

Memorandum



Date: December 1, 2006

To: Honorable Carlos Alvarez, Mayor
Honorable Chairman Joseph A. Martinez and
Members Board of County Commissioners

From: George M. Burgess
County Manager

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Burgess", written over the printed name of George M. Burgess.

Subject: Appointment of Department of Environmental Resources Management Director

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Carlos Espinosa as Director of the Department of Environmental Resources Management (DERM). Over the past 10 months, while serving as Acting Director of DERM, Carlos has carried out those responsibilities in a professional and competent manner. Carlos' career experience is diverse having worked for the Federal government, the private sector and 21 years with DERM. At DERM, Carlos has been given progressively more responsibility serving as Division Chief, Assistant Director and as Deputy Director since 2001. Carlos has a Bachelors of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Florida and a Masters of Science Degree in Environmental Engineering from the University of Miami. He also holds two (2) Professional Licenses as a Professional Engineer and a General Contractor.

Under his leadership, recent accomplishments have included the upcoming co-location of the Health Department at the Permitting and Inspection Center in West Dade and the establishment of a satellite plan review office in the City of Hialeah. Carlos implemented the FEMA/DORM drainage program. The \$375 million FEMA/DORM program was accomplished in four and a half years and under budget.

Growth in our community will present environmental challenges and opportunities. A key challenge will be the successful development of alternative water resources for water supply purposes and environmental restoration. Carlos and his staff have been working closely with the Water and Sewer Department, State and Federal agencies in the implementation of various alternative water resource projects. The Department will continue its role in resource management through its regulatory programs and acquisition of environmental sensitive lands through the highly successful Environmentally Endangered Lands program. The Department will be involved in various sustainability initiatives dealing with water conservation, green buildings, public education, continuation of the successful Adopt-A-Tree program, the Chicago Climate Exchange program, CO2 Reduction and adaptability plans.

Federal funding limitations are of great concern to the timely completion of the Miami River Dredging project. Carlos has engaged all partners in developing alternative funding plans. Future beach renourishment projects also present a challenge since local sand resources will soon be depleted and alternative sources have to be established. Carlos has been working closely with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to mitigate the issue concerning the depletion of sand.

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The recent Sterling Challenge process provided DERM with positive feedback and validated the Department's management, operations and regulatory functions. Carlos has committed to take the Department's management processes to a higher level and will implement the improvements suggested by the Sterling examiners to be followed by an application for the top Sterling award.

Carlos' record with the County demonstrates a consistent career with increasing responsibilities. Please join me in congratulating Carlos.

c: Honorable Harvey Ruvin, Clerk, Circuit and County Courts
Honorable Joseph P. Farina, Chief Judge, Eleventh Judicial Circuit
Honorable Katherine Fernandez-Rundle, State Attorney
Honorable Bennett Brummer, Public Defender
Murray A. Greenberg, County Attorney
Assistant County Managers
Department Directors
Marvin O'Quinn, President, Public Health Trust
Robert Meyers, Executive Director, commission on Ethics and Public Trust
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