Fully-Reinforced Plastic Water Filtration Equipment on August 2010 at Maglambing Pumping Station, Brgy. Maglambing, Tagbina, Surigao del Sur as one of the projects funded by LWUA's Non-LWUA initiated Funds (NLIF).

Interconnection and Expansion of pipelines from Brgy. Maglambing, Brgy. Quezon to Sitio Tupason, Tagbina, Surigao del Sur was funded by LWUA's Non-LWUA Initiated Funds (NLIF).

Blessing and Inauguration of Liwad Water System Project

On March 25, 2011, Lianga WD was privileged to have Hon. Prospero A. Pichay, Jr., LWUA Chairman, Hon. Philip A. Pichay, Congressman, 1st District, Hon. Johnny T. Pimentel, Governor during

the blessing and inauguration of the completed expansion project funded by NLIF. Said activity was also participated by Tagbina Local Officials, LIWAD Board of Directors and personnel from LWUA.

On 2009, the approved Program of Works (POW) for the expansion project was P 20,504,438.06 and on September of the same year, LIWAD received an initial release of P 14,311,510.00 from NLIF. The project was then implemented by administration and it was completed on last December 31, 2010 amounting to P 17,894,320.71, where Lianga Water District shared part amounting to which P 1,377,253.47 was equity of the district.

The project was completed through the efforts of the General Manager and Board of Directors thus providing adequate, safe and potable water supply to Brgys. of Baucawe, Anibongan, Liatimco and part of Wakat, Barobo, Surigao del Sur which guarantees adequate, safe and potable water supply. This development redounds to positive effect both from the concessionaires and financial operation of LIWAD.



Madrid Water District

As a Government-Owned and Controlled Corporation (GOCC) providing local water service to the community, Madrid Water District participates to every socio-cultural activity sponsored by the municipal government.

Two of these were the celebration of Madrid's 58th Town Fiesta last May 12-15, 2011 and the Fun Run sponsored by the LGU to celebrate our National Hero, Dr. Jose P. Rizal's 150th birthday last June 19, 2011. MWD participated during the celebration of Madrid's 58th Town Fiesta on 12-15 May 2011 with the theme, "Ang Panag-hiusa ug Pagtinabangay sa Katawhan Maoy Yawi sa Pagkab-ot sa Mahayag na Kaugmaon". Said activity started with an opening parade followed by a short program whom Cong. Philip A. Pichay was the Guest of Honor. Another activity MWD took part was the Fun-Run to commemorate Dr. Jose P. Rizal's 150th birthday and rekindle his patriotism.



Participation to said events were ways for MWD Management and Staff to bond outside the office and strengthen camaraderie.

Another activity Madrid WD took part in was the Fun Run sponsored by the LGU to commemorate Jose P. Rizal's birthday and rekindle our nation's

patriotism through local endeavors. With the town plaza as starting point, every agency and school employees and students in town raced to the prepared area along one side of Carac-an Bridge for the set of entertainment provided for. This was also a way for the WD's management and staff to bond outside the office.

Genesis and Growth of Cantilan WD

by: GM Segundino B. Buniel, M.B.A

The formation of the Cantilan Water District was initiated by late SP Member Live M. Azarcon sometime in the last quarter of 1989 who at that time was the Municipal Mayor of Cantilan.

The legal basis of the formation of Cantilan Water District like all other water districts in the country is the Presidential Decree No. 198, Chapter II, Sec. 6. of P.D. 198 provides "This Act is the source of authorization and power to form and maintain a district." On February 20 1990 the Sangguniang Bayan of Cantilan, Surigao del Sur passed Resolution No. 25—1990 adopting and affirming the organization of the Cantilan Water District. On May 4, 1990 the Local Water Utilities Administration thru the Board of Trustees Resolution under the Chairmanship of Trustee Benjamin E. Diokno issued the Conditional Certificate of Conformance (CCC 441) to the Cantilan Water District. The First project of the Cantilan Water District was implemented in 1993 and the project became operational



in September 1994. As the number of connection increased to 600 households in 1996, the system experienced water shortage. Due to the water shortage, the management applied for an additional loan from the Local Water Utilities Administration to develop an augmentation source; however, the latter did not grant the former an additional loan.

In as much as the LWUA did not grant additional loan, the management tried to seek financial assistance from the Hon. Prospero "Butch" A. Pichay, Jr. who at the time was

the Congressman of the First District of Surigao del Sur. Fortunately the District was given Five Hundred Thousand Pesos (P 500,000.00). Out of the Funds from the latter, CWD was able to develop the Malitangtang Pumping Station.

Sometime in 2005, CWD was able to avail the KFW loan thru the LWUA for the rehabilitation of the system; and out of this KFW loan the CWD was able to develop its Calagdaan deepwell as another augmentation source.

During the incumbency of the Honorable Prospero "Butch" A. Pichay, Jr. as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Local Water Utilities Administration, The CWD again became the recipient of the financial assistance from the Non-LWUA Initiated Funds (NLIF). One of the work items of this fund is the CWD administrative building. At present the construction is on-going and within this 2011, CWD will be able to have its own new building.

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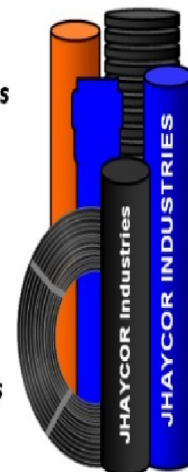
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