

# STORMWATER WORK GROUP

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Wednesday, June 13, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

USGS, 934 Broadway, Tacoma 98402

## Draft Agenda

### THE MEETING'S GOALS:

1. Hear update on plans for Ecology grant funds discussed at our last two meetings; and discuss other specific work needed to move SWAMPPS forward in the coming six months to one year
2. Approve content of and format for future subgroup recommendations
3. Discuss ways to make our web pages more useful to subgroup members and interested parties
4. Determine messages and timing for next SWG Reporter
5. Hear about PSEMP, including the work group inventories, and other monitoring activities
6. Discuss the status of implementing our work plan
7. Hear other updates related to our work

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

9:05 Hear about Ecology funding of projects in FY13 and other work to move SWAMPPS forward

- *At our last two meetings we have discussed priorities for projects that could be done before June 30, 2013 with up to \$200K in Ecology funding. Work is proceeding to develop scopes of work for:*
  - *Analyses to identify the most important factors for correlation among stream gauges (\$45-65K)*
  - *A seasonal mussel study (\$45-65K)*
  - *Effectiveness literature review syntheses and communication to local governments (\$45-65K)*
  - *Logistical support for the Roads and Highways Subgroup (\$5-7K)*
- *The following SWG subgroups are expected to meet during the summer to discuss the detailed scopes of work for these specific projects and also to outline additional, specific next steps to move SWAMPPS components (and in particular, the RSMP anticipated to be implemented through the permits) forward:*
  - *Small streams status and trends*
  - *Marine nearshore status and trends*
  - *Effectiveness study selection*
  - *Source identification information repository*
  - *Roads and highways*
- *Do work group members have specific assignments for subgroups to work on this summer, i.e., QAPPs, approaches to site selection, and preliminary recommendations for data storage and sharing?*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

10:15 Break

10:30 Approve format and content for future subgroup recommendations

- *At our last meeting, we discussed ways to establish and communicate a clear set of expectations for new subgroups that are developing new sets of recommendations for the SWG to discuss and approve. The*

*work group tasked the Work Plan Subgroup with combining the two previously-provided formats.*

- *Do work group members approve this working document for our subgroups to use and follow?*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

#### 10:55 Discuss webpage improvements coming this summer

- *Some of our subgroups have made recommendations for improving our web pages to make them more useful to subgroup members and other interested parties. Among the suggested changes:*
  - *Make the [Ecology site](#) the primary SWG webpage*
    - *Change the current “References” page to “Subgroups” and add meeting notes*
  - *Use the [Google site](#) for working documents only*
    - *Delete everything more than 6 months old*
    - *Have each subgroup page available on the navigation bar*
    - *Develop a file naming convention that allows attachments to be posted in useful order*
- *Do work group members have additional suggestions for improving the web pages?*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

#### 11:15 Discuss timing and messages for next issue of “SWG Reporter”

- *The last issue of the SWG Reporter went out on March 28. The Communication Subgroup recommends that the following topics be addressed:*
  - *USGS stream gauging analysis report commissioned for the work group has been published*
  - *Ecology-funded projects are moving SWAMPPS forward in advance of the permits and anticipated pooled resources*
  - *Source identification information repository will provide a tool for local governments and others to improve pollution reduction techniques*
  - *Effectiveness literature review syntheses coming this fall-winter*
- *Do work group members have additional suggestions for topics to include in the update?*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

#### 11:25 Hear updates from the Puget Sound Ecosystem Monitoring Program (PSEMP)

- *What decisions has the steering committee made? What decisions will be made at future meetings on which the work group might want to provide input? What other topical work groups have met and what are our related plans, needs and interests? How are the other work groups’ inventories progressing?*
  - *An inventory of stormwater monitoring has not been assigned to this work group. The primary purpose of the PSEMP inventory is to identify gaps and to set priorities. SWAMPPS activities will be added to other work groups’ inventories, and additional entries might be needed.*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

#### 11:45 Status of 2011-2012 Work Plan Implementation – Hear From our Subgroups

- *Since our last meeting our subgroups have continued making progress toward completing our goals*
  - *Agricultural Runoff: new recommendations will be discussed in September*
  - *Communication: discussed in previous agenda item*
  - *Effectiveness: discussed in previous agenda item*
  - *Marine Nearshore Status and Trends: discussed in previous agenda item*
  - *Pooled Resources Oversight: no subgroup meeting planned until after permits are issued*
  - *Small Stream Status and Trends: discussed in previous agenda item*
  - *Roads and Highways: discussed in previous agenda item*
  - *Source ID Information Repository: discussed in previous agenda item*

- *Work Plan: discussed in previous agenda item*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

**11:55 Recap of Today's Meeting and Hear Other Updates**

- *Summarize decisions, action items, and next steps from today's meeting*
- *Are there other activities, decisions, or upcoming events of which work group members should be aware?*
  - *Ecology has delayed the issuance of municipal stormwater permits until August 1, 2012, however the effective date of the 5-year permits remains unchanged.*

**12:00 Adjourn**

**UPCOMING MEETINGS AND PLANNED DISCUSSION TOPICS**

*No work group meetings in July-August; subgroups will continue to meet*

Wednesday, September 19, 2012 from 9am to noon at the USGS Office in Tacoma:

- Discuss agricultural runoff nutrient and bacteria monitoring recommendations
- Discuss Source Identification Information Repository (SIDIR) findings and recommendations
- Discuss data storage and sharing systems, SOPs, and technical assistance needs for SWAMPPS
- Discuss the permits Ecology issued in August
- Hear about our webpage redesigns
- Determine messages and timing for next SWG Reporter
- Hear status of implementing our work plan and subgroup work to be accomplished this summer
- Hear from PSEMP Steering Committee and about other monitoring activities

Wednesday, October 17, 2012 from 9am to noon at the USGS Office in Tacoma:

- Approve agricultural runoff nutrient and bacteria monitoring recommendations
- Approve Source Identification Information Repository (SIDIR) findings and recommendations
- Discuss nearshore biota and bacteria monitoring site selection recommendations
- Continue discussion of data storage/sharing systems, SOPs, technical assistance needs for SWAMPPS
- Hear about initial work of the Roads and Highways Subgroup
- Hear status of implementing our work plan and subgroup work to be accomplished this summer
- Hear from PSEMP Steering Committee and about other monitoring activities

*Last Meeting Scheduled for 2012: Wednesday, November 14, from 9-noon in Tacoma*

**DIRECTIONS TO THE USGS OFFICE AT 934 BROADWAY IN DOWNTOWN TACOMA**

*A map is available at <http://wa.water.usgs.gov/directions.html>*

*Public transportation:*

Take express buses from Olympia or Seattle to the last stop at 10<sup>th</sup> and Commerce in downtown Tacoma. Walk up the ramp in the middle of the block on Commerce (to the left of the Pierce Transit bus shop and along the fountains) to Broadway Plaza at the top and across the street to the entrance to the USGS office.

*Driving directions:*

Northbound or Southbound on I-5, take exit 133 City Center to I-705 and exit A Street. Turn left on S 11<sup>th</sup> Street and go uphill to Market Street. Turn right on Market Street. The entrance to the Rhodes Center's parking garage is on your left under the skybridge. Park on the upper floors for \$1/hour; clearly marked State vehicles park for free. Cross the skybridge to the Market Building of the Rhodes Center. Walk through the Market Building and across another skybridge to the Broadway Building. There is a bank of elevators near the atrium. Take the elevator to the first floor, exit the building to Broadway, and walk a few doors to the left.