

STORMWATER WORK GROUP

Thursday, December 11, 2008 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
The Orcas Room on the 5th floor of the Rhodes Center
949 Market Street, Tacoma

Draft Agenda

THE MEETING'S GOALS:

1. Review goals and objectives of the Stormwater Work Group.
2. Adopt the draft charter, bylaws and work plan as living documents.
3. Agree to “big questions” for stormwater monitoring and begin to prioritize and agree to next steps in developing a regional stormwater monitoring strategy.

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| I. | 9:00 | Welcome, Introductions, and Review the Meeting's Agenda and Goals | Karen Dinicola |
| II. | 9:15 | Review the charge for the Stormwater Work Group | Karen Dinicola |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ <i>The Stormwater Work Group has a concrete deliverable product due in June 2010. Our long term stormwater monitoring strategy needs to include: (1) Environmental monitoring to assess impacts of stormwater on beneficial uses and determine status and trends, (2) Stormwater (i.e. end of pipe) sampling that helps us calculate Sound-wide pollutant loadings, and (3) Evaluation of the effectiveness of management actions in reducing harm from stormwater.</i>▪ <i>Does everyone understand what we are trying to accomplish through this process?</i> | |
| II. | 9:30 | Adopt the Founding Documents | Karen Dinicola and Damon Diessner |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ <i>At the last meeting we discussed a draft Charter, Bylaws, and Work Plan. Based on that discussion, Karen revised the documents. These are intended to be “living documents” to guide the Stormwater Work Group to accomplish its purpose.</i>▪ <i>Understanding that they can be revised when needed, are there any significant improvements in these documents that are needed prior to their adoption as living documents?</i> | |

- *Some caucuses are still working on identifying their official representatives to this process. Updates and agreement on ground rules and expectations.*
- *The work plan will guide us through the rest of our activities.*

10:20 Break

III. 10:30 Review and Discuss Stormwater Monitoring Objectives and Begin to Identify Priorities Damon Diessner and Core Group members

- *The Core Group refined the list of assessment questions (appendix 1 of the work plan) that was discussed at the last meeting and came up with a list of “Big Questions” to guide our development of the monitoring strategy and ensure that the regional stormwater monitoring program we design will answer relevant questions.*
- *Does the Work Group agree that we have captured the big questions? Do committee members see their priorities for monitoring objectives included in the assessment questions associated with each big question?*
- *At our next meeting, we will formally agree to some priority questions and charge one or more task groups with specific responsibilities towards developing specific parts of the overall monitoring strategy. The task groups will report back to this committee as charged.*

IV. 11:45 Summarize Today’s Decisions and Identify Next Steps Damon Diessner

- *What is our schedule for the next several months?*

12:00 Adjourn

THE STORMWATER WORK GROUP’S NEXT MEETING:

TBD in January in Tacoma

Directions to the Orcas Room in the Rhodes Center at 949 Market Street, Tacoma

The Rhodes Center occupies two buildings with a skybridge in between. The meeting room is in the “Broadway Building.” A parking garage connected to the Rhodes Center complex provides access from across Market Street to the “Market Building.”

Easier access to the Orcas Room for those using public transportation, the free parking option, or the first pay parking option below is from Broadway. The Rhodes Center is in the same block as the Tacoma Children’s Museum, across the street from the park, Broadway Plaza. The building entrance leading to the elevator (which you will take to the 5th floor) is to the left of the museum, just past Pastrami’s New York Eatery and Espresso.

Public transportation:

- Take express buses from Olympia and Seattle to the last stop at 10th and Commerce. Walk up the ramp in the middle of the 9th-11th Street block on Commerce, to the left of the Pierce Transit bus shop and along the fountains, to Broadway Plaza at the top. Cross the park and the street, and the Rhodes Center entrance will be to the left to just past Pastrami’s. Take the elevator to the 5th floor and the room will be to your right.

Free parking:

- Northbound or Southbound on I-5, take exit 133 City Center and exit Tacoma Dome, turn right on E 26th, left onto E G, left on Puyallup Ave; there is free public parking at the Tacoma Dome Station. Take the free Tacoma Link light rail train that departs from behind Tacoma Dome Station (immediately uphill, toward Freighthouse Square) to the last station in the Theater District. Walk back to South 9th, turn right (up the hill) and then left on Broadway. The Rhodes Center is more than halfway down the block on your right just past Pastrami’s. Take the elevator to the 5th floor and the room will be to your right.

Pay parking options:

- Northbound or Southbound on I-5, take exit 133 City Center to I-705 and exit A Street. The Park Plaza North parking garage can be accessed by turning left from A Street, left again on 11th, and 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, across the street and to the left to the Rhodes Center entrance just past Pastrami’s. Take the elevator to the 5th floor and the room will be to your right.
- Northbound or Southbound on I-5, take exit 133 City Center to I-705 and exit A Street. Turn left on S 11th Street and go uphill 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. The Orcas Room is on the left before the bank of elevators.