

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(12)

TO: Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

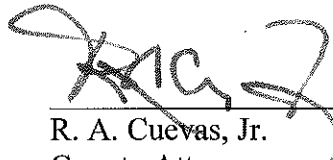
DATE: January 21, 2015

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

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the Mayor
to prepare an action plan and
report to implement the Miami-
Dade County Climate Change
Advisory Task Force
recommendations

This item was amended at the December 11, 2014 Land Use & Development Committee to include quarterly status reports to commence from the effective date of the Resolution until the issuance of the final report.

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Rebeca Sosa, and Co-Sponsors Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava and Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz.



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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
Veto _____
Override _____

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1-21-15

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO PREPARE AN ACTION PLAN AND REPORT TO IMPLEMENT THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY CLIMATE CHANGE ADVISORY TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS OF (I) ESTABLISHING DEPARTMENTAL OVERSIGHT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS AND (II) DEDICATING SUFFICIENT RESOURCES AND STAFFING TO REVIEW, UPDATE, AND IMPLEMENT THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY CLIMATE CHANGE ADVISORY TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS

WHEREAS, Florida is considered one of the most vulnerable areas in the country with respect to the consequences of climate change, with Southeast Florida on the frontline to experience the impacts of climate change, especially sea level rise, due to its low-lying topography, porous substrata, and extensive coastal infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County has various vital facilities and infrastructure that could be adversely affected by sea level rise; and

WHEREAS, climate scientists and other groups such as the Southeast Environmental Research Center and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Coastal Services Center have predicted the potential erosion of dry land and loss of waterfront property in Miami-Dade County as a result of sea level rise; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County has been in the forefront of these issues for many years; and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade County Comprehensive Development Master Plan (hereinafter "the CDMP") was amended to address sea level rise and climate change, through policies which call for the consideration of sea level rise and climate change as an integral

component of all planning processes, including incorporation into public investment processes and decisions; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County is a member of the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Compact, which is a groundbreaking collaboration of four counties - Monroe, Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach - working together as a region on climate change policy, mitigation and adaptation; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners (hereinafter "this Board") had previously created the Miami-Dade Climate Change Advisory Task Force, established in July 2006 for a period of 5 years, through the adoption of Ordinance No. 06-113, which served as an advisory board to this Board on the issue of global warming climate change and was charged with identifying potential future climate change impacts to Miami-Dade County, while providing recommendations regarding mitigation and adaptation measures to respond to climate change; and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade Climate Change Advisory Task Force issued 57 multi-part recommendations regarding needed steps relative to adaption of natural systems, built environment, health and economic systems, as well as a series of Green House Gas mitigation recommendations, many of which were incorporated into GreenPrint, Miami-Dade County's community-wide sustainability plan developed in 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade Climate Change Advisory Task Force, sunset and dissolved in 2011, pursuant to Ordinance No. 06-113; and

WHEREAS, in 2012 through Resolution No. R-240-13, the Board accepted the Regional Climate Action Plan, with recommendations for regionally coordinated climate change mitigation, adaptation strategies, and efforts in building community resilience; and

WHEREAS, in July 2013 this Board created the Miami-Dade Sea Level Rise Task Force through the adoption of Resolution No. R-599-13 to review the relevant data and prior studies, assessments, reports, and evaluations of the potential impact of sea level rise on vital public services and facilities, real estate, water and other ecological resources, water front property, and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, at the direction of this Board, on July 1, 2014, the Miami-Dade Sea Level Rise Task Force issued a report with their findings that included an assessment of the likely and potential impacts to sea level rise and storm surge over time and a set of six recommendations relative to amendments to the CDMP, capital facilities planning, budgetary priorities and other County programs as necessary to ensure that Miami-Dade County is taking appropriate actions to reduce its contributions to climate-induced sea level rise and to ensure its resiliency to the increase in sea level rise, storm surge and related impacts which are expected to occur; and

WHEREAS, after making their recommendations, the Miami-Dade Sea Level Rise Task Force sunset and dissolved in July of 2014, pursuant to Resolution No. R-559-13; and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade Sea Level Rise Task Force made the recommendation that this Board pass legislation directing County Administration to establish formal oversight and to dedicate sufficient resources and staffing to ensure the update and implementation of the specific Miami-Dade County Climate Change Advisory Task Force recommendations,

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

Section 1. Directs the Mayor or Mayor's designee to prepare an action plan for implementing the Miami-Dade County Climate Change Advisory Task Force recommendations of establishing departmental oversight for the implementation of the recommendations and of

dedicating sufficient resources and staffing to ensure review, update, and implementation of the recommendations.

Section 2. Further directs that the Mayor or Mayor's designee shall prepare a report regarding the issues identified in Section 1 above and shall provide the report to this Board within one year of the effective date of this resolution and shall place the completed report on an agenda of the Board pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65[[-]]¹ >>and directs that, from the effective date of this resolution to the time the final report is issued, the Mayor or Mayor's designee shall prepare quarterly status reports regarding the issues identified in Section 1 above, provide the status reports to this Board on a quarterly basis, and place the status reports on an agenda of the Board pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65.<<

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Rebeca Sosa, and the Co-Sponsors are Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava and Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz. 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:

	Jean Monestime, Chairman
	Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Vice Chairman
Bruno A. Barreiro	Daniella Levine Cava
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Audrey M. Edmonson
Sally A. Heyman	Barbara J. Jordan
Dennis C. Moss	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	Xavier L. Suarez
Juan C. Zapata	

¹ Committee amendments are indicated as follows: Words stricken through and/or [[double bracketed]] are deleted, words underscored and/or >>double arrowed<< are added.

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 21st day of January, 2015. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this Resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the 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.



Christopher A. Angell