

Memorandum



Date: May 4, 2010

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

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

From: George M. Burgess
County Manager

Subject: Resolution Authorizing the Disbursement of \$700,000 from the Biscayne Bay Environmental Enhancement Trust Fund to Conduct Wetlands Restoration along North Biscayne Bay through the County's Biscayne Bay Restoration and Enhancement Program

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners authorize the disbursement of \$700,000 from the Biscayne Bay Environmental Enhancement Trust Fund (BBEETF) to conduct wetlands restoration along the western shoreline of North Biscayne Bay at Florida International University Biscayne Bay Campus and near Oleta River State Park through the County's Biscayne Bay Restoration and Enhancement Program.

Scope

This Biscayne Bay disbursement request will benefit coastal areas of District 4.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

This BBEETF disbursement is consistent with the intent of the BBEETF Ordinance in Section 24-40 of the Code of Miami-Dade County that allows BBEETF funds to be used for the restoration and enhancement of Biscayne Bay and its foreshore. Index Code: TFDE400010, Subobject: 22430, available balance: \$1,470,000.

Track Record/Monitor

The Director of the Department of Environmental Resources Management (DERM) will monitor the activities performed with the BBEETF funds.

Background

As part of 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 will provide funds for the development and implementation of the initial phase of a wetlands restoration and enhancement project in North Biscayne Bay. This project will consist of restoration of wetland conditions (fill removal and grading to wetland elevation), site evaluations, establishing hydrologic connections to Biscayne Bay, removal of exotics, and supplemental planting with 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 from the Director of DERM.

Assistant County Manager

Memorandum



Date: March 18, 2010

To: George M. Burgess
County Manager

From: Carlos Espinosa, PE, Director
Environmental Resources Management

Subject: Recommendation for Disbursement of \$700,000 from the Biscayne Bay Environmental Enhancement Trust Fund to Conduct Wetlands Restoration along North Biscayne Bay through the County's Biscayne Bay Restoration and Enhancement Program

Pursuant to Section 24-40 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, I am recommending the disbursement of \$700,000 from the Biscayne Bay Environmental Enhancement Trust Fund (BBEETF) to conduct wetlands restoration along the western shoreline of North Biscayne Bay at Florida International University Biscayne Bay Campus and near Oleta River State Park through the County's Biscayne Bay Restoration and Enhancement Program.

Biscayne Bay coastal wetland environments face many challenges and threats to their present and future health. These coastal wetlands have been impacted by placement of dredged fill and subsequent colonization by exotic and invasive plant species. The importance of coastal wetlands for shoreline stabilization, flood attenuation, water quality maintenance and habitat support has been well documented. This disbursement request will provide funds for the development and implementation of the initial phase of a wetlands restoration and enhancement project along North Biscayne Bay. This project will consist of restoration of wetland conditions (fill removal and grading to wetland elevation), site evaluations, establishing hydrologic connections to Biscayne Bay, removal of exotics, and supplemental planting with native wetland species.

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 \$700,000 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 its 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: May 4, 2010

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

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

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

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Veto _____

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Override _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISBURSEMENT OF \$700,000 FROM THE BISCAYNE BAY ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT TRUST FUND TO CONDUCT WETLANDS RESTORATION ALONG NORTH BISCAYNE BAY 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 \$700,000 from the Biscayne Bay Environmental Enhancement Trust Fund to conduct wetlands restoration along the western shoreline of North Biscayne Bay at Florida International University Biscayne Bay Campus and near Oleta River State 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:

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 4th day of May, 2010. 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