

MEMORANDUM

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

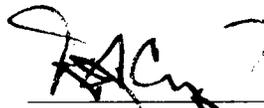
TO: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: July 7, 2011

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

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing the
the disbursement of \$400,000 from
the Biscayne Bay Environmental
Enhancement Trust Fund to conduct
environmental enhancement in
Biscayne Bay through the Miami-
Dade county Biscayne Bay
Restoration and Enhancement
Program

The accompanying resolution was prepared by the Department of Environmental Resources Management and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Vice Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson.



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RAC/cp

Memorandum



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To: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez
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From: Alina T. Hudak
County Manager

Subject: Resolution Authorizing the Disbursement of \$400,000 from the Biscayne Bay Environmental Enhancement Trust Fund to Conduct Environmental Enhancement in Biscayne Bay through the Miami-Dade County Biscayne Bay Restoration and Enhancement Program

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners approve the attached resolution authorizing the disbursement of \$400,000 from the Biscayne Bay Environmental Enhancement Trust Fund (BBEETF) for bay island trash and solid waste removal, derelict vessel and marine debris removal, bay environmental restoration, habitat maintenance and biological monitoring in connection with the ongoing County's Biscayne Bay Restoration and Enhancement Program.

Scope

This disbursement request will benefit coastal areas of Commission Districts 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, and 9.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

This resolution authorizes the disbursement of funds from the BBEETF for Biscayne Bay restoration and maintenance activities. This BBEETF disbursement is consistent with the BBEETF Ordinance codified in Section 24-40 of the Code of Miami-Dade County (Code) 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: \$534,000 as of March 31, 2011 (pending disbursements have been subtracted).

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

As part of the Biscayne Bay Restoration and Enhancement Program, DERM conducts various 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 state and federal funding programs such as the South Florida Water Management District, the Florida Inland Navigation District and the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration.

The project agreements between Miami-Dade County and the funding agencies require long-term activities by DERM at previously restored sites such as the wetlands restoration projects at Virginia Key, Chapman Field and Oleta River State Park. Activities include routine trash and solid waste removal, supplemental plantings, exotic vegetation control, and biological monitoring. This disbursement request will provide funding for a two-year period for the removal and disposal of bay island trash and solid waste (\$180,000), the removal of derelict vessels and marine debris (\$150,000), the planting of native wetland plants and the monitoring of plant survival (\$30,000) and the control of exotic plants (\$40,000). These restoration activities will be conducted by County staff and by outside contractors under a later competitive bidding process.

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

Assistant County Manager

Memorandum



Date: May 2, 2011

To: Alina T. Hudak
County Manager

From: Carlos Espinosa, PE, Director
Environmental Resources Management

Subject: Recommendation for Disbursement of \$400,000 from the Biscayne Bay Environmental Enhancement Trust Fund to Conduct Environmental Enhancement in Biscayne Bay through the Miami-Dade County Biscayne Bay Restoration and Enhancement Program

Pursuant to Section 24-40 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, I am recommending the disbursement of \$400,000 from the Biscayne Bay Environmental Enhancement Trust Fund (BBEETF) for maintenance and monitoring at environmental restoration areas pursuant to project agreements between Miami-Dade County and various funding partners. The project agreements require long-term activities conducted by DERM at previously restored sites, such as the wetlands restoration projects at Virginia Key, Chapman Field and Oleta River State Park, in connection with the County's ongoing Biscayne Bay Restoration and Enhancement Program.

The coastal environments in Biscayne Bay face many challenges and threats to their present and future health. This disbursement request will provide funding for a two-year period for the removal and disposal of bay island trash and solid waste (\$180,000), the removal of derelict vessels and marine debris (\$150,000), the planting of native wetland plants and the monitoring of plant survival (\$30,000) and the control of exotic plants (\$40,000).

These restoration activities will be conducted by County staff and by outside contractors, to be determined by a later competitive bidding process.

The \$400,000 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 codified in Section 24-40 of the Code of Miami-Dade County.

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



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(Revised)

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County Attorney

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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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7-7-11

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE
DISBURSEMENT OF \$400,000 FROM THE
BISCAYNE BAY ENVIRONMENTAL
ENHANCEMENT TRUST FUND TO CONDUCT
ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT IN
BISCAYNE BAY THROUGH THE MIAMI-DADE
COUNTY 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 \$400,000 from the Biscayne Bay Environmental Enhancement Trust Fund to provide funding for a two-year period for the removal and disposal of bay island trash and solid waste (\$180,000), the removal of derelict vessels and marine debris (\$150,000), the planting of native wetland plants and the monitoring of plant survival (\$30,000) and the control of exotic plants (\$40,000) through the Miami-Dade County 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:

Joe A. Martinez, Chairman	
Audrey M. Edmonson, Vice Chairwoman	
Bruno A. Barreiro	Lynda Bell
Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.	Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Sally A. Heyman	Barbara J. Jordan
Jean Monestime	Dennis C. Moss
Rebeca Sosa	Sen. Javier D. Souto
Xavier L. Suarez	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 7th day of July, 2011. 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.

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Abbie Schwaderer-Raurell