

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO RECEIVE A GRANT FROM THE
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND ENTER INTO A SUB-
AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY (USGS) TO IMPLEMENT A
PROGRAM TO CALIBRATE EXISTING SOURCE WATER SECURITY MONITORS IN THE
POTOMAC AND PATUXENT RIVERS**

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) understands that reliable and safe drinking water supplies are essential for the health, safety, and welfare of the region; and

WHEREAS, COG has a significant interest in regional water supplies and as such plays a key coordination role in enhancing the reliability, security and protection of the National Capital Region's water supplies; and

WHEREAS, COG considers homeland security and regional water security and reliability as priorities and has resolved to act as a coordinator and key partner, together with area water and wastewater utilities, to address those priorities; and

WHEREAS, COG has assisted the Maryland Department of the Environment and the United States Geological Survey (USGS) in establishing Source Water Security monitoring stations in the Potomac and Patuxent Rivers; and

WHEREAS, COG has received a Department of Homeland Security, Urban Area Security Initiative grant to manage, maintain, and calibrate those water security monitoring stations in the National Capital region and furthermore has issued a sub agreement to the USGS to assist in that effort.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS THAT:**

The Executive Director, or his designee, is authorized to receive a grant and issue a sub grant in order to maintain and calibrate source water security monitoring stations at strategic locations along the Potomac and Patuxent Rivers. Using part of the grant funding, COG will issue a sub-agreement to the USGS to assist in the calibration of the source water monitors. The grant, provided by the Department of Homeland Security, will not exceed \$360,641 and the USGS sub-agreement will not exceed \$275,000. No local matching funds are required. The project duration is 11 months.