METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS 777 North Capitol Street, NE Washington, DC 20002-4239

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO RECEIVE AND EXPEND AN URBAN AREA SECURITY INITIATIVE (UASI) SUBGRANT FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPLEMENTING REGIONAL WATER SYSTEM SECURITY PROJECTS IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG), established the Task Force on Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness for the National Capital Region (Task Force) on October 24, 2001 to guide COG's emergency planning and coordination efforts following the attacks of September 11, 2001 on the Pentagon and the World Trade Center; and

WHEREAS, water utilities, local governments, state, federal and regional public agencies convened a special Water Security Work Group under the umbrella of the COG and its Task Force to guide emergency planning and coordination efforts with regard to protection of the region's water supply and wastewater treatment critical infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, COG has been requested by the State Administrative Agent (SAA) to administer a \$500,000 UASI subgrant to implement water security projects in the National Capital Region; and

WHEREAS, the Water Security Work Group has endorsed a comprehensive prospectus of regional drinking water security initiatives intended to address regional water security priorities such as early warning monitoring, distribution system modeling, regional water system redundancy studies, and emergency response and preparedness planning; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of COG to work cooperatively with the other Water Security Work Group partners to implement projects that address regional drinking water 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 a UASI subgrant in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 for the purpose of implementing regional water system security projects in the National Capital Region. No COG matching funds are required.

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Nicole Hange, Board Clerk