

DRAFT AGENDA
Climate, Energy and Environment Policy Committee (CEEPC)
Wednesday January 28, 2015
10:00am – 11:45am
COG Board Room, 3rd Floor

(lunch will be available for members starting at 11:45)

Webinar: [Join WebEx meeting](#), Password: CEEPC
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10:00 am

- 1. Call to Order/Introductions/Chair Remarks**
-Hon. Roger Berliner, Chair

10:10 am

- 2. Smart Cities 101 Panel**
 In December 2014, the City of Alexandria announced the launch of a Smart Cities Initiative. But what is a Smart City? How can the utilization of “smart” technologies inform policy decisions, enhance efficiency, and improve economic competitiveness?

Moderator: Bill Eger, City of Alexandria

- Sokwoo Rhee, National Institute of Standards and Technology
- Philip Bane, Smart Cities Council
- Giulio Busulini, Italian Embassy

Recommended action: *Receive briefing and discuss opportunities to support Smart Cities initiatives in the region.*

10:50 am

- 3. Climate Action Champions – National Capital Region**
 In coordination with its members, COG applied to the US DOE as a consortium of governments to be recognized nationally as Climate Action Champions. In early December 2014, the White House announced that COG and its members are among the first to be given the designation of “Champions.” The Program Director will introduce this initiative and possible opportunities available to designees.

- Sarah Ashton, Director, Climate Actions Champion Program, The White House

Recommended action: *Receive briefing and discuss opportunities and next steps.*

- 11:10 am** **4. Climate and Energy Action Plan - 2015 Priorities**
CEEPC's 2013-2016 Climate and Energy Action Plan provides a roadmap of implementation actions to help meet both local and regional goals related to climate, energy, sustainability, etc. At the first CEEPC meeting each year the committee discusses current challenges and needs and decides on the committee's priorities for the year.
- Roger Berliner, Chair
 - COG DEP Staff
- Recommended action:** Discuss and decide on 2015 priorities.
- 11:20 am** **5. Multi-Sector Professional Working Group**
COG is convening a multi-sector greenhouse gas (GHG) working group (MSWG) of senior level professionals from local governments and state agencies representing the energy, environment, transportation and land use sectors. The Working Group will help COG draft a report, by September 2015, assessing "What We Can Do" in a cost-effective, viable manner to attain the region's GHG reductions goals. Staff will provide an update on the working group.
- Steve Walz, COG Director of Environmental Programs
- Recommended action:** Receive briefing.
- 11:30 am** **6. 2015 Legislative Overview – What Important Legislative Initiatives are on the Horizon?**
- Isabel Ricker, COG/DEP
- Recommended action:** Receive briefing and appoint members to the Advocacy Subcommittee.
- 11:40 am** **7. Announcements and Updates**
- Regional Solar Standards Implementation Update
 - 2015 Awards Task Force
 - CEEPC Annual Survey
- 11:45 am** **8. Adjourn – Chair Berliner**

Next CEEPC Meeting: Wednesday, March 25, 2015 @ 10:00 am – 12 pm noon

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