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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Memorandum

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Date: May 3, 2011

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

To: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: George M. Burgess
County Manager

Resolution No. R-303-11

Subject: Resolution Authorizing the Disbursement of $400,000 from the Biscayne Bay Environmental Enhancement Trust Fund to Conduct Wetlands Restoration at Oleta River State Park through the County's Biscayne Bay Restoration and Enhancement Program

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Recommendation
It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners authorize the disbursement of $400,000 from the Biscayne Bay Environmental Enhancement Trust Fund (BBEETF) to conduct wetlands restoration along the western shoreline of Biscayne Bay at Oleta River State Park through the County's Biscayne Bay Restoration and Enhancement Program.

Scope
This Biscayne Bay disbursement request will benefit coastal areas of District 4.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source
This $400,000 disbursement from the BBEETF is consistent with the intent of 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: $1,542,000 (as of 12/31/2010).

Track Record/Monitor
The Director of the Department of Environmental Resources Management (DERM) will monitor the activities performed with the BBEETF funds.

Background
As part of 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 project development and implementation of an isolated freshwater wetlands restoration and enhancement project in Oleta River State Park. It has been well documented that isolated freshwater wetlands within the coastal wetlands landscape are important for flood attenuation, water quality maintenance and habitat support. This disbursement request will provide funds for the development and implementation of an approximately five (5) acre isolated freshwater wetlands restoration and enhancement project along North Biscayne Bay. This project will consist of restoration of wetland conditions (fill removal and grading to wetland elevation), site evaluations, removal of exotics, and supplemental planting with native wetland species. See the project site map as Attachment A.

These activities will be conducted by outside contractors and overseen by County staff.

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

Assistant County Manager

Memorandum

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Date: January 26, 2011

To: George M. Burgess
County Manager

From: Carlos Espinosa, PE, Director
Environmental Resources Management

Subject: Recommendation for Disbursement of $400,000 from the Biscayne Bay Environmental Enhancement Trust Fund to Conduct Wetlands Restoration at Oleta River State Park through the County's Biscayne Bay Restoration and Enhancement Program

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Pursuant to Section 24-40 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, I am recommending the disbursement of $400,000 from the Biscayne Bay Environmental Enhancement Trust Fund (BBEETF) to conduct wetlands restoration at Oleta River State Park through the County's Biscayne Bay Restoration and Enhancement Program.

Biscayne Bay coastal wetland environments face many challenges and threats to their present and future health. These wetlands have been impacted by placement of dredged fill and subsequent colonization by exotic and invasive plant species. Historically, isolated freshwater wetlands existed within the Biscayne Bay coastal wetlands landscape and such wetlands are important for flood attenuation, water quality maintenance and habitat support. This disbursement request will provide funds for the development and implementation of an approximately five (5) acre isolated freshwater wetlands restoration and enhancement project along North Biscayne Bay. This project will consist of restoration of wetland conditions (fill removal and grading to wetland elevation), site evaluations, removal of exotics and supplemental planting with native wetland species.

These restoration activities will be conducted by outside contractors and overseen by County staff members.

The $400,000 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 Joe A. Martinez and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: May 3, 2011

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

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

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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5-3-11

RESOLUTION NO. R-303-11

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISBURSEMENT OF $400,000 FROM THE BISCAYNE BAY ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT TRUST FUND TO CONDUCT WETLANDS RESTORATION AT OLETA RIVER STATE PARK 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 $400,000 from the Biscayne Bay Environmental Enhancement Trust Fund to conduct wetlands restoration at Oleta River State Park through the County's Biscayne Bay Restoration and Enhancement Program.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner **Sally A. Heyman**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Joe A. Martinez, Chairman			aye
Audrey M. Edmonson, Vice Chairwoman			aye
Bruno A. Barreiro	aye	Lynda Bell	aye
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	absent	Sally A. Heyman	aye
Barbara J. Jordan	aye	Jean Monestime	aye
Dennis C. Moss	aye	Rebeca Sosa	aye
Sen. Javier D. Souto	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 3rd day of May, 2011. 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

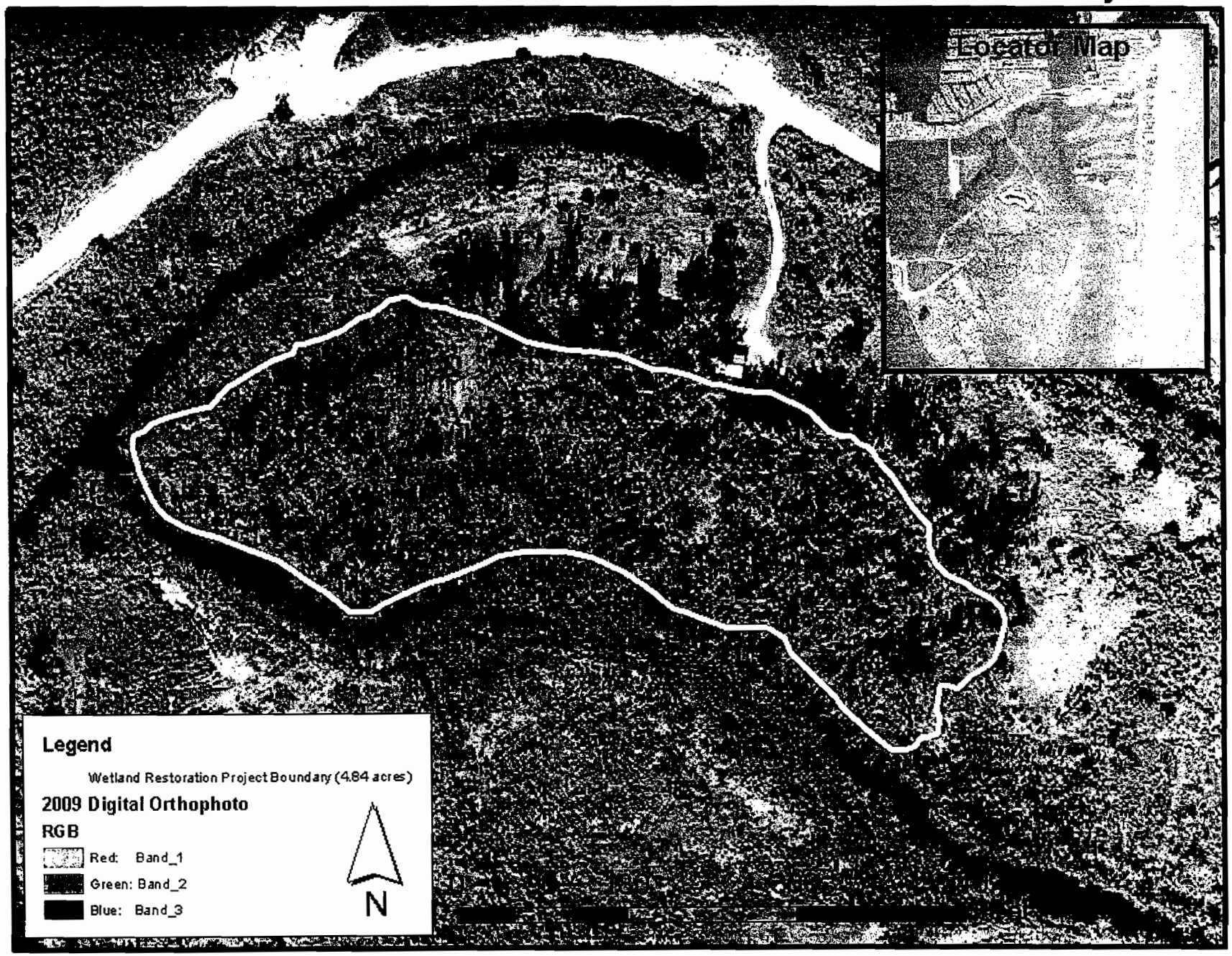
HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: DIANE COLLINS
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

Abbie Schwaderer-Raurell

Oleta River State Park - Youth Camping Area
Isolated Freshwater Coastal Wetland Restoration Project



ATTACHMENT A

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