MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 8(M)(3)

TO:	Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime and Members, Board of County Commissioners	**DATE:**	March 3, 2015
FROM:	R. A. Cuevas, Jr. County Attorney	**SUBJECT:**	Resolution authorizing the disbursement of $550,000.00 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 Regulatory and Economic Resources Department and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Metropolitan Services Committee.

R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

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Memorandum

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Date: March 3, 2015

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

From: Carlos A. Gimenez
Mayor

Subject: Resolution Authorizing the Disbursement of $550,000.00 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

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Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners approve the attached resolution authorizing the disbursement of $550,000.00 from the Biscayne Bay Environmental Enhancement Trust Fund for bay island trash and solid waste removal, required maintenance and repair of features at restoration sites, bay environmental restoration, habitat maintenance and biological monitoring in connection with the ongoing Miami-Dade County Biscayne Bay Restoration and Enhancement Program.

Scope

This disbursement request will primarily benefit coastal areas of Commission District 3, represented by Commissioner Audrey Edmonson; District 4, represented by Commissioner Sally Heyman; District 5, represented by Commissioner Bruno A. Barreiro; District 7, represented by Commissioner Xavier L. Suarez; District 8, represented by Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava; and District 9, represented by Commissioner Dennis C. Moss.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

This resolution authorizes the disbursement of funds from the Biscayne Bay Environmental Enhancement Trust Fund for Biscayne Bay restoration and enhancement activities. This Biscayne Bay Environmental Enhancement Trust Fund disbursement is consistent with Section 24-40 of the Code of Miami-Dade County (Code) that allows the Biscayne Bay Environmental Enhancement Trust Fund to be used for the restoration and enhancement of Biscayne Bay and its foreshore. The available balance of the Biscayne Bay Environmental Enhancement Trust Fund (Index Code TFPE400010, Subobject 22430) as of September 30, 2014 is $2,242,000.00.

Track Record/Monitor

Stephen Blair, Chief of the Restoration and Enhancement Section of the Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources, Division of Environmental Resources Management, will monitor activities performed using funds from the Biscayne Bay Environmental Enhancement Trust Fund.

Background

The Division of Environmental Resources Management in the Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources conducts various environmental restoration and enhancement activities throughout Biscayne Bay as part of the Biscayne Bay Restoration and Enhancement Program. These environmental enhancement projects are assisted financially by agencies such as the South Florida Water Management District and the Florida Inland Navigation District.

The project agreements between Miami-Dade County and the funding agencies require that sites restored under the Biscayne Bay Restoration and Enhancement Program be maintained. This disbursement request will provide funding for maintenance activities at sites restored under the Biscayne Bay Restoration and Enhancement Program to include removing and disposing of trash and solid waste from bay islands, required maintenance and repair of features constructed at restoration sites, and planting native plants and controlling exotic plant species in restored areas of Biscayne Bay and its foreshore. These restoration activities will be conducted over the next four (4) years by County staff and by outside contractors under a competitive bidding process.

I have received and considered the attached recommendation from the Director of the Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources.

Jack Osterholt, Deputy Mayor

Memorandum

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Date: December 29, 2014

To: Carlos A. Gimenez
Mayor

From: Jack Osterholt, Deputy Mayor / Director
Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources

Subject: Recommendation for Disbursement of $550,000.00 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

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Pursuant to Section 24-40 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, I am recommending the disbursement of $550,000.00 from the Biscayne Bay Environmental Enhancement Trust Fund for maintenance and monitoring of environmental restoration areas pursuant to project agreements between Miami-Dade County and various funding partners. These restoration activities and the required maintenance of features are conducted by the Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources at previously restored sites 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 maintenance activities at sites restored under the Biscayne Bay Restoration and Enhancement Program to include removing and disposing of trash and solid waste from restored bay islands, required maintenance and repair of features constructed at restoration sites, and planting native plants and controlling exotic plant species in restored areas of Biscayne Bay and its foreshore. These restoration activities will be conducted over the next four years by County staff and by outside contractors under a competitive bidding process.

The $550,000.00 requested for disbursement will be drawn from funds deposited into the Biscayne Bay Environmental Trust Fund for the purpose of restoring and enhancing 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.

MEMORANDUM
(Revised)

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

DATE: March 3, 2015

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

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 8(M)(3)

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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3-3-15

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISBURSEMENT OF $550,000.00 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 of $550,000.00 from the Biscayne Bay Environmental Enhancement Trust Fund to provide funding for environmental and restoration activities within Biscayne Bay such as the control of exotic plants and the planting of native plants, removal and disposal of trash and solid waste from restored bay islands, and required maintenance and repair of features constructed at sites restored 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:

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	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 3rd day of March, 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.

Abbie Schwaderer-Raurell