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Chair's Remarks
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Good morning. This past week the Florida Congressional Delegation heard testimony from DEP Secretary Mike Sole, the Army Corps of Engineers, the EPA, the Everglades Coalition and our Water and Sewer Director, John Renfrow. By all accounts, the delegation was pleased to hear that Miami-Dade County will not draw any additional water from the Biscayne Aquifer. John advised the Delegation that all future water demands would be met by Creating New Water. He told them we are investing billions of dollars that will allow us to replenish the well-fields with treated water. The Secretary of the DEP nodded in agreement throughout his testimony. I want to thank John for representing us at this meeting – and I want to thank Eric Olafson for working with Congressman Hastings office to make this possible.

Yesterday, I spoke at the annual meeting of the Chicago Climate Exchange. On the panel, I was joined by executives from Intel (the global microchip company), International Paper and Safeway Grocery Stores (a national retailer). Miami-Dade County is one of three counties that are members of this exchange. I want to thank my colleagues for supporting this decision. We are in good company as members of the CCX.

I was pleased to report the progress we are making as new members. The year 2000 baseline should be certified soon. Once it is certified, we will see where we stand based on our year 2007 numbers. They were interested to learn how we are implementing this program among our 58 different departments.

I emphasized that we are making sure that every Department Director be fully aware of the fuel being consumed heir daily operations. We have a 6% reduction goal to be met by the year 2010. In this upcoming Budget – for every department - I want to make sure we see the difference between the year 2000 and the year 2007. The key to our success is awareness about what is happening – department by department.

The county was also represented at the ICLEI conference in New Mexico recently. At this time I would like to have Devesh Nirmul advise us of his trip to New Mexico.

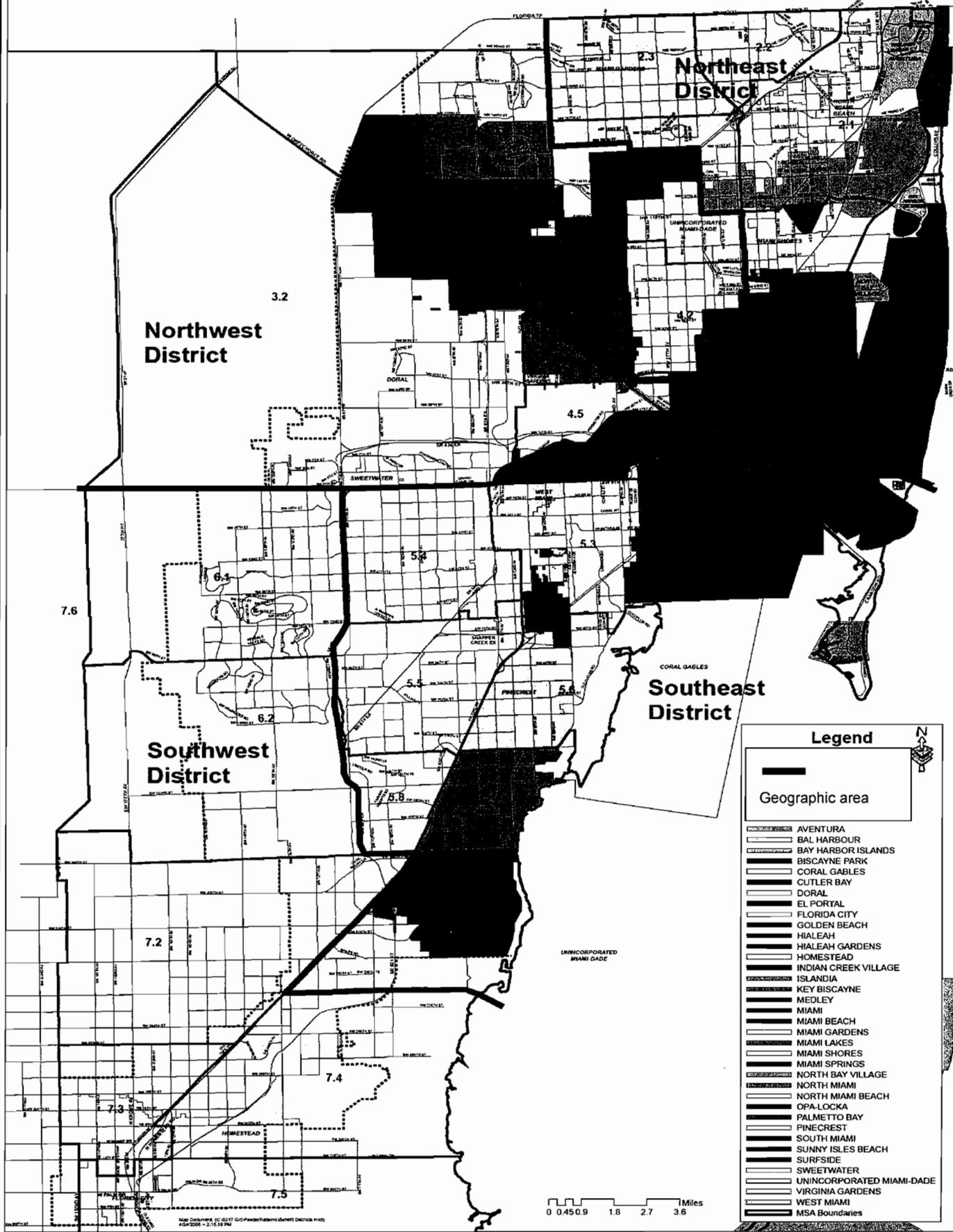
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