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OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(18)

TO:	Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa and Members, Board of County Commissioners	**DATE:**	June 4, 2013
FROM:	R. A. Cuevas, Jr. County Attorney	**SUBJECT:**	Resolution urging Congress to pass the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act of 2013, S. 601 or similar legislation Resolution No. R-462-13

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Juan C. Zapata.

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County Attorney

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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 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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RESOLUTION NO. R-462-13

RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS TO PASS THE WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE AND INNOVATION ACT OF 2013, S. 601 OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION; URGING CONGRESS TO ENACT LEGISLATION TO MAKE THE WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE AND INNOVATION ACT PERMANENT; URGING CONGRESS TO ENACT LEGISLATION TO PROTECT WATER INFRASTRUCTURE BONDS

WHEREAS, water is vital to our life, health, and well-being, and adequate and properly maintained water and sewer facilities are essential to both our economy and environment; and

WHEREAS, many local governments throughout the United States, including Miami-Dade County, have aging water and sewer infrastructure that must be repaired and replaced in order to comply with, among other things, federal laws and permits; and

WHEREAS, the scale of the water and sewer infrastructure projects that may be necessary in many of these local communities to achieve compliance with federal laws is massive, and financing the costs of such repair and replacement projects may be problematic, if not impossible, for many local governments; and

WHEREAS, on May 15, 2013, the United States Senate passed the Water Resources Development Act of 2013, S. 601 by Senator Barbara Boxer (D – California), which includes a pilot program, the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act of 2013, through which the federal government may provide financial assistance to local governments for large water and wastewater infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS, the financial assistance that may be available under the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act would complement but not replace or reduce the existing federal and state infrastructure financing tools for water and wastewater infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS, S. 601 is now pending before the United States House of Representatives,

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

Section 1. Urges Congress to pass the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act of 2013, S. 601 or similar legislation. Specifically, the Board urges Congress to enact legislation that establishes a pilot program to provide financial assistance for large water and wastewater infrastructure projects for, among others, local governments, such as Miami-Dade County.

Section 2. Urges Congress to enact legislation that makes the pilot program set forth in the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act of 2013 a permanent program to provide financial assistance that would complement existing federal and state financing tools available to, among others, local governments, such as Miami-Dade County, for large water and wastewater projects.

Section 3. Urges Congress to enact legislation that would protect the federal tax exemption of municipal bond interest.

Section 4. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of the resolution to the members of the Florida Congressional Delegation.

Section 5. Directs the County's federal lobbyists to advocate for the actions set forth in Sections 1, 2 and 3 above and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2013 federal legislative package to include this item and to include this item in the 2014 federal legislative package when it is presented to the Board.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Juan C. Zapata. It was offered by Commissioner **Sally A. Heyman**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 4th day of June, 2013. 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. SED

Sarah E. Davis