

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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**PROPOSED RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING COG BOARD CLIMATE, ENERGY AND
ENVIRONMENT POLICY COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, on April 11, 2007, the COG Board of Directors adopted Resolution R31-07 which created COG's Climate Change Initiative and established the Climate Change Steering Committee (CCSC); and

WHEREAS, on November 12, 2008, under R60-09, the COG Board of Directors adopted the CCSC's *National Capital Region Climate Change Report* and recommendations, including regional greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals for 2012, 2020, and 2050; and

WHEREAS, R60-08 directed that the CCSC develop a recommended committee structure and work program to guide implementation of its report recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the CCSC, the Director of Environmental Programs and COG's Executive Director have reviewed COG's environmental committee structure and concur on establishment of a "Climate, Energy, and Environment Policy Committee" along with a recommended work program through June, 2010;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS THAT:**

1. The Climate, Energy and Environment Policy Committee is hereby established as a standing policy advisory committee of the COG Board of Directors.
2. The mission of the Climate, Energy and Environment Policy Committee is to guide implementation of COG's Climate Change Report, advise the Board on climate change, energy, green building, alternative fuels, solid waste and recycling policy issues, and other environmental issues the Board may so assign, and oversee annual work programs and budgets for these program areas. The recommended climate and energy work program from April 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 is hereby adopted by the COG Board.
3. The initial membership on the Committee shall include:
 - a. One representative each from the District of Columbia, Montgomery County, and Prince George's County Executive Branch.
 - b. One representative each from the Council of the District of Columbia, Montgomery County Council, and Prince George's County Council.
 - c. Two representatives from the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.
 - d. One elected official representative from all other COG member governments.
 - e. The State Secretary or Department Directors or their designees representing state environmental, energy, and transportation departments in the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia.
 - f. One representative each from the Maryland and Virginia legislatures.
4. COG is authorized to immediately solicit appointments to the new committee from member and state governments as noted above.
5. The Executive Director or his designee will prepare draft Committee bylaws for COG Board review and adoption on May 13, 2009. Additional appointments will be solicited by COG pursuant to the adopted bylaws.
6. The COG Board Chair will appoint a chair and vice chairs to the new Committee on May 13, 2009.