

METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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RESOLUTION TO MODIFY THE BYLAWS OF THE
CHESAPEAKE BAY POLICY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, on December 13, 1995, the COG Board adopted Resolution R44-95 that established the Environment and Public Works Directors Committee (EPWDC) and assigned it responsibility for “wastewater and non-point source management” and “drinking water management” and oversight of the Regional Environmental Funds; and

WHEREAS, on September 9, 1998 the COG Board adopted Resolution R26-98 that established the Chesapeake Bay Policy Committee (CBPC) and subsequently identified the CBPC as “the COG Board’s principal policy advisor on matters concerning the restoration of the Chesapeake Bay, ” although responsibility for oversight of the regional water program and budget remained with the EPWDC; and

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2003, the Board adopted Resolution R28-03, which modified the role, membership, and responsibility of the EPWDC including ending its function as a policy advisory committee to the Board, while retaining it as a peer-networking committee with continued work program and budget oversight for the regional environmental work program and budget; and

WHEREAS, the Chesapeake Bay Program adopted the Chesapeake 2000 agreement (C2K) in June 2000 which set forth about 100 “commitments” related to the restoration of the Bay and its tributaries; and

WHEREAS, the increasing importance of Chesapeake Bay issues has resulted in increasing requirements on the water resources programs of local governments; and

WHEREAS, the CBPC, with support from its Water Resources technical Committee (WRTC), has become the principal forum for addressing regional water resources policy issues; and

WHEREAS, the CBPC has regularly transmitted regional water resources issues to the COG Board for information and for action; and

WHEREAS, the CBPC, with input from the WRTC, is the appropriate forum for addressing COG’s regional water resources work program and budget;” and

WHEREAS, the water and wastewater utilities who contribute financially to the Regional Water Fund have always been full members of the EPWDC;

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

The Chesapeake Bay Policy Committee bylaws shall be modified as follows to:

- a. Assign oversight responsibility for the regional water resources work program and budget to the Committee; and
- b. Add as members the water and wastewater utilities who contribute financially to the Regional Water Fund; and
- c. Request that the Environment and Public Works Directors Committee be afforded an opportunity for review and comment of the annual water resources work program and budget.