

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**  
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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXPEND URBAN AREA SECURITY INITIATIVE GRANT FUNDS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WATER SECURITY MONITORING NETWORK IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Council 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**, the Council 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**, the Council 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 network ; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council has received an Urban Area Security Initiative grant to establish a water security monitoring network in the National Capital region; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interesting of the Council to work cooperatively with 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 expend Urban Area Security Initiative grant funding in an amount not to exceed \$806,000 for the purpose of establishing a water security monitoring network for the National Capital Region. No additional COG matching funds are required.