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COG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DATE: June 10, 2009

TIME: 12:00 Noon

PLACE: COG Board Room

**PLEASE NOTE: Chairman Gross will begin the meeting promptly at Noon.
Lunch for members and alternates will be available at 11:30 a.m.**

A G E N D A

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
(12:00 Noon)**

**Chairman Penelope Gross
Vice Chairman, Fairfax County**

**2. ANNOUNCEMENTS
(12:00 – 12:10 p.m.)**

Chairman Gross

- a) **NARC Annual Conference Outcomes**
- b) **H1N1 Update**
- c) **Executive Director's Report**
 - o **Outreach**
 - o **Letters Sent/Received**
 - o **ARRA Update**
 - o **Information Items**

**3. AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA
(12:10 – 12:15 p.m.)**

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 13, 2009
(12:15 – 12:20 p.m.)**

**5. ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS
(12:20 – 12:25 p.m.)**

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolutions 10.A., 10.B., 10.C., 10.D. & 11.E.

**6. BRIEFING ON CHESAPEAKE BAY AND POTOMAC RIVER WATER QUALITY ISSUES
(12:25 – 12:45 p.m.)**

Cathy Drzyzgula
Councilmember, City of Gaithersburg
Chair, Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee

Steve Bieber
Department of Environmental Programs, COG

On May 12, 2009 the Chesapeake Executive Council set new, two-year milestones to reduce pollution to the Bay and dramatically accelerate the pace of restoration of the Bay and its rivers. On the same day, President Obama signed an Executive Order that calls on the federal government to lead the effort to control pollution that flows to the Chesapeake Bay and protect wildlife habitats in the region. Chair Drzyzgula will provide an overview of key provisions of the two-year milestones, the Executive Order, and other key Bay Program policy decisions that will determine new nutrient and sediment load limits for the COG region. She will also recommend sending a letter to President Obama that responds to the new Chesapeake Bay Program requirements and presents COG's view of the importance of local governments to the regional Bay restoration effort. Mr. Bieber will provide an overview of Potomac water quality restoration efforts, the role of the COG region, and how these efforts fit in with the larger Chesapeake Bay restoration effort.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive presentation and approve letter to President Obama.

**7. ANACOSTIA RESTORATION PARTNERSHIP
(12:45 – 1:05 p.m.)**

Dana Minerva
Executive Director, Anacostia Restoration Partnership

Covering portions of the District of Columbia, Prince George's County and Montgomery County, the Anacostia watershed is the largest and most populous local watershed in the COG region. With water quality challenges including combined sewer overflows, trash, sediment and toxics, the Anacostia River has a significant impact on the water quality of the Potomac River and Chesapeake Bay Watershed. The COG Board established a comprehensive Anacostia program in 2006 with opportunity for extensive public and stakeholder engagement. The Board will be briefed on the program's progress to date, including the development of the Anacostia Watershed Restoration Plan, and the plans for the future.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive presentation on progress and next steps.

**8. HIGHLIGHTS FROM COG'S REGIONAL FOSTER PARENT GALA AND FOSTER CARE AND ADOPTION REPORT
(1:05 – 1:20)**

Agnes Leshner
Director of Child Welfare Services
Montgomery County

Kamilah Bunn
Wednesday's Child Program Coordinator, COG

On May 30, COG, along with the Freddie Mac foundation, hosted its 7th annual Foster Parent Appreciation Gala. More than 400 foster parents, social workers and elected and appointed officials attended this

event. The Board will be briefed on Gala highlights and findings from an annual survey compiled by COG's Foster Care Advisory committee on foster care and adoption in the region.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive presentation and refer to Human Services and Public Safety Policy Committee for further review and recommendation.

9. PRESENTATION ON DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES (1:20 – 1:30 p.m.)

**Vice Chairman Kwame Brown
Councilmember, District of Columbia**

COG has long-recognized the District of Columbia's unique status in the National Capital Region as both a municipality and a state for several governmental roles and functions. In recent months, the COG Board of Directors received briefings by Maryland and Virginia state officials and COG staff on priority regional issues pending before the state legislatures and the Governor. The District of Columbia recently adopted its FY 2010 budget. Vice Chairman Brown will highlight priority regional issues pending or under consideration by District of Columbia officials and state-level coordination by the District of Columbia with Maryland and Virginia.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive presentation.

10. APPROVAL OF PENSION PLAN ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS (1:30 – 1:45 p.m.)

**David Robertson
Executive Director**

**Carol Boykin
President
Bolton Partners Investment Consulting Group, Inc.**

The Pension Plan Administrative Committee (PPAC) is responsible for providing oversight for COG's employee pension plan and for advising the COG Board on any plan amendments. The PPAC has eight members and is comprised of COG Board, employee and management representatives. The PPAC met in May to consider several actions in response to analysis and recommendations from the plan's actuarial and investment consultants. The PPAC unanimously recommended the following actions: 1) update of the plan's investment policy; 2) shift in funds from UPS to Vanguard and retaining New York Life; 3) approval of policy for receipt of employee and employer plan contributions; and 4) increase employee contributions from six to seven percent of pay effective July 1, 2009. An increase in employer contributions from six to seven percent effective July 1, 2009 was included in COG's FY 2010 indirect cost allocation plan. Mr. Robertson chairs the PPAC and will brief the COG Board on proposed actions; Board representatives on the PPAC will provide additional comments.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R31-09.

10. CONSENT AGENDA

A. RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONSULTING ACTUARIAL SERVICES CONTRACT

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R32-09 extending the contractual actuarial services of Cheiron for one year. Cheiron has been providing actuarial consulting services for COG's Pension Plan since 2003 and this contract will expire June 30, 2009. Cheiron services are necessary to conduct the

required valuation study, yearly annual pension statements, review of pension assets, and other related matters. COG's Pension Plan Administrative Committee recommended to continue Cheiron's services for a period of one year, beginning July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010. The contract amount is not to exceed \$25,000; an allowable administrative cost funded by COG's pension plan. COG will solicit competitive bids for a multi-year actuarial services contract in late 2009.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R32-09.

B. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRS FOR CLIMATE, ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT POLICY COMMITTEE

Chairman Gross will recommend the appointment of vice chairs for the Climate, Energy and Environment Policy Committee, pursuant to the bylaws adopted by the Board at its May 13, 2009 meeting. The Committee's chairman was also appointed at that time.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve vice chairs.

C. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COG TO RECEIVE AND EXPEND AN URBAN AREA SECURITY INITIATIVE (UASI) SUBGRANT TO SUPPORT THE COG POLICE CHIEFS COMMITTEE

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R33-09, authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to execute a contract with Dr. Twyla Garrett and Investment Management Enterprise, Inc., to provide the requested support to the COG Police Chiefs Committee and ITS UASI project managers. The State Administrative Agent for the National Capital Region will provide COG with \$150,000 in FY 2008 Urban Area Security Initiative funding for the contract which will end June 30, 2010. No COG matching funds will be required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R33-09.

D. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO APPLY FOR AND EXPEND GRANT FUNDING FROM DOE'S CLEAN CITIES FY09 PETROLEUM REDUCTION TECHNOLOGIES PROJECTS FOR THE TRANSPORTATION SECTOR

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R34-09, authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to apply for and expend grant funding from the Department of Energy Clean Cities FY 2009 Petroleum Reduction Technologies Projects for the Transportation Sector, Area of Interest 4. If awarded, the grant will provide up to \$5,968,290 in stimulus funding to expand the use of alternative fuels, advanced technology vehicles and infrastructure in the metropolitan Washington region for five (5) COG member governments. No COG matching funds will be required; however, participating jurisdictions must provide 50% cost share.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R34-09.

E. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO CONTRACT FOR A NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NIMS) COMPLIANCE OFFICER FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R35-09, authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to fund a contract for a National Incident Management System Compliance Officer to work in the District of Columbia Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and perform the necessary tasks. The State Administrative Agent for the National Capital Region will provide COG with \$125,000 in Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) funding to execute the contract. No COG funds will be required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R35-09.



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