

Regional Stormwater Monitoring Program (RSMP)

Pooled Resources Oversight Committee

February 10, 2014 10:10 am – 12:05 pm

USGS Columbia Conference Room, 934 Broadway, Tacoma 98402

Draft Meeting Summary

Oversight Committee Members Present:

- Will Appleton (Federal Way), representing environmental permittees
- Jay Davis (USFWS), representing federal agencies
- Heather Kibbey (Everett), representing environmental permittees
- Kit Paulsen or Phyllis Varner (Bellevue), representing permittees
- Tom Putnam (Puget Soundkeeper Alliance/SWG vice chair), representing environmental groups
- Jim Simmonds (King County/SWG chair), representing permittees
- Bruce Wulkan (PSP) or Abby Barnes (WDNR), representing state agencies

Others Present: Bill Moore (Ecology), Karen Dinicola (Ecology/SWG staff)

Purpose and role of committee; operating rules

The Committee will hear regular updates on Regional Stormwater Monitoring Program (RSMP) budget, contracting, schedule, and deliverables. The Committee will provide Ecology input on decisions related to RSMP implementation. Ecology needs to make a lot of contracting decisions in the coming six months to ensure a successful launch of all three RSMP components. The Committee will be guided by recommendations from the Stormwater Work Group (SWG) and its technical subgroups. The Committee will function with the members in attendance, and provide majority and minority opinions as needed to give Ecology the information needed to move the work forward. Members of the committee will be allowed to put forth proposals to conduct RSMP work; they will recuse themselves from “voting” or otherwise making the Committee’s recommendations on those decisions.

Overview of RSMP scope and budget*, status of implementation, and issues/concerns

* **bold numbers** below are permittee commitments per permit requirements. There are some apples and oranges comparisons with other budget estimates made over the past several years. At our next meeting we’ll delve into the decisions needed to appropriately the four status and trends component programs.

Pooled Resources Fund: \$10,431,454 total for 2013-2018

Cashier accounts: 3 separate accounts with no transfer among RSMP components

Cost-sharing agreement still available but not necessary for invoicing; all permittees will get invoices

Administration (RSMP manager/contracting): 5% overhead = \$521,573

Using several people to do the work. Hoping for mgmt go-ahead to hire RSMP manager tomorrow.

Will cost Ecology \$30K additional to fund full FTE. Some funding from permit fees to oversee opt-outs.

Source Identification Information Repository (SIDIR): \$643,388 (SWG 2010 estimate: \$672K)

Summary of work to date with other funding: lit review & IDDE incident tracking form

Subgroup will recommend:

- Scope of work (SOW) for improvements to online IDDE incident tracking form and for the analysis of the Results and Findings data; including what resources are needed to get data in from permittees who choose not to use the online form
- Priorities for Methods and Approaches library (what protocols are needed beyond the Field Screening manual and what is the best on-line format for making them available)
- Allocation of funds among Results and Findings and Methods and Approaches within the overall SIDIR task

Effectiveness Studies: \$5,984,276

Summary of work to date with other funding: lit review & synthesis; ECY funding workshops.

Webinar 2 weeks ago, workshops March 20 and May 6. Pre-proposals are due in a week.

Subgroup will review the pre-proposals and plan the first workshop to get folks working in groups.

Gather ideas during the first workshop about the process for making decisions/recommendations.

Recommendations will be made at second workshop, then by SWG at 6/12 meeting.

This Committee will meet between first and second workshops to discuss process.

Status and Trends (S&T): \$3,282,218; \$70K available now in cashier account

Summary of work to date with other funding: stream gaging analyses QAPPs

Update on implementation planning: Kitsap, Thurston, King, and Skagit want to do monitoring.

Would need someone else, likely USGS, to monitor sites outside these counties.

Site confirmation needs to happen soon so that implementation plan can be finalized.

Proposal from USGS to do this for \$33,900. Reasonable cost. Recommend pursuing.

This Committee needs to discuss allocation of funds among the 4 S&T tasks below.

Small Streams: SWG 2010 estimate: \$4,874,400; permit budget: \$2,173,683 + data**

Opt-outs will sample ~12 RSMP small stream sites, leaving ~88 for RSMP to sample

Marine Nearshore: SWG 2010 estimate: \$2,012,400; permit budget: \$929,971 + data**

Mussels: 2010-11 field and lab estimates: \$453,600-\$558,291

WDFW 2013 estimate: \$444K-\$480K depending on # of sites; includes analysis

Sediment: 2010-11 field and lab estimates: \$218,340-\$219,600

Bacteria: 2010-11 field and lab estimates: \$66,200-\$1,339,200

** the permit budget also included a total data management budget of \$780,828 for all of the status and trends activities

Recap of decisions/recommendations made at the meeting

- As to its own operating rules, the Committee agreed:
 - to operate with the number of members are present (no quorum rules),
 - to bring issues to SWG as needed, via email if time-critical, and
 - to allow its members to put forth proposals to conduct the RSMP work.

Committee members are expected to debrief with absent members and alternates of their caucuses between meetings.

- The Committee agreed that Ecology should move forward to contract with USGS to do the site confirmation work in the next few months. The Committee requested an opportunity to review the SOW for the agreement.

Plans moving forward

- The next Committee meeting will be in April. The Doodle poll to schedule the meeting will include other caucus members who have expressed interested in participating as members or alternates. Caucus leads will let Karen know whom to invite.
- Committee membership will be confirmed at March 19 SWG meeting.
- The following committee meeting will be in May, after second effectiveness workshop.