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DENR ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
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SUBJECT : GUIDELINES FOR THE AFFIRMATION OF COMMUNITY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK (CRMF) AND APPROVAL OF FIVE-YEAR WORK PLAN (FYWP) OF THE HOLDERS OF COMMUNITY-BASED FOREST MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT (CBFMA)

Pursuant to DENR Administrative Orders (DAO) No. 2004-29 entitled “Revised Rules and Regulations for the Implementation of Executive Order 263, Otherwise known as the Community - Based Forest Management Strategy” and DAO No. 2016-07 entitled “DENR Manual of Authorities on Technical Matters”, and Republic Act No. 11032 “An Act Promoting Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Delivery of Government Services, Amending for the Purpose Republic Act No. 9485, Otherwise known as the Anti-Red Tape Act of 2007, and for Other Purposes” and other pertinent law, rules and regulations, the following are the guidelines for the affirmation of Community Resources Management Framework (CRMF) and approval of Five-Year Work Plan (FYWP) of the holders of Community - Based Forest Management Agreement (CBFMA).

Section 1. Basic Policy

It is the policy of the state to sustainably manage the country’s forest resources, promote the socio-economic upliftment of forest communities, and enhance active participation in CBFM activities. Further to this, it shall ensure that requirements and procedures are simplified and streamlined to reduce the turnaround time of the delivery of government services.

Section 2. Objective

The objective of this guidelines is to streamline the affirmation of CRMF and approval of FYWP.

Section 3. Definition of Terms

For the purpose of this Order, the following terms shall be used in, and understood to mean as follows:

- 3.1 **Community Resource Management Framework (CRMF)** - is a strategic plan of the community on how to manage and benefit from the forest resources on a sustainable basis. It describes the community's long-term vision, aspirations, commitments and strategies for the protection, rehabilitation, development and utilization of the forest resources. It also embodies the proposed mitigating measures on potential negative impacts of the strategies/activities to the environment. The CRMF is a document prepared by the community with the assistance of DENR, LGU and other stakeholders within the CBFMA area.
- 3.2 **Five Year Work Plan (FYWP)**-, contains the detailed strategies, activities and targets for five (5) years on protection, rehabilitation, development and resource

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utilization, organizational strengthening, financing, marketing and enterprise development, among others. The FYWP shall be consistent with the CRMF.

Section 4. Affirmation of CRMF

The CBFMA holder shall submit the PO-ratified CRMF together with the minutes of the consultation and ratification to the CENRO/Implementing PENRO. The CENRO, within five (5) working days, shall review the same for recommendation and endorsement to the supervising PENRO or he/she shall return the CRMF to the CBFMA holder in writing to inform them of any deficiency. The PENRO, within five (5) working days, shall review the same for recommendation and endorsement to the Regional Executive Director (RED) for affirmation or he/she shall return the CRMF to PENRO/CENRO to notify the CBFMA holder in writing of any deficiency.

Further, for the implementing PENRO, within five (5) working days after the submission of the CBFMA holder, he/she shall directly endorse the CRMF to the RED for affirmation or he/she shall return the CRMF to the CBFMA holder if there is any deficiency. The RED, within ten (10) working days, shall review the same, for affirmation or he/she shall return the CRMF to PENRO/CENRO to notify the CBFMA holder in writing to inform them of any deficiency (see Flowchart in Annex A).

The affirmation of the CRMF by the RED remains as a manifestation of the commitment of the DENR to support the CBFMA holder in its implementation. The CRMF shall contain detailed plan of activities for the first five (5) years, which shall serve as the first FYWP of the CBFMA. Thus, if the RED has affirmed the CRMF, the first FYWP is deemed approved.

Section 5. Approval of FYWP

With the approval of the first FYWP with the affirmed CRMF as stated in Section 4 hereof, this provision is intended for the FYWP on the 6th year onwards.

The CBFMA holder shall submit the PO-ratified FYWP to the CENRO/Implementing PENRO. The CENRO, within five (5) working days, shall review the same for recommendation and endorsement to the supervising PENRO or he/she shall return the CRMF to the CBFMA holder in writing to inform them of any deficiency. The PENRO, within five (5) working days, shall review the same for his/her approval, or he/she shall return the FYWP to the concerned CENRO to notify the CBFMA holder in writing to inform them of any deficiency (see Flowchart in Annex B).

In case of the implementing PENRO, he/she shall directly approve the FYWP or he/she shall return to the CBFMA holder the FYWP if there is any deficiency.

The FYWP should be consistent with the affirmed CRMF of the CBFM holder. Hence, no FYWP shall be approved without the affirmed CRMF. For those CBFM holders whose CBFMA has validity of less than ten (10) years, they may prepare their FYWP covering the remaining years of their CBFMA.

Section 6. Database and Monitoring and Evaluation

A copy of the affirmed CRMF and approved FYWP shall be provided to the concerned municipal LGU, DENR Regional Office, PENRO and CENRO for their reference, records and as basis of their support and assistance. The concerned personnel from the different DENR field offices shall update the Enhance Forest Information System (FIS) and other related CBFMA

database. Further, the CRMF and FYWP shall be the basis of regular monitoring and evaluation of the CBFMA holders.

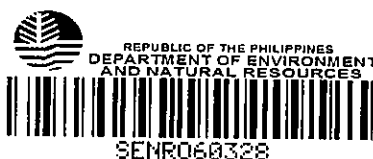
Section 7. Repealing Clause

Provisions of the DENR Administrative Order No. 2016-07 dated 19 May 2016 particularly the related provisions in Item 1 (Approval of Plans) of page 26 (Forestry Related - Management/Operational Plans), other Administrative Orders, Memorandum Circulars and official issuances not consistent herewith are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

Section 8. Effectivity

This Order shall take effect within fifteen (15) days after its publication in newspaper of general circulation and upon acknowledgement of receipt of a copy thereof by the Office of the National Administrative Register (ONAR) of the UP Law Center.

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Secretary

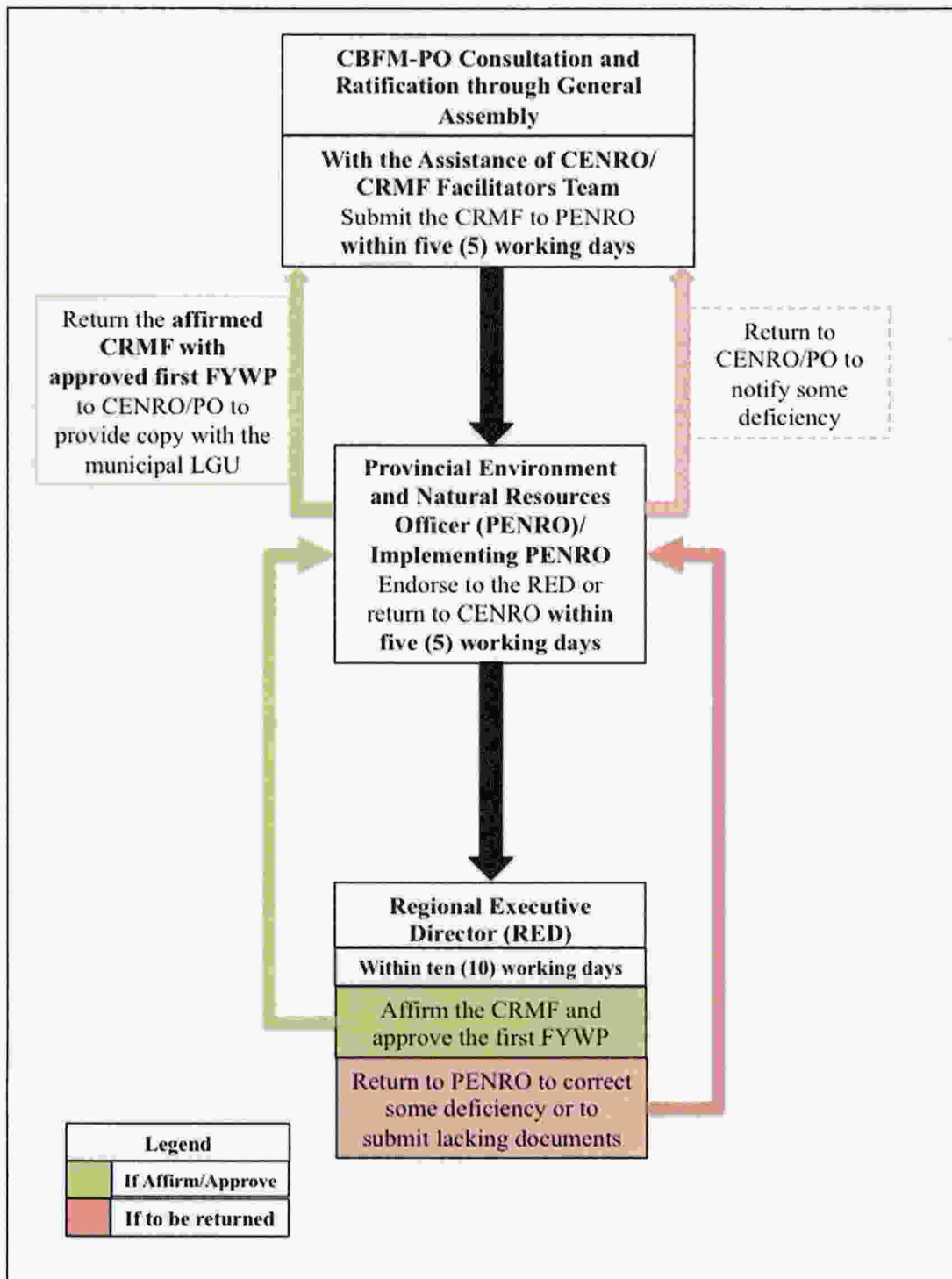


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Annex A. Flowchart of the Affirmation of Community Resources Management Framework (CRMF) and Approval of 1st FYWP



Annex B. Flowchart of the Approval Five-Year Work Plan (FYWP) from 6th Year onwards

