

# Stormwater Work Group Reporter

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*Key news and information you need to stay current on the effort to create a regional stormwater monitoring and assessment strategy for Puget Sound*

## **New findings may influence proposed list of effectiveness studies**

Under a grant from the Department of Ecology, a group of contractors is working to synthesize the findings of an effectiveness study literature review that was completed just over a year ago. Next month, the Stormwater Work Group's Effectiveness and Communication Subgroups will hear the findings and begin to determine whether and how to revise the list of studies that were recommended to be conducted as part of the Regional Stormwater Monitoring Program funded by municipal stormwater permittees. The contractors will determine whether or not each of the top-ranked questions has already been answered and under what conditions. The findings will be distributed to the public via the Association of Washington Cities website before the end of June.

*More information* (<https://sites.google.com/site/pugetsoundstormwaterworkgroup/home/selection-of-effectiveness-studies>)

## **Subgroup now ranking monitoring questions for roads and highways**

A recently formed technical subgroup has been gathering ideas for a strategic approach to monitoring that helps us understand impacts of runoff from roads and highways and assess effectiveness of management approaches. The subgroup is currently ranking monitoring questions in preparation for their first meeting next month.

*More information* (<https://sites.google.com/site/pugetsoundstormwaterworkgroup/home/runoff-from-roads-and-highways>)

## **New members welcome to participate in SWG subgroups**

The Stormwater Work Group has nine active subgroups that review work done by staff, contractors, and others and provide input to the stakeholder committee on monitoring recommendations and priorities. We welcome participation by all interested parties in any of our subgroups.

*More information* (<https://sites.google.com/site/pugetsoundstormwaterworkgroup/home/swg-subgroups-and-member-lists>)

## **About the Stormwater Work Group**

The Stormwater Work Group (SWG) is part of the Puget Sound Ecosystem Monitoring Program (PSEMP). The SWG is a coalition of representatives of local, state, and federal governments, environmental and business organizations, tribes, and agriculture. The SWG formed in October 2008 to develop a Stormwater Assessment and Monitoring Program for Puget Sound (SWAMPPS) that provides a strategic, coordinated, and integrated approach to quantifying the stormwater problem in Puget Sound. SWAMPPS is intended to help us efficiently and effectively manage stormwater to reduce harm to the ecosystem. The SWG's many technical subgroups actively support SWAMPPS implementation. The Regional Stormwater Monitoring Program (RSMP) implemented through the municipal stormwater permits is part of SWAMPPS.

*More information* (<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/psmonitoring/swworkgroup.html>)

## **Prior issues available for download**

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*More information* (<https://sites.google.com/site/pugetsoundstormwaterworkgroup/swg-reporter>)