

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(8)

TO: Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

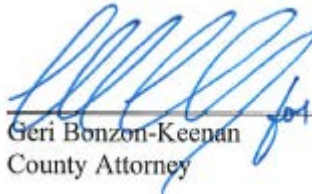
DATE: July 1, 2025

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the
County Mayor to (a) perform
increased maintenance on the
County's stormwater
infrastructure to prepare for
hurricane season and
continue proper maintenance
year-round, as appropriate,
and (b) coordinate those
efforts to the extent
appropriate with the South
Florida Water Management
District, municipalities, and
other parties responsible for
stormwater infrastructure in
Miami-Dade County

Resolution No. R-685-25

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor
Commissioner Micky Steinberg.



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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 ____, majority plus one ____, 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) ____, 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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7-1-25

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-685-25

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO (A) PERFORM INCREASED MAINTENANCE ON THE COUNTY'S STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE TO PREPARE FOR HURRICANE SEASON AND CONTINUE PROPER MAINTENANCE YEAR-ROUND, AS APPROPRIATE, AND (B) COORDINATE THOSE EFFORTS TO THE EXTENT APPROPRIATE WITH THE SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT, MUNICIPALITIES, AND OTHER PARTIES RESPONSIBLE FOR STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

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, stormwater infrastructure across the County, such as canals, gutters, culverts, storm drains, and catch basins, helps mitigate potentially devastating flooding during hurricanes and other major rain events; and

WHEREAS, while the United States Army Corps of Engineers and the South Florida Water Management District are responsible for the primary canals countywide, Miami-Dade County is responsible for the secondary canal system, which is a network of regional canals discharging to the primary canal system by gravity; and

WHEREAS, when primary canal levels are lowered and the tidal gates are opened to discharge water to Biscayne Bay, secondary canal levels are also lowered and thereby contribute to flood control and the protection of County residents and businesses and their properties; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County, municipalities, other governmental entities, and private entities are responsible for and operate tertiary stormwater systems, also known as local drainage infrastructure, which provide flood control for rights-of-way as well as private properties and facilities; and

WHEREAS, such local drainage infrastructure is in addition to the primary and secondary canal systems and may include such features as gutters, culverts, storm drains, and catch basins; and

WHEREAS, due to the effects of climate change and sea level rise, flooding will become an even greater problem for our community if the County, municipalities, and other owners and operators of stormwater systems are not vigilant in maintaining the proper functioning of their systems, and particularly during hurricane season; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 hurricane season is already underway; and

WHEREAS, to protect County residents, visitors, and businesses, this Board wishes to direct the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to (a) perform increased maintenance on the County's stormwater infrastructure to prepare for hurricane season and continue proper maintenance year-round and (b) coordinate those efforts to the extent appropriate with the South Florida Water Management District, municipalities, and other parties responsible for stormwater infrastructure,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to (a) perform increased maintenance on the County's stormwater infrastructure to prepare for hurricane season and continue proper maintenance year-round, as appropriate, and (b) coordinate those efforts to the extent appropriate with the South

Florida Water Management District, municipalities, and other parties responsible for stormwater infrastructure in Miami-Dade County. The County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee shall fund this directive annually with legally available funds in the County budget and shall further pursue grant opportunities to supplement such funding.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Micky Steinberg. It was offered by Commissioner **Raquel A. Regalado** , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Marleine Bastien** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Anthony Rodriguez, Chairman		aye
Kionne L. McGhee, Vice Chairman		aye
Marleine Bastien	aye	Juan Carlos Bermudez aye
Sen. René García	aye	Oliver G. Gilbert, III aye
Roberto J. Gonzalez	aye	Keon Hardemon aye
Danielle Cohen Higgins	aye	Eileen Higgins aye
Natalie Milian Orbis	aye	Raquel A. Regalado aye
Micky Steinberg	aye	

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 1st day of July, 2025. 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

JUAN FERNANDEZ-BARQUIN, CLERK

By: Basia Pruna
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "CJW", is written over a horizontal line.

Christopher J. Wahl