

STORMWATER WORK GROUP

REGIONAL MONITORING AND ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

DESIGN PLANNING MEETING

Monday April 27, 2009, 1:30-3:00 p.m.
Brown & Caldwell Offices, 701 Pike Street, Suite 1200, Seattle

SUMMARY

OF THE MEETING'S DISCUSSIONS

Consultants & Other Technical Experts in Attendance:

Abby Barnes, Kennedy/Jenks; **Jeff Fisher**, Environ; **Leska Fore**, Statistical Design; **John Lenth**, Herrera; **John Lombard**, Univ. of Washington; **Mike Milne**, Brown & Caldwell; **Curtis Nickerson**, Taylor & Associates; **Dale Norton**, Ecology's Environmental Assessment Program; **Rob Plotnikoff**, TetraTech; **Steve Ralph**, Stillwater Sciences; **Scott Tobiason**, Brown & Caldwell; **Bill Taylor**, Taylor & Associates.

Work Group Members in Attendance:

Dana de Leon (Tacoma), Local Governments; **Heather Kibbey** (Everett), Local Governments; **Kit Paulsen** (Bellevue), Local Governments; **Jim Simmonds** (King County), Local Governments; **Heather Trim** (People for Puget Sound), Environmental Caucus; **Gary Turney**, (U.S. Geological Survey), Federal Agencies; **Bruce Wulkan** (Puget Sound Partnership), State Agencies.

Work Group Staff in Attendance:

Damon Diessner, (Environmental Strategies in Action); Facilitator; **Karen Dinicola** (Ecology), Project Manager.

MEETING NOTES:

Stormwater Work Group members and staff explained the meeting goals and gave an overview of the Work Group's charge, Work Plan, role of the Task Groups, and potential contracting arrangements. A discussion then followed regarding how best to use the combined skills of meeting participants to make progress toward developing a comprehensive regional monitoring and assessment strategy for stormwater. All present shared an interest in helping to move this work forward.

Suggested next steps include:

- Bringing the two Task Groups together in a "sprint" or "charrette" workshop format to begin developing/writing the strategy and completing most of the work within two these two working sessions: perhaps holding one in mid May and the second in early June.
- Making writing assignments and breaking into groups and recombining as needed to make timely progress and to recognize/take advantage of overlaps and coalesce the various pieces into an overall monitoring and assessment strategy.
- Including some consultants who were unable to attend this meeting in the effort.

The Work Group Chair and two Task Group leaders will work with Karen and Damon to develop the schedule for upcoming efforts. The oversight committee will meet tomorrow to discuss next steps.