

## TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, 10 June 2009 1:00 – 3:00 PM

U.S. Geological Survey Office in Tacoma  
934 Broadway, Third Floor

# Draft Agenda

### THE MEETING'S GOALS:

1. Be briefed on the status and key findings of the "pilot projects."
2. Determine the key messages of the Committee's report and how it will be produced.
3. Hear brief updates on the Governance Committee's recent conversation with members of the Puget Sound Partnership's Leadership Council and on the recently adopted State budget for the 2009-'11 biennium.

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**Note:** Refreshments will be served beginning at 12:45 p.m. so please come early to enjoy them and be ready to start the meeting promptly at 1:00. Thanks!

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| I.  | 1:00 | Welcome, Introductions, Review Today's Agenda  | Jim Reid       |
| II. | 1:05 | Updates  | Karen Dinicola |
|     |      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>Regional Monitoring Program Governance:</b> On 28 May the Puget Sound Partnership Leadership Council discussed and made a decision about the governance structure of the regional monitoring program. What was that decision and the reasons for it?</li><li>▪ <b>State Budget:</b> Since our meeting at the beginning of April, the legislature has adopted a budget for the 2009-'11 biennium. Karen will brief us on how the new state budget affects the work to develop a regional monitoring program.</li></ul> |                |

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| III. | 1:20 | Briefings on the Status of the “Pilot Projects”   | Pilot Project Leads |
|      |      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>The representatives of the agencies who are leading the efforts to implement the four projects will address these questions:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ What is the status of the project?</li> <li>○ What are the key findings of particular interest to the Committee?</li> <li>○ What do these findings mean for the future?</li> </ul> </li> <br/> <li>▪ <i>We will proceed with the briefings in this order:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Development of Standardized Operating Procedures (SOPs) and Quality Assurance Project Plans (QAPPs) for Stormwater <span style="float: right;">Chris Burke/Julie Lowe</span></li> <li>○ Steam Benthos Gap Analysis, Coordination and Data Management <span style="float: right;">Jim Simmonds</span></li> <li>○ Laboratory Inter-calibration Study <span style="float: right;">Jim Simmonds</span></li> <li>○ In-Line Ditch Stormwater Treatment Best Management Practices Program <span style="float: right;">Rob Fritz</span></li> </ul> </li> </ul> |                     |
| IV.  | 2:30 | The Committee’s Report and Next Steps   | Karen Dinicola      |
|      |      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>We are obligated to provide a report by the end of this month. To whom shall we send it? What are the key messages we want to communicate? What process will we use to produce, review and submit it? Shall we provide briefings of any groups, such as the Washington Monitoring Forum?</i></li> <br/> <li>▪ <i>Are there any other next steps in our process to advance the work of the projects, to implement key findings, or to communicate those findings to key stakeholders?</i></li> </ul>   |                     |
|      | 3:00 | Adjourn   |                     |

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**Driving directions:**

- Northbound or Southbound on I-5, take exit 133 City Center to I-705 and exit A Street and turn left on 11<sup>th</sup>.
  - Go up 11<sup>th</sup> to Market Street. Turn right on Market Street and the entrance to the Rhodes Center's parking garage will be on your left. Cross the street via the skybridge to enter the Market Building of the Rhodes Center. Walk through the Market Building and across another skybridge to the Broadway Building. Take the elevator downstairs to the first floor, exit the building, and walk left to the entrance to the USGS office building just past the Children's Museum.
  - OR –
  - Go up 11<sup>th</sup> and access the Park Plaza North parking garage by turning right on Commerce. The parking entrance is to the left, under the pedestrian skybridge. Take the skybridge across Commerce to Broadway Plaza and walk across the park and to the left to the entrance to the building that houses the USGS office (the entrance is just before the Children's Museum).