

**ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS
October 2024**

A. RESOLUTION APPROVING APPOINTMENTS TO THE COG 2025 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The board will be asked to adopt Resolution R20-2024 approving the appointments to the 2025 Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee is appointed annually with the task of nominating the three members of the executive committee of the Board of Directors and the four corporate officers. The Nominating Committee is comprised of seven members, balanced geographically among the District of Columbia, the State of Maryland, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and chaired by the current COG Board Chair. If a member of the appointed Nominating Committee is unable to serve throughout the tenure of the committee, the COG Board Chair will appoint an alternate member. Recommended individuals to serve on the 2025 Nominating Committee are as follows:

Charles Allen, District of Columbia (Committee Chair)
Evan Glass, Montgomery County
Phil Mendelson, District of Columbia
Beverly Perry, District of Columbia
Phyllis Randall, Loudoun County
Keith Sydnor, City of Laurel
Mark Wolfe, City of Manassas

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R20-2024.

B. RESOLUTION APPROVING APPOINTMENTS TO THE COG 2025 LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

The board will be asked to adopt Resolution R21-2024 authorizing the appointments to the 2025 Legislative Committee. The Legislative Committee is appointed annually with the task of reviewing and proposing an advocacy platform that outlines the region's federal and state policy priorities for the calendar year. The Legislative Committee is comprised of individuals from each of COG's policy committees and boards. Recommended individuals to serve on the 2025 Legislative Committee are as follows:

Rodney Lusk, COG Board of Directors (Committee Chair)
Christina Henderson, Transportation Planning Board
Tom Dernoga, Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee
Natali Fani-Gonzalez, Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Committee
Takis Karantonis, Region Forward Coalition
Jon Stehle, Food and Agriculture Regional Member Policy Committee
Sarah Bagley, Climate, Energy, and Environment Policy Committee
Anita Bonds, Human Services Policy Committee

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R21-2024.

C. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COG TO RECEIVE AND EXPEND GRANT FUNDS FOR A PFAS REDUCTION IN BIOSOLIDS AND FILTRATE PROJECT

The board will be asked to adopt Resolution R22-2024 authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to partner with WSSC Water and other regional water utilities and research organizations to receive and expend grant funds from the Water Research Foundation in the amount of \$150,000. Water Resource Recovery Facilities (WRRFs) often bear responsibility as point source dischargers of PFAS. As regulations pertaining to the monitoring and mitigation of PFAS concentrations in WRRF effluent evolve across the United States, there is

a growing need for comprehensive assessments. The emergence of monitoring and action-level triggered PFAS source reduction requirements underscore the urgency of this matter. The proposed study aims to offer valuable insights and recommendations regarding the feasibility and efficacy of PFAS separation, concentration, and eradication from the recycled filtrate derived from solids processing. Funding for this effort will be provided to WSSC Water as the Principal Investigator through a grant from the Water Research Foundation and in-kind contributions from regional water utilities and research organizations. COG will provide a match of \$100,000 from the Blue Plains Committees Fund, which is available in the budget of the Department of Environmental Programs.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R22-2024.

D. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COG TO RECEIVE A GRANT, PROCURE AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT TO EXECUTE THE “COLLABORATIVELY ADDRESSING DERELICT VESSELS AND LARGE DEBRIS IN THE ANACOSTIA RIVER” PROJECT

The board will be asked to adopt Resolution R23-2024 authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to receive and expend grant funds from FY24 NOAA Marine Debris Removal Program in the amount of \$963,132. The resolution also authorizes the Executive Director, or his designee, to proceed with procurement for a contractor, or contractors, and enter into a contract to remove derelict boats and large debris from the Anacostia waterbodies and to develop outreach material to keep materials from entering the areas. The goal of the project will be to remove large trash debris and derelict vessels from the Anacostia River and Lower Beaverdam Creek. COG will be required to provide a match of \$65,747, which is available in the budget of the Department of Environmental Programs, over the four-year grant period of performance.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R23-2024.

E. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COG TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY TO ACCELERATE ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE

The board will be asked to adopt Resolution R24-2024 authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to enter into an Agreement with George Mason University (GMU) for COG and the Mason Energy initiative to conduct stakeholder engagement and other supportive activities to spur accelerated action on clean energy and climate change for the region. COG will be required to commit up to \$50,000 of partnership sponsor funding, which is available in the budget of the Department of Environmental Programs Regional Environmental Fund and federal Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) funding. The Board is also asked to authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, to procure and enter into a contract(s) with COG consultants to provide assistance with stakeholder engagements and other supportive activities to support the joint initiative.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R24-2024.

F. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COG TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH LOUDOUN COUNTY TO DEVELOP A NATURAL RESOURCES STRATEGY AND SUPPORT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COUNTY'S ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION BLOCK GRANT

The board will be asked to adopt Resolution R25-2024 authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to receive and expend grant funds from Loudoun County, Virginia, in the amount of \$450,000 over 1 year. Funding will be used to develop a natural resources strategy and support implementation of the County's energy efficiency and conservation block grant. No COG matching funds are required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R25-2024.

(SUGGESTED AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA – ADDITION OF CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTION R30-2024.)

G. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COG TO RECEIVE A GRANT TO ESTABLISH THE LEARNERS WORKFORCE PROGRAM

The board will be asked to adopt Resolution R30-2024 authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to receive and expend grant funds from Loudoun County in the amount of \$1,000,360. The Learners Workforce Program establishes and staffs the Learners Workforce Program at MWCOG that is paid for by Loudoun County. The Learners Workforce Programs will position MWCOG as the regional leader in workforce innovation, starting with technology-centric training programs for local governments in the National Capital Region (NCR). Funding for this effort will be provided through a grant from Loudoun County. No COG matching funds are required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R30-2024.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT Resolutions R20-2024 – R25-2024 and R30-2024 were approved by the COG Board of Directors on October 9, 2024.

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