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## RESOLUTION

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### NCI-SRD RESOLUTION NO. 10 series of 2023

#### **DIRECTING THE REGIONAL CONVERGENCE INITIATIVE TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (RCI TWG) CARAGA TO PROCEED WITH THE PREPARATION AND FORMULATION OF THE CONVERGENCE AREA DEVELOPMENT PLAN (CADP) OF THE ROSARIO, BUNAWAN, TRENTO (RBT)- SIMULAO WATERSHED CONVERGENCE AREA IN AGUSAN DEL SUR**

**WHEREAS**, the Strategy Framework to Modernize Agriculture and Agribusiness, Chapter 5 of the Philippine Development Plan 2023-2028, states that in order to achieve Outcome 4: Agricultural Institution Strengthened, improved coordination, and convergence of government agencies in planning, programming, and budgeting is needed;

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 15 of the Philippine Development Plan 2023-2028 highlights the list of legislative agenda to accelerate climate action and strengthen disaster resilience including the proposed Integrated Coastal Management (ICM) Act which aims to institutionalize the ICM as a national strategy to ensure the holistic and sustainable management of various ecosystems and natural resources through the “ridge-to-reef” approach;

**WHEREAS**, Joint Administrative Order (JAO) No. 01, series of 2020 (Revised JAO No. 01 Series of 2015: Strengthening the Implementation Framework for the DA-DAR-DENR-DILG NCI-SRD) identifies the NCI-SRD as a government strategy that can contribute to inclusive growth and poverty reduction in the countryside, through complementation of efforts of the rural development agencies;

**WHEREAS**, JAO No. 1, series of 2020 states that the Regional Convergence Initiative Technical Working Group (RCI TWG) shall act as the regional arm of the National Technical Working Group (NTWG) in providing technical assistance in the development of CADPs proposed by the local government units (LGU) and supervising the implementation of its programs, activities, and projects (P/A/P);

**WHEREAS**, NCI-SRD Resolution No. 03, Series of 2018 issued on 12 January 2018, directs the NCI-SRD to adopt the “One Convergence Area per Region” Policy;

**WHEREAS**, the Revised Convergence Area Development Plan (CADP) Manual of Operations, approved under Resolution No. 2, series of 2023, underscored the importance of developing a CADP to serve as a comprehensive plan which addresses the management of the watershed and the ecosystem using the ridge-to-reef approach;

**WHEREAS**, the RCI TWG Caraga issued RCI Resolution No. 1, series of 2023 on 21 March 2023, approving the proposal to adopt the RBT – Simulao Watershed Convergence Area covered by the Simulao River based on the must and prioritization criteria;

**WHEREAS**, the RBT – Simulao Watershed Convergence Area is located at a critical watershed and has a combination of lowland and upland ecosystems which has the potential for agro-forestry and agricultural production for the constituents of Rosario, Bunawan, and Trento;

**WHEREAS**, the NCI-SRD NTWG, composed of the National Focal Person (NFP) and Chairpersons of the four Component Working Groups (CWGs) convened in a regular meeting held on 12 July 2023 and agreed to endorse the RBT – Simulao Watershed as a new convergence area of RCI TWG Caraga to the





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NCI-SRD National Steering Committee (NSC), after its final technical review of the convergence area briefer;

**WHEREAS**, the NCI-SRD NSC, composed of the Secretaries of DA, DAR, DENR, and DILG and represented by their permanent alternate Undersecretaries and representatives, convened in a meeting held on 26 July 2023 and approved the RBT – Simulao Watershed Convergence Area as a new convergence area, subject to the submission of a CADP;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, for and in view of the foregoing, the NSC hereby RESOLVES to direct the RCI TWG Caraga to proceed with the preparation and formulation of the CADP of RBT – Simulao Watershed Convergence Area covering the Simulao Watershed within one year upon the approval of this resolution.

Done in Quezon City, Philippines this 26th day of July 2023.

**APPROVED AND SIGNED BY THE NSC OR THEIR PERMANENT ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVES:**

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