



Republic of the Philippines
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Municipality of Santa Cruz



SANGGUNIAN BAYAN OFFICE

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIAN BAYAN OF SANTA CRUZ, LAGUNA HELD ON OCTOBER 08, 2025, WEDNESDAY, 11:19 IN THE MORNING AT THE BATASANG BAYAN, ESCOLAPIA BUILDING, SANTA CRUZ, LAGUNA.

PRESENT:

Honorable LAARNI A. MALIBIRAN

Honorable Ambiel John C. Panganiban
Honorable Lea A. Almarvez
Honorable Jericho V. Asinas
Honorable Roselon F. Pamatmat
Honorable Esmeraldo C. De Las Armas, Jr.
Honorable Rizaldy N. Kalaw
Honorable Louie C. De Leon
Honorable Mark Anthony M. Juangco

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ABSENT:

Honorable Norman T. Tolentino
Honorable Laura P. Obligacion

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RESOLUTION NO. 358-S2025

A RESOLUTION DECLARING A STATE OF WATER EMERGENCY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SANTA CRUZ, LAGUNA, DUE TO THE PRESENCE OF COLIFORMS IN THE WATER SUPPLY, AND ENJOINING IMMEDIATE REMEDIAL AND CORRECTIVE MEASURES TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY.

SPONSOR: HON. JERICHO V. ASINAS

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Santa Cruz, Laguna, through the Local Chief Executive, has suspended the business permit of Prime Water Infrastructure Corporation for operating the municipal water system, and pursuant thereto, the Santa Cruz Water District (SCWD) assumed temporary management and operation of the water supply system;

WHEREAS, upon assumption of operations, the Santa Cruz Water District caused the conduct of laboratory examinations of water samples taken from ten (10) pumping stations within the municipality;

WHEREAS, laboratory results revealed that four (4) of these pumping stations were found to contain 8.0 MPN/100ml of coliform bacteria, indicating contamination of the water supply and rendering the water unsafe and non-potable for human consumption, in violation of the standards prescribed under the Philippine National Standards for Drinking Water (PNSDW);

WHEREAS, the presence of coliform bacteria poses a serious threat to public health, as it may cause gastrointestinal and other water-borne diseases, particularly affecting children, the elderly, and persons with weak immune systems;

WHEREAS, there remain seven (7) other pumping stations still undergoing laboratory analysis, and pending the results thereof, the integrity and safety of the entire municipal water supply cannot be fully assured;

WHEREAS, under Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, necessary, appropriate, or incidental to ensure the promotion of general welfare, including the preservation of the comfort, convenience, and health of its inhabitants;

WHEREAS, it is imperative for the Municipality of Santa Cruz to declare a State of Water Emergency to enable the local government, in coordination with the Santa Cruz Water District, the Department of Health, and other concerned agencies, to take immediate and coordinated actions to contain the contamination, provide alternative safe water sources, and restore the safety and quality of the water supply;

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of Hon. Jericho V. Asinas (Chairman of Committee on Health, Nutrition and Sanitation), duly seconded by all the members of the Sangguniang Bayan present, it was

RESOLVED, by the Sangguniang Bayan of Santa Cruz, Laguna, in session duly assembled, that:

1. A STATE OF WATER EMERGENCY is hereby DECLARED in the Municipality of Santa Cruz, Laguna, due to the confirmed presence of coliform contamination in several water pumping stations;
2. The Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (MDRRMO), in coordination with the Santa Cruz Water District, Municipal Health Office, and Department of Health (DOH), is hereby directed to undertake urgent remedial and corrective measures, including but not limited to:
 - Disinfection and chlorination of affected pumping stations and pipelines;
 - Continuous monitoring and laboratory testing of all water sources;
 - Provision of alternative sources of safe and potable water to affected areas; and
 - Public information campaigns on water safety and proper sanitation practices.



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3. The Municipal Mayor is authorized to mobilize all necessary resources and, if necessary, request assistance from the Provincial Government of Laguna, DOH, and other national agencies to address the crisis.
4. This declaration shall remain in effect until such time that the Municipal Health Office and the Santa Cruz Water District certify that the water supply has been restored to safe and potable condition in accordance with the Philippine National Standards for Drinking Water (PNSDW).

RESOLVED FURTHER, that copies of this Resolution be furnished to the Office of the Municipal Mayor, the Municipal Administrator, the Santa Cruz Water District, the Department of Health – CALABARZON, the Provincial Government of Laguna, and other concerned agencies for their appropriate action.


APPROVED. October 8, 2025.

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


AMYCAR O. SANTOS

Acting Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

ATTESTED :


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

APPROVED:

HON. JOSEPH KRIS BENJAMIN B. AGARAO
Municipal Mayor