

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(28)

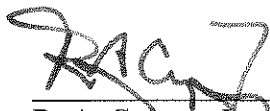
TO: Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: March 4, 2014

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

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the Governor
and Florida Legislature to revisit
the criteria for funding state
water projects so as to include
the types of drainage and canal
projects that are in great need in
Miami-Dade County

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa.



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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 Mayor'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 _____

3-4-14

Override _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE GOVERNOR AND FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO REVISIT THE CRITERIA FOR FUNDING STATE WATER PROJECTS SO AS TO INCLUDE THE TYPES OF DRAINAGE AND CANAL PROJECTS THAT ARE IN GREAT NEED IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

WHEREAS, on Thursday, January 9, Senator Alan Hays, Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government, transmitted a memorandum to members of the Florida Senate related to state water project funding requests; and

WHEREAS, included with Senator Hays' memorandum was a list compiled by Governor Rick Scott's office of the information requested and priority areas to be considered when identifying water projects for funding as part of the Fiscal Year 2014-15 General Appropriations Act; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Office identified the following statewide goals as priorities for funding water projects:

- Significantly improving water quality in an impaired springshed;
- Significantly improving water quantity in a springshed that is currently below, or expected within 20 years to fall below, its established minimum flow or level;
- Developing regionally significant alternative water supplies to meet current or future needs in an environmentally sustainable manner; particularly those between two or more water management districts;
- Significantly reducing nutrient loading from domestic wastewater to a nutrient impaired water body;
- Accomplishing a task identified in an adopted Basin Management Action Plan;
- Assisting an Area of Critical State Concern in addressing water quality requirements; and

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, January 14, the House Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee held a workshop on state funding of water projects, and also opened its website for submitting water projects for funding online with a deadline of February 21; and

WHEREAS, on Wednesday, February 5, the House Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee again discussed water project funding, including the diversity of the types of unmet water project funding needs across the state; and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade County Water and Sewer Department has identified a project that meets one of these six statewide goals and also meets the other criteria provided to potentially qualify for state funding, which is the construction of two industrial disposal wells at the Central District Wastewater Plant on Virginia Key; and

WHEREAS, there are a number of unfunded needs in the Miami-Dade County Public Works and Waste Management Department for drainage and canal projects, but unfortunately these projects do not meet the statewide goals and criteria that has been delineated for state funding; and

WHEREAS, there is a substantial unmet need for both Water and Sewer infrastructure as well as Public Works drainage and canal projects by Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, in addition to Miami-Dade County, there is also a substantial unmet need for water project infrastructure by cities located within Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, the statewide goals identified by the Governor and Legislature related to springsheds, alternative water supply, areas of critical state concern (as defined in statute), and basin management action plans have limited application within Miami-Dade County, even though it is the most populous county in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, this Board would urge the Governor and Legislature to revisit the criteria for funding state water projects so that they include the types of drainage and canal projects that are in great need in Miami-Dade County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

Section 1. Urges the Governor and Florida Legislature to revisit the criteria for funding state water projects so as to include the types of drainage and canal projects that are in great need in Miami-Dade County.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to send a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation, the Chair and Members of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government, the Chair and Members of the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee and the Executive Director of the Miami-Dade League of Cities.

Section 3. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the changes set forth in Section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2014 State Legislative Package to include this item.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa. It 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:

Rebeca Sosa, Chairwoman
Lynda Bell, Vice Chair

Bruno A. Barreiro
Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Sally A. Heyman
Jean Monestime
Sen. Javier D. Souto
Juan C. Zapata

Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.
Audrey M. Edmonson
Barbara J. Jordan
Dennis C. Moss
Xavier L. Suarez

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 4th day of March, 2014. 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.



Jess M. McCarty

