

Stormwater Work Group Reporter

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Key news and information you need to stay current on Stormwater Action Monitoring (SAM), the regional stormwater monitoring program, and the strategic approach to monitoring and assessment to reduce stormwater impacts to Puget Sound

Effectiveness studies workshop scheduled for April 11

Save the date! Permittees should plan to attend a workshop on Tuesday, April 11 from 8:30am-12:30pm at the Renton Community Center. The purpose of the workshop is to learn about the ten proposals submitted for consideration for a second round of permittee-funded effectiveness studies. Following the workshop, permittees will vote to rank the projects. The Stormwater Work Group (SWG) will use the ranking in June to help decide which projects to fund.

More information: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/municipal/rsmp/effective.html>

Permittees: we need your catch basin inspection and cleaning data

The study that was ranked #1 by permittees in 2014 needs your data now to produce good results. Don't worry about tidying up your data, please just send it in! The study's purpose is to inform how permittees can most effectively run their catch basin cleaning and inspection programs. Recommendations are anticipated to improve the permit requirement about this important operation and maintenance approach. Contact [Jenee Colton](#) if you have questions.

More information: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/municipal/rsmp/effective.html>

RSMP is getting a new name

The regional stormwater monitoring program funded by municipal stormwater permittees will be called Stormwater Action Monitoring (SAM) in the future. This name change will be rolled out in the months ahead as part of a communication strategy to make sure stormwater managers know what SAM projects are underway, when findings are expected, and what they should be doing with the findings.

More information: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/municipal/rsmp/admin.html>

New SWG chair and vice chair to be selected in March

The SWG chair and vice chair serve a two-year term that begins in March of odd calendar years. At our last meeting we accepted nominations for chair and vice chair for the coming two years. Dana de Leon of the City of Tacoma and Kevin Burrell of Seattle Public Utilities were nominated for chair; Abby Barnes of Washington Department of Natural Resources was nominated for vice chair. The new chair will be selected at the beginning of the March 15 meeting.

More information: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/psmonitoring/swworkgroup.html>

SWG work plan updated

The SWG has a 2-year work plan that is updated each winter. The work plan for 2017-2018 includes developing a communication strategy; completing first-round stream, sediment, and mussel data analyses; planning future trends monitoring; selecting effectiveness studies; recommending source identification projects; planning to implement an agricultural runoff monitoring strategy; and reviewing our scientific framework.

More information: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/psmonitoring/swgworkplans.html>

RSMP/SAM deliverables and quarterly budget reports are available online

All RSMP/SAM project deliverables are posted on the project web pages. Ecology gives regular budget and progress reports as part of the oversight process. The reports are posted on the RSMP/SAM administration web page.

More information: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/municipal/rsmp/rsmp.html>

About the Stormwater Work Group – Join our Effort!

The Stormwater Work Group (SWG) of the Puget Sound Ecosystem Monitoring Program (PSEMP) is a coalition of representatives of local, state, and federal governments, environmental and business organizations, public ports, tribes, and agriculture formed in 2008 to develop a strategic, coordinated and integrated approach to understanding the stormwater problem in Puget Sound. Our work supports RSMP/SAM implementation and other stormwater related monitoring. We welcome more participation on the work group and in our subcommittees and caucuses. Our meetings are open to all interested parties. Contact [Karen Dinicola](#) to be added to a list.

More information: www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/psmonitoring/swworkgroup.html

Prior issues available for download

This is the thirty-first issue of the SWG Reporter. Previous issues are available for download at our website.

More information: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/psmonitoring/reporter.html>