

Memorandum



Date: May 4, 2010

To: Honorable Chairman Dennis C. Moss and Members,
Board of County Commissioners

Agenda Item No. 8(D)(1)(G)

From: George M. Burgess
County Manager

Resolution No. R-561-10

Subject: Resolution Authorizing the Disbursement of \$300,000 from the Biscayne Bay Environmental Enhancement Trust Fund to Conduct Seagrass Restoration in Biscayne Bay through the County's Biscayne Bay Restoration and Enhancement Program

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners authorize the disbursement of \$300,000 from the Biscayne Bay Environmental Enhancement Trust Fund (BBEETF) to conduct seagrass restoration in Biscayne Bay through the County's Biscayne Bay Restoration and Enhancement Program.

Scope

This Biscayne Bay disbursement request will benefit coastal areas of Districts 4 and 7.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

This BBEETF disbursement is consistent with the BBEETF Ordinance in Section 24-40 of the Code of Miami-Dade County that allows BBEETF funds to be used for the restoration and enhancement of Biscayne Bay and its foreshore. Index Code: TFDE400010, Subobject: 22430, available balance: \$1,470,000.

Track Record/Monitor

The Director of the Department of Environmental Resources Management (DERM) will monitor the activities performed with the BBEETF funds. The activities include all project-related tasks including overall program administration, outside funding requests and agreements, contractor selection, contract administration, restoration contract compliance, success monitoring, and final reporting.

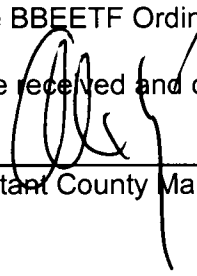
Background

Under the Biscayne Bay Restoration and Enhancement Program, DERM conducts environmental restoration and enhancement activities throughout Biscayne Bay. These highly successful and popular projects are generally implemented on public lands and are assisted financially through various state and federal programs.

This disbursement request will provide funds for the development and phased implementation of two new seagrass restoration projects in Biscayne Bay. The two projects will be conducted on bay bottom located north of Virginia Key and near Oleta River State Park. The projects consist of restoring cuts and scars in the seagrass bed that were caused by boat propellers and groundings, and the filling of a previously dredged area.

These activities, conducted by outside contractors and County staff, are consistent with the goals and intent of the BBEETF Ordinance described in Section 24-40 of the Code of Miami-Dade County.

I have received and considered the attached recommendation of the Director of DERM.


Assistant County Manager

Memorandum



Date: March 18, 2010

To: George M. Burgess
County Manager

From: Carlos Espinosa, PE, Director
Environmental Resources Management

Subject: Recommendation for Disbursement of \$300,000 from the Biscayne Bay Environmental Enhancement Trust Fund to Conduct Seagrass Restoration in Biscayne Bay through the Biscayne Bay Restoration and Enhancement Program

Pursuant to Section 24-40 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, I am recommending the disbursement of \$300,000 from the Biscayne Bay Environmental Enhancement Trust Fund (BBEETF) to conduct seagrass restoration in Biscayne Bay through the County's Biscayne Bay Restoration and Enhancement Program.

Biscayne Bay seagrass environments face many challenges and threats to their present and future health. Shallow seagrass beds are being degraded by inappropriate operation of recreational and commercial watercraft. Prop-scarred and scoured seagrasses have been documented throughout the State of Florida, mostly in shallow coastal waters less than two (2) meters. This disbursement request will provide funds for the development and phased implementation of two (2) new seagrass restoration projects in Biscayne Bay. These seagrass projects will be conducted on bay bottom located north of Virginia Key and near Oleta River State Park. The projects consist of restoring cuts and scars in the seagrass bed that were caused by boat propellers and groundings, and the filling of a previously dredged area.

These restoration activities are conducted by outside contractors and overseen by County staff members. The proposed activities are consistent with the goals and intent as described in Section 24-40 of the Code of Miami-Dade County.

The \$300,000 requested to be disbursed are encumbered BBEETF monies that were deposited into the BBEETF for the purpose of restoration and enhancement of 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 described in Section 24-40 of the Code of Miami-Dade County.

Please contact me as needed at 305-372-6754.



MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairman Dennis C. Moss
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: May 4, 2010

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

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 8(D)(1)(G)

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 Manager'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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5-4-10

RESOLUTION NO. R-561-10

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISBURSEMENT OF
\$300,000 FROM THE BISCAYNE BAY ENVIRONMENTAL
ENHANCEMENT TRUST FUND TO CONDUCT
SEAGRASS RESTORATION IN BISCAYNE BAY
THROUGH THE COUNTY'S 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 not to exceed \$300,000 from the Biscayne Bay Environmental Enhancement Trust Fund to conduct seagrass restoration projects in Biscayne Bay, located north of Virginia Key and near Oleta River State Park, through the County's Biscayne Bay Restoration and Enhancement Program.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner **Dorrian D. Rolle**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Dennis C. Moss** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Dennis C. Moss, Chairman	aye		
Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Vice-Chairman	absent		
Bruno A. Barreiro	aye	Audrey M. Edmonson	aye
Carlos A. Gimenez	aye	Sally A. Heyman	absent
Barbara J. Jordan	aye	Joe A. Martinez	aye
Dorrin D. Rolle	aye	Natacha Seijas	aye
Katy Sorenson	aye	Rebeca Sosa	aye
Sen. Javier D. Souto	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 4th day of May, 2010. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: **DIANE COLLINS**
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

Peter S. Tell