



Republic of the Philippines  
Province of Eastern Samar

**MUNICIPALITY OF QUINAPONDAN**

*Office of the Local Chief Executive*

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. RSA-013**

*Series of 2023*

**AN ORDER PROVIDING POLICY GUIDELINES ON THE USE OF  
WATER WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF QUINAPONDAN,  
EASTERN SAMAR TO MITIGATE AND PREPARE FROM THE  
PONTENTIAL ADVERSE EFFECTS OF EL NIÑO.**

**WHEREAS**, on March 24, 2023, the DOST-PAGASA has raised El Niño Southern Oscillation (ENSO) Alert and Warning System to El Niño Watch based on the recent conditions and forecast models indicating that the El Niño season will likely develop in July-August-September of 2023 and may persist until 2024;

**WHEREAS**, the El Niño phenomenon could bring negative impacts on the lives of all, such as dry spells and droughts, in some areas of the country, including the Province of Eastern Samar; decline in fish production due to fish kills and red tide; increase in water-borne diseases, such as cholera due to water scarcity; increase in vector-borne diseases, disruption of health services due to lack of water supply, among others;

**WHEREAS**, on April 25, 2023, the Department of the Interior and Local Governance (DILG) issued Memorandum Circular No. 2023-065 mandating Local Government Units, among others, to take measures to mitigate and prepare the potential adverse impact of El Niño;

**WHEREAS**, in compliance thereto, hence, the issuance of this Executive Order.

**NOW THEREFORE, I, ATTY. RAFAEL S. ASEBIAS**, Municipal Mayor of the Municipality of Quinapondan, Eastern Samar, by virtue of the power vested in me by the law, do hereby ordain the following:

**Section 1. Policy Guidelines on Use of Water.** All establishments, institutions, individuals, households shall meticulously observe the following:

- a) Prudent use of water which includes using broom, instead of a water hose, in cleaning sidewalks and driveways; fixing leaky faucets; using pail or bucket instead of hose in cleaning cars; using recycled or leftover water for houseplants; and watering gardens during the coolest part of the day.
- b) Curve illegal water connections.
- c) Allow water concessionaries and water utilities to conduct emergency repair of leaks prior to securing the necessary excavation permit, provided the said permit shall be secured within a reasonable period from the commencement of the repair works.
- d) Immediately report to the Punong Barangay, BAWASA, QUIWASA or Office of the Local Chief Executive any water leak of the water pipeline for immediate repair.
- e) Maximize rainwater harvesting and storage.
- f) Disseminate and implement water consumption tips to all concerned.

- g) Turn off the faucet while brushing your teeth. Better yet, use a glass.
- h) Remove all leftover food before washing the dishes. Wash them using a small or appropriate basin. Store and reuse the final rinse water to flush toilets.
- i) Store and reuse laundry water to clean floors, flush toilets, etc.
- j) Water plants early in the morning or late in the afternoon to minimize evaporation.
- k) Do not hose down your vehicle. Clean it using a washcloth and pail.
- l) Use water-efficient gadgets, such as high-pressure, low-volume hoses and showerheads, faucets with aerators and double-flush toilets.

**Section 2. Bureau of Fire Protection.** The Bureau of Fire Protection is enjoined to refrain from unnecessarily drawing water from fire hydrants, and limit the use only for purposes of putting out fires.

**Section 3. Dissemination and Information.** All Punong Barangays are mandated to disseminate this Executive Order in their respective barangays and to inform their constituents on the matter.

**Section 4. Effectivity.** This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May 2023 at the Municipal Hall of the Municipality of Quinapondan, Eastern Samar.

  
ATTY. RAFAEL S. ASEBIAS  
Municipal Mayor