

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(13)

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

DATE: October 2, 2012

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

SUBJECT: Resolution supporting the
Central Everglades Planning
Project for the restoration of the
Central Everglades
Resolution No. R-817-12

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
- 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

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Veto _____

10-2-12

Override _____

RESOLUTION NO. R-817-12

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CENTRAL EVERGLADES
PLANNING PROJECT FOR THE RESTORATION OF THE CENTRAL
EVERGLADES

WHEREAS, the Greater Everglades Ecosystem is a globally imperiled habitat which is essential to the proper functioning of the Biscayne Aquifer, the primary source of drinking water for the residents of Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, Everglades National Park is critical to South Florida's tourism, with nearly a million visitors each year; 30 percent of whom are from outside the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Everglades ecosystem has continued to decline in the face of restoration delays and an expedited solution is needed to increase the quality, quantity, timing and distribution of freshwater flows into the central Everglades, Everglades National Park, and Florida and Biscayne Bays; and

WHEREAS, increased deliveries of water south of Lake Okeechobee will reduce damaging discharges to the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie estuaries; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the Central Everglades Planning Project (CEPP) is to significantly reduce planning times and deliver a finalized plan for several essential restoration projects within 18 months; and

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WHEREAS, full support and funding by the State of Florida and the U.S. Congress is needed to implement this project that will protect regional water supply, create much needed jobs and strengthen the local economy,

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

Section 1. The foregoing **“WHEREAS”** clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon adoption.

Section 2. The Board of County Commissioners of Miami-Dade County support the completion of a Project Implementation Report (PIR) by the South Florida Water Management District and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers through the Central Everglades Planning Project (CEPP) by May 2013, which will address key obstacles to flows and implement meaningful ecological and economic benefits by restoring America’s Everglades.

Section 3. This resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Rebeca Sosa. It 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:

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 2nd day of October, 2012. 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: **Christopher Agrippa**
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R. Duvall", is written over a horizontal line.

Robert A. Duvall