

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 3 (H)

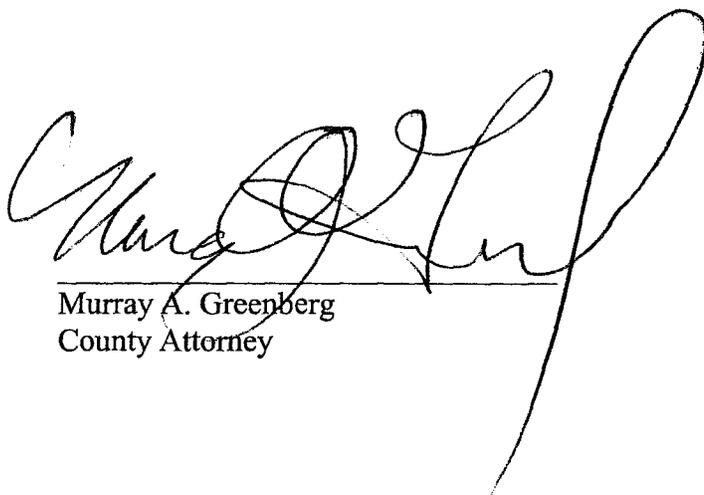
TO: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: March 14, 2006

FROM: Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution relating to
developing a Comprehensive
Climate Mitigation Plan

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Katy Sorenson.



Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

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MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

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

DATE: February 7, 2006

FROM: Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No.

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 _____

Agenda Item No.
3-7-06

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO
DEVELOP AND PRESENT A COMPREHENSIVE CLIMATE
MITIGATION PLAN

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County became one of the first local governments in the world to develop a local mitigation strategy for global climate change; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County joined more than 200 local governments from 43 countries as a charter member of the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives and adopted a comprehensive plan to reduce the County's production of pollution sources, widely accepted as contributors to unnatural climate change, commonly called global warming; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County established a goal of reducing the County's total output of global warming gases to 20% below the baseline year of 1988; and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade County Urban CO2 Reduction Plan was to achieve this reduction by the year 2005; and

WHEREAS, the final report on this CO2 Reduction Plan has not been issued; and

WHEREAS, Global Climate Change continues to be a significant environmental threat, especially in low-lying and climate sensitive Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, Global Climate Change poses a significant threat to the County's tourism economy because of the potential acceleration of beach erosion, loss of Everglades wetlands, and coral reef bleaching. It would also have a devastating affect on the quality of life for

Miami-Dade County residents as salt water intrudes into our drinking water supplies, coastal wetlands are lost to rising seas, and more intense hurricanes become possible due to warming ocean currents; and

WHEREAS, instability in energy-producing countries, growing international demand for and cost of fuels responsible for human-caused climate change necessitates a significant investment in energy efficiency and alternative non-fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS, a new climate change strategy needs to be developed based on the experiences gained through the implementation of the original CO2 Plan; and

WHEREAS, this new strategy should be locally focused, include a diversity of stakeholders, both public and private, and have ambitious but achievable goals; and

WHEREAS, the plan needs to identify timelines, benchmarks, and goals that are quantifiable; and

WHEREAS, the plan shall retain the 1988 baseline emission adjusted for Miami-Dade County's 2005 population, evaluate past efforts to reduce climate change emissions, and develop a strategy for meeting the original (2005) per-capita emission goal (or better) by 2025; and

WHEREAS, the plan shall include an economic development component targeting climate-neutral businesses and create opportunities to attract and grow businesses that specialize in environmentally beneficial products and services,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that the County Manager is hereby directed to:

a. Convene stakeholders from appropriate County Departments and private companies, utilities, and other organizations deemed critical to developing a Comprehensive Climate Change Mitigation Plan.

b. Provide a draft Comprehensive Climate Change Mitigation Plan to the Board of County Commissioners not later than eight (8) months after the adoption of this Resolution and a final Comprehensive Climate Change Mitigation Plan for adoption by the Board of County Commissioners not later than twelve (12) months after adoption of this Resolution.

c. Recommend policies to be considered by the Board of County Commissioners that would help achieve the goals set forth in the final Comprehensive Climate Change Mitigation Plan.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Katy Sorenson 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	Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Audrey M. Edmonson	Carlos A. Gimenez
Sally A. Heyman	Barbara J. Jordan
Dorrian D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 7th day of March, 2006. 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

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.
Peter S. Tell

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By: _____
Deputy Clerk

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