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**DATE:** May 14, 2008  
**TIME:** 12:00 Noon  
**PLACE:** COG Board Room

**PLEASE NOTE:** Chairman Knapp will begin the meeting promptly at Noon.  
Lunch for members and alternates will be available at 11:30 a.m.

**A G E N D A**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  
(12:00 Noon)**

**Chairman Michael Knapp  
Council President, Montgomery County**

- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 9, 2008  
(12:00 – 12:05 p.m.)**

- 3. ANNOUNCEMENTS  
(12:05 – 12:15 p.m.)**

**Chairman Knapp**

- a) Housing Foreclosure Summit June 19
- b) COG Retreat July 25-27
- c) Executive Director's Report
  - o Outreach
  - o Letters Sent/Received
  - o Legislative Report Update

- 4. AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA  
(12:15 – 12:20 p.m.)**

- 5. ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS  
(12:20 – 12:25 p.m.)**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Adopt Consent Agenda Item 11.A., 11.B., 11.C., & 11.D.

**6. DISCUSSION OF PROGRAMS TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS IN THE WASHINGTON REGION AND ADOPTION OF 2008 REGIONAL HOMELESS ENUMERATION REPORT  
(12:25 – 12:45 p.m.)**

**Tommy Wells, Councilmember  
District of Columbia  
Chairman, COG Human Services Policy Committee**

**William Macmillan  
Fairfax County  
Department of Systems Management for Human Services**

In January, COG's Homeless Services Planning and Coordination Committee conducted the eighth enumeration of the homeless in metropolitan Washington. This annual enumeration is part of an ongoing effort to monitor and report on the number of people found on the streets, in emergency shelters, in transitional and permanent supportive housing, or otherwise homeless and in need of a safe shelter. During its April 18, 2008 meeting, COG's Human Services Policy Committee (HSPC) was briefed on the initial results of the enumeration and convened a roundtable discussion concerning the range of local government programs to address homelessness in the Washington region. Mr. Wells will brief the Board on the HSPC discussions and Mr. Macmillan will brief the Board on the results of the enumeration as described in the report.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing and adopt Resolution R25-08.**

**7. REVIEW OF REGIONAL RECYCLING TRENDS AND DIGITAL TELEVISION TRANSITION IMPLICATIONS  
(12:45 – 1:15 p.m.)**

**A. Recycling Trends in the Region**

**John M. Snarr, Principal Environmental Planner  
COG**

Recycling services have continued to expand in the region the past several years to include new materials and new technologies. Mr. Snarr will brief the board on the current status of recycling and the implications of the new technologies.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing.**

**B. Digital Television Transition**

**Shermaze Ingram  
Director of Media Relations, DTV Transition  
National Association of Broadcasters**

**Katherine Glass  
Environmental Compliance Specialist, Loudoun County  
Chair, Recycling Committee, COG**

On February 17, 2009, the major television broadcast stations will cease the use traditional analog signals and switch to digital signals. Older television sets that rely on over-the-air signals will no longer work unless consumers take steps to upgrade their equipment. This changeover has many implications ranging from the disposal of old televisions to assistance for the most affected populations, like the

elderly, the poor, and immigrants. Ms. Ingram will present an overview of the transition. Ms. Glass will review how local governments are preparing for some of these issues and make recommendations on how the Board can assist with the transition.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing and adopt Resolution R26-08.**

**8. BOARD INPUT AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COG ANNUAL RETREAT  
(1:15 – 1:35 p.m.)**

**Chairman Knapp**

Each year, COG holds a summer retreat of regional leaders, including members of the COG Board, TPB and MWAQC to help shape the organization's implementation of its strategic plan, improve its effectiveness, and promote greater collaboration of area elected officials. Chairman Knapp will lead a discussion of potential topics for the retreat agenda and desired outcomes and ask members to provide suggestions.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Provide feedback and direction for retreat program and agenda.**

**9. OUTCOMES OF FIRST U.S. AND EUROPEAN CONFERENCE OF METROPOLITAN REGIONAL COUNCILS  
(1:35 – 1:50 p.m.)**

**Vice Chairman Penelope Gross  
Fairfax County Board of Supervisors**

NVRC and COG co-sponsored the first U.S. and European Conference of Metropolitan Regional Councils on April 9 – 12, 2008 in Alexandria, Virginia. More than 150 representatives from regions in Europe and the United States participated in the conference, which focused on developing joint actions to address climate change. COG Board Chairman Knapp was one of several signatories to a joint declaration of cooperation. The Board will be briefed on key conference outcomes and next steps to advance the declaration of cooperation.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R27-08.**

**10. FY 2008 3<sup>rd</sup> QUARTER REPORT  
(1:50 – 2:00 p.m.)**

**J Davis  
Mayor, City of Greenbelt  
Secretary-Treasurer, COG**

The COG Board will be briefed on COG's third quarter FY 2008 financial report.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive Briefing.**

## 11. CONSENT AGENDA

### **A. Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protections to Provide Anacostia River Watershed Trash TMDL Monitoring Related Support Services**

The Board will be asked to adopt R28-08, authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to execute a contract in an amount not to exceed \$40,815 to provide technical trash TMDL monitoring-related assistance to Montgomery County for the development of an Anacostia watershed trash TMDL. The project duration will be one year from the receipt of funding. No COG matching funds will be required.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R28-08.**

### **B. Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Prince George's County Department of Environmental Resources to Provide Anacostia River Watershed Trash TMDL Monitoring Related Support Services**

The Board will be asked to adopt R29-08, authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to enter into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) in an amount not to exceed \$56,470 to provide technical trash TMDL monitoring-related assistance to Prince George's County for the development of an Anacostia watershed trash TMDL. The project duration will be one year from the receipt of funding. No COG matching funds will be required.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R29-08.**

### **C. Resolution for UASI Grant Authorization**

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R30-08, authorizing the Executive Director or his designee, to receive a grant in an amount not to exceed \$470,000 in federal Department of Homeland Security funding, administered by the Senior Policy Group to provide Secretariat support for the Emergency Preparedness Council, Chief Administrative Officers and RESF's. No COG matching funds are required. The project duration will be May 1 through October 31, 2008.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R30-08.**

### **D. Resolution Authorizing COG to Fund the Emergency Preparedness Council Senior Leader Seminar for 2008**

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R31-08, approving a proposal authorizing COG to fund a contract with Beck Disaster Recovery, Inc to develop and conduct the Emergency Preparedness Council Senior Leader Seminar for 2008. The purpose of the initiative is to enhance emergency preparedness and inform EPC membership with emphasis on the role of the private sector, developing a common message for the region, and addressing items identified in the EPC SLS 2007. This will be done through a scenario developed by the planning team in partnership with the contractor. COG is being provided \$114,850 through a Subgrant from the SAA to fund the Emergency Preparedness Council Senior Leader Seminar 2008. No COG matching funds will be required.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R31-08.**



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