

# Stormwater Work Group Reporter

**October 2014**

*Key news and information you need to stay current on the effort to create a regional stormwater monitoring and assessment strategy for Puget Sound*

## **First Regional Stormwater Monitoring Program (RSMP) quarterly budget report released**

The Stormwater Work Group (SWG) recommended that the Department of Ecology be the RSMP administrator under the condition that Ecology participate in an oversight process and give regular budget and progress reports. The first quarterly report for the period from April 1 through June 30, 2014 is posted on [Ecology's RSMP webpage](#). The second report for the period from July 1 through September 30, 2014 is expected to be released at the end of October.

*More information* (<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/municipal/admin.html>)

## **Pooled Resources Oversight Committee guiding RSMP implementation**

The Pooled Resources Oversight Committee is meeting regularly to review the scope, schedule, budget, and planned deliverables of contracts to implement the Regional Stormwater Monitoring Program (RSMP). The Committee comprises four representatives of permittees and three representatives of other stakeholders.

*More information* (<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/psmonitoring/pooledresources.html>)

## **Contracting underway to begin stream monitoring in January 2015**

The first agreement to use the Regional Stormwater Monitoring Program (RSMP) pooled funds account resulted in a confirmed list of the RSMP small streams status and trends monitoring sites. Ecology's RSMP Coordinator finalizing contracts with King and Skagit Counties, the U.S. Geological Survey, and several labs to conduct the sampling next year.

*More information* (<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/municipal/status.html>)

## **Effectiveness studies are underway**

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has begun the first RSMP-funded effectiveness study of the reduced toxicity of stormwater following biofiltration. The City of Redmond has begun designing a paired watershed study to assess whether basin-wide retrofits result in healthier streams. King County will soon begin two more studies of retrofits.

*More information* (<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/municipal/effective.html>)

## **About the Stormwater Work Group**

The Stormwater Work Group (SWG) is part of the Puget Sound Ecosystem Monitoring Program (PSEMP). The SWG is a coalition of representatives of local, state, and federal governments, environmental and business organizations, tribes, and agriculture. The SWG formed in October 2008 to develop a Stormwater Assessment and Monitoring Program for Puget Sound (SWAMPPS) that provides a strategic, coordinated, and integrated approach to quantifying the stormwater problem in Puget Sound. SWAMPPS is intended to help us efficiently and effectively manage stormwater to reduce harm to the ecosystem. The SWG's many technical subgroups actively support SWAMPPS implementation. The Regional Stormwater Monitoring Program (RSMP) implemented through the municipal stormwater permits is part of SWAMPPS.

*More information* ([www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/psmonitoring/swworkgroup.html](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/psmonitoring/swworkgroup.html))

## **Prior issues available for download**

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*More information* (<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/psmonitoring/reporter.html>)