

STORMWATER WORK GROUP

Wednesday, January 19, 2011 9:00 a.m. – noon
Tacoma Central Treatment Plant Visitor Center
2201 Portland Avenue, Tacoma, WA 98421

Draft Agenda

THE MEETING'S GOALS:

1. Hear about key activities and developments since our last meeting in October 2010
2. Hear from subgroups that worked over the past three months to:
 - a. Draft a SWG work plan for 2011 and beyond
 - b. Propose a process and criteria for selecting regional effectiveness studies
 - c. Develop a communication plan and briefing materials for elected officials
3. Nominate chair and vice-chair for 2011-2013
4. Hear updates

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9:00 Welcome, Introductions, Review the Meeting's Agenda and Goals, and Summary of Activities Since Our Last Meeting

- *Local government representatives briefed Ecology's municipal stormwater permit team on our recommendations*
- *Our chair and staff presented our recommendations to SW WA permittees*
- *Caucus representatives briefed Ecology Director Ted Sturdevant on our latest recommendations*
- *Three subgroups have been at work, and we will hear from them today*
- *Several "ramp-up" activities are underway thanks to outside funding opportunities:*
 - *Ecology EAP staff is working on site selection and QAPPs for status and trends in streams and nearshore (Ecology funding)*
 - *WDFW staff is working on Mussel Watch sites/QAPP in coordination with EAP staff (PSP funding)*
 - *USGS is conducting the stream gauging network analysis (EPA funding)*
 - *Pierce County is beginning the effectiveness study literature review (PSP, Pierce, and Everett funding)*

9:15 SWG Work Plan for 2011-2012 (attachment)

- *The work plan subgroup drafted a new purpose and objectives for the SWG and proposed 9 tasks and specific deliverables for 2011-2012.*
- *What do SWG members think of the proposed work plan? Does it reflect the right priorities and timing?*
 - *What and how many subgroups are needed and when? Can our committee and staff support them all?*
 - *Does the committee think that changes to the charter and bylaws should be considered?*
 - *How does the committee want to approach commenting on draft permit language?*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

10:00 Effectiveness Study Selection Process and Criteria (attachment)

- *Before the end of February the SWG will deliver to Ecology a well-defined process and criteria for selecting which effectiveness studies will be conducted using pay-in funds from the next municipal stormwater permits.*
- *What do SWG members think of the proposed approach, both the process and the criteria?*
- *Should this subgroup be tasked with oversight of the effectiveness study literature review?*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

10:45 Break

11:00 Messages, Audiences, and Timing for Communications (3 attachments)

- *The communication subgroup has been working with communications staff of the associations of cities and counties to develop a plan and materials for educating local elected officials about the SWG's recommendations in advance of Ecology's releasing draft permit monitoring language in April 2011.*
- *What do SWG members think of the proposed plan and the draft briefing materials?*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

11:45 Nominations for Chair and Vice-chair, Two-year Terms

- *The two-year terms for Chair Jim Simmonds and Vice-chair Bill Moore expire next month. We should decide at our next meeting who will serve as chair and vice-chair for the coming two years. Who do members nominate?*

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

- *Summarize decisions, action items, and next steps from today's meeting: particularly subgroup work.*
- *PSP's launch committee asked for comments on a draft Ecosystem Monitoring Program charter earlier this month.*
- *On February 3 the Ecosystem Coordination Board will host a forum to discuss overall monitoring governance.*
- *Are there other activities, decisions, or upcoming events of which work group members should be aware?*

12:00 Adjourn

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND PLANNED DISCUSSION TOPICS

Wednesday February 16, 2011 from 9-12:

- Approve: recommendations for selecting effectiveness studies; work plan for 2011-2012; and communication strategy and briefing materials
- Elect chair and vice chair for next 2 years
- Update on effectiveness literature review
- Status of implementing the work plan

Wednesday March 16, 2011 from 9-12, brownbag from 12-1:

- Discuss communication plan and assign action items
- Discuss stream gauging network analysis
- Status of implementing the work plan
- Hear from another monitoring group

Wednesday April 20, 2011 from 9-12, brownbag from 12-1:

- Discuss ideas submitted for effectiveness studies and assign subgroup to evaluate and rank them
- Hear from another monitoring group

Wednesday May 18, 2011 from 9-12, brownbag from 12-1:

- Discuss Ecology's preliminary draft permit monitoring language and decide whether to submit comments as a committee
- Status of implementing the work plan
- Hear from another monitoring group

Wednesday June 15, 2011 from 9-12, brownbag from 12-1:

- Discuss RFP process for developing and selecting effectiveness study designs
- Status of implementing the work plan
- Hear from another monitoring group

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