



Local governments working together for a better metropolitan region

COG Climate Change Steering Committee Worksession

Wednesday, October 24, 2007

10 am – 11:30 am\*\*
COG Board Room (3rd Floor)

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

- District of Columbia
Bowie
College Park
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

Agenda

- 1. Call to Order, Introductions, Purpose of Worksession
10:00 am..... Nancy Floreen, Chair
Council Member, Montgomery County
2. COG Board Action on Federal Energy Legislation
10:10 am - 10:20 am..... Stuart A. Freudberg, Director
COG Dept. of Environmental Programs

The COG Board of Directors adopted Resolution R64-07 on October 10, 2007, endorsing the recommendations of the Climate Change Steering Committee (CCSC) on federal energy legislation and has transmitted letters to Congressional leadership, the area Congressional delegation, and key committee chairs. Mr. Freudberg will summarize the COG Board action.

- 3. Presentation on Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory for the Washington metropolitan region/Focus on Energy Use
10:20 am - 10:40 am..... Jeff King, Senior Environmental Planner
COG Dept. of Environmental Programs

COG staff has recently updated its preliminary inventory of greenhouse gas emissions for the metropolitan Washington region, working with the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory Workgroup. Mr. King will brief the CCSC on the latest emission inventory estimates and forecasts through 2030, and will then focus on energy consumption, one of the largest sources of greenhouse gas emissions. Mr. King will discuss available data on energy consumption, including electricity, fuel oil, and natural gas, setting the stage for the next series of presentations on innovative approaches for reducing greenhouse gas emissions from the energy and fuels sectors.



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**4. Innovative Approaches for Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions from the Energy Sector**

**a. Energy Efficiency Partnership of Greater Washington**

10:40 am – 10:55 am ..... *Patrick Sweeney, Vice President, Business Development  
Pepco Energy Services*

Virginia Tech recently announced the “Energy Efficiency Partnership of Greater Washington” to pay for energy-efficiency retrofits at 100 properties throughout the region. The work will be partly financed through energy performance contracting. Mr. Sweeney will provide an overview of this new partnership initiative and the expected energy conservation benefits.

**b. Local Government Case Study: Arlington County AIRE**

10:55 am – 11:10 am ..... *Hon. Paul Ferguson, Chairman  
Arlington County Board  
Member, CCSC*

Arlington County has committed to reduce the government’s greenhouse gas emissions by 10% from 2000 to 2012. The program, called “Arlington Initiative to Reduce Emissions” (AIRE), includes a variety of strategies to lower emissions including energy saving retrofits, purchase of low-emission vehicles, tree planting, and purchase of wind energy. Arlington Board Chairman Paul Ferguson will brief the CCSC on the program and the implementation steps underway to meet the program goals.

**c. Sustainable Energy Utility Model**

11:10 am – 11:25 am ..... *Pat Leibach, Legislative Assistant  
Office of the Hon. Mary Cheb  
Council of the District of Columbia and  
Corey Buffo, Director, Office of Policy and  
Sustainability, District Dept. of the Environment*

The District of Columbia is considering the concept of a nonprofit sustainable energy utility (SEU) to accomplish greater infiltration of energy efficiency and renewables. The District sponsored a recent meeting to learn about the SEU concept. Mr. Leibach will review the SEU proposal, expected outcomes and benefits for reduction in energy use.

**5. Wrap-Up, Topics for Next Meeting**

11:25 am – 11:30 am ..... *Chair Floreen*

Chair Floreen will conclude today’s meeting and outline the expected topics for the next COG Climate Change Steering Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 28, 2007, from 11: 30 am – 2 pm at the COG offices.