

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
777 NORTH CAPITOL STREET, N.E.
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20002**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO RECEIVE AND EXPEND
FUNDING FROM THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT FOR
PURCHASING WATER SECURITY MONITORING EQUIPMENT**

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 along with area water and wastewater utilities to address those priorities; and

WHEREAS, COG established a Water Security Work Group to coordinate regional water security and reliability projects, and in that role has identified as a top priority the need to seek funding and develop regional water security programs and projects such as water system contamination monitoring, water distribution system modeling, water system redundancy studies, water supply emergency operation plans, development of best management practices for water security, and water system emergency planning and exercises; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of COG to work cooperatively with the State of Maryland and the other Water Security Work Group partners to implement projects that address regional drinking water and wastewater security priorities.

**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 and expend funding in an amount not to exceed \$615,892 from the Maryland Department of the Environment for the purpose of purchasing water security monitoring equipment as well as other activities in support of the installation and operation of the equipment in the National Capital Region. No COG matching funds are required.
