PROPOSED Resolution R42-08 July 9, 2008

## METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS 777 North Capitol Street, N.E. Washington, D.C. 20002

## PROPOSED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO RECEIVE AND EXPEND FUNDS FROM THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY AND EXECUTE CONTRACTS WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND AND LIMNOTECH, INC. TO CONDUCT WATER QUALITY ANALYSES AND WATER QUALITY MODELING IN THE POTOMAC RIVER

WHEREAS, it is recognized that water quality monitoring, modeling, and analyses are important to assess Potomac River water quality; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments ("Council") has helped coordinate Potomac River water quality monitoring and modeling activities for the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority ("WASA") and other local agencies for more than 25 years; and

WHEREAS, the Council has a long history of working with WASA, the University of Maryland, and LimnoTech, Inc. to conduct regional water quality monitoring, modeling, and analyses for the purpose of developing a comprehensive understanding of likely water quality responses to major capital investments being considered at the Blue Plains Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant, and to maximize the environmental benefits and minimize the costs to WASA and its rate payers throughout the region.

## 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:

- 1. To receive and expend funding from WASA in an amount not to exceed \$965,000 for the purpose of conducting water quality analyses and associated water quality modeling needed to address nitrogen-related issues in the Potomac River that are critical to WASA's ongoing planning efforts; and
- 2. To execute contracts with the University of Maryland, and LimnoTech, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$400,000 and \$515,000 respectively to provide COG with technical and scientific services in undertaking the implementation of water quality analyses and associated water quality modeling needed to address nitrogen-related issues in the Potomac River that are critical to WASA's ongoing planning efforts, as mentioned in (1) above. No local match is required for these activities.

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