

# Memorandum



**Date:** August 20, 2015

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

Agenda Item No. 2B7  
October 6, 2015

**From:** Carlos A. Gimenez  
Mayor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Carlos A. Gimenez", written over the printed name of the Mayor.

**Subject:** Status Report for Resolution No. R-45-15 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 Establishing Departmental Oversight for the Implementation of the Task Force Recommendations and Dedicating Sufficient Resources and Staffing to Review, Update, and Implement the Miami-Dade County Climate Change Advisory Task Force Recommendations

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On January 21, 2015, the Board of County Commissioners (Board) passed seven (7) resolutions, each supporting the implementation of one of the seven recommendations included in the "Miami-Dade Sea Level Rise Task Force Report and Recommendations." Resolution R-45-15, which requires quarterly status reports and a final report within one (1) year of adoption, directs 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 (CCATF) 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 CCATF recommendations. Pursuant to R-45-15, this status report is submitted for your review.

## **Background**

In July 2013, the Board created the Miami-Dade Sea Level Rise Task Force (Task Force) for the purpose of reviewing current and relevant data, science and reports, and to assess the likely and potential impacts of sea level rise and storm surge on Miami-Dade County over time. On July 1, 2014, the Task Force presented a report to the Board entitled, "Miami-Dade Sea Level Rise Task Force Report and Recommendations," providing the requested assessment along with recommendations on how Miami-Dade County can begin planning and preparing for projected sea level rise impacts. In addition, Resolution R-451-14 and Ordinance 14-79 were adopted in 2014, requiring that planning, design and construction of County infrastructure consider potential sea level rise impacts.

The CCATF referenced in Resolution R-45-15 was established in 2006, to review existing science and projections of climate change impacts on Southeast Florida, and to develop recommendations for further action by the County to further reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions and begin climate adaptation planning for community resilience to extreme weather and other projected climate change impacts. Many of the CCATF recommendations were incorporated into the County's Sustainability Plan, "*GreenPrint, Our Design for a Sustainable Future*" in 2010, and were also incorporated into the Regional Climate Action Plan, developed by the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact.

In November 2013, a review of the implementation status of the CCATF recommendations was conducted and an update provided to the Task Force. At that time, it was determined that 33 of the 55 CCATF recommendations, or 60 percent, were implemented or were progressing toward implementation, and 20 recommendations, or 37 percent, were not yet implemented.

**Quarter 1 Progress (January 31, 2015 – April 30, 2015)**

The following steps have been taken during the First Quarter towards implementation of Resolution R-45-15:

Staff of the Office of Sustainability within the Planning Division of the Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources began reviewing the current implementation status of the CCATF recommendations in December 2014. This review and update of CCATF recommendations status is continuing and is approximately 25 percent complete. Staff estimates that by the end of the Second Quarter progress report up to 75 percent of the implementation status of the recommendations will be completed. Preparation of the action plan will also commence during the Second Quarter reporting time frame and continue through the Third Quarter reporting period.

In accordance with Ordinance 14-65, this memorandum and report will be placed on the next available Board of County Commissioners meeting agenda.

If you have questions concerning the above, please contact Mark R. Woerner, AICP, Assistant Director for Planning, Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources, at (305) 375-2835 or [mwoerner@miamidade.gov](mailto:mwoerner@miamidade.gov).

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