



# Draft Agenda

**Wednesday, November 9, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**  
**USGS Columbia Conference Room, 934 Broadway, Tacoma 98402**

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## THE MEETING'S GOALS:

1. Learn about programs the Agricultural Runoff Monitoring Strategy plans to leverage;
2. Discuss the proposed implementation plan for our Agricultural Runoff Monitoring Strategy;
3. Hear an update on the Regional Stormwater Monitoring Program (RSMP) Puget Lowland Stream data analysis;
4. Hear updates on RSMP implementation and administration;
5. Hear from our subgroups about progress implementing and updating our work plan for 2017-2018;
6. Decide on messages and timing for the next SWG Reporter; and
7. Hear other updates related to our work.

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9:00 Welcome, introductions, and review of the meeting's agenda and goals

9:10 Learn about programs the agricultural runoff monitoring strategy plans to leverage

- *In prior meetings over the past several years, the work group has approved sets of recommended priorities for agricultural runoff monitoring in the areas of bacteria, nutrients, sediment, pesticides, and Best Management Practice effectiveness. The SWG Agricultural Runoff Monitoring Subgroup has been working on an implementation strategy for these recommendations and, as we heard at our last meeting in S*
- *Today we will hear presentations on current effectiveness monitoring programs the strategy proposes to leverage. Shana Joy of the Washington Conservation Commission, chair and staff for the subgroup, will be joined by: Nichole Embertson, Ph.D., Science and Planning Coordinator, Sustainable Livestock Production Program, Whatcom Conservation District; Karma Anderson, Water Quality & Quantity Team Lead, National Water Quality and Quantity Team, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service; and Lisa Duriancik, CEAP Watershed Assessment Studies Component Leader, USDA NRCS Resource Assessment Division.*
- *Do work group members have any questions? Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

10:10 Discuss the proposed implementation plan for our Agricultural Runoff Monitoring Strategy

- *The SWG Agricultural Runoff Monitoring Subgroup has been working to complete this strategy and has delivered their draft final implementation plan for review. The main document was distributed via email with this agenda and the appendices are posted at <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/psmonitoring/mtgsummaries.html>*
- *Do work group members have any comments or questions? Does the work group have further direction for the SWG Agricultural Runoff Subgroup? What is needed to approve this plan at our meeting in January?*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

10:30 Break

10:45 Hear a progress report on the Puget Lowland Streams data analysis

- *Stream analysis team members will give an update on their work and findings so far. The Freshwater Workgroup will have a more detailed discussion of this team's work in December or January.*
- *Do work group members have any questions? Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

11:15 RSMP implementation briefing by the PRO-Committee Chair and RSMP Coordinator

- *The PRO-C will next meet in December. Here are updates on RSMP implementation, contracting, and budget items:*



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- *The April-June revised quarterly report and July-September quarterly reports were sent out October 31.*
- *Communication: see update in next agenda topic.*
- *Effectiveness Studies:*
  - *Notable updates on the first round of studies:*
    - *The PRO-C has developed a “cover letter” to send with RSMP data requests.*
    - *King County will likely delay the data request for the catch basin study because the subcontractor’s entire stormwater group is moving to another consulting company.*
    - *The same subcontractor is on contract to Lakewood for the business inspection source control study and to Bellingham for the bioretention hydrologic performance study. The cities are willing to modify their contracts to keep the same people on the project. Contract modifications with Ecology may be needed if there is a significant delay in schedule.*
  - *Full proposals for the second round are due to the RSMP Coordinator on December 12.*
    - *The workshop will be scheduled following a doodle poll with project proponents.*
    - *Following the workshop, the permittees will rank the projects and then the SWG will decide which projects to fund based on the voting and feedback; and also determine whether (or not) to keep a list of “ready” projects to begin in the next permit cycle.*
- *Status and trends monitoring:*
  - *The stream data analysis update was given in the previous agenda topic.*
  - *Mussel monitoring data analysis is underway; we heard an update at our last meeting.*
  - *The nearshore sediment sampling was completed in October. Most of the sites were mussel sites.*
- *Source identification: The SWG Source ID subgroup met in September to discuss the draft final report on the IDDE incident tracking data analysis and recommendations for future data fields. The subgroup will next meet later this month to make recommendations for future analyses and budget, and to update the work plan.*
- *Report card: The PRO-C agreed with the work group’s recommendation to add new topics to the evaluation and to conduct it twice each permit cycle. The PRO-C will begin the next evaluation next fall.*
- *Do work group members have any questions? Do work group members wish to provide further direction to the PRO-Committee and RSMP Coordinator?*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

### 11:30 Other work plan implementation and updates

- *The SWG has a 2-year work plan. We update it annually. Our staff, subgroup chairs, and several subgroups have begun to discuss updates for 2017-2018. A draft updated work plan was sent with this meeting agenda.*
  - *What additional, specific proposals do subgroup chairs or other committee members wish to share?*
  - *The SWG Work Plan Subgroup will meet soon to discuss the collective work plan updates and finalize a document for review and approval at our January meeting.*
- *Our subgroups continue to make progress toward achieving the goals established in our 2016-17 work plan. In addition to the updates provided in prior agenda topics, here are some specific updates:*
  - *Communication:*
    - *The PRO-C suggested that it would be nice to track where RSMP work is being presented as a selling point of the program.*
    - *The advisory committee for the Association of Washington Cities communication project will have its first meeting soon.*
    - *The most recent issue of the SWG Reporter went out on October 17. Possible topics for the next issue include:*
      - *Agricultural runoff monitoring strategy implementation plan near completion*
      - *Puget Lowland stream data analysis to be discussed at upcoming FWG meetings*
      - *SWG Work Plan updates under consideration*
      - *Nominations for SWG Chair and Vice Chair will be accepted at January meeting*



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- *Source ID: The subgroup heard initial findings of the IDDE data analysis and will meet later this month to recommend data fields, frequency, and budget for future source identification analysis.*
- *Do other subgroup chairs or members have additional updates to share?*
- *Do work group members wish to provide additional direction for our subgroups?*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

### 11:40 PSEMP and Action Agenda coordination

- *The PSEMP Steering Committee (SC) did not meet in October.*
- *What are the other workgroups (WGs) discussing and what are our related plans, needs and interests?*
  - *Terrestrial WG has lost funding for future land use change analyses.*
- *PSP and the Stormwater Strategic Initiative Team would like our advice on the implementation strategies for stormwater actions related to the B-IBI and Toxics in Fish vital sign indicator targets. Andy James of the Puget Sound Institute is leading the work on factsheets, background summaries, synthesis papers (generalizations supported by evidence), alternatives analysis, and the monitoring plan for the Stormwater Strategic Initiative.*

### 11:55 Recap of today's meeting and hear other updates or announcements

- *Summarize decisions, action items, and next steps from today's meeting.*
- *Nominations for chair and vice chair will be accepted at our January meeting.*

### 12:00 Adjourn

### **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:**

Wednesday, January 18, 2016 from 9am to 12pm at the USGS Office in Tacoma, with possible extended hours as needed.

Expected agenda topics include:

- *Accept nominations for chair and vice chair;*
- *Discuss/approve work plan updates for 2017-2018;*
- *Approve the implementation plan for agricultural runoff monitoring;*
- *Hear about recommended data fields for future Source ID analysis;*
- *Hear updates on RSMP implementation and administration;*
- *Hear an update on progress toward identifying a second round of RSMP effectiveness studies;*
- *Hear an update on the strategy for communicating RSMP findings to key audiences;*
- *Hear from our subgroups about progress implementing our work plan for 2016-2017;*
- *Decide on messages and timing for the next SWG Reporter; and*
- *Hear other updates related to our work.*

The meeting schedule for 2017 is: January 18, March 15, June 7, September 13, November 15.



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