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COG Climate Change Steering Committee – Inaugural Meeting

May 23, 2007

9:15 am to 11:30 am**

COG Board Room (3rd Floor)

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

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

Agenda

1. Coffee, Refreshments and Networking

9:15-9:30 am

2. Welcome, Introductions, and Meeting Purpose

9:30-9:40 am

Nancy Floreen, Chair

Council Member, Montgomery County

Chair Floreen will welcome Steering Committee members and describe the objectives for the inaugural meeting of the COG Climate Change Steering Committee.

Recommended action: Steering Committee Members will receive briefing and introduce themselves.

3. Framing the COG Climate Change Initiative

9:40-9:50 am

David Robertson, Executive Director

COG

Mr. Robertson will outline the COG Board's charge and responsibilities to the Climate Change Steering Committee. He also will review the COG Climate Change Steering Committee Resource Notebook.

Recommended action: Receive briefing.

4. Other Climate Change Initiatives Affecting the Washington Metropolitan Region

9:50 – 10:20 am

Tad Aburn, Program Manager

Air Quality Planning Program

Maryland Dept. of the Environment

Dave Robertson, Executive Director

COG

Presenters will provide the Steering Committee brief updates on existing climate (agenda continued on next page)

change initiatives that have a bearing on the Washington metropolitan region and the COG Climate Change Initiative. These include: (a) the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI), which Maryland recently has joined; (b) the State of Maryland's new Climate Change Commission; and (c) the Greater Washington Board of Trade Potomac Conference. Steering Committee Members also will discuss the best way for other regional and local initiatives to be featured at future Steering Committee meetings.

Recommended action: Receive briefing and provide input into the best way to share information on other national, regional and local programs.

5. Preview of Greenhouse Gas Inventory

10:20-10:40 am

*Joan Rohlfis, Chief
COG Air Quality Planning Program*

*Jeff King, Environmental Planner
COG Air Quality Planning Program*

Ms. Rohlfis and Mr. King will share their work to date on assembling a greenhouse gas inventory for the region, including methodology, progress, and resources.

Recommended action: Receive briefing and discuss.

6. Overview of Key Tasks: Preview of the Climate Change Workplan

10:40-11:00 am

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

Mr. Freudberg will present an overview of the Climate Steering Committee work program tasks and initial comments on areas of focus for grant funding. Work program tasks include: the regional greenhouse gas inventory; a catalogue of existing activities; a regional reduction target; a climate change reduction guide/best practices to achieve reduction; outreach and education; regional climate change effects and adaptations; and state and national advocacy. Committee members are requested to provide guidance on the task list including priorities and other potential tasks, and proposed areas for seeking grant funding support.

Recommended action: Discuss workplan priorities and additional tasks; direct staff to prepare workplan for review at next meeting.

7. Committee Management

11:00-11:15 am

Chair Floreen

Dave Robertson, Executive Director

The Committee will discuss its upcoming meeting schedule, logistics, additional committee officers, and other potential members of the Climate Change Steering Committee.

Recommended action: Receive briefing and determine future meeting schedule and logistics, election of vice-chair(s), and possible invitations to additional committee members.

8. Next Steps, Next Meeting

11:15-11:30 am

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.

9. Adjourn

11:30 am (Lunch will be provided to Steering Committee members.)