

# Stormwater Work Group Reporter

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### **Registration for May 19 stormwater monitoring workshop now open**

Registration is now open for the Stormwater Work Group's (SWG) third public workshop to discuss its recommendations for regional stormwater monitoring for the next decade and get your feedback. The workshop will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 19 at the Renton Community Center. SWG members will be on hand to give an overview of the plan's key elements, and participants will have the opportunity to provide input. The workshop will also feature the Department of Ecology's Water Quality Program Manager, Kelly Susewind, who will discuss stormwater in the context of the agency's regulatory approach. All stakeholders and interested members of the public are strongly encouraged to attend. [Click here](#) to see an agenda for the workshop and to register. Space is limited, so please register today to reserve your spot!

**Registration** (<http://swgworkshop3.eventbrite.com/>)

**More information** (<http://sites.google.com/site/pugetsoundstormwaterworkgroup/home>)

### **Draft implementation plan, revised scientific framework out for review soon**

The Stormwater Work Group (SWG) plans to release a draft implementation plan for its *Stormwater Monitoring and Assessment Strategy for Puget Sound* for public review later this month. The implementation plan will recommend roles and responsibilities for stormwater monitoring needed to implement the monitoring strategy. Accompanying the plan will be a revised scientific framework, describing what decisions were needed and were made about priorities for data collection, what information needs to be collected and what analyses need to be conducted. The revised scientific framework incorporates changes based on comments received after the draft was released last November. Taken together, these documents comprise the *Stormwater Monitoring and Assessment Strategy for Puget Sound*, which is intended to provide a coordinated, integrated approach to quantifying the stormwater problem in Puget Sound and to help us efficiently and effectively manage stormwater to reduce harm to the ecosystem.

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### **About the Stormwater Work Group**

The Stormwater Work Group is a coalition of federal, tribal, state and local government, business, environmental, agriculture and research interests working to develop a Stormwater Monitoring and Assessment Strategy for Puget Sound at the request of the Puget Sound Partnership and Department of Ecology. The strategy is intended to provide a coordinated, integrated approach to quantifying the stormwater problem in Puget Sound and to help us efficiently and effectively manage stormwater to reduce harm to the ecosystem.

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