MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 14(A)(5)

TO:	Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime and Members, Board of County Commissioners	**DATE:**	April 19, 2016
FROM:	Abigail Price-Williams County Attorney	**SUBJECT:**	Resolution supporting the joint meeting in Miami-Dade County of the Florida Senate Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities Committee and the Florida Senate Environmental Preservation and Conservation Committee on issues related to the cooling canal system at the Turkey Point Power Plant; and supporting Florida Senator Anitere Flores' request for a select committee on such issues

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

Abigail Price-Williams
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**

_____ **Statement of social equity 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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4-19-16

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE JOINT MEETING IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY OF THE FLORIDA SENATE COMMUNICATIONS, ENERGY, AND PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE AND THE FLORIDA SENATE ENVIRONMENTAL PRESERVATION AND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE ON ISSUES RELATED TO THE COOLING CANAL SYSTEM AT THE TURKEY POINT POWER PLANT; AND SUPPORTING FLORIDA SENATOR ANITERE FLORES' REQUEST FOR A SELECT COMMITTEE ON SUCH ISSUES

WHEREAS, the Turkey Point Power Plant, located in south Miami-Dade County, utilizes a cooling canal system which consists of a network of approximately 5,900 acres of unlined canals; and

WHEREAS, water from this cooling canal system communicates with the surrounding groundwater, and long term monitoring data has shown that a hypersaline plume of cooling canal water has been migrating in the groundwater, beyond the boundaries of the cooling canals; and

WHEREAS, the County has taken action to address these issues, including, but not limited to, issuing a Notice of Violation in 2015 to Florida Power & Light for certain water quality violations in the groundwater, and requiring, through an administrative consent agreement, that Florida Power & Light take certain actions to retract and contain the hypersaline groundwater plume; and

WHEREAS, at that time, the issues were focused on the hypersaline groundwater plume west of the cooling canal system; and

WHEREAS, recent water quality sampling has, however, detected exceedances of Miami-Dade County water quality standards in certain surface water locations in or connected to Biscayne Bay, adjacent to the cooling canal system; and

WHEREAS, such water quality samples also contained tritium, an element which has previously been established as a tracer for the cooling canal water; and

WHEREAS, the tritium levels detected are well within the governmental water quality limits for tritium, but are still helpful in determining the impacts of cooling canal system water detected in certain surface water locations; and

WHEREAS, this Board, as well as citizens and residents of this County and members of the general public, are concerned about these recent discoveries; and

WHEREAS, Florida Senator Anitere Flores (R-Miami) recently requested that a select committee be formed to address issues related to the cooling canals; and

WHEREAS, as a result of Senator Flores' request, two committees of the Florida Senate, the Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities Committee and the Environmental Preservation and Conservation Committee, are scheduled to have a joint meeting in Homestead on April 29, 2016 to discuss and take testimony on issues related to the cooling canal system at the Turkey Point Power Plant; and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade County Legislative Delegation has also been invited to attend this joint meeting; and

WHEREAS, this Board would like to express its support for both (1) the joint meeting that is scheduled to be held on April 29, 2016 on issues related to the cooling canal system at the Turkey Point Power Plant and (2) Florida Senator Anitere Flores' request for a select committee on these issues,

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

Section 1. Supports the April 29, 2016 joint meeting in Miami-Dade County of the Florida Senate Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities Committee and the Florida Senate Environmental Preservation and Conservation Committee to discuss and take testimony on the cooling canal system at the Turkey Point Power Plant.

Section 2. Supports Florida Senator Anitere Flores' request for a select committee on issues related to the cooling canal system at the Turkey Point Power Plant.

Section 3. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor; Senate President; House Speaker; the Chair and Members of the Senate Committee on Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; the Chair and Members of the Senate Committee on Environmental Preservation and Conservation; and the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner 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:

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 19th day of April, 2016. 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