



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 RXX-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 Cheh
Council of the District of Columbia*

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.**