

# Memorandum



**Date:** May 4, 2010

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

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

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

**Subject:** Resolution Authorizing the Disbursement of \$300,000 from the Biscayne Bay Environmental Enhancement Trust Fund to Conduct Seagrass Restoration in 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 \$300,000 from the Biscayne Bay Environmental Enhancement Trust Fund (BBEETF) to conduct seagrass restoration in Biscayne Bay through the County's Biscayne Bay Restoration and Enhancement Program.

## **Scope**

This Biscayne Bay disbursement request will benefit coastal areas of Districts 4 and 7.

## **Fiscal Impact/Funding Source**

This BBEETF disbursement is consistent with 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. 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.

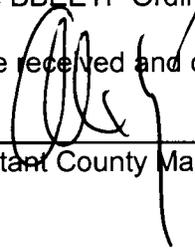
## **Background**

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 will provide funds for the development and phased implementation of two new seagrass restoration projects in Biscayne Bay. The two projects will be conducted on bay bottom located north of Virginia Key and near Oleta River State Park. The projects consist of restoring cuts and scars in the seagrass bed that were caused by boat propellers and groundings, and the filling of a previously dredged area.

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.

  
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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 \$300,000 from the Biscayne Bay Environmental Enhancement Trust Fund to Conduct Seagrass Restoration in Biscayne Bay through the 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 \$300,000 from the Biscayne Bay Environmental Enhancement Trust Fund (BBEETF) to conduct seagrass restoration in Biscayne Bay through the County's Biscayne Bay Restoration and Enhancement Program.

Biscayne Bay seagrass environments face many challenges and threats to their present and future health. Shallow seagrass beds are being degraded by inappropriate operation of recreational and commercial watercraft. Prop-scarred and scoured seagrasses have been documented throughout the State of Florida, mostly in shallow coastal waters less than two (2) meters. This disbursement request will provide funds for the development and phased implementation of two (2) new seagrass restoration projects in Biscayne Bay. These seagrass projects will be conducted on bay bottom located north of Virginia Key and near Oleta River State Park. The projects consist of restoring cuts and scars in the seagrass bed that were caused by boat propellers and groundings, and the filling of a previously dredged area.

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 \$300,000 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)(G)

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Agenda Item No. 8(D)(1)(G)  
5-4-10

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISBURSEMENT OF \$300,000 FROM THE BISCAYNE BAY ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT TRUST FUND TO CONDUCT SEAGRASS RESTORATION IN 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 \$300,000 from the Biscayne Bay Environmental Enhancement Trust Fund to conduct seagrass restoration projects in Biscayne Bay, located north of Virginia Key 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:

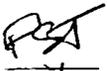
Dennis C. Moss, Chairman	
Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Vice-Chairman	
Bruno A. Barreiro	Audrey M. Edmonson
Carlos A. Gimenez	Sally A. Heyman
Barbara J. Jordan	Joe A. Martinez
Dorin D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 4<sup>th</sup> 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