

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(6)

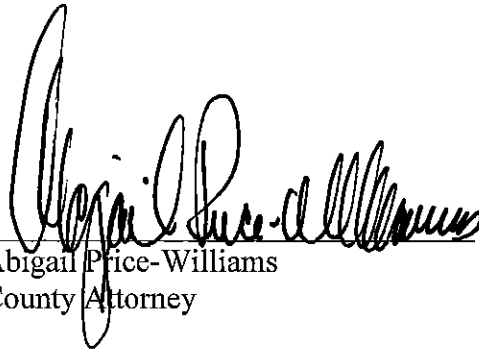
TO: Honorable Chairman Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: February 22, 2017

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the South Florida Water Management District to collaborate with Miami-Dade County on matters concerning sea level rise and salt water intrusion and to invest additional funds in Miami-Dade County to address these issues

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner 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
- 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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2-22-17

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT TO COLLABORATE WITH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY ON MATTERS CONCERNING SEA LEVEL RISE AND SALT WATER INTRUSION AND TO INVEST ADDITIONAL FUNDS IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO ADDRESS THESE ISSUES

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County is understood to be particularly vulnerable to sea level rise due to the County's low elevation and proximity to the coast; and

WHEREAS, salt water intrusion is defined as the movement of saline water into freshwater aquifers, such as the Biscayne Aquifer, and sea level rise may exacerbate or even cause salt water intrusion; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County has demonstrated leadership on issues related to sea level rise through the creation of the Miami-Dade County Sea Level Rise Task Force and the County's Office of Resilience; and

WHEREAS, the County's Office of Resilience has produced extensive reports and recommendations related to sea level rise, and it is currently pursuing various initiatives related to sustainability such as through the Rockefeller Foundation's 100 Resilient Cities grant; and

WHEREAS, the South Florida Water Management District (the "SFWMD") has tremendous expertise, specialized staff, and data that can assist Miami-Dade County, and the County's Office of Resilience in particular, on matters related to sea level rise and salt water intrusion; and

WHEREAS, the SFWMD also may invest considerable funds on various projects undertaken within the SFWMD's jurisdictional area, which includes Miami-Dade County, to protect the County from saltwater intrusion and sea level rise; and

WHEREAS, the SFWMD is currently evaluating current and future Level of Service (LOS) for flood protection throughout the 16-county region, including Miami-Dade County, as a means to identify and prioritize long-term infrastructure needs for SFWMD assets; and

WHEREAS, so that the SFWMD and Miami-Dade County may continue to work together and combine additional resources to reduce the risks posed by sea level rise, this Board wishes to urge the SFWMD to further collaborate with the County on such matters and invest additional funds for those purposes 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 South Florida Water Management District to continue to collaborate with Miami-Dade County, and the County's Office of Resilience in particular, on issues related to sea level rise and salt water intrusion.

Section 2. Urges the South Florida Water Management District to invest additional funds in Miami-Dade County to address and help mitigate the effects of sea level rise and salt water intrusion.

Section 3. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the Governor, the Executive Director of the South Florida Water Management District, and the Governing Board for the South Florida Water Management District.

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:

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 22nd day of February, 2017. 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