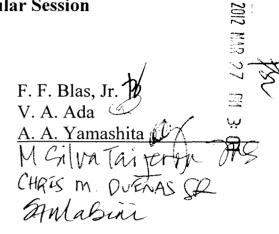
I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN 2012 (SECOND) Regular Session

Bill No. 440-31 (con)

Introduced by:



AN ACT TO *ESTABLISH* A TASK GROUP WITHIN THE GUAM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEVELOPING A MASTER PLAN FOR THE AGANA SPRING AND MINONDO RIVER AREAS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

2	Section 1.	Findings and Intent.
3	Section 2.	Authorization to conduct Feasibility
4		Study.
5	Section 3.	Formation of the Task Group.
6	Section 4.	Presentation of Study and
7		Recommendation.
8	Section 5.	Authorization for Funding.
9	Section 6.	Severability.

10 Section 1. Findings and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that the 11 development of the Agaña Spring and the *Minondo* River serves to improve the 12 quality of life for the citizens of *Didigi*, *Hagåtña* and the *Minondo* River area, and to 13 address and mitigate the flood plain issue that has become problematic for the 14 development of our island's capital.

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I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds that the *Minondo* River used to run beneath *Tolai San Antonio de Padua* (the Agaña Spanish Bridge), the river however was diverted after World War II. Restoration of the river to as natural a condition as possible, would also serve to increase the plant, animal, bird, and fish habitat. More importantly, the mitigation and development of the area would create a compelling place for people to use, and stimulate economic development adjacent to and near the river corridor.

8 Section 2. Authorization to conduct Feasibility Study. The Guam 9 Economic Development Authority ("GEDA") is hereby authorized to conduct a 10 feasibility study on the development of the Agaña Spring and Minondo River. The 11 Authority shall formulate a short and long-range economic development master plan 12 for the Agaña Spring and Minondo River area.

- 13 Section 3. Task Force. (a) Establishment. There is herby established
 14 within GEDA a Task Group to be comprised of the following:
- 15 (1) the Director of the Department of Land Management or his
 16 designee;
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- (2) the Director of the Bureau of Statistics and Plans, or his designee
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- (3) the President of the Mayors' Council of Guam or designee; and

19 (4) the Chairperson of the Hagåtña Restoration and Redevelopment
20 Authority, or his designee.

21 The Administrator of GEDA shall serve as the Chairperson of the Task Group.

22 **(b)** Logistic Support. *I Maga'lahen Guåhan* is authorized to designate 23 appropriate governmental agencies to provide office space, clerical and professional 24 assistance to the Task Group.

25 Section 4. Presentation of Study and Recommendation. The Task Group 26 shall within one year from the date of its first meeting, submit its study and recommendation to *I Maga'lahen Guåhan* and the Speaker and members of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*.

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3 Section 5. Authorization for Funding. The Task Group is hereby authorized 4 to apply for development grants from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and other 5 federal offices.

6 Section 6. Severability. *If* any provision of this law or its application to any 7 person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to law, such invalidity shall 8 *not* affect other provisions or applications of this law which can be given effect 9 without the invalid provisions or applications, and to this end the provisions of this 10 law are severable.