

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(37)

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**TO:** Honorable Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners


**DATE:** October 3, 2019

**FROM:** Abigail Price-Williams  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution urging the Florida  
Legislature to provide funding  
for local wastewater utilities to  
perform pilot projects for  
advanced biosolids processing

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava.



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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 present \_\_\_\_, 2/3 membership \_\_\_\_, 3/5's \_\_\_\_, unanimous \_\_\_\_, CDMP 7 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) \_\_\_\_, CDMP 2/3 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) \_\_\_\_, or CDMP 9 vote requirement per 2-116.1(4)(c)(2) \_\_\_\_) to approve
- Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor  
Veto \_\_\_\_\_  
Override \_\_\_\_\_

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(37)  
10-3-19

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO  
PROVIDE FUNDING FOR LOCAL WASTEWATER UTILITIES  
TO PERFORM PILOT PROJECTS FOR ADVANCED  
BIOSOLIDS PROCESSING

**WHEREAS**, wastewater utilities throughout Florida produce biosolids from sewage sludge as a necessary part of the wastewater treatment process; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County is the largest producer of wastewater biosolids in Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County has contractors that haul and dispose of Class B biosolids, which is the majority of the biosolids, for land application as a soil amendment for sod farms and other limited agricultural uses mostly in Central Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, more stringent restrictions may be placed on Class B biosolids which will further limit their value and disposal to mostly landfills; and

**WHEREAS**, cost-effective processing methods to create Class A biosolids which are more safely and productively useable could improve the value of biosolids and address current concerns regarding possible contamination of water resources from biosolids uses; and

**WHEREAS**, wastewater utilities are well situated to work with educational and research institutions, utility associations, and wastewater professionals to support pilot projects to test the effectiveness of emerging technologies for biosolids processing; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida wastewater utilities have been working collaboratively with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and other stakeholders to improve biosolids management throughout the state; and

**WHEREAS**, biosolids management is a statewide issue that will benefit from additional applied research and as the basis for statewide solutions that are cost-effective and practical,

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

**Section 1.** Urges the Florida Legislature to provide funding for pilot projects for advanced biosolids processing.

**Section 2.** Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the Governor, the Senate President, the House Speaker, and the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation.

**Section 3.** Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the legislation described in section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2020 State Legislative Package to include this item.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava. 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:

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2019. 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.



Henry N. Gillman