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COG Climate Change Steering Committee

Wednesday, January 23, 2008

11:30 am – 2:00 pm
COG Board Room (3rd Floor)**

****Lunch will be provided for Committee Members at 11:30 am**

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- Bowie
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- Montgomery County
- Prince George's County
- Rockville
- Takoma Park
- Alexandria
- Arlington County
- Fairfax
- Fairfax County
- Falls Church
- Loudoun County
- Manassas
- Manassas Park
- Prince William County

*Adjunct member

Agenda

Member Lunch and Networking

11:30 am – 11:45 am

1. Call to Order, Review of 11/28/09 Meeting and Amendments to the Agenda

11:45 am – 11:50 am..... *Hon. Nancy Floreen, Chair
Council Member, Montgomery County*

2. Chair Remarks and Announcements

11:50 am - 12:10 pm *Chair Floreen*

3. Recommendation to Endorse Cool Capital Campaign

12:10 pm - 12:25 pm..... *George Nichols, Principal Environmental Planner, COG*

4. Policy Subgroup Report/Federal and State Legislative Updates

12:25 pm - 12:40 pm..... *Naomi Friedman, Assistant Executive Director, COG*

5. Approaches for Setting a Baseline, Targets and Goals for Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions in the Washington metropolitan region

12:40 pm - 1:55 pm..... *Stuart Freudberg, Dir. Environmental Programs, COG
Joan Rohlf, Chief, Air Quality Planning, COG*

6. Schedule and Topics for February, March and April 2008 meetings

1:55 pm – 2:00 pm *Stuart Freudberg, Dir. Environmental Programs, COG*

7. Adjourn

2:00 pm..... *Chair Floreen*

Upcoming meetings: February 27, 2008 (11:30 am – 2 pm)
March 26, 2008 (11:30 am – 2 pm)
April 23, 2008 (11:30 am – 2 pm)



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Annotated Agenda

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- *Climate Commission Updates – Maryland, Virginia*
 - *Greater Washington 2050*
 - *Don Beyer Volvo/Clean Currents Event 1/8/08*
 - *Report on Regional Climate Change Impacts/ Adaptation*
 - *Board of Trade “Green as a Competitive Advantage”*
- (See various documents on each topic.)*

3. Recommendation to Endorse Cool Capital Challenge

12:10 pm - 12:25 pm..... *George Nichols, Principal Environmental Planner, COG*

The Climate Change Steering Committee has held several discussions regarding the “Cool Capital Challenge,” a grassroots initiative to obtain commitments by April, 2008, to reduce regional greenhouse gas emissions by 1 billion tons. The CCSC Policy Subgroup met in December and developed a recommended approach for endorsing the “Challenge” for consideration by COG members, as well as adoption by COG as a corporation and building partner. Mr. Nichols will review the Campaign and summarize the Policy Subgroup recommendations. (Background information: staff memorandum).

Recommended action: Endorse Policy Subgroup Recommendations regarding Cool Capital Challenge and Advance to the COG Board of Directors for Adoption



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4. Policy Subgroup Report/Federal and State Legislative Updates

12:25 pm - 12:40 pm..... Naomi Friedman, Assistant Executive Director, COG

At the request of the CCSC, the Policy Subgroup held discussions regarding federal “Cap and Trade” legislation and potential actions the CCSC could consider regarding advocacy positions. In addition, the Maryland and Virginia legislatures have convened and there are a number of initiatives related to climate change and energy management that could have significant impact on regional efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Ms. Friedman will summarize the Policy Subgroup discussions on federal legislation and highlight major state climate-related initiatives. (See legislative summary materials.)

Recommended action: Receive report, provide feedback to Policy Subgroup concerning potential advocacy positions.

5. Approaches for Setting a Baseline, Targets and Goals for Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions in the Washington metropolitan region

12:40 pm - 1:55 pm..... Stuart Freudberg, Dir. Environmental Programs, COG
Joan Roblfs, Chief, Air Quality Planning, COG

When the COG Board of Directors established the Climate Change Steering Committee, it directed the committee to consider establishment of a regional baseline, target(s) and goals for greenhouse gas reduction in the Washington metropolitan region. Mr. Freudberg will provide a brief overview of the committee’s task, and Ms. Roblfs will brief the committee on several approaches for setting a regional greenhouse gas emissions reduction goal, including options that take into account jurisdictions that have already adopted goals. (See powerpoint presentation.)

The Committee will discuss the staff analysis and provide guidance on next steps.

Recommended action: Discuss Staff Analysis and either (a) agree on a proposed baseline, target(s) and goal(s) for incorporation into the Committee’s final report to the COG Board of Directors, or (b) provide direction to staff on additional analyses.

6. Schedule and Topics for February, March and April 2008 meetings

1:55 pm – 2:00 pm Stuart Freudberg, Dir. Environmental Programs, COG

Mr. Freudberg will preview upcoming meeting agendas for February, March, and April, 2008. (See table summarizing meeting schedule and topics.)

7. Adjourn

2:00 pm..... Chair Floreen

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