



TERRITORY OF GUAM  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
AGAÑA, GUAM 96910  
U. S. A.

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 98-05**

**RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING A LAND, ENVIRONMENT  
AND ECONOMIC RECOVERY TASK FORCE.**

**WHEREAS**, Typhoon Paka devastated the island of Guam adversely, leaving families homeless, causing mass destruction to structures of all kinds, and adversely affecting the island's environmental and economic condition; and

**WHEREAS**, land is our island's greatest resource and is necessary for our environment and economic prosperity, as well as for the general welfare of all residents of Guam; and

**WHEREAS**, the Guam National Wildlife Refuge encompasses approximately 21% of our island's land mass in Northern and Southern Guam; and

**WHEREAS**, the necessity to balance the needs of the people of Guam with endangered species that may still exist on our island is paramount, especially as a result of the aftermath of Typhoon Paka; and


**NOW, THEREFORE, I, CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ**, Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act, as amended, and the laws of Guam, do order:

1. **Creation and members of Land, Environment, and Economic Recovery Task Force.** The "Land, Environment, and Economic Recovery Task Force" is created consisting of the following members to be appointed by the Governor:
  - (a) One (1) attorney;
  - (b) One (1) representative for Guam Waterworks Authority;
  - (c) Three (3) University of Guam Faculty Members or graduate students representing the Water Energy Resource Institute and the fields of Geology, Biology, or other fields of knowledge relevant to evaluation of conditions within the Guam National Wildlife Refuge land area in northern Guam;
  - (d) Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture, Land, Housing, Community, Planning and Human Resources Development of the Guam Legislature;
  - (e) One (1) member of the Ancestral Lands Commission;
  - (f) One (1) member of the Mayors Council of Guam;
  - (g) One (1) member experienced in weather patterns and prediction;
  - (h) One (1) Department of Agriculture representative, One (1) with experience in eradicating the brown tree snake;

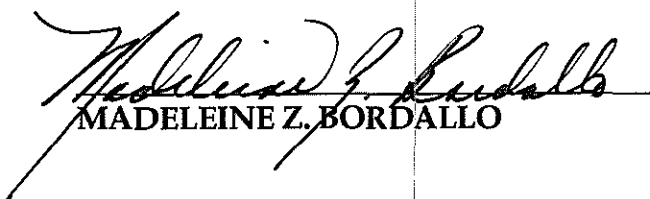


- (i) One (1) member active in environmental issues relative to Guam;
  - (j) A member of the Guam Contractors Association;
  - (k) The Administrator of the Guam Economic Development Authority or designee from that agency;
  - (l) One (1) representative of the Department of Parks and Recreation;
  - (m) One (1) licensed veterinarian;
  - (n) One (1) land claimant who is a former resident of the Jinapsan area before 1962; and
  - (o) One (1) land claimant who is a former resident of the Ritidian area before 1962.
2. **Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of task force.** The Governor shall select, from among the members, a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the task force.
  3. **Administrative support.** The Guam Economic Development Authority shall provide administrative support as necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Executive Order.
  4. **Duties of the task force.** The Land, Environment, and Economic Recovery Task Force shall undertake all efforts to address the necessity to provide for our people by land recovery, determining whether the Guam National Wildlife Refuge land area is a conducive habitat for the recovery of species and in the recovery of land, and to put this most valuable resource into the greatest economic use by those that maintain a property right of reversion for the construction and development of homes, multi-family dwellings and tourist related facilities. The Land, Environment and Economic Recovery Task Force shall provide assistance to the Office of the Governor to ensure that the concerns of the citizens of Guam are addressed quickly and adequately on this most important matter.
  5. **Guideline for the task force.** The National Environmental Policy Act shall serve as a guideline to the Task Force, together with any and all data and other information, laws, rules and regulations, including studies relative to the habitat within the Guam National Wildlife Refuge being conducive to the recovery of endangered species that may still be in existence.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Agana, Guam this 27th day of January, 1998.

  
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CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ  
Governor of Guam

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