

STORMWATER WORK GROUP

Wednesday, June 30, 2010 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
USGS Conference Room
934 Broadway, third floor, Tacoma WA 98402

Draft Agenda

THE MEETING'S GOALS:

1. Approve a cover letter for transmitting the strategy to the Partnership and Ecology.
2. Approve the “Issues Discussion” paper summarizing the May 2010 public comments.
3. Approve the strategy document we will deliver after today’s meeting.
4. Make assignments to continue progress toward our goal of informing the upcoming municipal stormwater NPDES permits’ monitoring requirements.
5. Decide on messages and timing for our next “Reporter” update.
6. Hear updates.
7. Enjoy a casual gathering to celebrate our progress and accomplishments.

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| I. | 9:00 | Welcome, Introductions, Review the Meeting’s Agenda and Goals | Jim Simmonds |
| II. | 9:05 | Approve a Cover Letter for Transmitting the Strategy <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ <i>At our last meeting we agreed that Jim would write a cover letter to the Partnership and Ecology, listing all SWG members’ and alternates’ names. The letter addresses how much progress we made toward meeting our goals, includes our current cost estimates and appropriate context for those numbers, touches on key remaining issues, and outlines our work ahead. It also requests that both agencies advocate for funds to support our future work.</i>▪ <i>Are there any comments from non-work group members?</i> | Jim Simmonds |
| III. | 9:45 | Approve the “Issues Discussion” Paper <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ <i>At our last meeting we agreed to edit the combined comment summary document prepared for that meeting, along with the suggestions posed by the comment compilation subgroup, to serve as an “issues discussion” paper in lieu of a response to comment summary. Karen edited the paper based on the day’s discussions and sent it back to the compilation subgroup members for further editing.</i>▪ <i>Does the paper capture the key unresolved issues? How will we use this document?</i>▪ <i>Are there any comments from non-Work Group Members?</i> | Karen Dinicola |
| | 10:30 | Break | |
| | 10:45 | Approve the Final Strategy Document | Karen Dinicola |

- *At our last meeting we agreed that Karen would edit the document according to the suggestions made by the “plain talk” reviewer to reorganize the document and make other changes to improve clarity and reduce redundancy. We also agreed to:*
 - *Include the changes to key recommendations we voted upon and to make necessary edits to the text to align with those changes.*
 - *Include the current cost estimates and proposed roles and responsibilities.*
- *The revised document was transmitted to Work Group members on June 23rd. Do the changes reflect our agreements?*
- *Are there any comments from non-Work Group Members?*

11:45 Lunch – **please remember to bring your lunch!**

12:30 Make Assignments for Subgroups to Continue Working this Summer Everyone

- *At our last meeting the work group agreed to assign at least four subgroups to:*
 1. *Recommend specifics to establish the pay-in option and allocate costs so that Ecology can realistically include the pay-in option in the next cycle of permits.*
 2. *Provide more technical detail and implementation specifics about the status and trends monitoring, including the nearshore design, overall balance of targeted vs. probabilistic sampling, and cost-sharing.*
 3. *Provide more detail and specifics about how local and regional aspects of source identification and diagnostic monitoring are envisioned to fit into the permits.*
 4. *Provide more detail and specifics about the process for selecting effectiveness studies and how this process is envisioned to fit into the permits.*
- *Each of these groups must deliver its recommendations to the Work Group before September 17th so that we can adequately discuss the proposals and approve them in October. As discussed earlier today, the strategy outlines specific next steps for these four subgroups based on the content of the issues discussion paper.*
- *Are there any comments from non-Work Group members?*

2:00 break

IV. 2:15 Decide on Messages and Timing for our Next “Reporter” Update Jim Simmonds

- *Our last “reporter” was sent out following the May 19 workshop and reminded people to submit comments on the April 30 draft document. What messages do we want to send to our audience now?*
- *Are there any comments from non-Work Group Members?*

V. 2:50 Hear Updates Jim Simmonds

- *Jim and Karen gave a briefing to the Washington Forum on Monitoring on June 16th and will brief the Leadership Council and Ecosystem Coordination Board at meetings in July.*
- *Are there any current activities or updates of which Work Group members should be aware?*

3:00 Adjourn for Casual Gathering

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND PLANNED DISCUSSION TOPICS

September 22 and 29, 2010: Review and discuss subgroup work; continue next steps for SWG

October 27, 2010: Finalize NPDES permit recommendations to send to Ecology

Directions to the USGS office at 934 Broadway, third floor, in downtown Tacoma

A map is available at <http://wa.water.usgs.gov/directions.html>

Public transportation:

- 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 and to the left to the USGS office building.

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. 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 on the left by 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).
-OR-
- Northbound or Southbound on I-5, take exit 133 City Center to I-705 and exit A Street and turn left on 11th. Access the Park Plaza North parking garage by turning right on Commerce. The parking entrance is to the right, under the pedestrian skybridge. Take the skybridge across Commerce to Broadway Plaza and walk across the park and to the left to the entrance to the building that houses the USGS office (the entrance is just before the Children's Museum).