



Draft Agenda

Wednesday, June 1, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

(please note the extended meeting time and plan accordingly)

USGS Columbia Conference Room, 934 Broadway, Tacoma 98402

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THE MEETING'S GOALS:

1. Approve our 2016-2017 work plan;
2. Hear updates on RSMP implementation and administration;
3. Hear from our subgroups about progress implementing our work plan for 2016-2017;
4. Finalize our recommendations for S8 Monitoring and Assessment requirements in the next permits;
5. Decide on messages and timing for the next SWG Reporter;
6. Confirm our meeting date for September; and
7. Hear other updates related to our work.

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

9:10 Approve our 2016-2017 work plan

- *Our two-year work plan is updated each year with updates proposed in the fall and approved at the first meeting of the calendar year. We discussed the draft work plan at our November 2015 meeting. At our January and March meetings we ran out of time and did not further discuss or approve the updated work plan. Comments and suggested updates provided by the PRO-C, caucuses, and caucus leads since November have been incorporated into the version sent out with this agenda.*
- *Do work group members have any comments on the work plan before approving it today?*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

9:30 RSMP implementation briefing by the PRO-Committee Chair and RSMP Coordinator

- *The PRO-C last met May 5 and will next meet some time over the summer.*
- *The quarterly report for the January-March, 2016 quarter was released in May. The first RSMP annual report (for the 2015 calendar year) was released in April. We are trying to increase distribution of these reports.*
- *RSMP implementation, contracting, and budget items:*
 - *More effectiveness are studies underway and the second round will be starting next year.*
 - *The final two of the ten first round effectiveness studies will be under contract this month.*
 - *The solicitation for letters of interest for a second round of studies went out in mid-May.*
 - *The Lakewood business inspection source control survey timeframe was extended.*
 - *We are well within the status and trends monitoring component budget and have contingency funds.*
 - *Contracting for sediment monitoring was completed in May. USGS is writing the QAPP.*
 - *Bacteria data analysis is underway and we expect to hear findings this fall.*
 - *Stream data analysis contracts have been signed and the team is making good progress; we will hear initial findings at our meeting in September.*
 - *A new project for a communication strategy and products will be led by the Association of Cities (AWC). A scope of work was discussed at the last PRO-C meeting and is being finalized for the project to begin in July. This contract work will be proportionately funded from the 3 RSMP accounts.*
 - *AWC will work closely with the Association of Counties and with other communication efforts.*



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- *An early planned product is a set of branding materials to make the RSMP distinct from Ecology. The PRO-C recommended having SWG members comment on ideas for a logo via email over the summer so that other products (a video and report templates) can be rolled out this fall.*
- *A first annual RSMP findings workshop will be planned for early 2017.*
- *The PRO-C is working on a draft “report card” on Ecology’s service as the RSMP administrative entity based on expectations set out in the PRO-C charter.*
- *A “report card” on the PRO-C itself was also specified in the PRO-C charter, and the committee and staff are working on that along with proposing recommendations for changes to the PRO-C charter.*
- *There are two vacancies for permittee alternate representatives on the PRO-C. Does the local government caucus wish to fill these roles by having the work group members confirm new names today?*
- *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?*

10:00 Other work plan implementation updates

- *Our subgroups continue to make progress toward achieving the goals established in our 2015-2016 and proposed 2016-17 work plans. What information or updates do our subgroups and other committees have to share today?*
 - *Agricultural Runoff: A report on the subgroup’s progress toward completing this monitoring implementation strategy will be shared today. The strategy should be ready for review at our September meeting.*
 - *Communication: The most recent issue of the SWG Reporter went out on April 20 with a follow-up email on May 18 to request letters of interest for the second round of RSMP effectiveness studies. Possible topics for the next issue, anticipated for release in the next week or two, include:*
 - *Repeat request for letters of interest for new effectiveness studies*
 - *AWC to lead new RSMP communication strategy*
 - *Final recommendations to Ecology for next permit monitoring requirements*
 - *Status and trends monitoring activities: stream monitoring data available and analysis underway; mussel monitoring completed; and sediment monitoring to be conducted this summer*
 - *Next RSMP quarterly report (for April-June) will be released in August*
 - *First RSMP annual report (for 2015 calendar year) released in April*
- *Staff at Association of Washington Cities (see description of PRO-C update, above) are finalizing a proposal for communication of RSMP study findings. Subgroup members and SWG local caucus representatives have been asked to participate on an advisory committee for this project.*
- *Work Plan: The subgroup will meet again this fall to discuss next year’s work plan updates.*
- *Do other subgroup chairs or members have additional updates to share?*
- *Do work group members wish to provide additional direction for our subgroups?*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

10:15 Break

10:30 Finalize our recommendations for permit section S8 Monitoring and Assessment

- *We have discussed specific ideas for improving the overall permit structure for Special Condition S8 Monitoring and Assessment and implementation of the RSMP at each of our last meetings since last summer. Our collective recommendations for S8 will be delivered to Ecology following today’s work group meeting.*
 - *Recommendations for the RSMP content and priorities for expenditure of the permittees’ pooled funds are expected to continue to occur outside of the permit structure and S8 requirements.*
- *On April 25 the SWG’s local, state, and federal caucus leads discussed the draft document that came out of our last meeting March 16 and worked on compromise proposals for two issues in particular. The caucuses reviewed those revised draft documents last month. The caucus leads held a conference call May 17 and heard about remaining concerns in more detail, and revised the draft documents again.*



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- *We will begin our discussion of what is needed in order for the group to approve a final list of recommendations today with a quick advisory vote on each of the attached numbered recommendations. Then we will work to address, if possible, or else to articulate any members' remaining concerns with specific recommendations.*

11:45 Break

12:00 Vote to approve final recommendations to Ecology on permit section S8

- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*
- *Do work group members approve the package of recommendations as revised during today's discussion?*
- *Cami will send the recommendations to Ecology following today's meeting. The letter with the final recommendations will be sent out to the work group and posted on our meeting summaries web page.*

12:45 PSEMP coordination and other updates related to our work

- *The PSEMP Steering Committee met May 10 and heard about PSP staff reductions. Ken Dzinbal is retiring at the end of this month and his role as PSEMP staff will be filled by Scott Redman. The Steering Committee will discuss its future role, purpose, and capacity given the reduced staff support at its next meeting on June 14.*
- *What are the other workgroups discussing and what are our related plans, needs and interests?*
- *Are there any comments or additional updates from work group members or non-work group members?*

12:55 Recap of today's meeting and hear other updates or announcements

- *Summarize decisions, action items, and next steps from today's meeting.*
- *Confirm our meeting date for September: we are currently scheduled to meet on the 14th, but is it possible to meet on the 21st rather than the 14th?*

1:00 Adjourn

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

Wednesday, September 14 or 21, 2016 from 9am to 12pm at the USGS Office in Tacoma, with possible extended hours as needed. Expected agenda topics include:

- *Discuss progress toward completing an implementation plan for agricultural runoff monitoring;*
- *Hear presentations on RSMP findings;*
- *Hear an update on the strategy for communicating RSMP findings to key audiences;*
- *Hear updates on RSMP implementation and administration;*
- *Hear from our subgroups about progress implementing our work plan for 2016-2017;*
- *Discuss recommendations for overall implementation of the RSMP;*
- *Decide on messages and timing for the next SWG Reporter; and*
- *Hear other updates related to our work.*

The meeting schedule for the remainder of 2016 is: September 14 or 21, and November 9.



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