NACo appoints seven county members to Green Government Initiative Advisory Board

WASHINGTON, D.C. – National Association of Counties’ (NACo) President Lenny Eliason has appointed seven new county members to serve on the advisory board of the association’s Green Government Initiative, a national effort launched in 2007 to assist the nation’s counties developing and implementing environmentally-sound programs and practices.

The new county leaders are:
- Valerie Brown, Supervisor, Sonoma County, Calif.;
- Curt Paddock, Director of Land Use, Will County, Ill.;
- Demetra McBride, Director of Sustainability & Climate Action, Santa Clara County, Calif.;
- Tammy Hall, Commissioner, Lee County, Fla.;
- James Healy, County Board Member, DuPage County, Ill.;
- Stephanie Lynch, Commissioner, Caddo Parish, La.;
- Lynda Ring-Erickson, Commissioner, Mason County, Wash.

NACo’s Green Government Initiative Advisory Board consists of 24 county members and 18 corporate sponsors, who work cooperatively to spearhead development of the national program to assist counties in going green.

The Green Government Initiative’s mission is to provide counties with solutions that help them simultaneously protect the environment and make sound investments that will save money. The initiative focuses in several areas—including energy, green building, purchasing, transportation, land use, water quality, and waste management. The initiative delivers knowledge through a series of educational workshops, webinars, and publications.

“ Everywhere throughout the country I visit people are talking about greening their counties,” said Eliason, Commissioner, Athens County, Ohio. “This committee is where ideas are formulated and shared with our members. I’m grateful that these individuals decided to serve at a time when local governments really need smart, cost-effective solutions to environmental challenges.”

The 18 corporate and organizational partners of NACo’s Green Government Initiative include: the

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American Institute of Architects; Cisco Systems, Inc.; Constellation Energy; Diesel Technology Forum; Johnson Controls, Inc.; NORESCO; Siemens; U.S. Green Building Council; United Soybean Board; Waste Management; Ameresco; EcoMedia CBS; NACo, U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance; National Association of Home Builders; Wesco Distribution; Nutek Green; Distributed Wind Energy Association; and the Institute for Building Technology and Safety.

The 24 county members include: Jay Fisette, County Board Chair, Arlington County, VA; Jessica Beyer, Public Information Specialist, Blue Earth County, MN; Commissioner Donald Larson, Brookings County, SD; Robert Tucker, Public Information Officer, Johnson County, KS; Donald Stapley, Supervisor, Maricopa County, AZ; Jim Nash, Commissioner, Oakland County, MI; Kitty Barnes, Commissioner, Catawba County, NC; Larry Land, Director of Policy Development, Virginia Association of Counties; Gregg Goslin, Commissioner, Cook County, IL; Salud Carbajal, Supervisor, Santa Barbara County, CA; Judy Shiprack, Commissioner, Multnomah County, OR; Paula Brooks, Commissioner, Franklin County, OH; Cynthia Mitchell, County Clerk, Denton County, TX; Kathie Gannon, Commissioner, DeKalb County, GA; Kristin Jacobs, Commissioner, Broward County, FL; Dan Onorato, County Executive, Allegheny County, PA; Valerie Brown, Supervisor, Sonoma County, CA; Curt Paddock, Director of Land Use, Will County, IL; Demetra McBride, Director of Sustainability & Climate Action, Santa Clara County, CA; Tammy Hall, Commissioner, Lee County, FL; James Healy, County Board Member, DuPage County, IL; Stephanie Lynch, Commissioner, Caddo Parish, LA; Lynda Ring-Erickson, Commissioner, Mason County, WA.

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