

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(6)

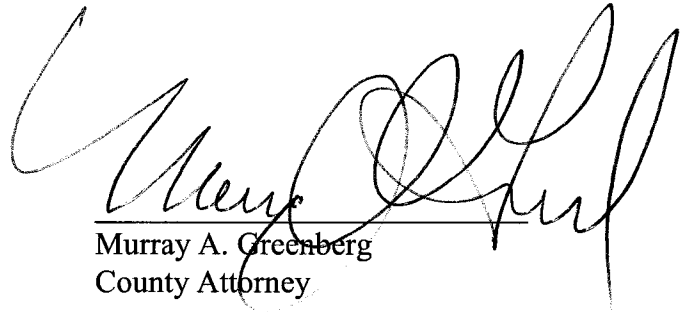
TO: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: November 1, 2005

FROM: Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution relating to
developing a long-range
water conservation plan

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Chairman Joe A. Martinez.



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Please note any items checked.

- "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised
- 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- Budget required
- Statement of fiscal impact required
- Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
- No committee review

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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11-1-05

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO
DEVELOP A LONG-RANGE WATER CONSERVATION
PLAN FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade County Comprehensive Development Master Plan as adopted by the Board requires that “water resources of Miami-Dade County shall be managed to ensure permanent adequate supply”; and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade County 2003 Strategic Plan includes a goal to “Promote responsible stewardship of natural resources and unique community environments”, further, the Plan identifies specific strategies to provide public education programs on water conservation and to evaluate and implement programs to increase water availability; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, the State Legislature enacted legislation which calls upon utilities to develop goal-based and accountable water conservation Plans which encourages efficient water use; and

WHEREAS, efficient use and conservation of water reflect responsible use of a limited and precious resource, and will prevent and reduce wasteful, uneconomical, impractical, or unreasonable use of water resources; and

WHEREAS, conservation efforts may extend the County’s water supply at a fraction of the cost of other alternatives; and

WHEREAS, in developing the Water Conservation Plan, the Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department should give significant consideration to the low income (specially the elderly on a fixed income) residents of Miami-Dade County, further in developing the Water

Conservation Plan, the Department should educate its customers of the financial incentives that are a result of conserving water,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board directs the County Manager to develop the County's Water Conservation Plan, as described in the following sections in this Resolution:

Section 1. The County Manager is directed to develop a County Water Conservation Plan in accordance with this resolution, as part of a long-range water conservation planning process which incorporates the goal of responsible stewardship of natural resources; while safeguarding the on-going business practices of the Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department.

Section 2. The Water Conservation Plan shall be goal-based, accountable, tailored, and measure water conservation efforts for the Board's consideration by April of 2006.

Section 3. The Water Conservation Plan shall address water use efficiency issues to include:

- Applying more stringent water conservation requirements to County-owned facilities (leading by example).
- Involving other communities and water users in the conservation effort and support.
- Evaluating existing land use planning and zoning laws affecting water use and revise them as necessary to be consistent with the conservation strategy.
- Evaluating existing State legislation or Federal policy to incorporate additional water conservation measures.
- Developing and implementing additional water conservation projects such as plumbing retrofit projects to include the exchange of Ultra-low Volume Shower Heads, Ultra-low Volume Toilets and the development of a Water Use Audit Program

- A Water Conservation Plan that is sensitive to the low income residents, and the elderly on a fixed income of Miami-Dade County.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Chairman Joe A. Martinez and offered by
 Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by
 Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

	Joe A. Martinez, Chairman
	Dennis C. Moss, Vice-Chairman
Bruno A. Barreiro	Dr. Barbara Carey-Shuler
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Carlos A. Gimenez
Sally A. Heyman	Barbara J. Jordan
Dorin D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

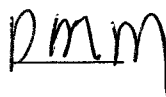
The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 1st day of November, 2005. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
 BY ITS BOARD OF
 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
 Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
 to form and legal sufficiency.



David A. Murray