



City of Coral Gables
City Commission Meeting
March 11, 2025

ITEM TITLE:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, FORMALLY ACCEPTING THE 2025 UPDATE TO THE SEA LEVEL RISE WHITE PAPER AND AUTHORIZING FUTURE AMENDMENTS TO THE PAPER

BRIEF HISTORY:

In September of 2016 the City Commission was presented with a draft of a white paper on sea level rise which was formally accepted and finalized in Resolution No. 2016-233.

The paper, titled “Legal Considerations Surrounding Adaptation to the Threat of Sea Level Rise” was made available online to the public and has been cited and shared as resource by numerous non-profit organizations and governmental entities, and discussed in various publications including the Florida Bar Journal.

In January 2023, the City Commission directed the City Attorney to update the white paper given the numerous changes, environmental and legal, since the adoption of the paper in 2016. The proposed resolution accepts this updated white paper and acknowledges that changes in the legal landscape and scientific predictions will necessitate periodic amendments to the paper over time and the City is interested in making the updated sea level rise white paper widely available to its residents and other interested parties.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Resolution – Draft
2. 2025 Update Legal Considerations Surrounding the City of Coral Gables’ Adaptation to the Threat of Sea Level Rise”