

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(7)

TO: Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

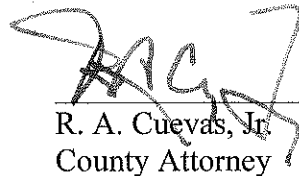
DATE: September 17, 2013

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

SUBJECT: Resolution joining the Biscayne
Bay Coalition in support of the
completion of the Biscayne Bay
Coastal Wetlands Project

Resolution No. R-758-13

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Sally A. Heyman and Co-Sponsors Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson and Chairwoman 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 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 JOINING THE BISCAYNE BAY
COALITION IN SUPPORT OF THE COMPLETION OF
THE BISCAYNE BAY COASTAL WETLANDS
PROJECT

WHEREAS, Biscayne Bay is a part of the Greater Everglades Ecosystem; and

WHEREAS, the majority of Biscayne Bay is designated as a national park which protects approximately 172,000 acres of submerged lands and associated coastal habitats; and

WHEREAS, the remainder of Biscayne Bay is designated as an aquatic preserve and “Outstanding Florida Waters,” which protect approximately 55,000 acres of bay waters; and

WHEREAS, Biscayne Bay spans the entire coast of Miami-Dade County and is an iconic part of the view-scape of Miami and the Beaches; and

WHEREAS, Biscayne Bay supports the economy of Miami-Dade County and surrounding areas through tourism, recreation, fishing and the shipping industries, including the Port of Miami; and

WHEREAS, the Biscayne Bay Aquatic Preserve and Biscayne National Park are nursery grounds for numerous species that support the commercial and recreational fisheries vital to Miami-Dade’s economy; and

WHEREAS, the quality of the water in and entering Biscayne Bay is essential for human health and safety and sustaining a healthy, productive, and well-balanced environment; and

WHEREAS, fresh water flows into Biscayne Bay have been severely diminished due to impacts from drainage and alterations to historic Everglades flow patterns; and

WHEREAS, Biscayne Bay is a natural estuary in need of ongoing monitoring and restoration; and

WHEREAS, Biscayne Bay supports endangered and threatened species; and

WHEREAS, Biscayne Bay and its coastal wetlands play a vital role in the Atlantic flyway serving as a migratory pathway for wildlife and is globally important; and

WHEREAS, the Biscayne Bay Coalition was formed by the Tropical Audubon Society to improve the health of Biscayne Bay,

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

Section 1. Joins the Biscayne Bay Coalition in supporting the completion of the Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands Project and its goals toward restoration of Biscayne Bay, as part of the Greater Everglades and the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan.

Section 2. Supports in concept the development and adoption of a state rule to protect the current beneficial flow of surface and ground water into Biscayne Bay subject to evaluation with regard to the water supply needs of Miami-Dade County.

Section 3. Supports state and local government land acquisition efforts to purchase coastal wetlands and adjacent lands needed for the Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands Project and recharge of Miami-Dade's aquifer.

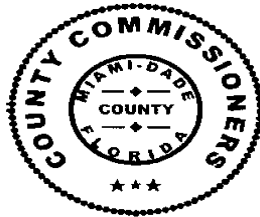
The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Sally A. Heyman and the Co-Sponsors are Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson and Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa. It was offered by Commissioner **Audrey Edmonson**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Xavier L. Suarez** and 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	absent	Xavier L. Suarez	aye
Juan C. Zapata	absent		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 17th day of September, 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.

Lauren E. Morse