



Pooled Resources Oversight Committee

DRAFT SUMMARY OF PRO-C DISCUSSIONS, DECISIONS, AND ASSIGNMENTS

Tuesday, April 21, 2015 from 10:10 a.m. to 11:40 a.m.

USGS, 934 Broadway, Tacoma 98402

IN ATTENDANCE:

Permittee representatives:

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

Permittee alternates:

Heather Kibbey
 Kit Paulsen
 Bill Reilly
 Carla Vincent

Also in attendance:

Cami Apfelbeck, City of Bainbridge Island and SWG Chair
Sarah Brooke Benjamin, City of Bellingham

RSMP Coordinator:

Brandi Lubliner

Other stakeholder representatives:

Chris Konrad, PRO-C Vice Chair
 Tom Putnam
 Leska Fore (to be confirmed at 6/3 SWG meeting)

Other stakeholder alternates:

Abby Barnes, SWG Vice Chair
 Jay Davis
 Katelyn Kinn

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.

SELECTION OF PRO-C CHAIR

Ben Parrish of Covington was nominated, accepted the nomination, and was approved by consensus of the members.

DISCUSSION OF BUDGET REPORT:

The PRO-C reviewed the draft quarterly report for January-March 2015 in detail, covering most of the subsequent agenda items. **Brandi** will make a correction to the table (encumbrances for effectiveness studies) and another minor edit, and deliver the report to our new chair and post it on the web.

PROCESS FOR REVIEWING CONTRACT SCOPES OF WORK:

Between the last two meetings, PRO-C members reviewed and commented on scopes of work for modifying two streams status and trends contracts and two more for starting the mussel work and the Lakewood effectiveness study and IDDE data compilation task (for SIDIR). The process worked, but the dialogue is also valuable. Need to balance timing needs with importance of good process. As she did for the past email reviews, Brandi will summarize the input received. If there are substantive comments or concerns the PRO-C would need to meet or perhaps hold a conference call to discuss.

OVERSIGHT OF RSMP STATUS AND TRENDS MONITORING

Small Streams Monitoring:

In addition to the contract amendments, the PRO-C heard updates on the effort to find more sites to get 100 for the summer sampling, the training coming in a month, and saw the draft version of new web page with interactive maps of RSMP sites and posting of deliverables. The PRO-C likes the new web pages and Brandi expects them to be live in a week or so.



<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/psmonitoring/swworkgroup.html>; <https://sites.google.com/site/pugetsoundstormwaterworkgroup/home>

The PRO-C also discussed the drainage area delineation work needed for the stream sites. The problem isn't so much that better resolution is needed, but more likely, that MS4 maps from local jurisdictions are needed for basins where drainage is controlled by the piped system rather than following topography. This work will be needed to support interpretation of the data. A separate **discussion with the SWG** is needed to determine whether the RSMP should fund delineation of basins for sites sampled by other programs to support the comparison of those programs with the RSMP. We should first ask those programs to provide us with the GIS coverages of the drainage basins. **Brandi and Karen** will find out what information Ecology has readily available from the permittees before asking.

The Streams QAPP addendum is almost ready to go back to the subcommittee for review and discussion of roles and responsibilities, and a timeline and sequencing for the analysis and reporting. An analysis project manager is needed to lead this stage of the work; Brandi is serving as the project manager for the data collection. Recommendations of the smaller committee will be brought to the Freshwater Workgroup in advance of the next SWG meeting on June 3. It is unlikely that the contracting will be done for work to begin this fall on new GIS coverages. Data analysis needs to be sequenced. The stream benthos data are unlikely to be available until summer 2016. **Leska, Chris, Jim, Brandi, Karen, and Cami** will coordinate these discussions.

Mussel Monitoring:

WDFW's scope of work was reviewed by PRO-C and contracting is underway. The final QAPP is due in May. PSP is supporting pooled funding for the mussel monitoring, potentially including outer coast sites. WDFW is serving the roles of project manager for data collection, analysis, and interpretation for this project.

Nearshore Sediment Monitoring:

USGS, WDNR, and King County have expressed interest in contributing to this work. **Chris, Abby, and Jim** will discuss roles and responsibilities and come back to the PRO-C with a recommendation for implementing this project, including the project manager role. The site list and a draft QAPP are posted on the RSMP webpage, and WDFW has begun reviewing the site list for the mussel monitoring, including disqualification of sites in marinas (these sites are believed to represent the in-water uses rather than impacts of surface runoff from land areas).

OVERSEE RSMP EFFECTIVENESS STUDIES

All approved deliverables are posted to website.

King County Echo Lake retrofit study has a reduced budget, the QAPP is due in May.

King County Hylebos retrofit study in Federal Way has been impacted by failure and reconstruction of one of the BMPs; the timeline is narrowed to next year and may further reduce monitoring if the BMP continues to fail.

Redmond paired watersheds study is on track.

USFWS bioretention toxicity reduction study is on track and results will be presented at the June 3 SWG meeting.

Bellingham: bioretention hydrology scope of work is in development; PRO-C will review. **Bill and Brandi/Karen** need to come to agreement and understanding of whether both phases of the project will be included in the initial IAA and what are the implications and shortcomings either way. Need to set up the technical advisory committee (TAC) and identify a liaison.

Lakewood: City council reviewed the agreement for the business inspection source control study last night. They are in the process of setting up the TAC and identifying a liaison.

Timeline for the remaining four studies: **Brandi/Karen** need to connect with the other project proponents and ensure the scopes of work are being developed. It is likely that these studies will not get underway until this fall.

OVERSEE SOURCE IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION REPOSITORY (SIDIR)

The Lakewood agreement has a dedicated task (#7) for IDDE data compilation. The TAC liaison for the business inspection source control effectiveness study will also serve as the liaison for this work.

OTHER CONCERNS OR SUGGESTIONS RELATED TO OUR WORK

Jim requested that the detailed budget tables used to determine the cost per deliverable not be included in final agreements. This seems reasonable and is the case in other contracts. **Brandi** will confirm with contracts folks at Ecology.