



COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE : February 9, 2026

TO : THE PRESIDING OFFICER

FROM : JOINT-COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEE ON DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT and COMMITTEE ON LAWS, RULES and HUMAN RIGHTS

SUBJECT : REQUEST FOR A PASSAGE OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LOCAL CHIEF EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE OTHER NEARBY LGUs TO ESTABLISH LINKAGE/NETWORK FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE PURPOSES

During the Committee deliberations, the proposed Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) of MagNaMarTe was discussed, focusing on disaster preparedness and response among the four municipalities of Magallanes, Naic, Maragondon, and Ternate, in relation to the following clarifications and issues raised:

The Committee inquired whether the MagNaMarTe MOA was an existing or prior agreement. The Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (MDRRMO) explained that the MOA is a first-of-its-kind partnership, not only among the four municipalities but also within the Province of Cavite. It was emphasized that Magallanes, Naic, Maragondon, and Ternate are the first LGUs to establish this form of inter-LGU cooperation for disaster preparedness.

The MOA was described as the result of consultations and agreements among the MDRRMO of the four municipalities, wherein the MagNaMarTe concept had already been previously utilized in the health sector. The eight districts were clustered by the health sector, and from this clustering, the MagNaMarTe framework was developed.

It was further explained that, at present, the MOA covers only the four municipalities. However, should the partnership yield positive results and demonstrate effectiveness, it may be expanded to include the entire 8th District, subject to the approval of all concerned LGUs. It was also noted that the Municipality of Naic, through its MDRRMO, took the lead in the processing and preparation of the MagNaMarTe MOA.

The Committee also raised questions regarding the objectives of the MOA and the manner by which each municipality would benefit. The MDRRMO explained that pursuant to the Local Government Code of 1991 (RA 7160), particularly Section 23, LGUs are authorized to group themselves, pool resources, and cooperate for the common good. Additionally, Republic Act No. 10121 mandates LGUs to be proactive in disaster preparedness and response, including coordination and cooperation with neighboring local government units.

It was emphasized that all participating municipalities will benefit, particularly in terms of manpower and shared resources, and not solely through financial assistance. Nevertheless, the four municipalities are required to develop and adopt a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP). Under the SOP, even with an existing MOA, no municipality may extend assistance to another LGU without a formal written request, in order to ensure compliance with Commission on Audit (COA) regulations. With the MOA in place, the process of extending assistance during emergencies is expected to be more systematic, efficient, and coordinated, while still respecting the jurisdiction of each LGU.

The Committee further discussed that the Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund (DRRMF) constitutes 5% of the total Annual Budget of the municipality, amounting to approximately ₱51,000,000.00. In relation to this, it was asked whether MagNaMarTe would have a separate fund



or whether expenditures would be charged against the 5% disaster fund. It was clarified that, in accordance with COA guidelines, LGUs are allowed to provide donations or assistance to other LGUs using the 5% DRRMF, provided that the assisting municipality has first ensured the stability of its own locality. In cases where a municipality is under a state of calamity, financial assistance may not be guaranteed; however, assistance in the form of manpower and other resources may still be extended.

It was further emphasized that the MagNaMarTe MOA is not limited to financial assistance, but is primarily focused on the sharing of manpower and other capabilities, subject to the condition that the assisting municipality is stable prior to deploying resources to neighboring LGUs.

The Committee also inquired whether there is an existing MagNaMarTe Plan, noting that implementation would be difficult without a clear plan. It was explained that once the MOA demonstrates progress, one of the primary priorities will be the development of a MagNaMarTe Plan, which shall be incorporated into the SOP. Moreover, the Disaster Plan of each municipality must clearly indicate the interlinkages and types of assistance that may be extended to neighboring LGUs under the MagNaMarTe framework.

The Committee agreed on the importance of having a clear MagNaMarTe Plan to effectively articulate the true objectives of the MOA. At present, the initial document to be provided will be the Standard Operating Procedure, which will comprehensively define the roles, responsibilities, and requirements of each municipality.

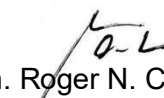
It was also discussed that while the SOP may indicate the scope or percentage of assistance, the framers of the MOA deliberately did not set a fixed amount or percentage of assistance. This approach is intended to ensure timely, appropriate, and effective disaster response, whether in the form of goods, manpower, or financial assistance. The principle of "home priority" was reiterated, meaning that each municipality must first ensure the stability of its own locality before extending assistance to others.

The Committee further confirmed that the possible scenarios for cooperation had already been discussed among the four municipalities prior to the execution of the MOA and would serve as the basis of the SOP. Even with the MOA in effect, a formal letter of request from the affected municipality remains a requirement before assistance may be extended.

It was clarified that there is no limitation on the type of assistance, but there is likewise no fixed monetary amount, as assistance may be extended in the form of manpower or other resources depending on the needs of the requesting municipality. The Committee also inquired about available disaster response equipment, and it was reported that the Disaster Office has a total of twelve (12) ambulances, of which nine (9) are serviceable and three (3) are unserviceable.

In conclusion, the Committee agreed that the Standard Operating Procedure shall be prepared and submitted as an attachment for further review. A subsequent meeting shall be scheduled to further clarify and deepen discussions on the scope, coverage, and implementation of the MagNaMarTe MOA.

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