



Environmental Management Bureau – CALABARZON Region Regional Director Noemi Paranada attended and participated in the site visit to Pangil River in Laguna on August 10, 2021. The activity was led by DENR Secretary Roy A. Cimatu together with Regional Executive Director Nilo B. Tamoria (DENR CALABARZON), Assistant Regional Director for Technical Services Alfredo C. Palencia (DENR CALABARZON), PENRO Ronilo L. Salac (PENRO Laguna), CENRO Bernardita C. Daliva (In-Charge, CENRO Sta. Cruz), Mayor Gerald Aritao, Vice Mayor Divine Grace Astoveza and was attended by the staff of the Local Government of Pangil, DENR CALABARZON, PENRO Laguna and CENRO Sta. Cruz. The Pangil River, one of the country's cleanest rivers, is currently in Class B classification where its water can be used for bathing. The purpose of the said visit is to know the state of the said river, strategize to identify the possible causes of having its high coliform count to improve the situation and return to its former Class A classification, where its water can be the source of clean drinking water. Sec. Cimatu said that he is proud of Pangil River as the cleanest river in our country and challenged CENRO Sta. Cruz and Pangil Local Government to restore Pangil River to its former Class A classification within three months.