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**Introduced by SENATOR RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.**

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**RESOLUTION**

**URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC SERVICES AND FINANCE TO CONDUCT AND INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED UNDERUTILIZATION OF THE BUDGET FOR FLOOD CONTROL PROJECTS BY THE METROPOLITAN MANILA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (MMDA), WITH THE END IN VIEW OF EFFICIENT UTILIZATION OF GOVERNMENT'S RESOURCES FOR URGENT AND IMPORTANT PROJECTS**

1 WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7924 entitled, "An Act Creating the Metropolitan  
2 Manila Development Authority, Defining its Powers and Function, Providing Funds  
3 Therefor and Other Purposes" was signed into law on March 1, 1995;

4 WHEREAS, R.A. 7924 mandates the Metropolitan Manila Development  
5 Authority (MMDA) to "perform planning, monitoring and coordinative functions, and  
6 in the process exercise regulatory and supervisory authority over the delivery of  
7 metro-wide services within Metro Manila without diminution of the autonomy of the  
8 local government units concerning purely local matters";

9 WHEREAS, Section 3 (d) of R.A. 7924 provides that among the services that  
10 shall be provided by the MMDA is "flood control and sewerage management which  
11 include the formulation and implementation of policies, standard programs and  
12 projects for an integrated flood control, drainage and sewerage system";

13 WHEREAS, the Flood Control and Sewerage Management Office (FCSMO)  
14 is an office within MMDA that is mandated with the formulation and  
15 implementation of policies, standards, rules and regulations, programs, and

1 projects for integrated flood control, drainage, and sewerage system in Metro  
2 Manila;

3 WHEREAS, one of the Performance Indicators for the Major Final Output of  
4 the FCSMO for 2018 is "100% of projects completed prior to the on-set of rainy  
5 season";

6 WHEREAS, in the 2018 Annual Audit Report of the Commission on Audit  
7 (COA), it stated that the MMDA through the FCSMO, programmed 170 flood control  
8 projects (FCPs) for 2018 with a total cost of P878,570,322.86;

9 WHEREAS, of the 170 FCPs, only 53 projects or 31.18% worth  
10 P273,541,057.44 were completed, another 53 projects or 31.18% worth  
11 P392,077,450.86 were still ongoing, and the remaining 64 projects or 37.64% worth  
12 P486,492,872.00 were not started at all;

13 WHEREAS, because of such delays, MMDA was only able to disburse  
14 P4,257,138,089.70 or 59.12% out of its total authorized budget of  
15 P7,201,019,579.00 budget for 2018;

16 WHEREAS, aggravating the low performance of MMDA is the fact that the 53  
17 completed projects were accomplished in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of the year, long  
18 after the rainy season when the projects were urgently needed to mitigate and  
19 prevent the occurrence of flood;

20 WHEREAS, according to COA, the main reasons for MMDA's failure to  
21 complete the projects are lapses in the observance of provisions of the Government  
22 Procurement Law and ineffective planning;

23 WHEREAS, due to the failure of the MMDA to implement such projects, the  
24 people were deprived of the socio-economic benefits which could have been  
25 provided by the said projects;

26 WHEREAS, the issue of underutilization of funds for FCPs by the MMDA has  
27 been observed by the COA in the past, and the latter has, in fact, made the same  
28 recommendations over the years;

29 WHEREAS, there is a need to review the budgetary needs and priorities of  
30 MMDA and its capacity to fully utilize them for their intended use for a given year;

31 WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon the government to put its meager resources  
32 into efficient and optimal use given the multitude needs of its citizens;

1           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to urge the  
2 Senate Committees on Public Services and Finance to conduct an inquiry, in aid of  
3 legislation, on the reported underutilization of the budget for flood control projects  
4 by the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA), with the end in view of  
5 efficient utilization of government's resources for urgent and important projects.

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7           *Adopted,*

  
**RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.**