

Revised

PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date:	January 26, 2016	() Consent	(X) Regular
		() Ordinance	() Public Hearing
Department			
Submitted By:	<u>County Administration</u>		
Submitted For:	<u>County Administration</u>		

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to adopt: a Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, reaffirming the collaborative partnership among Palm Beach, Broward, Miami-Dade, and Monroe Counties as the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact to jointly address shared climate mitigation and adaptation challenges; and providing for transmission of the Resolution and an effective date.



Summary: By approving this Resolution the County reaffirms its commitment to the following:

- To jointly develop tools and position statements such as the Unified Sea Level on proposed State and Federal legislation and energy/climate policies;
- To develop joint position statements for future State legislation that may be considered by the Florida Legislature for transmittal to the Legislative Delegation representing districts within the area covered by this Compact;
- To dedicate appropriate staff resources and expertise, within budget constraints, to participate in a Regional Climate Team toward the development of a Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Action Plan;
- To coordinate with other members party to this Compact in developing a Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Action Plan; and
- To participate in hosting the Eighth Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Summit in October 2016. Countywide (RPB)

Background and Policy Issues: On December 1-3, 2015, Palm Beach County participated in the 7th Annual Climate Leadership Summit in partnership with Broward, Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties. Numerous elected officials, staff from federal, state, and local governmental agencies, and business and community representatives attended. This annual event provides an opportunity for discussion and development of a regional strategy to address climate change and is an opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to regional collaboration. This commitment is memorialized in the proposed Compact.

Attachment:
1. Resolution

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Recommended by:		1-22-16
	Climate Change & Sustainability Coordinator	Date
Approved by:		1-22-16
	Deputy County Administrator	Date

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Capital Expenditures	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating Costs	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
External Revenues	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Program Income (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
In-Kind Match (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
NET FISCAL IMPACT	<u>0</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____
# ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Is Item Included in Proposed Budget? Yes _____ No X

Budget Account No.: Fund _____ Department _____ Unit _____ RSRC _____
Program _____

B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

C. Department Fiscal Review:

III. REVIEW COMMENTS

A. OFMB Fiscal and /or Contract Dev. and Control Comments:

Sherry B... 1/12/16
OFMB *abw 1/8 10/1/18* Contract Development and Control
biohella 1-12-16

B. Legal Sufficiency:

[Signature]
Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

Department Director

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, REAFFIRMING THE COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIP AMONG PALM BEACH, BROWARD, MIAMI-DADE, AND MONROE COUNTIES AS THE SOUTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL CLIMATE CHANGE COMPACT TO JOINTLY ADDRESS SHARED CLIMATE MITIGATION AND ADAPTATION CHALLENGES; AND PROVIDING FOR TRANSMISSION OF THE RESOLUTION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact (Compact) was formalized in 2009 as a collaboration among Palm Beach, Broward, Miami-Dade, and Monroe counties for the purpose of jointly addressing shared climate mitigation and adaptation challenges; and

WHEREAS, Southeast Florida is one of the most vulnerable areas in the country to the impacts of climate change, especially sea level rise; and

WHEREAS, the County Commissions of Broward, Miami-Dade, Palm Beach and Monroe Counties (the "Compact Counties") adopted the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact ("Compact") in 2009-2010; and

WHEREAS, the Compact Counties have worked since then in common cause with one another and numerous stakeholders to address climate change at the regional scale; and

WHEREAS, in the six years since the Compact was forged, the Compact Counties and their partners have successfully completed a 110-recommendation Regional Climate Action Plan, a unified sea level rise projection for Southeast Florida (and an update thereto), a regional greenhouse gas emissions inventory, a regional vulnerability analysis, joint annual state and federal legislative programs, planning and execution of seven Regional Climate Leadership Summits, and countless other joint activities, earning significant national and international attention; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States lauded the Compact and its collective efforts as "a model not just for the country, but for the world"; and

WHEREAS, the Compact model has been cited in the federal government's Third National Climate Assessment, the Recommendations of the President's State, Local, and Tribal Leaders Task Force on Climate Preparedness and Resilience, and many other documents and media; and

WHEREAS, the Compact Counties were named as a White House Climate Action Champion in 2014 in recognition of their past leadership on climate issues and the prospect of their continued leadership in the future; and

WHEREAS, Compact activities yielded significant external funding and resources to support the climate-related work in Southeast Florida; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the Compact has galvanized cooperation among many local,
2 regional, state, and federal agencies and stakeholders; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the benefits of regional coordination to the Compact Counties,
4 partner municipalities, and other Compact partners have been demonstrated many
5 times over;

6 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY**
7 **COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, THAT:**

8 **Section 1:** “The Compact” shall refer to the 2009 Southeast Florida Regional
9 Climate Change Compact, this document, and the collective efforts undertaken in
10 furtherance of the aims of both documents.

11 **Section 2:** The counties of Broward, Miami-Dade, Monroe, and Palm Beach
12 (“the Compact Counties”) commit to continue to support the following activities,
13 which comprise the original commitments outlined in the 2009 Compact:

- 14 • Development of and advocacy for joint positions on federal and
15 state legislation, regulations, and administrative policies pertaining
16 to climate and energy issues, including, but not limited to,
17 agreement on annual Compact state and federal legislative
18 programs.
- 19 • Creation of common regional baseline information, including a
20 unified sea level rise projection, regional greenhouse gas emissions
21 inventory, and regional vulnerability assessment, and periodic
22 updates to this information.
- 23 • Convocation of an annual Regional Climate Leadership Summit.
- 24 • Development of a Regional Climate Action Plan, including
25 strategies to reduce regional greenhouse gas emissions, adapt to
26 climate impacts, and strengthen regional resilience, to be revised
27 every five years from the date of publication of the first Action Plan.

28 **Section 3:** The Compact Counties commit to support the following activities
29 representing a natural evolution of the original four commitments described in
30 Section 2:

- 31 • Regional collaboration to advance Regional Climate Action Plan
32 recommendations and track the progress thereof.
- 33 • Consideration of the full spectrum of economic, social, and
34 environmental factors in Compact initiatives, including, but not
35 limited to, disadvantaged communities, public health, natural
36 systems, and the built environment.
- 37 • Continuation of a Compact Staff Steering Committee and any
38 standing committees or ad hoc working groups deemed necessary

1 by the Compact Staff Steering Committee to further the purposes of
2 the Compact.

- 3 • Provision of appropriate staff resources and expertise to participate
4 in the Compact Staff Steering Committee and Compact activities in
5 general.
- 6 • Solicitation of external funding and resources to support Compact
7 initiatives.
- 8 • Establishment of an enduring organizational structure for the
9 Compact, subject to the approval of each County Commission, to
10 facilitate Compact work, enhance the strong relationships among
11 the Compact Counties and stakeholders, and improve the
12 Compact's competitiveness in seeking external funding and
13 resources.

14 **Section 4.** The Compact Counties, recognizing the need for close
15 cooperation with their municipalities, will continue to include one municipality from
16 each county on the Compact Staff Steering Committee and to seek the broad
17 participation of municipalities throughout the region in Compact initiatives generally.

18 **Section 5.** The Compact Counties will continue to support and foster
19 expanded public, private, and nonprofit engagement in Compact initiatives at the
20 local, regional, state, national, and international levels, with an emphasis on
21 communications, partnerships, and capacity building.

22 **Section 6.** In pursuit of the common aims of the Compact Counties under the
23 Compact, each county pledges not to work at cross-purposes with the other
24 counties. However, nothing in this Reaffirmation document shall be deemed to limit
25 the power of each County Commission to govern its respective county.

26 **Section 7.** The commitments contained herein shall not be effective until
27 approved through the required procedures of each respective County.

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29 The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner_____, who moved
30 its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner_____, and upon
31 being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

32	COMM. MARY LOU BERGER, Mayor	_____
33	COMM. HAL R. VALECHE, Vice Mayor	_____
34	COMM. PAULETTE BURDICK	_____
35	COMM. SHELLEY VANA	_____
36	COMM. STEVEN L. ABRAMS	_____
37	COMM. MELISSA McKINLAY	_____
38	COMM. PRISCILLA A. TAYLOR	_____

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The Mayor thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this _____ day of _____, 2016.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS
SHARON R. BOCK, CLERK

By: 
County Attorney

By: _____
Deputy Clerk