

PUGET SOUND MONITORING CONSORTIUM

## STORMWATER WORK GROUP

### SECOND MEETING OF THE “CORE” TEAM

Wednesday, 9 July 2008 1:00 – 3:10 p.m.  
University of Washington Tacoma  
The Tacoma Room (GWP Room 320)

# DRAFT SUMMARY

## OF THE MEETING’S KEY DECISIONS AND AGREEMENTS

### *Attendees and the organizations or groups they represent:*

*Core Team Members:* **Pam Bennet-Cumming** for Lynda Ring-Erickson (Mason County), Local Governments; **Allison Butcher** (Master Builders Association of King and Snohomish Counties), the Business Caucus; **Bruce Crawford**, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA); **Dick Gersib**, Washington State Department of Transportation; **Julie Hall** (City of Seattle), Local Governments; **Bill Moore**, Washington State Department of Ecology; **Kit Paulsen** (City of Bellevue), Local Governments; **Heather Trim** (People for Puget Sound), the Environmental Caucus; **Gary Turney**, U.S. Geological Survey (USGS); and **Bruce Wulkan**, Puget Sound Partnership.

*Alternates:* **Kris Holm** (Association of Washington Business (AWB)) the Business Caucus; **Andy Meyer** (Association of Washington Cities), Local Governments; and **Mel Oleson** (The Boeing Company), the Business Caucus.

*Staff:* **Karen Dinicola** (Ecology), Project Manager; and **Jim Reid**, facilitator.

### **CORE TEAM RECOMMENDS REVISIONS TO THE STORMWATER WORK GROUP’S DRAFT CHARTER AND BYLAWS**

The “Core Team” of the Stormwater Work Group reviewed the draft charter, work plan, and bylaws that Karen Dinicola and Jim Reid had developed. Among the changes requested were: 1) a more explicit statement should be incorporated into the charter that makes it clear the work of the Stormwater Work Group is not done in isolation of other monitoring efforts, nor is this work attempting to ignore or take over other efforts, but in fact is trying to connect them; 2) the charter should include a statement or section that states that the process is transparent, including meetings of the Work Group are open to all interested parties, including the public; 3) rather than use the term “develop” at the start of the purpose statement and first objective, use “define”; 4) between the purpose and objectives, insert a section on the expected products or the first two deliverables—the preliminary assessment questions for the Puget Sound Monitoring Plan in late

2008, and the monitoring components and implementation strategy that can be incorporated by Ecology into NPDES stormwater permits in 2010 and 2011; 5) insert into the charter as a preamble a problem statement to provide context; 6) in the bylaws define the work of the Core Team as more “hands on” to reflect that it has tangible work to do (“teeing up” issues and options) that cannot be delegated to staff or technical groups; and 7) in the bylaws define a role for a chair for the Core Team to review in the next draft.

These changes will appear in the next drafts of the charter and bylaws.

## **MONITORING CONSORTIUM BUDGET UPDATE**

Bill Moore informed the committee that the Water Quality Program at Ecology is experiencing a severe shortfall in the permit fee account that was to provide half of the \$800K proviso for the current biennium and anticipates cutting about \$200K of the budget for this effort. Ecology has committed \$400K to the four pilot projects and the Stormwater Work Group, and the agency is committed to continuing to support the Governance Committee and will ensure that project management services provided by Karen and facilitation services will continue to be provided at least through the end of this biennium (June 30, 2009).

## **CORE TEAM AGREES TO DEVELOP PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT QUESTIONS**

To assist the Puget Sound Science Panel in developing the monitoring element of its strategic science plan, the Core Team committed to develop preliminary assessment questions that can be presented to the Panel on a preliminary basis in August, and as a recommendation in September.

To achieve those timelines, the Core Team will next meet on the morning of 22 July at the University of Washington campus in Tacoma. Before then, Core Team members agreed to each submit to Karen three or four preliminary assessment questions that they believe are of the highest priority. The questions should also reflect the interests of each member’s caucus or constituents.

To assist the Core Team members in developing these questions, the March 2007 exploratory committee report and pilot project #6 will be sent to them because they contain potential assessment questions. Karen will also work with Bruce Wulkan, Julie Hall, and Scott Redman to see if the Partnership can make available any materials that could assist in this endeavor.

## **NEXT MEETINGS**

The Core Team will meet on the morning of 22 July to agree on preliminary assessment questions, and from 1-4 p.m. on 13 August to select a chair; to refine the draft charter, work plan, and bylaws for the Stormwater Work Group; and to continue to define preliminary assessment questions. Dick Gersib has graciously agreed to chair the 22 July meeting.

Members are requested to review the future dates proposed in the draft schedule and work plan and inform Karen if there are any dates that are problematic for them. On many of these meeting dates, a Governance Committee meeting will be held in the morning and the Stormwater Work Group Core Team meeting will be held in the afternoon.