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For Metropolitan Council Meeting: January 26, 2011

ADVISORY INFORMATION	
Date:	January 19, 2011
Subject:	Appointment of Interim Regional Administrator
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	Minn. Stat. § 473.125
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Susan Haigh, Chair 651-602-1723
Division/Department:	Regional Administration

Proposed Action

Chair Haigh recommends the Metropolitan Council appoint Wes Kooistra to the position of interim regional administrator.

Background

With the recent resignation of Tom Weaver, the position of regional administrator will be vacant as of February 2, 2011. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 473.125, the Metropolitan Council appoints the regional administrator to serve at the council's pleasure as the principle administrative officer for the Metropolitan Council.

The regional administrator will be an interim position until a final appointment is recommended and approved by the council.

Rationale

The regional administrator is responsible for organizing the work of the council staff and must ensure that all policy decisions of the council are carried out. The regional administrator shall recommend to the council for adoption measures deemed necessary for efficient administration of the council, keep the council fully apprised of the financial position of the council, and perform other duties as prescribed by the council. Mr. Kooistra has served as the council's CFO since September, 2008 and prior to that time served 14 years in executive level positions at the Minnesota Department of Human Services, including chief financial officer, assistant commissioner, deputy commissioner, and acting commissioner.

Mr. Kooistra's first day as interim regional administrator will be February 2, 2011.

Funding

Funding for this position is included in the 2011 operating budget.