



Draft Agenda

Wednesday, September 17, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

USGS, 934 Broadway, Tacoma 98402

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THE MEETING'S GOALS:

1. Hear about RSMP implementation, including updates from the Pooled Resources Oversight Committee Chair and the RSMP Coordinator. Discuss any issues that have come up, and consider recommendations from the committee.
2. Hear about the effort to define a receiving water status and trends monitoring program that would be implemented by Southwestern Washington municipal stormwater permittees.
3. Hear from our staff and subgroups about the status of implementing our work plan.
4. Discuss updates to our biennial work plan.
5. Decide on messages and timing for next SWG Reporter.
6. Hear about other issues related to our work.

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9:00 Welcome, introductions, and review the meeting's agenda and goals

- *Carol Smith, our agricultural representative, has changed jobs. WSCC is working to replace her in this role.*

9:10 RSMP Implementation Briefing by the Pooled Resources Oversight Committee and RSMP Coordinator

- *At our last meeting we approved recommendations for RSMP Status and Trends Monitoring and Effectiveness Studies. Our recommendations were delivered to Ecology on July 28. The RSMP Coordinator has been working to implement our recommendations under the oversight of the PRO-Committee. The committee met July 23 and September 9. Will Appleton was selected as Chair and Chris Konrad as Vice Chair. Chris will give regular reports at our work group meetings.*
- *Per the PRO-Committee charter approved in 2012, Ecology will submit quarterly and annual reports to the committee. The committee is helping shape the content and format of these reports, which are intended for distribution to permittees to share with their city and county council members. The near-final draft quarterly report for April-June 2014 was sent as an attachment to the agenda distribution email.*
- *RSMP Effectiveness Studies contracts:*
 - *At the time of writing this agenda, the scopes of work for three of the first four of ten planned first-round studies are in process for contracting. (Ecology is awaiting a revised scope of work from King County on the Federal Way project.)*
 - *The paired streams project was re-scoped to produce an experimental study design and Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) as a first stage contract deliverable.*
 - *All project proponents are addressing concerns raised by Ecology's stormwater engineers.*
 - *Parties are negotiating contract language to comply with cabinet agencies' requirements to employ deliverables-based agreements. This is different from the time and materials, progress-report-based reimbursement process that local governments are accustomed to following. But it will provide greater transparency and accountability in implementing the RSMP and reporting back to the permittees who are funding the work.*
- *RSMP Streams monitoring: USGS completed the site selection in June and RSMP Coordinator Brandi Lubliner is working on contracts with USGS, the counties (King, Skagit, and Thurston) who are willing and have capacity to conduct the sampling, and several laboratories. USGS has agreed to sample the sites in counties where permittees are not participating in the sampling effort.*



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- *WSDOT has elected to contribute to the RSMP Pooled Resources Account for status and trends monitoring. The PRO-Committee recommended using the funds to add pesticides to the RSMP sediment chemistry parameter list for analysis next summer.*
- *Other QAPPs for the marine nearshore work should be completed this fall. WDFW is soliciting interest from other entities to sponsor mussel cages in addition to the RSMP sites.*
- *Do work group members wish to provide further direction to the PRO-Committee and RSMP Coordinator?*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

10:15 Break

10:30 Hear about the Lower Columbia Habitat Status and Trends Monitoring Project

- *The ten municipal stormwater permittees in western Washington located outside Puget Sound are not subject to receiving water monitoring requirements in this permit cycle. The Lower Columbia Salmon Recovery Board has been helping eight of these permittees located in the Lower Columbia basin to define a monitoring strategy that addresses stormwater and habitat questions. They have evaluated which metrics are likely to provide the most value for regional status and trends monitoring.*
- *Do work group members have any questions?*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

10:40 Discuss status of our work plan implementation and updates to our biennial work plan

- *Our subgroups continue to make progress toward achieving the goals established in our biennial work plan. What information or updates do subgroups have to share today?*
 - *Agricultural Runoff: As shared earlier, Carol Smith, who has led and staffed the effort to develop a monitoring strategy targeted at agricultural runoff, has changed jobs. WSCC is working to replace her in both of her roles in the subgroup. Work to finalize the agricultural runoff monitoring strategy and implementation plan are on hold until a replacement is identified.*
 - *Communication: The most recent issue of the SWG Reporter went out on July 30. Possible topics for the next issue include:*
 - *Four RSMP Effectiveness Studies are underway.*
 - *RSMP Status and Trends stream monitoring on track to begin in January 2015.*
 - *Work group developing updates to work plan.*
 - *Invitation to join our subgroups.*

Karen Dinicola gave a presentation about the SWG and RSMP at the national StormCon conference in Portland on August 6 (Jim Simmonds was listed as a co-presenter but was unable to attend). Karen also updated the SWG's web pages over the summer and is working to migrate the subgroup pages from the Google site to the Ecology site. Karen and Heather Kibbey gave a briefing on the SWG to the PSEMP Steering Committee on September 9.

 - *Effectiveness: discussed in a previous agenda item.*
 - *Marine Nearshore Status and Trends: discussed in a previous agenda item.*
 - *Pooled Resources Oversight Committee: discussed in a previous agenda item.*
 - *Roads and Highways: no activity to report.*
 - *Small Streams Status and Trends: discussed in a previous agenda item.*
 - *Source Identification Information Repository (SIDIR): no activity to report.*
 - *Work Plan: Our next biennial work plan should be compiled for review and discussion at the next work group meeting on November 12.*
- *Do work group members wish to provide additional direction for our subgroups?*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

11:15 PSEMP coordination and other coordinated monitoring updates

- *The Steering Committee last met Tuesday, September 9. Over the summer the list of 56 high priority gaps identified by the workgroups was separated into those supporting the strategic initiatives and "other important*



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science” and forwarded it to the Leadership Council, Ecosystem Coordination Board, Science Panel, the Governor’s Office, Science Recovery Panel, EPA, and others to solicit their help in advancing the priorities.

- *The Puget Sound Partnership (PSP) is working through the state budget process to get approximately \$4.5M funding for the priorities and another \$6M for effectiveness monitoring. Other funding sources are being pursued.*
- *The Steering Committee approved a new work plan organized along the PSEMP charter goals and NEP-funded work. The plan includes more interaction with and connection to the workgroups.*
- *Leska Fore has developed a new effectiveness monitoring framework that is being put forward. We will hear about this framework and the evolving role of the PSEMP workgroups in furthering the regional understanding of the effectiveness of restoration and recovery actions at a future meeting.*
- *The Steering Committee is working to address the issues and recommendations of the Ruckelshaus Center’s report/audit of PSEMP that was delivered to PSP in July.*
- *What other decisions have been made by the Steering Committee, or will be made at future meetings, on which the work group might want to provide input?*
- *What are the other topical workgroups discussing and what are our related plans, needs and interests?*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

11:25 Recap of today’s meeting and hear other updates

- *Summarize decisions, action items, and next steps from today’s meeting*
- *Are there other activities, decisions, or upcoming events of which work group members should be aware?*
 - *The Statewide municipal stormwater conference will be held November 5-6.*

11:30 Adjourn

NEXT SCHEDULED SWG MEETING

Wednesday, November 12, 2014 from 9am to 12pm at the USGS Office in Tacoma, with possible extended hours as needed. Expected agenda topics include:

- *Hear updates on implementation of RSMP effectiveness studies and small streams monitoring*
- *Hear update and draft recommendations for next steps for SIDIR*
- *Hear update on plans to move forward with the agricultural runoff monitoring strategy*
- *Learn about the effort to design a receiving water monitoring program for the Lower Columbia region*
- *Decide on messages and timing for the next SWG Reporter*
- *Hear from our subgroups about progress on implementing our 2014-2015 work plan*
- *Hear other updates related to our work*

November 12 is the last work group meeting scheduled in 2014.

The following meeting dates are proposed for 2015: January 14; March 11; June 3; September 16; November 18.



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