



Pooled Resources Oversight Committee

DRAFT AGENDA

Thursday, October 15, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

USGS 3rd floor Columbia Conference Room, 934 Broadway, Tacoma 98402

Permittee representatives:

- Ben Parrish, Chair
- Jim Simmonds
- Theresa Thurlow
- Kelly Uhacz

Permittee alternates:

- Kit Paulsen
- Bill Reilly
- Carla Vincent
- vacant

RSMP Coordinator:

- Brandi Lubliner

Other stakeholder representatives:

- Abby Barnes
- Leska Fore
- Chris Konrad, Vice Chair

Other stakeholder alternates:

- Jay Davis
- Katelyn Kinn
- Tom Putnam

SWG Staff:

- Karen Dinicola

THE COMMITTEE'S PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Committee is to provide transparency, efficiency, and accountability of the expenditure of the Pooled Fund for the Regional Stormwater Monitoring Program (RSMP). The Committee will provide feedback to Ecology through the Stormwater Work Group (SWG) regarding the schedule, scope, budget, and quality of the program's deliverables and verify that contracts are implemented.

THE MEETING'S GOALS:

1. Hear budget report – *update and discussion/decision*
 - Discuss how Ecology's overhead for RSMP should be included in program component budgets
2. Oversee RSMP Status and Trends monitoring – *update and contracting decision*
 - Small Streams Water Quality, Sediment Chemistry, and Watershed Health Monitoring:
 - WHM finishing up this week, likely will have 85 sites sampled over summer index period
 - Contracting for data analysis and reporting
 - Mussel Contaminant Monitoring – *update only*
 - 40 sites for RSMP and 30 additionally sponsored sites; [see map](#)
 - Marine Nearshore Sediment Chemistry Monitoring – *update and contracting decision*
 - Contracting: WDNR, USGS, MEL, and King County met soon after our last meeting and decided that USGS should lead this project. The group developing a budget and SOW.
 - Marine Shoreline Bacteria Analysis and Interpretation – *update in preparation for contracting decision*
 - Initial scope of work prepared for review and discussion
3. Oversee RSMP Effectiveness Studies – *update only*
 - SWG discussed streamlined process to select second round of studies (see [summary of Sept 16 meeting](#))
 - Redmond: long term project (>2018), developed power analysis tool for 3 indicators to pick frequency of sampling to be sure to detect trend in 10 years.
 - Bellingham: TAC assembled, criteria developed, and site evaluation underway.
 - Lakewood: business inspection source control TAC assembled and study underway.
 - King County-Hwy retrofits along Echo Lake: draft baseline lake conditions and ready to monitor rain events.
 - King County – bioretention retrofit at Hylebos: no status update – failed bioretention was being rebuilt.
 - Puyallup: rain garden study SOW still under development; PRO-C will review prior to contracting.
4. Oversee Source Identification Information Repository (SIDIR) – *update only*
 - Lakewood: IDDE data compilation underway; SWG SIDIR subgroup to review initial findings in November



5. Ecology performance as RSMP Administrator – *update and discussion/decision/action items*
 - At our last meeting we briefly discussed this committee’s assignment to conduct a review of Ecology’s performance as RSMP Administrator. The SWG discussed this further and re-assigned the task to discuss when, how – and by whom – to conduct their assigned review of Ecology’s performance in the role of RSMP Administrator. The review will focus on Ecology’s serving the needs and intent of the stakeholders involved in the program and lessons learned.
 - Ecology tracked some additional RSMP costs for the prior fiscal year. None of Karen’s time helping Brandi launch and manage RSMP projects has been charged to the RSMP. Part of Brandi’s work load has been project management for streams status and trends which is charged to Status and Trends (\$6,800 to date).
 - Outside of the RSMP accounts, Ecology contributed approximately \$17,000 in staff time in the 2014-15 fiscal year toward launching the RSMP. This does not include the stakeholder processes that Ecology will continue to support.
 - Brandi and Karen are both at capacity and actively managing their workloads. A further simple work load analysis is needed.
 - Should Ecology’s increased overhead costs be included in the contingency budget for this RSMP round?
 - How much additional capacity beyond Brandi’s 80% FTE is needed for the remainder of this round and future rounds?
 - What would be the value of adding more capacity to manage contracts?
6. Communication and Outreach – *update only*
 - At our last meeting we briefly discussed the need for better communication of the findings of RSMP projects. The SWG discussed this further and generally agreed that all RSMP projects should produce a synthesis for use in broad communication. The Communication Subgroup will reconvene to develop a new communication strategy and detail expectations for current and future studies.
7. Hear any concerns or suggestions related to our work
8. Review decisions, recommendations, and action items coming out of this meeting