

Executive Order No. 361

To establish the Project Steering Committee for Asian Development Bank Project No. 42439-013, the Koror-Airai Sanitation Project.

Whereas, in 2012, approximately 80% of Palau's population of 20,966 lived in Koror and Airai, and 118,754 tourists visited Palau, the vast majority of which stayed in and conducted tourist activities in the Koror and Airai Area; and

Whereas, in order to support continued tourism growth, the country's basic public infrastructure must be upgraded and maintained, particularly the water and sewer infrastructure; and

Whereas, the degraded condition, limited capacity of the Koror sewerage network, and rapid development, along with unsuitable soils for septic tanks in Airai are causing environmental and health issues with serious impacts on the economy

Whereas, the Asian Development Bank has made available a loan of \$28,800,000 to the Republic for the purpose of: (1) creating an effective, efficient, and sustainable sewage collection system in Koror and Airai; (2) implementing a sewage treatment and disposal system that meets Palau's environmental standards; and (3) ensure that safe and hygienic public toilet facilities are available in Koror for tourists; and

Whereas, the Olbiil Era Kelulau passed H.J.R. No. 9-46-4, HD1 authorizing the President of the Republic to execute a loan with the Asian Development Bank to improve the sewer infrastructure of the Republic; and

Whereas, the Project Administration Manual for Asian Development Bank Project No. 42439-013 requires that the President appoint a Project Steering Committee to guide the Project through to fruition, by providing strategic direction, guidance, and oversight of the project through quarterly meetings; and

Now Therefore, pursuant to the power vested in the President, as set forth in the Constitution of the Republic, applicable national laws, and H.J.R. No. 9-46-4, HD1, the President hereby orders as follows:

- (a) That a Project Steering Committee for Asian Development Bank Project No. 42439-013 is hereby created.
- (b) The Project Steering Committee shall comprise of the following individuals:
 - (1) The Minister of Finance, who shall serve as the Chair of the Project Steering Committee.
 - (2) Kaleb Udui, Jr., the Chairman of the Koror-Airai Sanitation Project for Palau Public Utilities Corporation, shall serve as the Vice-Chair of the Project Steering Committee.
 - (2)[sic] All Board members of the Palau Public Utilities Corporation.
 - (3) The Minister of Public Infrastructure, Industries, and Commerce, or his duly appointed representative.
 - (4) Rebluud Kesolei, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the President.
 - (5) The Council of Chiefs shall appoint a representative to join the Project Steering Committee.
 - (6) The Environmental Quality Protection Board (EQPB) shall appoint a representative to join the Project Steering Committee.
 - (7) The Chamber of Commerce is invited to designate a member to join the Project Steering Committee.
 - (8) Koror State Government is invited to designate a representative to join the Project Steering Committee.
 - (9) Airai State Government is invited to designate a representative to join the Project Steering Committee.
- (c) The Committee membership may, during the course of the implementation of the project, be amended or expanded, if such expansion is approved by a majority vote of the Committee members.
- (d) The Ministry of Finance shall serve as the Secretariat for the Project Steering Committee with such duties of the Secretariat to be determined by the Chairman of the Project Steering Committee.

- (e) The Committee shall meet at least quarterly, or upon request of the President, and provide strategic direction, guidance, and oversight of the Project, including quarterly reports or reports as often as the President requests to be updated.

It is so ordered.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this March 5, 2014.

/s/

Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr.
President
Republic of Palau