

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 14(A)(7)

TO: Honorable Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: June 16, 2020

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the
County Mayor to take measures
to reduce water levels in
secondary canals as appropriate
for hurricane season, and to
provide a report

Resolution No. R-600-20

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Joe A. Martinez.



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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
- ☐ Statement of social equity 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 present ____, 2/3 membership ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____, CDMP 7 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, CDMP 2/3 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, or CDMP 9 vote requirement per 2-116.1(4)(c)(2) ____ 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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6-16-20

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-600-20

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO TAKE
MEASURES TO REDUCE WATER LEVELS IN SECONDARY
CANALS AS APPROPRIATE FOR HURRICANE SEASON,
AND TO PROVIDE A REPORT

WHEREAS, a system of primary, secondary, and tertiary canals stretches across Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County is responsible for the maintenance of approximately 168 miles of secondary canals, including control of aquatic weeds and woody vegetation; inspection, maintenance, and cleaning of culverts; and removal of floating debris and other obstructions; and

WHEREAS, one of the main purposes of the secondary canal system is to provide flood protection to the people and businesses of Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, due to its unique geography and geology, Miami-Dade County is susceptible to flooding from major rain events and storm surge, particularly during hurricane season, which lasts every year from June 1 until November 30; and

WHEREAS, the County's secondary canal system may provide flood protection during hurricane season, and the systems must be in proper condition to best handle an influx of heavy rainfall; and

WHEREAS, for example, secondary canal levels must be properly set to accommodate heavy rainfall; and

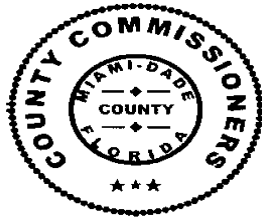
WHEREAS, because hurricane season has already begun, this Board wishes to direct the County Mayor to take measures to reduce water levels in secondary canals as appropriate for hurricane season,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board directs the County Mayor to take measures to reduce water levels in secondary canals as appropriate for hurricane season, and to prepare a report summarizing the actions taken to comply with the directives of this resolution. The County Mayor shall provide the report to this Board within 30 days of the effective date of this resolution and shall place the completed report on an agenda of the Board pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Joe A. Martinez. It was offered by Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Eileen Higgins** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

	Audrey M. Edmonson, Chairwoman	aye
	Rebeca Sosa, Vice Chairwoman	aye
Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.	aye	Daniella Levine Cava aye
Jose “Pepe” Diaz	aye	Sally A. Heyman aye
Eileen Higgins	aye	Barbara J. Jordan aye
Joe A. Martinez	aye	Jean Monestime aye
Dennis C. Moss	aye	Sen. Javier D. Souto aye
Xavier L. Suarez	aye	

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 16th day of June, 2020. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.



MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: **Melissa Adames**
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

CJW

Christopher J. Wahl