



A legacy of regional cooperation, a commitment to a vibrant future

COG Climate Change Steering Committee

Wednesday, November 28, 2007

11 am – 2:00 pm**

COG Board Room (3rd Floor)

***A working lunch will be provided for members at 12 noon*

- District of Columbia
- Bladensburg*
- Bowie
- College Park
- Frederick
- Frederick County
- Gaithersburg
- Greenbelt
- 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

1. Call to Order, Review of 10/24/07 Work Session, Amendments to the Agenda

11:00 am – 11:05 am..... *Hon. Nancy Floreen, Chair*
Council Member, Montgomery County

2. Chair Remarks and Announcements

11:05 am - 11:15 am..... *Chair Floreen*

- October 29/30 Board of Trade Potomac Conference
- November 1st MWAQC Air Quality Town Meeting
- November 10th District Energy Expo
- California Lawsuit re vehicle emission standard for carbon dioxide
- COG Staff Memorandum on Cool Capitol Challenge
- Greater Washington 2050
- King County “Preparing for Climate Change” Guide for Local Governments

3. COG Institute for Regional Excellence (IRE) Climate Change Team Presentation on Regional Catalogue/Best Practices Project

11:15 am - 11:35 am..... *George Nichols, Principal Envir. Planner*
COG Dept. of Environmental Programs

IRE Climate Change Team

One of the primary tasks of COG’s Climate Change Steering Committee is preparation of a catalogue of local government activities in the Washington metropolitan region that contribute to greenhouse gas reduction. To assist in this effort, COG staff engaged the support of the Institute for Regional Excellence’s (IRE) 6th Cohort. George Nichols, a graduate of the first IRE class worked with the IRE Climate Change Team to conduct a survey of COG’s members and to develop a report on the findings. Mr. Nichols will review the project and introduce the IRE Climate Change Team who will present their findings and recommendations to the CCSC.

Recommended action: Receive report; provide feedback and comment to enable completion of the project by January, 2008.

4. Review of Federal Climate Change Legislation

11:35 am – 11:50 am *Naomi Friedman, Assistant Executive Director
COG*

A number of bills have been introduced into the United States Senate and United States House of Representatives that address climate change. Ms. Friedman will summarize these initiatives and discuss a timetable for further consideration by the Climate Change Steering Committee and its Policy Subcommittee.

Recommended action: Receive briefing; concur on process and timetable for further action by CCSC.

5. Lunch Break (11:50 am – 12:05 pm)

6. Presentation on Climate Change Impacts on the Washington metropolitan region

12:05 pm – 12:35 pm *Professor Donald F. Boesch, President
University of Maryland Center for Environmental
Science and
Co-Chair, Maryland Scientific and Technical
Working Group of the Maryland Climate Change
Commission*

COG’s Climate Change Steering Committee’s work program includes an assessment of the current and potential impacts of Climate Change on the Washington metropolitan region. Professor Donald F. Boesch is leading the Scientific and Technical Workgroup of the Maryland Climate Change Commission as it assesses climate change impacts on Maryland. Professor Boesch is a recognized expert in the field of climate change, having directed recent studies on the impact of climate change on coastal areas of the United States. Professor Boesch will summarize the results of these and other studies for the CCSC.

Recommended action: Receive briefing and discuss.

7. State/District Roundtable on Climate Change Legislation

12:35 pm – 1:20 pm *Tad Aburn, Director
Air & Radiation Management Administration
Maryland Dept. of the Environment*

*Nikki Rovner
Deputy Secretary of Natural Resources
Commonwealth of Virginia*

*Hon. Mary Cheb
Council of the District of Columbia
Corey Buffo, Dir. of Policy & Sustainability
District Department of the Environment*

Representatives from Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia will present anticipated and current legislative initiatives addressing climate change anticipated in upcoming legislative sessions or already introduced and under consideration.

Recommended action: Receive briefings and provide guidance to the CCSC's Policy Subgroup to facilitate development of legislative advocacy positions by the CCSC and COG Board of Directors.

8. First Discussion of Regional Baseline and Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Targets and Goals

1:20 pm – 1:50 pm *Joan Rohlfis, Chief, Air Quality Planning
COG*

COG's Climate Change Steering Committee is charged with developing recommendation to the COG Board concerning a regional greenhouse gas emissions baseline, as well as potential reduction targets and goals. Ms. Rohlfis will give summarize actions to set goals by several local governments in our region, as well as in Maryland and Virginia. Mr. Rohlfis will also summarize actions taken by cities and states nationally to set targets and goals. She will then provide some initial approaches for consideration by the CCSC for establishing a baseline, targets and goals for the Washington metropolitan region.

Recommended action: Receive briefing and discuss options for regional greenhouse gas reduction goals and targets. Create small subcommittee to work with staff and the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory Workgroup to bring back options for consideration at the next CCSC meeting or work session in January, 2008.

9. Schedule and Topics for Upcoming Meetings

1:50 pm – 2:00 pm *Stuart A. Freudberg, Director
COG Dept. of Environmental Programs*

Mr. Freudberg will propose a meeting schedule and list of topics for upcoming meetings of the COG Climate Change Steering Committee.

Upcoming Climate Change Steering Committee Meetings:

Proposed: Wednesday, January 23, 2008, 11: 30 am – 2 pm

Scheduled: Wednesday February 27, 2008, 11:30 am – 2 pm

Proposed: Wednesday March 26, 2008, 11:30 am – 2 pm

Scheduled: Wednesday April 23, 2008, 11:30 am – 2 pm

Recommended action: Agree on meeting schedule and meeting topics.

10. Adjourn

2:00 pm *Chair Floreen*



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