



# Pooled Resources Oversight Committee

## DRAFT SUMMARY

Tuesday, September 9, 2014 from 9:54 a.m. to 11:48 p.m.  
USGS office in Tacoma

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

Others in attendance: Andy Rheume

### THE COMMITTEE'S PURPOSE AND ROLE:

The purpose of the Pooled Resources Oversight Committee (PRO-Committee) is to provide transparency, efficiency, and accountability of the expenditure of the Pooled Funds for the Regional Stormwater Monitoring Program (RSMP). The Committee will receive status updates and budget reports from Ecology. 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 AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Budget report: Discuss draft quarterly report and provide feedback for annual reports
2. Oversight of RSMP Status and Trends Monitoring: review plans for implementation of small streams status and trends monitoring
3. Oversight of RSMP Effectiveness Studies: review proposed scope of work and budget for stage one of paired urban watershed retrofit study and Hear update on contracting for other effectiveness studies
4. Oversight of Source Identification Information Repository (SIDIR): no update today
5. Hear any concerns or suggestions related to our work
6. Review decisions, recommendations, and action items coming out of this meeting

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### Budget Report: quarterly and annual reporting to this Committee and other audiences

- The PRO-Committee reviewed the first draft quarterly report from Ecology via email and provided more input today. The table of revenues and expenditures will be revised to be more easily understood and also to include Ecology's expenditures of the 5% allocated overhead. Totals for RSMP will also be added. Karen will distribute the revised draft to the PRO-Committee for another round of review.
- The quarterly reports should have Ecology's logo, not the SWG logo. The fourth quarter reports should include a section reporting service provider expenditures by Ecology in addition to the 5%. The annual reports should be the SWG's. The annual reports will be compiled from the quarterly reports and the PRO-Committee will identify



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

which highlights to include in the annual reports. The audience for the annual reports is broad: public works staff and directors, elected officials, the Puget Sound Partnership, and the PSEMP Steering Committee – but not the general public.

### Oversight of Status and Trends Monitoring

- A scope of work (SOW) based on decisions made by the SWG and PRO-Committee over the past several months has been written and distributed to the parties who will be conducting the RSMP streams monitoring: USGS, King County, Thurston County, Skagit County. Manchester Environmental Laboratory (MEL) and King County will conduct most of the lab work. Brandi is hosting regular “RSMP Stream Monitoring Team” conference calls with these folks. The first call confirmed roles and responsibilities and brought up issues for further discussion. Opt-out monitoring folks will be included in future coordination calls to jointly address technical issues.
- Project partners are preparing cost estimates for Brandi’s use in finalizing contracts. The contracting process for the streams monitoring will continue over the weeks ahead.
- All of the RSMP project partners are visiting “maybe” sites this month to see if the reaches have gone dry (since site visits were in April-May) and/or to consider what additional plans might be needed for estimating high flows during winter sampling events. Any disqualified RSMP sites will likely be replaced by sites in other jurisdictions.
- We’ll do a limited inter-lab comparison between MEL and King County. No budget has been set for this yet; Brandi will share it with the PRO-Committee before including it in final contracts for next year’s monitoring.
- No updates/discussions on sediment, bacteria, or mussels monitoring.

### Oversight of RSMP Effectiveness Studies

- The contracting process for the three effectiveness studies is underway. USFWS is poised to go out, the new King Co/Echo Lake study SOW (containing the information needed for the new state contracting approach) was just received this morning, and Brandi is awaiting the revised King Co/Federal Way SOW.
- At our last meeting the Committee agreed that the fourth (Redmond) study should be staged as a two-phase project. Andy Rheume presented his proposed first-phase \$96,760 project. The SOW deliverables include an experimental design to answer the question, “How do you decide if a stream is healthier?” PRO-Committee members expressed interest in and appreciation for this first-phase goal of defining the goals and approach in a way that is transferable to other projects. It would be good to have more biologists on the Steering Committee. The PRO-Committee endorsed Ecology moving forward to fund this effectiveness study project. Brandi and Andy will work together to finalize the contract in the coming weeks.

### Oversight of Source Identification Information Repository (SIDIR)

- No updates.

### Recap and action items

- Karen will work on requested edits to the quarterly report and distribute to PRO-Committee via email. This draft will be shared with the SWG at their meeting next week.
- Brandi will continue to work on contracts for stream monitoring and four effectiveness studies. A proposed budget for the stream monitoring inter-lab comparison will be circulated to the PRO-Committee. Any unanticipated budget issues will be brought to the PRO-Committee.
- Chris will give the PRO-Committee briefing at the SWG meeting next week. Highlights will include the quarterly report, the decision to split the urban retrofit study into two phases, and overall stream monitoring implementation.
- Karen will send out a doodle poll to schedule the next PRO-Committee meeting in late October or early November between the next two SWG meetings. A second quarterly report will be presented at that PRO-Committee meeting.