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## COG Climate Change Steering Committee

June 27, 2007  
12 Noon to 2:00 pm\*\*  
COG Board Room (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor)

District of Columbia  
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\*Adjunct member

*\*\*Lunch will be provided for members and official alternates at 11:30 am*

### Agenda

1. **Call to Order**  
12:00 Noon  
*Nancy Floreen, Chair  
Council Member, Montgomery County*
2. **Approval of May 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting Summary and Amendments to the Agenda**  
12:00 noon - 12:05 pm  
*Chair Floreen*
3. **Chair's Remarks and Announcements**  
12:05 pm - 12:20 pm  
*Chair Floreen*
  - *COG June 14<sup>th</sup> State-Local Partnership Dinner*
  - *Formation of Greenhouse Gas Emissions Work Group*
  - *Issuance of draft COG Green Building Policy Report*
  - *Status of Review of Use of Ethanol Fuels and Greenhouse Gas Emissions*
  - *Report on Cooling the Commonwealth, June 13, 2007*
  - *Cool Capital Campaign*
4. **Federal Updates**
  - a) **Climate Change and Energy Legislation**  
12:20 pm - 12:30 pm  
*Naomi Friedman,  
COG Assistant Executive Director*

There are several climate change/energy proposals currently being debated on Capitol Hill. Ms. Friedman will provide Steering Committee Members a brief overview of relevant bills, including the Energy and Environmental Block Grant Program (H.R. 2447 and S. 1419, Sec. 275), which would provide grants to cities, counties, and states for energy efficiency and climate change reduction improvements, including greenhouse gas inventories, greenhouse gas reduction goal setting, energy audits, and programs to reduce vehicle miles traveled.

**Recommended action: Receive information and provide guidance on potential advocacy positions.**

**b) Update on U. S. Supreme Court Decision (Massachusetts v. EPA) and Regulation of Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Motor Vehicles**

12:30 pm – 12:40 pm

*Lee Ruck,  
COG General Counsel*

Mr. Ruck will provide an update on developments since the April 2 Supreme Court decision in which the Court found that EPA has the authority to regulate greenhouse gases. Mr. Ruck will discuss actions underway by EPA including public hearings, as well as litigation and congressional initiatives related to the implementation of California's Low Emission Vehicle Program (CAL LEV II) which includes requirements for reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from motor vehicles.

**Recommended action: Receive briefing**

**5. COG Climate Change Steering Committee Work Program and Schedule**

12:40 pm to 12:55 pm

*Stuart Freundberg, Director  
COG Dept. of Environmental Programs*

At the previous meeting of the COG Climate Change Steering Committee, a draft work program and schedule was presented and discussed. Staff has revised the work program to indicate the milestones and actions anticipated by the Steering Committee at each of its upcoming meetings. Work program tasks include: the regional greenhouse gas inventory; a catalogue of existing activities; regional reduction goals/targets; a climate change reduction guide/best practices to achieve reduction; outreach and education; regional climate change effects and adaptations; feasibility study of greenhouse gas reduction funding mechanisms; and state and national advocacy. Committee members will be asked to approve the work program and committee schedule.

**Recommended action: Discuss and approve work program and schedule.**

**6. Transportation Greenhouse Gas Inventory**

12:55 pm to 1:20 pm

*Ron Kirby, Director  
COG Dept. of Transportation Planning*

Transportation staff will brief the Committee on the contribution of transportation to the regional climate change issue. Staff will discuss regional mobile source CO<sub>2</sub> emissions estimates for 2002, 2010, 2020 and 2030. Staff will present different future scenarios demonstrating how future trends of mobile CO<sub>2</sub> emissions will vary based on assumptions of clean car legislation and use of alternative fuels.

**Recommended action: Discuss and provide comment**

**7. Regional Climate Change Best Practices: Cataloguing Actions Already Implemented and Consideration of Additional Initiatives**

1:20 pm to 1:35 pm

*Joan Roblfs, Chief, Air Quality Planning  
COG Dept. of Environmental Programs*

*George Nichols, Principal Environmental Planner  
COG Dept. of Environmental Programs*

Initial work has been conducted to catalogue Climate Change reduction measures already implemented in the Metropolitan Washington region. In addition, a table of Best Management Practices has been developed for discussion and consideration by the Climate Change Steering Committee. Ms. Rohlfs and Mr. Nichols will review the status and plans for preparing the catalogue and best practices information and will seek committee feedback and direction on how to further advance these two major committee products for consideration at the September meeting.

**Recommended action:** Review document and provide guidance and feedback.

**8. Options for Increasing Participation and Outreach in Climate Change Steering Committee**

1:35 pm to 1:50 pm

*Chair Floreen*

The Committee is requested to discuss and provide guidance to its Executive Committee on the following options for involving stakeholders in the work of the Climate Change Steering Committee, as well as enabling sharing of programs and best practices among committee members.

- a. Hosting or co-sponsoring a roundtable or workshop to review ongoing climate change initiatives among COG members and by Maryland and Virginia, as well as regional initiatives elsewhere in the U.S.
- b. Inviting guest speakers to participate in Climate Change Steering Committee meetings.
- c. Adding a public comment period at the beginning of each meeting.
- d. Adding additional members to the Climate Change Steering Committee

**Recommended action:** Discuss options and provide guidance to Executive Committee to formulate recommendations for September meeting.

**9. Next Steps, Next Meeting**

1:50 pm to 1:55 pm

*Chair Floreen*

The Committee will review its next steps and make recommendations for items to include on future agendas.

**Recommended action:** Steering Committee Members will make suggestions for items to cover at future meetings.

**10. Adjourn**

2:00 pm

**Upcoming Climate Change Steering Committee Meeting Schedule**  
(all meetings held at the COG offices from 12 noon to 2 pm)

**September 26, 2007**

**November 28, 2007**

**February 27, 2008**

**April 23, 2008**



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