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NO. LTC# **431-2016**

## LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Philip Levine and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager

DATE: October 17, 2016

SUBJECT: **Beachfront Management Plan 10-Year Update Approved**

I am pleased to announce that the 10-year update of the City's Beachfront Management Plan, including the City's first ever dune management plan, has been approved by the State of Florida's Division of State Lands.

The City leases the property eastward of the erosion control line (ECL) from the State of Florida. As part of this lease agreement, the City is required to submit a land management plan every 10 years for the State's approval. The City's land management plan, also known as the City of Miami Beach Beachfront Management Plan, must outline the property's uses, management activities, and planned projects. As such, it details local concession operation rules and regulations, special event permit requirements, dune management strategy, and other key beach management activities.

Over the last year, City staff worked diligently to prepare the latest 10-year update to the Plan. As part of the development process, the City Commission created an ad-hoc advisory group on May 6, 2015 and appointed stakeholders from the City, County and the State, as well as local residents, business owners and conservation organizations. The City held a publicly noticed meeting on August 18, 2015 where staff solicited comments on the draft Plan from the ad-hoc advisory group and other interested members of the public. All comments received were incorporated into the draft Plan before it was presented to the City Commission.

On February 10, 2016, the City Commission approved and authorized submittal of the draft Plan to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Division of State Lands, except Exhibit D, entitled "Concession Operations Rules & Regulations," which was under review by the Neighborhood/Community Affairs Committee (NCAC) at the time. Once the NCAC and the City Commission approved Exhibit D in April and May of 2016, respectively, the complete draft with all exhibits was submitted to the State for review and approval.

City staff presented the draft Plan to the State's Acquisition and Restoration Council (ARC) at their August 19, 2016 meeting in Tallahassee. Following the presentation, the ARC members unanimously recommended the draft Plan for approval. Therefore, the Division of State Lands issued the City a letter approving the Plan (Attachment A). The final Plan, as approved by the State, is available for download on the City's website at <http://web.miamibeachfl.gov/publicworks/environmental/scroll.aspx?id=78915>.

Attachments: A – Division of State Lands Approval Letter

  
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Ms. Margarita Wells  
Environmental & Sustainability Department  
Environmental Resources Division  
1700 Convention Center Drive  
Miami Beach, FL 33139

**RE: Beachfront Management Plan, City of Miami Beach - Lease #3595**

Dear Ms. Wells:

On **August 19, 2016**, the Acquisition and Restoration Council recommended approval of the **Beachfront Management Plan**. Therefore, the Division of State Lands, Office of Environmental Services, acting as agent for the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund, hereby approves the **Beachfront Management Plan**. The next management plan update is due August 19, 2026.

Approval of this land management plan does not waive the authority or jurisdiction of any governmental entity that may have an interest in this project. Implementation of any upland activities proposed by this management plan may require a permit or other authorization from federal and state agencies having regulatory jurisdiction over those particular activities. Pursuant to the conditions of your lease, please forward copies of all permits to this office upon issuance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph Wilson".

Joseph Wilson  
Office of Environmental Services  
Division of State Lands