



MRWD Board supports Refinancing of LWUA Loans



Chairman Rodelo G. Franco (center) presides during the Regular Board Meeting of Metro Roxas Water District.

by Francis B. Dadula

ROXAS CITY — The MRWD is considering the option of refinancing its loan from LWUA to be facilitated through a government bank offering better terms.

Refinancing is the process of taking the remaining loan balance and applying a new loan to it. The old loan is paid off and the new loan takes its place.

Refinancing is to get a fixed interest rate loan which will eventually help reduce the overall interest debt by keeping you on a lower fixed rate. There are several benefits to refinancing a loan that make it an attractive financial option to many.

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MRWD supports community outreach

ROXAS CITY — The Metro Roxas Water District has been actively taking part in social outreach programs either by Non-Government Organizations (NGOs), Local Government Units (LGUs), tourism office, schools, government offices or bureaus by providing complimentary potable bottled water and at times joining in the activities of concerned agencies. In June 18, 2014, the Roxas City Police Station-led outreach initiative in Barangay Olotayan,

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GM Delgado (right most) receives Certificate of Appreciation from Roxas City PNP. Also in the photo are (from left) PSUPT. Julio T. Gustilo Jr., PS-SUPT. Ulysses C. Caton and Vice-Gov. Esteban Evan Contreras.

MRWD Non-Revenue Water drops to record low

by Francis C. Jocson

ROXAS CITY — The Metro Roxas Water District, after one year of intense leak detection activities has reduced its non-revenue water from the monthly average last year of 30% to this year's 23% and recorded the biggest dropped of unbilled water in its franchise history. The significant dropped of NRW may be attributed to a number of activities and accomplishment by the District by way of reducing the unnecessary pressure in distribution mains every



night, measuring the exact volume of water produced at the water treatment plant, and replacement of damaged water meters. **NON-REVENUE /2**

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Summer and Water

During summer, people generally uses more water than any other time of the year. It is also during such season that water shortage is a problem and mostly consumption has doubled. The Metro Roxas Water District has time and again kept on reminding the consuming public to use water efficiently and implement water conservation. It is by nurturing this God-given grace that we bridge life for the next making.

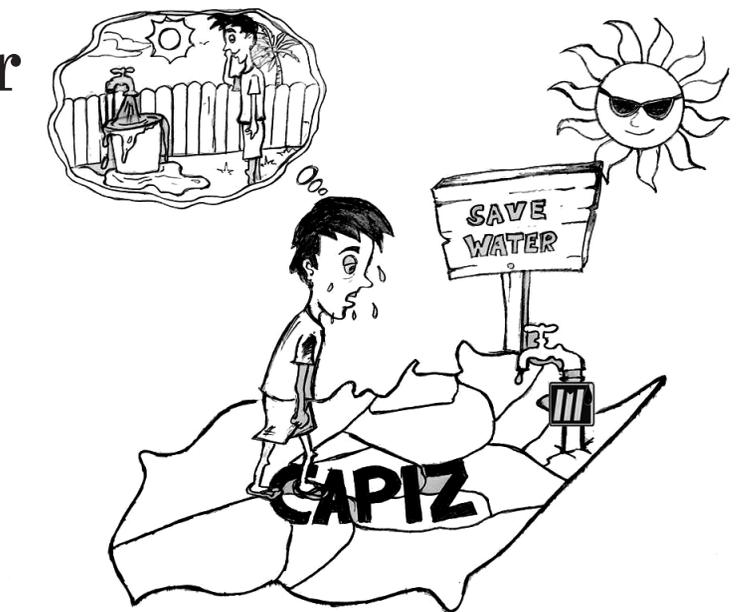
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Saving water is a serious business. It is for this reason that your MRWD has continuously been campaigning by way of giving helpful tips on how to save water. Saving water is a must everyday and more importantly during summer, when the days are hot and the rainfall is intermittent. It's even more so this year as much of the country faces an unrelenting and longer drought brought about by the effects of *Climate Change and global warming*.

Being in a tropical country, Capiz in particular, we have gradually adopted the culture of using water wisely during summer. In other words, people must learn how to use water efficiently. Hence, everyone can play their part in preserving our local water resources.

If you want to cut your water bills or just do your part to conserve a precious resource. Including in these tips to reduce water usage around the house are taking shorter showers or using

a pail when bathing, watering of plants early or late in the day to reduce evaporation, using a glass instead of water directly from the faucet when brushing or washing of hands, using a broom, not a hose, to clean driveways and walkways, fixing of leaking taps and recycling of used water.



Let us take part in saving water, so that we can impart the most precious gift to the next generation – clean water for life.

MRWDEU marks its 2nd Union Day

by Jesserie O. Clorion

ROXAS CITY — The Metro Roxas Water District Employees Union celebrated its 2nd Union Day last April 30, 2014. The overall objective is to strengthen and raise awareness on the importance of cooperation among employees.

During this year's celebration, a Holy Mass was offered in the morning at the MRWD Chapel and followed by a simple ceremony in the afternoon to recognized outstanding



MRWD employees and retirees.

A clean-up drive in the MRWD premises concluded the celebration of the 2nd Union Day. The employees conducted clean up activity in the MRWD

grounds at Kilometer 1, Roxas City. Led by the Metro Roxas Water District Employees Union Officers, the participants were able to collect pieces of plastics, bottles, cans and other waste

materials at the back of MRWD Building. Also, the clean-up drive aims to make the employees aware of the importance of conserving and protecting the environment.

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By way of refinancing, MRWD is expecting to generate substantial positive cash flows which would be enough to provide it with a healthy financial standing for the next 10 years and beyond. After sending letter-invitation to different Government Banks to submit their best and final offers, the MRWD is currently processing all documentary requirements relative to the refinancing of the District's bigger loans with LWUA.

If this undertaking will materialize, it will help defray the expenses needed for the efficient daily operation and maintenance of MRWD's water production, storage, distribution and customer service delivery systems, particularly in view of the rising cost of chemicals, fuel, electricity, repair and replacement parts, and other necessary plant and office supplies.

It will also help improve the water district's critical cash reserves position for contingency and emergency purposes, particularly to fund MRWD's planned capital expenditures needed for projected service expansion, provision of additional water supply capacity in year 2017 as well as effect further NRW reduction.

Why is the Bible and Water important to Christians?

by Leo M. Leonor

The Bible and water are very much connected. Water is mentioned 722 times in the scriptures. First time water is mentioned in the scripture is found in Genesis 1:2 "The earth was formless and empty, and darkness covered the deep waters. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters."

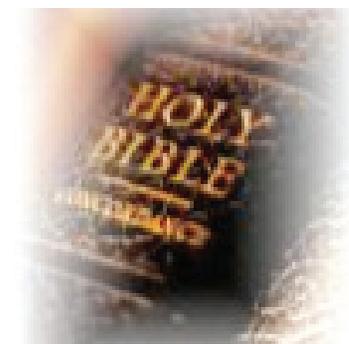
The final time water is mentioned is in Revelations 22:17 "The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." Let anyone who hears this say, "Come." Let anyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who desires drink freely from the water of life."

From the beginning to the end water is always mentioned in the Bible. Many passages in the Scripture speak of water. It plays a significant role in God's creation and in Jesus Christ's earthly ministry.

Let me tell you a wonderful



story about a Jesus Christ's first miracle performed at the wedding feast in Cana where He turned the water into wine. In the book of John we read. John 2:7-11 Jesus said to them, "Fill the water pots with water." they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Draw now, and take the master of the feast." they took it. When the master of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the



feast called the bridegroom. And he said to him, "Every man at the beginning sets out the good wine, and when the well drunk, then the inferior. You have kept the good wine until now!" This beginning of signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory; and His disciples believed in Him." (NKJV)

The Bible and water are blessings from God. They both remind us of our Creator God and our Savior Jesus Christ. Water plays an important role in our daily lives. The Bible is the

Word of God. They sustain both our physical and spiritual lives. Water can quench our thirst physically, the Word of God on the other hand, nourishes us spiritually as Jesus Christ promises in John 4:13-14 "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life." (NKJV)

What would be our part? We have to make sure that all these blessings should be taken cared of. We should never abuse it by maintaining our rivers clean by not contaminating it, and always conserving water in our faucets. When we accept the bible and water as both gifts from God that are freely given to us, we will find our reservoirs full.

GM Delgado urges concessionaires to save water

by Rona T. Lamerez



GM Delgado talks about the importance of saving water.

Water conservation means using our water wisely and properly, Metro Roxas Water District General Manager Gonzalo Glen Delgado said.

He said that all water consumers must realize that water conservation is our personal responsibility and not just leave it up to other people.

“Saving water is everybody’s job,” Delgado said as he urged the people to save water specially those in the elevated areas who are having difficulty in water supply during peak hours.

He stressed that despite the fact that there is adequate water supply at present, it is still necessary that the public must watch out of their water consumption.

“Since our water supply is finite which means someday our supply will run out, conserving water helps minimize the effects of water shortages and helps

build a better defense against future drought years,” Delgado emphasized.

He added that “we must learn to save water today so that

it will be available in the future,” pointing out that we need to think of the future generation that they will have sufficient supply of water by conserving water today.

TUBI Newsletter Is One Year Old

by Ruth L. Jamora

IT’S BEEN one year now that the Metro Roxas Water District (MRWD) established its official **Tubi Newsletter** and continuously supports its remarkable quarterly publication of substance information for the benefit of its concessionaires.

Through Tubi Newsletter, the MRWD realizes its objective of providing information to the consuming public from its operational status including all its undertaken and planned activities

It is also by way of the newsletter that MRWD is able to communicate important policies and at the same time an opportunity to cite some of the government’s related laws concerning water utility for customers’ reference. The newsletter also features some development projects and programs of the water district and



its future service improvements and expansion plans.

The Tubi Newsletter also aims to share important insights concerning the conservation and preservation of our environment essential for the continuous supply of potable water to the City of Roxas and other municipalities. Moreover, simple tips on how to conserve water and prevent leakages are also considered to educate consumers.

In line with the MRWD’s objective of providing helpful information, the members of the Tubi Newsletter were encouraged to be more participative and cooperative. Despite hectic schedule and job responsibilities of Tubi staff, they still managed to host several basic news writing and journalism lectures/seminars.

Kudos to the Tubi Newsletter staff for a job well done!

MRWD Housing Project gets nod for lot conversion

by Michael A. Aguilos

ROXAS CITY — The Metro Roxas Water District - Housing Project Task Force has recently announced that the lot conversion is pending approval before the Department of Agrarian Reform Regional Office.

According to MRWD General Manager Gonzalo Glen B. Delgado, the processing of these documents at the DAR regional office requires compliance of technical requirements. Delgado added that the conversion is a requirement by law basically when the land ceases to be economically feasible and sound for agricultural purposes



as determined by the Department of Agriculture in accordance with the standards and guidelines prescribed for the purpose.

The MRWD employees have long been waiting for the said housing project since 1994.

Recently, the MRWD Board of Directors have agreed with its Employees Union to proceed with the project recognizing the importance of the same partaking as an employee’s benefit.

MRWD bares plan before City Council

by Francis B. Dadula



ROXAS CITY — Plans to further improve the services of the Metro Roxas Water District were recently presented to the members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Roxas City. On June 17, 2014, General Manager Gonzalo Glen B. Delgado reveals the plan of MRWD regarding its financial condition and water supply status before the City’s Sanggunian.

Among those presented was the Water District’s effort to improve its financial condition, focusing on the scheduled water rates increase this year and the District’s refinancing option of its loans with the Local Water Utilities Administration. Should the refinancing option will push through, the District is expecting to generate substantial positive cash flows which would be enough to provide it with a healthy financial standing for the years to come.

Also, customers will be assured of a continuous sufficient supply of high quality treated water and satisfactory water pressure, 24/7. Moreover, MRWD’s repair, maintenance and customer service delivery performance will be kept at very satisfactory levels. As a result of increasing business expansion in the City of Roxas and the Province of Capiz, numerous building establishments, socialized housing projects and subdivisions being urbanized at present, the MRWD is planning

to develop a new water source, reduce its Non-Revenue Water and maintain the quality of our produced water. With this development and progress unfolding, the MRWD will start implementing its plans for additional water source to continuously supply the requirements of its concessionaires by 2017.

Accordingly, MRWD is now at the onset of preparing for the additional water requirement for future demand. Based on its projection, the 30,000-cubic meter treatment plant will be utilized at almost 100% by year 2019. The under study additional water source will entail rehabilitation of Lawa-an Water Treatment Plant, restoration of Old Pumping Station, and pipe laying activities. This project is expected to generate an additional 15,000-cubic meter per day as its maximum capacity. The Management is also considering in putting up a new modular Water Treatment Plant alongside the existing one which is likely to be designed in a modular basis depending on the expected water demand.

Delgado has expressed his appreciation on behalf of the District for the City Council’s unwavering support to the water utility’s programs and endeavors. Indeed, MRWD is humbly honored to be working hand-in-hand with the City’s legislative body in the service of the people of Roxas City.

Republic Act No. 10149 or the Governance Act of 2011

This is an Act to Promote **Financial Viability and Fiscal Discipline** in Government-Owned or -Controlled Corporations (GOCCs) and to Strengthen the Role of the State in its Governance and Management to Make Them More Responsive to the Needs of Public Interest and for Other Purposes.

Accordingly, the State as a matter of policy recognizes the potential of GOCCs as significant tools for economic development and to promote growth by ensuring that operations are consistent with national development policies and programs.

Consequently, the law aims to minimize graft and corruption in the government service. It created the Governance Commission for Government Owned or Controlled Corporations (GCG) as central advisory, monitoring and oversight body with authority to formulate, implement and coordinate policies concerning GOCC's and other related

corporations.

This Act shall be applicable to all GOCCs, GICPs/GCEs, and government financial institutions, including their subsidiaries, but excluding the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, state universities and colleges, cooperatives, local water districts, economic zone authorities and research institutions.

SALIENT FEATURES OF RA 10149

1. Creation of Governance Commission for GOCCs (GCG) – The GCG shall be composed of five members – the chairman with the rank of Cabinet Secretary and (2) two members with the rank of Undersecretary appointed by the President; and the Budget and Finance Secretaries as ex-officio members. The GCG will review the performance of GOCCs; implement the reorganization, merger or streamlining of the GOCC, unless otherwise directed by the President; and recommend to the President the abolition or privatization of the GOCC, and



upon approval of the President, implement such abolition or privatization.

2. Directors and Officers of the GOCC as fiduciaries of the State – any board member or officer found to have illegally benefited whether directly or indirectly from the GOCC shall immediately be prosecuted for administrative, civil or criminal case, as the case may be. Under RA 10149 there is a clearer accountability for GOCC's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Management to the governing Board.
3. Uniform Compensation System for all GOCC's – Rationalization of salaries and benefits of officials and employees of GOCCs. All GOCC personnel

shall be paid just and equitable wages in accordance with the principle of equal pay for work of equal value. Differences in pay shall be based on verifiable Compensation and Position Classification factors in due regard to the financial capability of the GOCC.

The Charters of each GOCC to the contrary notwithstanding, the compensation, *per diems*, allowances and incentives of the members of the Board of Directors/Trustees of GOCCs shall be determined by the GCG. The GCG may recommend to the President, incentives for certain position titles in consideration of the good performance of the GOCC as provided for under Performance Based Bonus guidelines.

4. Standards of Extraordinary Diligence of GOCCs – The development of new positions and classification system that will apply to officers and employees of GOCCs, in order to streamline their functions

and duties patterned under GCG's guiding principles. All GOCC personnel shall always observe extraordinary diligence in carrying out their duties and responsibilities. All members of the Board of GOCC shall be qualified by the Fit and Proper Rule.

5. One Year Term Limit – Any provision in the charters of each GOCC to the contrary notwithstanding, the term of office of each Appointive Director shall be for one (1) year, unless sooner removed for cause: *Provided, however*, that the Appointive Director shall continue to hold office until the successor is appointed. An Appointive Director may be nominated by the GCG for reappointment by the President only if one obtains a performance score of above average or its equivalent or higher in the immediately preceding year of tenure as Appointive Director based on the performance criteria for Appointive Directors for the GOCC.

MRWD Authorized Bill Payment Outlets



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Development Bank of the Philippines



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8:00 am - 3:00 pm

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Matinlo nga Tubi Para sa Tanan

by Victoria V. Pabelonia

Roxas City — Malapit na sa 38 ka tuig nga pagpanerbisyo sang Metro Roxas Water District (MRWD) sa pumuluyo sang Syudad sang Roxas kag sa mga kaingod sini nga mga munisipyo. Pa-agi sa bulig sang bag-o nga teknolohiya nasandig sa layi sang maayo nga suplay kag malimpyo nga tubi, ang MRWD nagpanikasog nga mapalab-ot sa tawo ang serbisyo sang dekalidad nga *water supply system*.

Sa karon, ang tubi sa Panay River amo ang ginakuhaan sang suplay sang MRWD. Ang tubi nga gahalin sa suba malubog nga kaparehas sang kape, apang ngaman pag gwa na sa gripo matin-aw kag malipyo na. Ina

tungod nga gina proseso ina sa Water Treatment Plant sang MRWD sa Brgy. Salocon, Panitan, Capiz. Una nga pagbulong sang tubi amo ang pagkuha sang iya kalubugon pinaagi sa paghalo sang Coagulant Chemical nga Aluminum Sulfate ukon "TAWAS".

Ang pag-apply sang *coagulant chemical* nagakasanto sa resulta sang analysis sang *Chemist*.

Ang masunod nga proseso, amo ang pagdula sang *bacteria* kag iban pa nga *micro-organisms* sa tubi pinaagi sa pagbutang sang *sterilizing agent* nga amo ang CHLORINE. Napasad sa pag analesar sang *Chemist* kon pila ang CHLORINE DEMAND sang



tubi nga igaproseso.

Kaangut sini, ang produkto nga tubi sang MRWD mahambal naton nga pinakamatnlo sa bilog nga Western Visayas kag sarang naton mapabugal sa bug-os nga rehiyon. Ini indi lamang bugal sang mga taga Syudad sang Roxas kundi sang tanan nga Kapisnon.

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an island village of Roxas City, through gift-giving and feeding program was supported by MRWD. Likewise, a number of public and private schools availed of free water during their summer camps, seminars and conventions. Moreover,

government agencies availed of free water which were used during their fire drill activities conducted by the Bureau of Fire Protection.

Often, MRWD rations water to depressed barangays in times of crisis and areas where

there is no water, depending on the availability of fire truck or water tanker of the BFP. Truly, MRWD has been consistent to its commitment to provide adequate potable water to all people as part of its corporate social responsibility.

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In addition, the continuous leak detection and repair using the modern method and equipments that help detected nearly 600 non-visible leaks aside from those apparent are factors in such drop.

Meanwhile, flow meters

are continuously installed at the entry points of the district metered areas in order to quantify the volume of water that has entered to the system. It will be subtracted by the volume of water billed from the number of connections known based on the household survey made; the

difference constitutes the volume of the non-revenue water on that particular area which is expected to decline over the years.

The MRWD through its Planning and Design Division will continue to make every effort to set its NRW within company standard or even lower.