



Pooled Resources Oversight Committee

DRAFT AGENDA

Tuesday, January 26, 2016 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 – *brief overall update*
 - Detailed discussion in subsequent agenda items:
 - Discuss how PBDE analysis costs affect overall status and trends component budget
 - Discuss how Ecology's overhead for RSMP should be included in program component budgets
 - RSMP Annual Report content and format – *discussion and decision*
2. Oversee RSMP Status and Trends monitoring – *update and discussion of overall budget status*
 - Updated budget – considerations for implementing remainder of program for this permit cycle.
 - Maps – Online ArcGIS maps of all S&T sites are being developed for downloading, static maps already available on RSMP website.
 - Small Streams Water Quality, Sediment Chemistry, and Watershed Health Monitoring:
 - Sampling completed; lab analyses are finishing up, review and uploading of data to EIM underway.
 - Contracting for data analysis and reporting: King Co and USGS SOW underway, EAP already conducting first tasks (QC review).
 - Mussel Contaminant Monitoring – *update only*
 - Mussel cages will be retrieved next month.
 - Marine Nearshore Sediment Chemistry Monitoring – *update and contracting decision*
 - USGS, MEL, WDNR, and King County proposed overall project budget. PRO-C reviewing the SOW.
 - Marine Shoreline Bacteria Analysis and Interpretation – *update only*
 - Ecology/DOH BEACH coordinator is the lead for project. Completed first task, list of contacts.
3. Oversee RSMP Effectiveness Studies – *update and contracting decisions*
 - SWG approved process to select second round of studies (see summary of November 18 meeting)
 - Current studies underway:
 - USFWS bioretention toxicity reduction study: contract extended, and final data deliverable submitted. Final report and presentation remain for this project.



- Redmond paired basin retrofit study: final QAPP approved. Flow monitoring began this Water Year.
- Bellingham bioretention hydrologic performance study: contract expanded to add monitoring tasks. Final QAPP in preparation, and once approved monitoring will begin.
- Lakewood business inspection source control study underway: final survey in preparation and will be contacting permittees soon.
- King County highway retrofits along Echo Lake: storm monitoring at bioretention planters underway. Figuring out pacing for these small, quick response BMPs. Construction going slow on north end of project, delaying detention tank monitoring.
- King County/Federal Way bioretention retrofit at Hylebos: figuring out pacing for samplers and drainage time of two large bioretention facilities – which differ from each other, QAPP delayed.
- New studies in contracting process. Liaison assignments are needed for new studies
- PRO-C actively or soon to be reviewing SOWs for:
 - Puyallup rain garden study – an effectiveness monitoring protocol development project with a social science questions. Will test out the protocol on rain gardens and bioretention using trained volunteers.
 - King Co catch basin cleaning study – SOW under development.
 - USFWS: New bioretention columns will be used to evaluate effects of plants and fungi on stormwater water treatment and toxicity.
 - Alternate soil mix, not sure if meets Ecology specifications 60/40
 - PCB samples to be collected by WSU as part of this field effort for PCB cycling study.
 - King Co PCB Cycling interruption by bioretention soils – SOW under development; will use USFWS sites and limited staff time for field sampling. King Co will coordinate lab, QC, data analysis and report writing.
- 4. Oversee Source Identification Information Repository (SIDIR) – *update only*
 - Lakewood IDDE data compilation and analysis: SWG SIDIR subgroup reviewed and approved initial findings in December. Final memo delivered and next phase of project is underway. Ecology is providing an intern to reduce costs of data entry.
- 5. SWG discussion of improvements and priorities for future RSMP implementation - *update and discussion*
 - At the SWG meeting on January 13, the stakeholders continued to discuss recommendations for Special Condition S8. Monitoring and Assessment in the next municipal stormwater permit cycle.
 - The focus of these discussions is to improve future RSMP implementation. The SWG will continue to discuss this at the March 16 meeting and vote on a final set of recommendations at the June 1 meeting.
 - One recommendation on the table is to increase the RSMP administration funding in the next permit cycle.
 - What amount should be included to ensure the RSMP budget covers Ecology's actual RSMP administration costs?
 - What would be the value of adding more capacity to manage contracts?
- 6. Ecology performance as RSMP Administrator – *discussion/decision/action items*
 - At our last meeting we agreed on an approach for this committee's assignment to review Ecology's performance as RSMP Administrator. Karen and Brandi were tasked with compiling a draft report card for the PRO-C to use as the basis of their review. The report card focuses on Ecology's performance per the PRO-C charter in serving the needs and intent of the stakeholders involved in the program and also in implementation of lessons learned.
 - The report card is intended as an attachment to a letter to the SWG and permittees from the PRO-C describing Ecology's performance in the role as RSMP administrator.
 - What are next steps for completing this assignment over the next several months?
- 7. Hear any concerns or suggestions related to our work
- 8. Review decisions, recommendations, and action items coming out of this meeting