



Public Notice

ADOPTING THE MANAGEMENT PLAN AND REGULATION FOR THE ADMINISTRATION, USE, REHABILITATION, AND CONSERVATION OF THE LAGUNA DEL CONDADO ESTUARINE NATURAL RESERVE

Pursuant to Law No. 112 of September 30, 2013, known as the "*Law of the Laguna del Condado Estuarine Natural Reserve*"; Law No. 23 of June 20, 1972, as amended, known as the "*Enabling Law of the Department of Natural and Environmental Resources*"; Law No. 81 of August 30, 1991, as amended, known as the Law of Autonomous Municipalities; and Law No. 170 of August 12, 1988, as amended, known as the "*Uniform Administrative Procedure Act*", the Department of Natural and Environmental Resources (DNER) is proposing the adoption of the Management Plan and Regulation for the Administration, Use, Rehabilitation, and Conservation of the Laguna del Condado Natural Estuarine Reserve. The mentioned Regulation would be adopted in conjunction by DNER and by the San Juan Autonomous Municipality.

The purpose of the Regulation is to adopt, conserve and improve the current and future ecological diversity in the Reserve; to maximize the Reserve's recreational and sports potential, so that it becomes a national/international destination for the promotion of nature tourism; to promote human uses and activities consistent with the conservation, restoration and enhancement of the Reserve; to establish the procedures for issuing authorizations, special authorizations, and research permits within the Reserve; to prohibit activities and uses that are detrimental to species and ecosystems present in the Reserve; and to achieve and maintain an adequate level of water quality in the Reserve.

For its part, the Management Plan is developed with the objective of providing this Natural Protected Area with a technical document establishing short-, medium- and long-range strategies to achieve the current and progressive wellness of this habitat within the San Juan Bay Estuary. The Management Plan will serve as the basis for decision-making associated with the operational phase of the Natural Estuarine Reserve Management and with the impact of proposed habitat uses in the lagoon, so that uses to be favored are not in conflict with its ongoing or scheduled recovery, the maintenance of its biodiversity, and technical studies performed there.

To those effects, we inform that the Draft Management Plan and Regulation for the Administration, Use, Rehabilitation, and Conservation of the Laguna del Condado Natural Estuarine Reserve, will be available for review and for receiving written comments during the next 30 days following the publication of this public notice, during work hours from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM and from 1:00 to 4:00 PM, at the DNER's Office of the Clerk (in Spanish, "*Oficina de Secretaría*"), localized on the first floor of the Environmental Agencies Building, at km 6.3 of road 8838, El Cinco Ward, Río Piedras; and at the Office of the Municipal Clerk (in Spanish, "*Oficina de Secretaría Municipal*") of the San Juan Autonomous Municipality, localized on the seventeenth floor of the Municipal Tower, Building 161 at Chardón Avenue, Hato Rey. Both documents will also be available through our website, at the following address: <http://www.drna.pr.gov/propuestas-reglamentos/rnelc> . You may send comments and recommendations in writing by regular mail to: Planning Area, Department of Natural and Environmental Resources, P.O. Box 366147, San Juan, PR 00936; or bring them personally to the Office of the Clerk at DNER; comments could be sent as well to the email address: rnelc@drna.pr.gov .

The DNER will also celebrate a Public Hearing related to the adoption of the Management Plan and Regulation for the Administration, Use, Rehabilitation, and Conservation of the Laguna del Condado Natural Estuarine Reserve, at the following location:

Site: Conference Room, 4th floor, DNER, Environmental Agencies Building, at Km 6.3 of road 8838, El Cinco Ward, Río Piedras

Date: May 3, 2016

Time: 10:00 A.M.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, on March 7, 2016.

Carmen R. Guerrero Pérez
Secretary

Public Notice Required by Law. Required by Chapter 2, Section 2.1 of Law No. 170 of August 12, 1988, as amended, known as Law of Uniform Administrative Procedures. Authorized by the State Election Commission - CEE-SA-16-2653.

