



Draft Agenda

Wednesday, November 18, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

USGS, 934 Broadway, Tacoma 98402

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THE MEETING'S GOALS:

1. Hear about progress on the bioretention hydrologic effectiveness study led by Bellingham,
2. Direct subgroup to move ahead with process for identifying more RSMP¹ effectiveness studies,
3. Hear initial findings of the IDDE² results and findings analysis led by Lakewood,
4. Hear from the PRO-Committee³ about RSMP implementation, including updates on plans for:
 - a. Analyzing and reporting RSMP stream monitoring data,
 - b. Conducting RSMP marine nearshore sediment monitoring,
 - c. Compiling and analyzing marine nearshore bacteria data, and
 - d. Reviewing Ecology's performance as the RSMP service provider,
5. Hear from our staff and subgroups about the status of implementing and updating our work plan,
6. Discuss subgroups' and work group members' ideas for recommendations for the next permits and our schedule and plans for finalizing these recommendations,
7. Decide on messages and timing for the next issue of the SWG Reporter, and
8. Hear about other issues/topics related to our work.

¹ Regional Stormwater Monitoring Program

² Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination

³ Pooled Resources Oversight Committee (also PRO-C)

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

9:10 Hear about progress on the bioretention hydrologic performance study

- *The City of Bellingham has involved multiple permittees in establishing site evaluation criteria and in identifying, evaluating, and confirming suitable sites for this RSMP effectiveness study. The study is divided into two phases: a design phase and an implementation phase. Bill Reilly of Bellingham and Doug Beyerlein and/or Bill Taylor of Clear Creek Solutions will present the progress and plans for this study.*
- *Do work group members have any questions?*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

9:40 Discuss proposed process for determining next round of effectiveness studies

- *Approximately \$1.2M of the total funding pool for Regional Stormwater Monitoring Program (RSMP) Effectiveness Studies remains to be allocated.*
- *At our last meeting the Effectiveness Subgroup presented its recommendations for a process to identifying the next round of studies for the remaining funds. The subgroup has since met to complete a draft request for study proposals and outline a schedule and timeline for the steps to identifying and approving the studies.*
- *Do work group members approve the process and approach recommended by the subgroup, and is the subgroup authorized to move ahead to implement the process?*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

10:00 Break



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10:15 Hear about progress on the IDDE results and findings analysis

- *The City of Lakewood hired a consultant to compile all of the IDDE incident tracking data reported to Ecology in the Permit and Reporting Information System (PARIS) required for the permittees' annual reports. The purpose of the analysis is to identify patterns in illicit discharges and permittees' responses to inform methods and approaches and prioritize IDDE/source control effectiveness studies.*
- *The Source Identification Information Repository (SIDIR) subgroup is the technical advisory committee for this RSMP project. They met Monday, November 16 to hear the initial findings of this effort and discuss next steps.*
- *Do work group members have any questions or further direction to the subgroup?*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

10:30 RSMP implementation briefing by the PRO-Committee Chair/Vice Chair and RSMP Coordinator

- *The PRO-C last met October 15 and will next meet in January. The RSMP budget looks good and many RSMP monitoring activities are underway, with more being teed up. Some highlights:*
 - *We are close to having agreements for King Co, USGS, and PSP to work on the streams analysis. Ecology EAP staff will also contribute.*
 - *Mussel monitoring cages were deployed at 40 RSMP marine nearshore monitoring sites and 33 additional sites by WDFW staff, partners, and volunteers.*
 - *The marine nearshore sediment monitoring team is close to completing a scope of work and budget for the monitoring to be conducted next summer, as well as data analysis and reporting.*
 - *The PRO-C reviewed a draft scope of work for compiling and analyzing marine nearshore bacteria data.*
 - *Planned encumbrances for effectiveness studies were updated to include full funding of water quality monitoring for Redmond's study, Phase 2 of Bellingham's study, and King County's catch basin study.*
- *As directed by the work group, the PRO-C discussed whether a review of Ecology as RSMP service provider is needed. PRO-C members considered what should be reviewed and reported, and agreed that a review will be meaningful and helpful not to determine whether to change service providers, but rather to see how we might improve Ecology's current performance implementing the RSMP.*
 - *As part of this review PRO-C members propose a "report card" based on expectations set out in the PRO-C charter and surveying permittees about how they think the RSMP is going.*
 - *PRO-C members also plan to send a letter to the work group detailing their assessment of how things are going. Ecology has exceeded PRO-C members' expectations in getting the RSMP going and in regular reporting on the budget and deliverables.*
 - *PRO-C members also wish to address the concern about full compensation for Ecology, and whether we need to add capacity for the next round of RSMP funding.*
 - *The PRO-C proposes to complete the review next year to go along with recommendations for the permits.*
- *The quarterly report for July-September 2015 is posted on the RSMP Administration web page, along with a revised report for April-June 2015. The report for the current quarter should be released in late January.*
- *State and federal caucuses are preparing summaries of expenditures on the RSMP and related stormwater monitoring activities.*
- *Do work group members have any questions? 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?*

11:00 Discuss caucuses' and subgroups' evolving ideas for improving the next round of the RSMP

- *Ecology's permit managers have informed us that if we envision changes to the overall permit structure for monitoring and assessment, then our recommendations need to be delivered to Ecology by April, 2016. Recommendations for the RSMP content and priorities can continue to occur outside of the permit structure and S8 requirements.*



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- *At our last meeting, we began to discuss members' ideas for making recommendations for Special Conditions S8.B, C, and D in the next round of municipal stormwater permits. What further discussions have our caucuses and subgroups had on this topic?*
 - *All of our caucuses should draft initial recommendations to send to Karen Dinicola by January 5, 2016 so that she can compile them and send them out in advance of our January 13 meeting for SWG members to review. We will discuss the overall package of recommendations in January and approve a final list of recommendations at our subsequent meeting in March.*
- *Do work group members have any guidance for our subgroups and caucuses?*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

11:30 Work plan implementation and updates from our advisory subgroups and other committees

- *Our subgroups continue to make progress toward achieving the goals established in our 2015-2016 work plan and have begun to discuss a 2016-17 work plan. What information or updates do subgroups have to share today?*
 - *Agricultural Runoff*: *to be discussed in January.*
 - *Communication*: *The Subgroup met on November 9 to discuss a communication strategy for RSMP findings. Early ideas include "branding" for the RSMP, a template for 2-page summaries of each RSMP study, format and content of the RSMP annual report, news releases, and other media and formats.*
 - *The most recent issue of the SWG Reporter went out on October 19. Possible topics for the next issue, anticipated for release in the next week or two, include:*
 - *Mussel monitoring underway at 40 RSMP sites and 33 additional sites*
 - *Bioretention hydrologic performance study underway*
 - *Process underway to identify a second round of RSMP effectiveness studies*
 - *IDDE data compilation and evaluation findings shared*
 - *Considering recommendations to Ecology for next permit monitoring requirements*
 - *Next RSMP quarterly report due out in late January*
 - *New communication strategy coming soon*
 - *Updating our work plan for the coming two years*
 - *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)*: *discussed in a previous agenda item.*
 - *Work Plan*: *Karen distributed a draft updated work plan to subgroup chairs last month; their revisions are included in the document sent out with this agenda. Do work group members have any suggestions to improve the proposed work plan? Are we on track to approve it at our next meeting in January?*
- *Do work group members wish to provide additional direction for our subgroups?*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

11:45 PSEMP coordination and other updates related to our work

- *The PSEMP Steering Committee met in September and heard reports from all of the workgroups. They met again in October and last week to discuss guidance to and support for the 12 topical workgroups, their work plan, and ideas for Near Term Actions, due December 31.*
- *What 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 workgroups discussing and what are our related plans, needs and interests?*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*



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11:55 Recap of today's meeting and hear other updates or announcements

- *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?*

12:00 Adjourn

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

Wednesday, January 13, 2016 from 9am to 12pm at the USGS Office in Tacoma, with possible extended hours as needed.

Expected agenda topics include:

- *Continue to discuss subgroups' and work group members' ideas for recommendations for S8 Monitoring and Assessment requirements in the next permits,*
- *Discuss progress toward completing an implementation plan for Agricultural Runoff Monitoring,*
- *Hear other updates on RSMP implementation and administration,*
- *Approve our work plan for 2016-2017 and hear from our subgroups about progress on implementing it,*
- *Decide on messages and timing for the next SWG Reporter, and*
- *Hear other updates related to our work.*

The meeting schedule for 2016 is: March 16, June 1, September 14, and November 9.

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