



DRAFT RESOLUTION NO. 22 10-109

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PEOPLE OF RIZAL'S CLAMOR FOR THE STOPPAGE OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE KALIWA DAM PROJECT

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WHEREAS, the Kaliwa Dam is a Php12 billion Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System and China Energy Engineering Corporation project whose most important purpose is ensure water security and to increase the raw water supply to meet the future potable water demand of Metro Manila and reduce dependence on the Angat Dam;

WHEREAS, the Kaliwa Dam Project will be constructed within the Sierra Madre, a forest reserve declared under Proclamation No. 573 on June 22, 1968, and Presidential Proclamation No. 1636 issued on April 18, 1977, wherein a portion of the watershed was declared a national park and wildlife sanctuary and which also serves as nature's shield against the onslaught of super typhoons and storm surges;

WHEREAS, the construction of the multi-billion peso Kaliwa Dam Project not only failed to secure Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) from the Dumagat/Remontado as required by Republic Act No. 8173 or the Indigenous Peoples Rights Act but also lacks the issuance of the Environmental Compliance Certificate by the Environmental Management Bureau which violates legal processes and the Philippine constitution;

WHEREAS, building a mega dam will not only ravage the homes and endanger thousands of endemic wildlife including the critically endangered Philippine Eagle, it also upset the biodiversity in the mountain forests and cause irreparable environmental damage to the surrounding ecosystem, and devastate animal and plant life in the Sierra Madre mountain;

WHEREAS, the infrastructure project includes areas within the Kaliwa River Basin that cover the ancestral domains of the Dumagat/Remontado where the dam will be constructed, pose a threat to the survival of the natives of the area, and will displace so many indigenous people as well as submerging their sacred and burial sites;

WHEREAS, the group of indigenous peoples who reside by the Sierra Madre mountain range strongly oppose the idea of building a dam in the area even if these groups are promised new housing, it may be hard to sustain themselves as the Sierra Madre is the only habitat they have ever known;

WHEREAS, the whole Provincial Government of Rizal and the Local Government Units under it recognizes Metro Manila's concerns on water security but these should not be addressed at the expense of human rights, our environment, the Philippine laws, and sovereignty, thus the need to take action and make our collective voices heard;

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Taytay, though deemed as not directly affected by the Kaliwa Dam project, will still feel the negative impacts of it on our ecosystem, our fellow Rizalenyos and our community as a whole, compelling our Local Government Unit to stand with the people's clamor for the cessation of the disadvantageous project;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the 12th Sangguniang Bayan in a session duly assembled hereby **SUPPORTS THE PEOPLE OF RIZAL'S CLAMOR FOR THE STOPPAGE OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE KALIWA DAM PROJECT**

