# Memorandum

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

**Date:** November 17, 2009

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

**To:** Honorable Chairman Dennis C. Moss and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**From:** George M. Burgess
County Manager

**Subject:** Resolution Authorizing the Disbursement of $800,000 from the Biscayne Bay Environmental Enhancement Trust Fund for Wetlands Restoration along the Oleta River at Miami-Dade County's Highland Oaks Park through the County's Biscayne Bay Restoration and Enhancement Program

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**THIS ITEM WAS AMENDED AT THE OCTOBER 27, 2009 BUDGET, PLANNING & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING TO CHANGE THE AVAILABLE BALANCE OF THE BISCAYNE BAY ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT TRUST FUND FROM $801,000 TO $1,727,000.**

**Recommendation**
It is recommended that the board of County Commissioners authorize the disbursement of $800,000 from the Biscayne Bay Environmental Enhancement Trust Fund (BBEETF) for wetlands restoration along the Oleta River at Miami-Dade County's Highland Oaks Park.

**Scope**
This Biscayne Bay disbursement request will benefit coastal areas of District 4 (Comm. Heyman).

**Fiscal Impact/Funding Source**
This resolution authorizes the disbursement of funds from the BBEETF for activities that are consistent with the goals and intent of the BBEETF Ordinance as described in Section 24-40 of the Code of Miami-Dade County. Index code: TFDE400010, Subobject: 22430, available balance: $1,727,000.

**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 overall 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 environmental restoration and enhancement activities throughout Biscayne Bay. These highly successful and popular projects are generally implemented on public lands and are assisted financially through various state and federal programs.

This disbursement request ($800,000) will provide funds to restore three (3) acres and enhance an additional 14 acres of wetlands within Miami-Dade County's Highland Oaks Park at 20300 NE 24 Avenue, Miami. Activities will reestablish the hydrological connection to the northern portion of the Oleta River, remove invasive exotic plants and plant supplemental native wetland species.

These activities, conducted by outside contractors and County staff, are consistent with the goals and intent of the BBEETF Ordinance described in Section 24-40 of the Code of Miami-Dade County.

I have received and considered the attached recommendation of the Director of DERM.

Assistant County Manager

# Memorandum

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

**Date:** August 14, 2009

**To:** George M. Burgess
County Manager

**From:** Carlos Espinosa, PE, Director
Environmental Resources Management

**Subject:** Recommendation for Disbursement of $800,000 from the Biscayne Bay Environmental Enhancement Trust Fund for Wetlands Restoration along the Oleta River at Miami-Dade County's Highland Oaks Park through the County's Biscayne Bay Restoration and Enhancement Program

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Pursuant to Section 24-40 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, I am recommending the disbursement of $800,000 from the Biscayne Bay Environmental Enhancement Trust Fund (BBEETF) to conduct wetlands restoration along the Oleta River at Miami-Dade County's Highland Oaks Park through the County's Biscayne Bay Restoration and Enhancement Program.

This disbursement request will provide funds to restore three (3) acres and enhance an additional 14 acres of wetlands within Miami-Dade County's Highland Oaks Park, located at 20300 NE 24 Avenue, Miami. Activities will reestablish the hydrological connection to the northern portion of the Oleta River, remove invasive exotic plants and plant supplemental native wetland species. These wetlands serve as the tidal headwaters for the Oleta River, which flows through Maule Lake into northern Biscayne Bay.

These restoration activities are conducted by outside contractors and overseen by County staff members. The proposed activities are consistent with the goals and intent as described in Section 24-40 of the Code of Miami-Dade County.

The $800,000 requested to be disbursed are encumbered BBEETF monies that were deposited into the BBEETF for the purpose of restoration and enhancement of Biscayne Bay and it's foreshore. The proposed activities are consistent with the goals and intent of the Biscayne Bay Environmental Enhancement Trust Fund Ordinance as described in Section 24-40 of the Code of Miami-Dade County.

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

# MEMORANDUM
**(Revised)**

**TO:** Honorable Chairman Dennis C. Moss and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** November 17, 2009

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

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

**Please note any items checked.**

_____ **"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**

_____ **Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing**

_____ **No committee review**

_____ **Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous _____ ) to approve**

_____ **Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required**

Approved _____ Mayor

Veto _____

Override _____

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11-17-09

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISBURSEMENT OF $800,000 FROM THE BISCAYNE BAY ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT TRUST FUND TO CONDUCT WETLANDS RESTORATION ALONG THE OLETA RIVER AT MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S HIGHLAND OAKS PARK THROUGH THE COUNTY'S BISCAYNE BAY RESTORATION AND ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

**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 $800,000 from the Biscayne Bay Environmental Enhancement Trust Fund to conduct wetlands restoration along the Oleta River at Miami-Dade County's Highland Oaks Park through the County's Biscayne Bay Restoration and Enhancement Program.

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:

Dennis C. Moss, Chairman
Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Vice-Chairman

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| Bruno A. Barreiro | Audrey M. Edmonson |
| Carlos A. Gimenez | Sally A. Heyman |
| Barbara J. Jordan | Joe A. Martinez |
| Dorrin D. Rolle | Natacha Seijas |
| Katy Sorenson | Rebeca Sosa |
| Sen. Javier D. Souto | |

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 17th day of November, 2009. 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.

By:_____
Deputy Clerk

Peter S. Tell