

Stormwater Work Group Reporter

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Key news and information you need to stay current on the Regional Stormwater Monitoring Program (RSMP) and the strategic approach to stormwater monitoring and assessment to reduce stormwater impacts to Puget Sound

First RSMP Annual Report released

As the RSMP Administrative Service Provider, Ecology is required to give an annual report in addition to quarterly budget and progress reports. The report for the 2015 calendar year was just published and can be downloaded [here](#). Permittees are encouraged to share this report with their Public Works Directors, Councils, and Commissions.

More information: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/municipal/rsmp/admin.html>

Puget lowland streams data analysis underway

Scientists at King County, US Geological Survey, Ecology, and Puget Sound Partnership are analyzing the data collected in 2015. A final report is expected in 2017; some findings will be communicated sooner.

More information: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/municipal/rsmp/status.html>

RSMP is a truly collaborative effort

RSMP contracts have been awarded to local, state, and federal government agencies. Private consultants are working as sub-contractors. Municipal stormwater permittees (local governments) are the primary funders, and permittees have been awarded \$4,868,105 of the permittees' \$5,288,596 RSMP funding contributed to date. State and federal agencies have contributed more than \$200K in direct funding to the \$10.5M four-year effort since the monitoring began in 2015 and more than \$500K to the RSMP before 2015; these agencies have been awarded \$2,631,316 in RSMP contracts.

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Request for effectiveness study proposals coming in May

The RSMP Coordinator is waiting for two final contract budgets and scopes of work for projects that were approved for the first round of RSMP effectiveness studies. Once those contracts are in signature routing, the budget available for a second round of studies will be known. Look for a special announcement in May requesting letters of intent for new study proposal ideas.

More information: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/municipal/rsmp/effective.html>

SWG considering recommendations for monitoring requirements in next permit cycle

The Stormwater Work Group is considering recommendations for the Special Condition S8 Monitoring and Assessment requirements in the next municipal stormwater permit cycle anticipated to begin in August 2018. The SWG has been discussing these [draft recommendations](#) since last summer and will finalize them at its next meeting in June.

More information: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/psmonitoring/mtgsummaries.html>

RSMP quarterly budget reports are available

All RSMP project deliverables are posted on the RSMP web page. Ecology gives regular budget and progress reports as part of the RSMP oversight process. The report for the last quarter of 2015 is posted with previous reports. The report for the first quarter of 2016 is expected to be released in early May.

More information: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/municipal/rsmp/admin.html>

Join our effort!

Our subgroups and caucuses continue to oversee RSMP implementation and identify lessons learned. We need more representation of tribes and local, state, federal, business, and environmental caucuses on the work group and in our subcommittees. Our meetings are open to all interested parties. Contact [Karen Dinicola](#) to be added to a list.

More information: www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/psmonitoring/swworkgroup.html

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, public ports, tribes, and agriculture. The SWG formed in 2008 to develop a strategic, coordinated and integrated approach to quantifying the stormwater problem in Puget Sound that will help us efficiently and effectively manage stormwater to reduce harm to the ecosystem. The SWG's subgroups support implementation of the RSMP and other related monitoring.

More information: www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/psmonitoring/swworkgroup.html

Prior issues available for download

This is the twenty seventh issue of the SWG Reporter. Previous issues are available for download at our website.

More information: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/psmonitoring/reporter.html>