

STORMWATER WORK GROUP

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Wednesday, February 15, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
USGS 3rd Floor Columbia Conference Room
934 Broadway, Tacoma, WA 98402

Draft Agenda

THE MEETING'S GOALS:

1. Approve proposed updates to our work plan and provide further direction to subgroups
2. Discuss recommendations for agricultural runoff pesticide and habitat monitoring
3. Give direction to the Effectiveness Study Selection Subgroup for designing the RFP process
4. Discuss a scoping memo for the source identification information repository literature review
5. Decide on messages and timing for the next SWG Reporter email update
6. Select a designate to represent the work group at PSEMP Steering Committee meetings
7. Discuss the status of implementing our work plan
8. Hear updates related to our work

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9:00 Welcome, Introductions, and Review the Meeting's Agenda and Goals

9:10 Discuss and Approve SWG 2012-2013 Work Plan Updates

- *At our November meeting we agreed that each of our subgroups should propose specific updates to our work plan. The Work Plan Subgroup has compiled the proposals into a single document. Is the work plan approved?*
- *What further direction can we provide to our subgroups? Which subgroups need a chair and/or additional members?*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

10:15 Discuss Recommendations for Agricultural Runoff Pesticide and Habitat Monitoring

- *The Agricultural Runoff Subgroup has developed a proposal for what pesticides and habitat parameters need to be added to the SWAMPSS status and trends design to address agricultural runoff issues. What direction can we provide to the subgroup?*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

11:00 Break

11:15 Continue to Develop the Process for Selecting Effectiveness Studies to be Conducted Using Pooled Resources of Municipal Stormwater NPDES Permittees

- *In past discussions, the Stormwater Work Group has underscored the need to leverage existing capacities, particularly including those of permitted jurisdictions interested in conducting regional monitoring activities. In more recent discussions the subgroup has envisioned a two-stage RFP (or pre-*

proposal) process with collaborative groups scoring high (i.e., multiple jurisdictions, consultants, etc. working together to propose robust study designs).

- *The Effectiveness Study Selection Subgroup next meets on February 29. What guidance can we give to the subgroup as they begin to develop recommendations for the RFP process?*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

11:45 Discuss Scoping Proposal for Source Identification Literature Review

- *The Washington Stormwater Center, under a grant from Ecology and with the direction and assistance of the SWG Source Identification Information Repository Subgroup, has developed a memo describing the goals and deliverables of this initial effort to gather information and recommend next steps to create the repository. What direction can we provide to the subgroup?*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

12:30 Decide on Messages and Timing for Next Issue of “Stormwater Work Group Reporter”

- *The next issue of the bi-monthly SWG Reporter was due out last month. Suggested topics include: thank everyone for comments on permit monitoring requirements, list of topics for effectiveness studies, and oversight charter; share our accomplishments during the past year and plans for this coming year; solicit ideas for RFP process for effectiveness studies; agricultural runoff monitoring recommendations being developed; source identification literature review and scoping effort are underway.*
- *A one-page summary of our accomplishments was developed by a Communication Subgroup member. How should we use this document?*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

12:40 Decide on Stormwater Work Group Representation in new Ecosystem Monitoring Program

- *The coordinated monitoring program has been named the Puget Sound Ecosystem Monitoring Program. At our last meeting we suggested developing a regular briefing for that committee. How shall we deliver this briefing and who shall officially represent the SWG at the PSEMP Steering Committee meetings?*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

12:45 Status of 2011-2012 Work Plan Implementation – Hear From our Subgroups

- *Since our last meeting our subgroups have continued making progress toward completing our goals*
 - *Agricultural Runoff: discussed in previous agenda item*
 - *Communication: discussed in previous agenda item*
 - *Effectiveness: discussed in previous agenda item*
 - *Marine Nearshore Status and Trends:*
 - *Subgroup will meet to review and discuss draft sediment QAPP, UGA delineation, and proposed Mussel Watch workshop*
 - *Pooled Resources Oversight:*
 - *Comments on the revised draft oversight charter were due February 3; subgroup will meet to discuss comments*
 - *Small Stream Status and Trends:*
 - *QAPP comments were due to Ecology with permit comments by February 3; subgroup will meet to discuss comments*
 - *Streamflow network analysis is due to be published by USGS in late March*
 - *Source ID Information Repository: discussed in previous agenda item*
 - *Work Plan: discussed in previous agenda item*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

12:50 Recap of Today's Meeting and Hear Updates

- Summarize decisions, action items, and next steps from today's meeting.
 - What subgroups are meeting in the coming months?
- Are there other activities, decisions, or upcoming events of which work group members should be aware?

1:00 Adjourn

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND PLANNED DISCUSSION TOPICS

Wednesday, March 21, 2012 from 9-1 at the USGS Office in Tacoma:

- Approve scoping paper for source identification literature review
- Approve recommendations for agricultural runoff pesticide and habitat monitoring
- Discuss public comments permit monitoring language and Oversight Committee Charter
- Discuss visual presentation of SWAMPPS implementation and implementation of broader strategy
- Hear status of implementing our work plan
- Hear from PSEMP Steering Committee and about other monitoring activities

Wednesday, April 18, 2012 from 9-12 at the USGS Office in Tacoma:

- Hear about findings of effectiveness literature review and discuss crosswalk with list of topics
- Discuss proposed outline of process to select effectiveness studies
- Hear findings of the stream gauging network analysis recently published by USGS
- Decide on messages for the next SWG Reporter
- Hear status of implementing our work plan
- Hear from PSEMP Steering Committee and about other monitoring activities

SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR 2012: All Wednesdays, from 9-noon in Tacoma

May 16

June 13

September 19

October 17

November 14

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Take express buses from Olympia or Seattle to the last stop at 10th and Commerce in downtown Tacoma. 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 and across the street to the entrance to the USGS office, just to the right of the Children's Museum.

Driving directions:

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. Park on the upper floors for \$1/hour (clearly marked State vehicles park for free). 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. There is a bank of elevators near the atrium. Take the elevator to the first floor, exit the building to Broadway, and walk a few doors to the left (the entrance to 934 Broadway is just past the Children's Museum).