



Republic of the Philippines
Province of Laguna
Municipality of Santa Cruz



SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OFFICE

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF SANTA CRUZ, LAGUNA HELD ON OCTOBER 06, 2025, MONDAY, 9:18 IN THE MORNING AT THE BATASANG BAYAN, ESCOLAPIA BUILDING, SANTA CRUZ, LAGUNA.

PRESENT:

Honorable LAARNI A. MALIBIRAN

Honorable Ambiel John C. Panganiban

Honorable Norman T. Tolentino

Honorable Lea A. Almarvez

Honorable Jericho V. Asinas

Honorable Roseion F. Pamatmat

Honorable Esmeraldo C. De Las Armas, Jr.

Honorable Rizaldy N. Kalaw

Honorable Louie C. De Leon

Honorable Laura P. Obligacion

Honorable Mark Anthony M. Juangco

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RESOLUTION NO. 348- S2025

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSLY CONFIRMING AND STRONGLY SUPPORTING THE EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 40-S2025 DATED OCTOBER 2, 2025, ISSUED BY THE HON. JOSEPH KRIS BENJAMIN B. AGARAO, SUSPENDING THE BUSINESS PERMIT OF PRIMEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE CORPORATION DUE TO VIOLATIONS AFFECTING PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE.

SPONSOR: HON. MARK ANTHONY M. JUANGCO

WHEREAS, Section 16 of the Local Government Code of 1991, otherwise known as the General Welfare Clause, provides that every local government unit shall exercise the powers necessary and appropriate for the promotion of the general welfare particularly to preserve and enrich the comfort, convenience, safety and health of its constituents;

WHEREAS, Section 444 (b) (iv) of the same code empowers the Municipal Mayor to issue, suspend, or revoke licenses and permits for any violation of the conditions upon which said licenses or permits have been issued, pursuant to law or ordinance;

WHEREAS, Prime Water Infrastructure Corporation, operating the municipal water supply system under a Joint Venture Agreement with Santa Cruz Water District has been the subject of numerous and persistent complaints from consumers regarding:

- Inadequate and irregular water supply;
- Unsafe and unpotable water delivered to households, posing serious risks to public health;
- Failure to comply with standards of quality and safety required of public utilities, and
- A reported 2.73% increase in tariff rate without undergoing the proper process required by law, as noted in Commission on Audit Reports.

WHEREAS, the foregoing acts constitute violations of public health and consumer protections laws, the conditions for which the municipal business permit was issued, and an affront to the general welfare of the people of Santa Cruz, Laguna;

WHEREAS, Mayor Joseph Kris Benjamin B. Agarao, acting under his executive authority and pursuant to the General Welfare Clause, issued Executive Order No. 40 suspending the business permit of Prime Water Infrastructure Corporation, subject to observance of due process;

WHEREAS, it is imperative and proper for the Sangguniang Bayan to express its support and confirmation of the said executive action in order to strengthen its legal basis and reflect the collective will of the Municipality of Santa Cruz;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Hon. Mark Anthony M. Juangco, (Chairman of Committee on Natural Resources and Environment) duly seconded by all the members of the Sangguniang Bayan, it was

RESOLVED: as it is hereby RESOLVED, by the Sangguniang Bayan of Santa Cruz, Laguna in session assembled to:

1. **CONFIRM AND SUPPORT** the Executive Order issued by Mayor Joseph Kris Benjamin B. Agarao suspending the business permit of Prime Water Infrastructure Corporation for violations prejudicial to the health safety, and welfare of the residents of Santa Cruz;

HON. ROSELON F. PAMATMAT
Councilor

HON. JERICO V. ASINAS
Councilor

HON. LEA A. ALMARVEZ
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2. **DECLARES** that the continuing acts and omissions of Prime Water Infrastructure Corporation constitute sufficient grounds under the Local Government Code of 1991, Municipal Ordinance, and General Welfare Clause for the suspension of its business permit;
3. **URGE** the Santa Cruz Water District and concerned national regulatory agencies such as the Local Water Utilities Administration (LWUA), National Water Resources Board (NWRB), and the Commission on Audit (COA), to take appropriate actions in line with their respective mandates regarding the violations committed by Prime Water Infrastructure Corporation.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that copies of this Resolution be furnished to the Office of the Mayor, Santa Cruz, Laguna; Prime Water Infrastructure Corporation; the Provincial Government of Laguna through the Hon. Marisol Aragon; the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), the Local Water Utilities Administration (LWUA); the National Water Resources Board (NWRB), and the Commission on Audit, for their information and appropriate action.

APPROVED. October 2, 2025.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the above – quoted resolution.

AMYCAR O. SANTOS

Acting Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

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ATTESTED :

HON. LAARNIA A. MALIBIRAN
Municipal Vice-Mayor
Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

HON. JOSEPH KRIS BENJAMIN B. AGARAO
Municipal Mayor