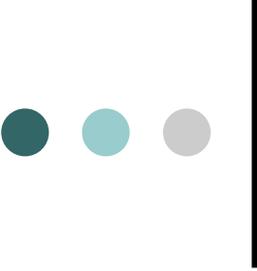




Recommendation to COG Board on “Climate and Energy Policy Committee”

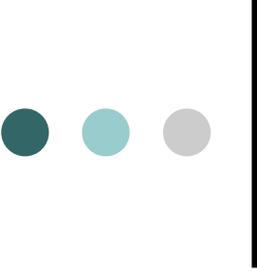
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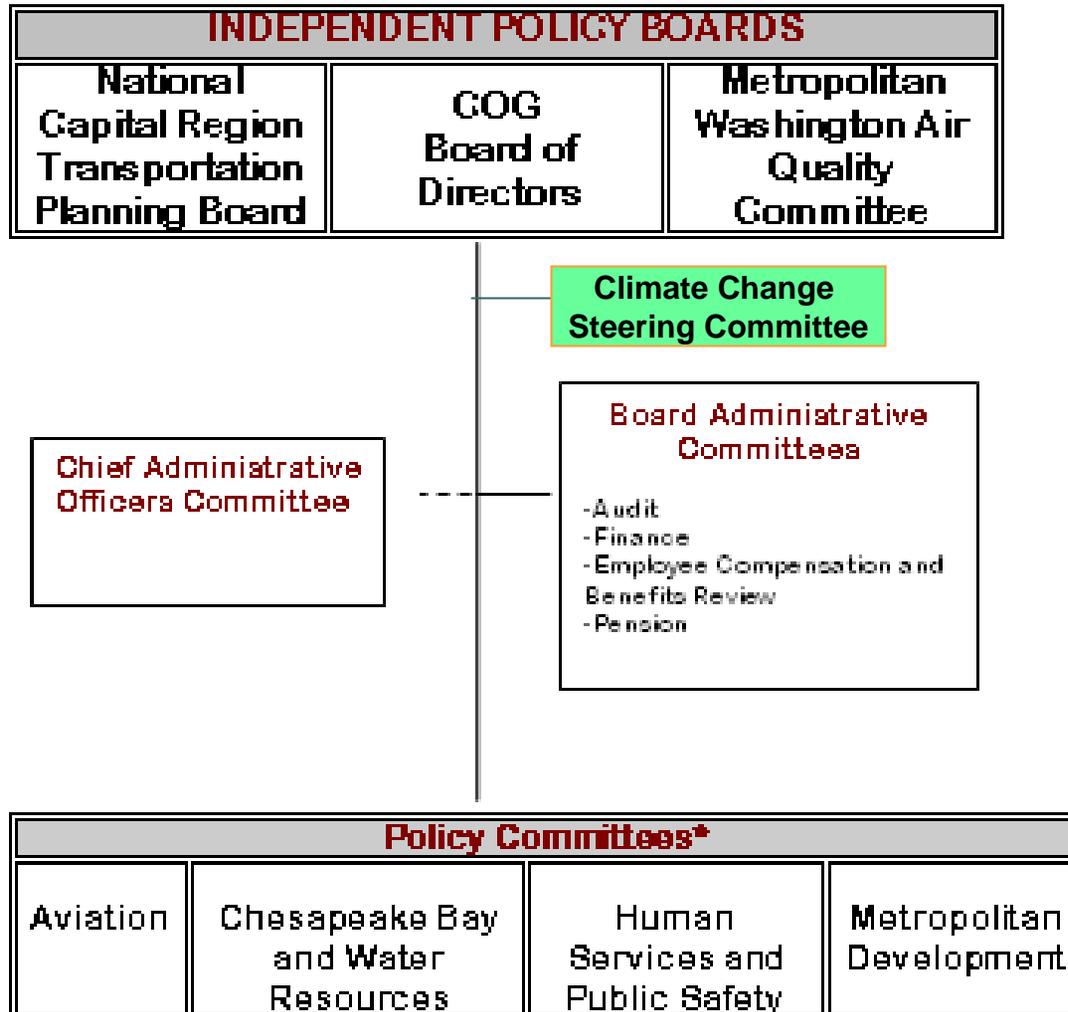
- 1970s - 1980s – 4 major policy committees reporting to COG Board:
 - Air Quality, Water Resources, Energy & Hazardous Waste, Airport Noise
- Late 1980s –
 - Environmental Policy Committee created, covers all environmental media except airport noise
 - Committee on Noise Abatement for National and Dulles Airports (CONANDA) created



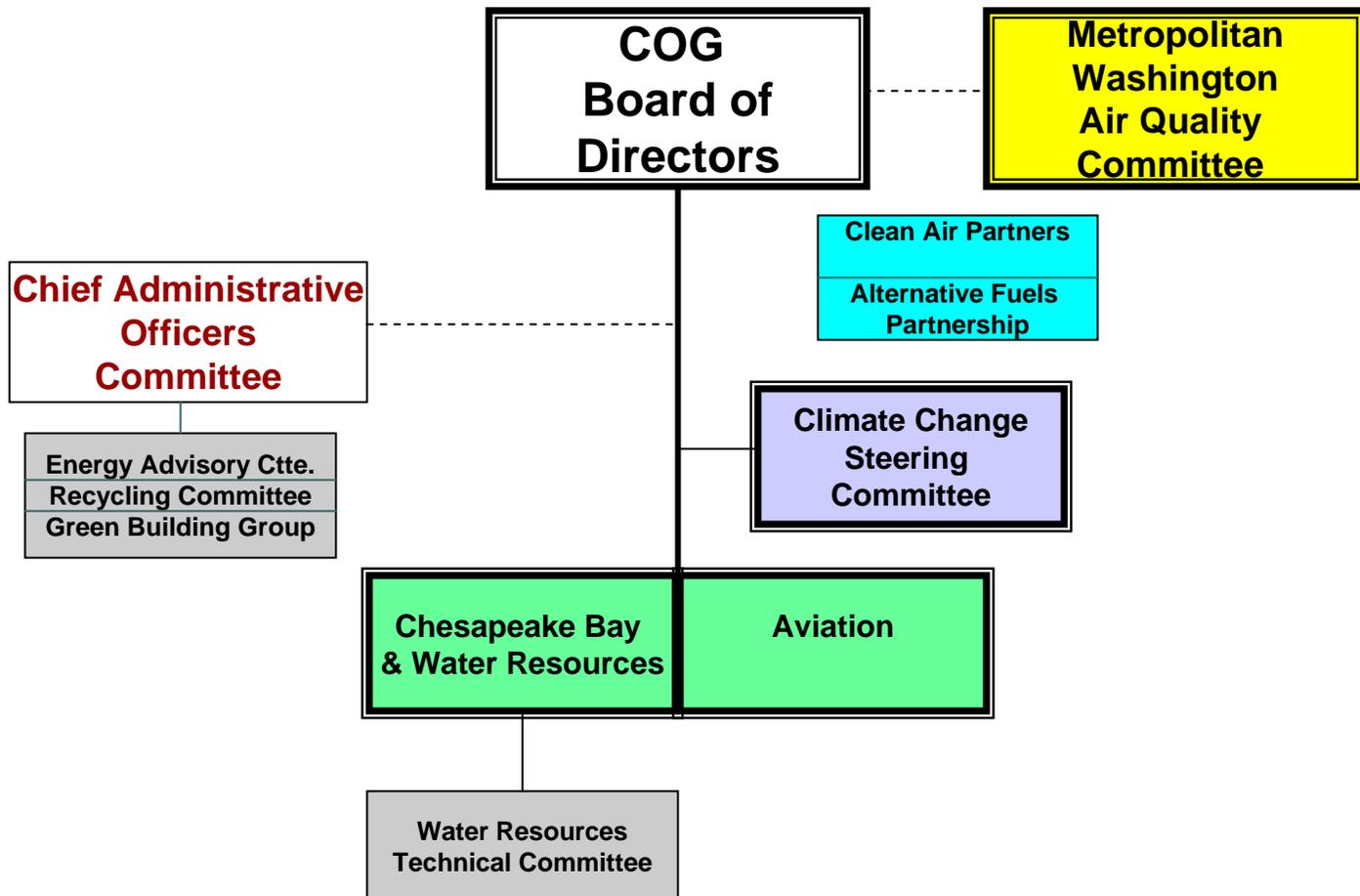
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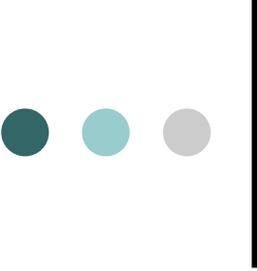
- 1992 – Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee created as independent policy board staffed by COG
- 1995 – Environment & Public Works Directors Committee replaces Environmental Policy Committee
- 1998 – Chesapeake Bay Policy Committee created
- 2005 – Chesapeake Bay & Water Resources Policy Committee created, EPWDC dissolved
- 2006 – Aviation Policy Committee replaces CONAANDA
- 2007 – Climate Change Steering Committee

Current COG Board Policy Committee Structure



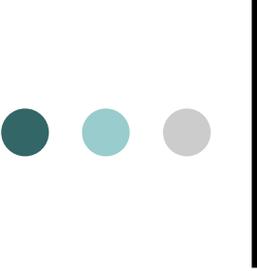
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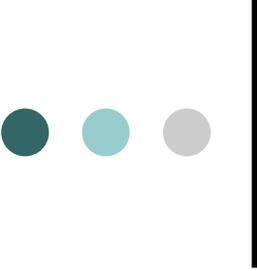
COG Climate Change Report Recommendation

- Create COG Climate & Energy Policy Committee
- Other Options Considered
 - Integrate with Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee
 - Integrate with Environmental Policy Committee
 - Create Public-Private Partnership



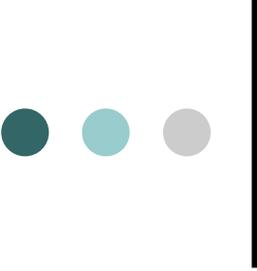
Recommended Option – **Climate & Energy Policy Committee**

- Mission
 - COG Board policy advisor on regional climate change and energy issues and associated environmental issues
- Scope
 - Climate change
 - Energy
 - Green building
 - Alternative fuels/fleets
 - Recycling/solid waste
 - Adaptation (water resources, public safety and health issues)



Proposed Membership

- **Voting Members**
 - COG member local governments (25)
 - 21 local governments
 - DC, FX, MC, PG would have 2 members each due to executive branch and legislative branches
 - States (9)
 - Environmental agencies - 3
 - Energy agencies - 3
 - Transportation agencies – 3
 - Stakeholders (11)
 - Business – 3
 - Environmental – 3
 - Utilities – 3
 - Academic - 2
 - Citizen Advisory Committee (1)
- **Non-Voting Members**
 - Regional agencies (WMATA, NVRC, MNCPPC-2)
 - Federal agencies (EPA, DOE, NCPC)



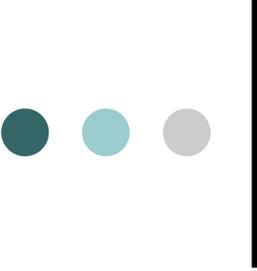
Technical Committees and Citizen Advisory Committee

○ **Technical Committees**

- Create Climate & Energy Technical Committee as primary technical advisor
 - Absorbs existing Energy Advisory Committee
 - Coordinates with transportation, water resources, public safety, planning, and health committees as necessary
- Supporting Technical Committees
 - Intergovernmental Green Building Group
 - Recycling Committee

○ **Citizen Advisory Committee – Use AQPAC**

- MWAQC's Air Quality Public Advisory Committee has offered to serve as citizen advisory committee on climate change



Other Elements for “Climate & Energy Policy Committee”

- Staffing
 - Primarily COG/DEP with additional support from COG/TPB, health, planning, public safety
- Meeting Frequency
 - At least quarterly, likely bi-monthly
- Environmental Policy Integration
 - Hold annual joint meeting of MWAQC, Chesapeake Bay & Water Resources, Climate & Energy committees to facilitate big picture understanding of and collaboration on regional environmental issues

Recommended COG Board Environmental Committee Structure

