



Pooled Resources Oversight Committee

DRAFT AGENDA

Wednesday, October 29, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

USGS, 934 Broadway, Tacoma 98402

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Permittee representatives:

- Will Appleton, Chair
- Ben Parrish
- Jim Simmonds
- Kelly Uhacz

Other stakeholder representatives:

- Chris Konrad, Vice Chair
- Tom Putnam
- Bruce Wulkan

Permittee alternates:

- Heather Kibbey
- Kit Paulsen
- Bill Reilly
- Carla Vincent

Other stakeholder alternates:

- Abby Barnes
- Jay Davis
- Katelyn Kinn

RSMP Coordinator:

- Brandi Lubliner

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. Budget report:
 - Discuss draft quarterly report for July-September
 - Review most recent monthly reports
2. Oversight of RSMP Status and Trends monitoring
 - Review plans for implementation of RSMP Small Streams Status and Trends Monitoring
3. Oversight of RSMP Effectiveness Studies
 - Hear updates on contracting for effectiveness studies
4. Oversight of Source Identification Information Repository (SIDIR)
5. Hear any concerns or suggestions related to our work
6. Review decisions, recommendations, and action items coming out of this meeting

10:00 Welcome, introductions, and review of the meeting's agenda and goals

10:05 Quarterly budget and progress report

- *At our last meetings we agreed to a format for the quarterly budget and progress reports from Ecology. The latest issue of the SWG Reporter announced the public availability of the first quarterly report. A draft of the second quarterly report was sent as an attachment to the email with this agenda.*
- *What feedback do Committee members have regarding the second quarterly report?*



10:25 Oversight of Status and Trends Monitoring

- *The following organizations will be conducting the streams monitoring: USGS, King County, Skagit County, San Juan Island Conservation District, Manchester Environmental Laboratory, and additional labs whose work will be limited to bacteria analyses. Thurston County decided not to conduct the RSMP monitoring. USGS will do those sites.*
- *All of the project partners have visited their sites to see if the reaches went dry over the summer and to consider what additional plans might be needed for estimating high flows during winter sampling events. The final numbers of sites are 60 monthly water quality monitoring sites and 95 stream benthos, habitat, and sediment sites (48 inside and 47 outside UGA boundaries). This includes all of the sites that USGS evaluated for us this past spring. To get more sites we would need a new site evaluation and confirmation effort.*
- *Scopes of work based on decisions made by the SWG and this Committee over the past several months have been finalized with these parties.*
- *Based on further technical discussions, the implementation team agreed to add relative stage measurements to the monthly monitoring protocols. This is a strategic approach to gathering more information about flows.*
- *The Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) has been reviewed by key implementation team members and used in their budgeting. It will be posted soon at <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/psmonitoring/smallstreamsSubgrp.html>*
- *The contracting process for the streams monitoring will continue over the weeks ahead. RSMP Coordinator Brandi Lubliner has updated the budget for this activity. Costs have increased but remain within the agreed-upon buffer. We also just learned that we will have another \$75,744 coming in from Bellingham over the next 4 years.*
- *Recommendations to the SWG from the PSEMP Freshwater Work Group for analyzing the streams data are under development. We need a process for identifying the best team of individuals from multiple organizations to write the QAPP addendum and do the analyses.*
- *We should establish a formal process for peer review and approval of QAPPs and reports produced under the RSMP. How can we accommodate different projects' and products' needs for different review processes?*
- *What other feedback do Committee members have regarding implementation of RSMP status and trends monitoring?*

11:00 Oversight of RSMP Effectiveness Studies

- *The RSMP Coordinator and project proponents have now finalized scopes of work for all four of the effectiveness studies scheduled to begin in this initial round. Agreements are in signature with WDFW and Redmond; King County agreements will be routed soon. The budgeted costs for the King County studies increased since the Committee's previous discussion of those projects.*
- *The contracting process for the other six SWG-approved effectiveness studies will begin after stream sampling is underway in 2015.*
- *What feedback do Committee members have regarding implementation of RSMP effectiveness studies?*

11:15 Oversight of Source Identification Information Repository (SIDIR)

- *No updates to share today.*

11:20 Concerns or suggestions

- *Are there any other issues or relevant information that Committee members would like to share?*
- *Are there any other issues or relevant information that others present would like to share?*

11:25 Recap of today's meeting and hear other updates

- *Summarize decisions, action items, and next steps from today's meeting*
- *Are there other activities, decisions, or upcoming events of which work group members should be aware?*

11:30 Adjourn



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