

Resolution Establishing COG Climate, Energy and Environment Policy Committee



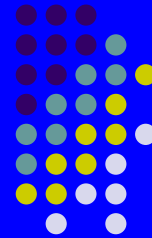
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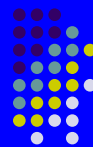
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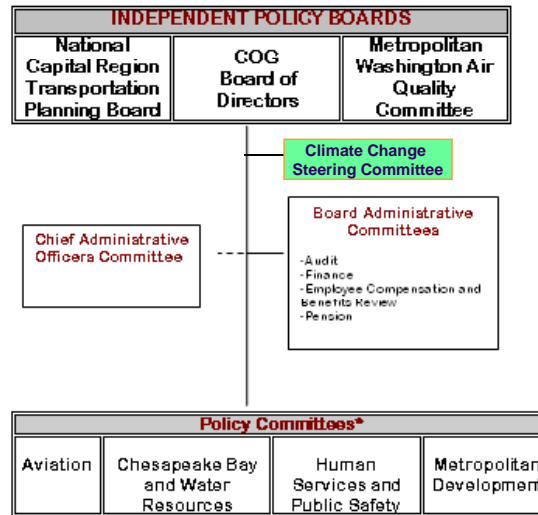


COG Board Adopts Climate Change Report: R60-08 – November 12, 2008

- Requested Climate Change Steering Committee (CCSC) to prepare recommendation on **work program** and **committee structure** to guide implementation of *National Capital Region Climate Change Report*
- Resolution kept CCSC in place until new committee structure established



Current COG Policy Committee Structure



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Options Considered

Option A – Climate, Energy & Environment Policy Committee

Option B – Integrate with Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee

Option C – Reorganize COG environmental committees - create new “Environmental Policy Committee” that includes climate and energy policy

Option D – Form public-private partnership

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Recommendation: Option A - Create Climate, Energy and Environment Policy Committee



- Appropriate focus on a significant range of interrelated policy and technical issues
- Work largely distinct from Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee
 - Coordination easily accomplished when necessary
- Staff already organized appropriately to support Climate, Energy and Environment Committee; existing strong track record through Climate Change Steering Committee
- Best approach at this time

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Mission: Climate, Energy and Environment Policy Committee



- Guide implementation of COG's Climate Change Report Recommendations
- Provide Policy Advice to Board on climate change, energy, green building, alternative fuels, solid waste and recycling issues
- Oversee annual work programs and budgets

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Membership: Climate, Energy and Environment Policy Committee

LOCAL/STATE GOVERNMENT*

- One representative
 - DC, MC, PG Executive Branch
 - DC, MC, PG Councils
- Two representatives:
 - Fairfax County BOS
- One representative
 - All other COG members
 - Maryland and Virginia legislatures
- State Secretary/Director:
 - Environment
 - Energy
 - Transportation

STAKEHOLDERS:

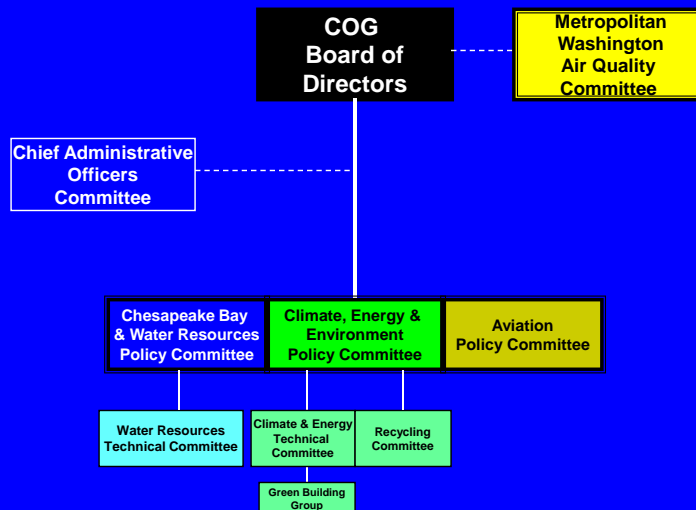
- Three representatives each from:
 - Business community
 - Environmental community
 - Electric and gas utilities
- Chair of Air Quality Public Advisory Committee

OTHER POTENTIAL MEMBERS:

- Academic Community
- Sub-regional agencies
- Federal agencies

* Representation from the TPB and MWAQC is proposed for at least two local government representatives.

Recommended COG Board Environmental Committee Structure



Recommended Climate and Energy Work Program



OVERVIEW

- Fifteen month program, April 1, 2009-June 30 2010
- Existing staff and existing budgeted resources
- Projects may be added if federal stimulus grants for regional energy efficiency projects are funded.

TASKS

- Development of Regional Climate Change Plans
- Energy Initiatives
- Transportation Initiatives
- Measuring Progress/Technical Tools
- Adaptation Initiatives
- Legislative Tracking and Advocacy
- Outreach and Communication
- Committee Support

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Major Projects – FY 2009/2010



- Plan for meeting 2012, 2020 greenhouse gas reduction goals
- Street light project
- Green fleet policy
- Regional approach for Home Energy Audits and Retrofits
- Green Job training
- Transportation “What would it take” scenario analysis
- Develop regional metrics to track progress
- Track legislative initiatives (federal, state, local)
- Regional outreach & education campaign

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Resolution R18-09

- Create COG Climate Energy & Environment Policy Committee with recommended mission
- Initial membership – local/state government membership as recommended
- Bylaws presented by staff on May 13th
 - Small Board sub-group to work with staff to identify stakeholder/other members and voting rules
- COG Board Chair appoints new committee leadership on May 13th

