Memorandum

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Date: November 20, 2008

Agenda Item No. 8(D)(1)(A)

To: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: George M. Burgess
County Manager

Subject: Resolution Authorizing the Disbursement of $1,100,000 from the Biscayne Bay Environmental Enhancement Trust Fund to Conduct Environmental Enhancement through the County's Biscayne Bay Restoration and Enhancement Program at Chapman Field Park

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Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners authorize the disbursement of $1,100,000 from the Biscayne Bay Environmental Enhancement Trust Fund (BBEETF) to conduct wetlands restoration at Chapman Field Park in connection with the County's Biscayne Bay Restoration and Enhancement Program.

Scope

This Biscayne Bay disbursement request will benefit coastal areas within Chapman Field Park located at 13601 Old Cutler Road in Commission District 7 (Comm. Gimenez).

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

This resolution authorizes the disbursement of funds from the BBEETF for Biscayne Bay wetlands restoration at Chapman Field Park. The proposed activities are consistent with the goals and intent of the Biscayne Bay Environmental Enhancement Trust Fund Ordinance as set forth in Section 24-40 of the Code of Miami-Dade County.

Track Record/Monitor

The Director of the Department of Environmental Resources Management (DERM) will monitor the activities performed with the BBEETF funds. The activities include all project-related tasks including program administration, outside funding requests and agreements, contractor selection, contract administration, restoration contract compliance, success monitoring and final reporting.

Background

Under the Biscayne Bay Restoration and Enhancement Program, DERM conducts various environmental restoration and enhancement activities throughout Biscayne Bay. These successful and popular projects are generally implemented on public lands and are assisted financially through various state and federal programs.

The project site is within the Miami-Dade County Chapman Field Park proper that extends from the softball fields southeast to the bay. The restoration work is located among the coastal red mangroves.

The phased restoration of eleven acres of disturbed wetlands includes the removal of exotic vegetation, solid waste, and fill and the restoration of red mangrove wetlands. The project objectives are to restore the habitat for a variety of marine and bird life and to improve water quality in Biscayne Bay by reducing the point source discharge of landfill pollutants. Phase I consists of the restoration of approximately three acres of red mangroves and is scheduled to be completed in November 2008. Phase II will be funded under this disbursement request and consists of the solid waste removal and restoration of up to 3.58 acres of red mangrove wetlands with an estimated cost of $1,400,000. BBEETF funds of $1,100,000 will be matched by $310,000 from the South Florida Water Management District (funding agreement execution pending). The requested $1,100,000 has been earmarked within the BBEETF for mangrove

and wetland restoration.

The Phase II restoration activities are conducted by outside contractors and County staff members. The proposed activities are consistent with the goals and intent of the Biscayne Bay Environmental Enhancement Trust Fund as described in Section 24-40 of the Code of Miami-Dade County and, pursuant to Section 24-40(4) of the Code, I have received and considered the attached recommendation of the Director of DERM to authorize this disbursement.

In cooperation with the Miami-Dade Parks and Recreation Department and the SFWMD, DERM will coordinate the funding requests, the contractor selection process and all of the construction activities.

The current balance of BBEETF funds that have not been earmarked is $516,000.

Assistant County Manager

Memorandum

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Date: November 20, 2008

To: George M. Burgess
County Manager

From: Carlos Espinosa, PE, Director
Environmental Resources Management

Subject: Recommendation for Disbursement of $1,100,000 from the Biscayne Bay Environmental Enhancement Trust Fund to Conduct Environmental Enhancement through the County's Biscayne Bay Restoration and Enhancement Program at Chapman Field Park

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Pursuant to Section 24-40 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, I am recommending the disbursement of $1,100,000 from the Biscayne Bay Environmental Enhancement Trust Fund (BBEETF) for costs related to the phased environmental restoration of Chapman Field Park.

As you may know, the Park & Recreation Department has begun making improvements to Chapman Field Park in order to open the park to the public in the near future. Such improvements include construction of a canoe/kayak launch and parking areas. DERM has coordinated with Parks to conduct habitat restoration and to enhance the natural resources within the park. The DERM restoration work is primarily located among the coastal red mangroves that extend from the softball fields southeast to the bay.

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The Phase II restoration activities are conducted by outside contractors and County staff members. The proposed activities are consistent with the goals and intent of the BBEETF as described in Section 24-40 of the Code. This disbursement will also fund all project-related tasks including overall program administration, outside funding requests and agreements, contractor selection, contract administration, restoration contract compliance, success monitoring and final reporting.

Please contact me as needed at 305-372-6754.

MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: November 20, 2008

FROM: R. A. Cuevas, Jr. County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 8(D)(1)(A)

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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11-20-08

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISBURSEMENT OF $1,100,000 FROM THE BISCAYNE BAY ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT TRUST FUND TO CONDUCT ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT THROUGH THE COUNTY'S BISCAYNE BAY RESTORATION AND ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM AT CHAPMAN FIELD PARK

WHEREAS, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board pursuant to Section 24-40 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, authorizes the disbursement of funds not to exceed $1,100,000 from the Biscayne Bay Environmental Enhancement Trust Fund for Phase II wetlands restoration at Chapman Field Park through the County's Biscayne Bay Restoration and Enhancement Program.

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The foregoing resolution was 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:

Bruno A. Barreiro, Chairman
Barbara J. Jordan, Vice-Chairwoman

Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Audrey M. Edmonson
Carlos A. Gimenez	Sally A. Heyman
Joe A. Martinez	Dennis C. Moss
Dorrin D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 20th day of November, 2008. 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.

Peter S. Tell