

Municipal Bulletin Oct. 13, 2021 Municipal Permittee Bulletin: Inquiries, Resources and News

Good morning Municipal Stormwater Permittees, by Laurie Larson

This bi-weekly Municipal Stormwater Bulletin contains information to be shared, including a request for information from permittees, updates on workshops/trainings, and news. There is a lot of useful information and attachments please share with others who could use the information.

NEWS

Western Washington 2024 Permit Reissuance Ad Hoc Process:

The Oct. 12 Plenary meeting identified discussion Topics and Topic Group Co-Leads. The Topic groups and Topic Co-lead contacts will be posted to the Ad Hoc website by Friday Oct. 15 at 1:00PM.

<https://www.wastormwatercenter.org/permit-assistance/municipal/2024-western-washington-ad-hoc-process/>. If you are interested in participating in a topic group, please contact the topic co-leads directly. Ad hoc process overview/timeline is attached.

King County: Building Relationships: Tribal Treaty Rights & Local and State Government October 27, 2021 11:00am – 2:00pm. Speakers:

- Warren King George, Historian for the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe Preservation Department
- Joe Hovenkotter, Tribal Liaison for King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks

Register at: https://kingcounty.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_WQ2G_nIjSsCfB8erkPeQSQ ASL and interpreter services are available by request. I welcome other questions at jbrosnan@kingcounty.gov

Adopt A Drain WA is LIVE!!!

Seven Puget Sound cities (Seattle, Duvall, Maple Valley, Newcastle, Redmond, Sammamish, and Tacoma) have joined together to bring this community-based program, developed by Hamline University in MN, to Washington. Community members are invited to “adopt” their local storm drains and help keep the grate clear of leaves and other debris.

The Adopt-A-Drain (AAD) working group is part of the Stormwater Outreach for Municipalities (STORM) and Puget Sound Starts Here. The national AAD program offers a website and outreach tools that our region has modified to reflect our shared needs. Participating jurisdictions pay a nominal fee and provide drain GIS information to join the program. Please join us and broaden AAD’s reach! www.adopt-a-drain.org/wa Contact Anne Dettelbach adettelbach@redmond.gov for more information.

Eastern Washington 2024 Permit Ad Hoc Topic Groups were identified along with the group leads at the September 20 meeting.

Topic Groups will meet on their own schedules following the September 20th meeting.

To view the topic groups and participate visit the website:

<https://www.wastormwatercenter.org/permit-assistance/municipal/phase-ii-e-wa-resources/>

WSU/WSC Water currents Newsletter stormwater news events informs water work being done in Puget sound area. <https://extension.wsu.edu/water/water-currents-newsletter/subscribe/>

NEWS LEGISLATIVE UPDATE no updates in this bulletin

PEER TO PEER PERMITTEE REQUEST FOR INFORMATION If you have any information to share for the permittee's requests below, please reach out!

Jurisdiction is interested in SOP's on cleaning and maintenance of spills (i.e., motor oil) on permeable pavement. If you have any information to share please contact laurie.larson-pugh@wsu.edu

WSU Metropolitan Center for Applied Research & Extension is part of a national team responding to a NOAA NOFO <https://cpo.noaa.gov/Portals/0/Grants/2022/CEE-FY22-Info-Sheet.pdf> to train 'planners' to use NOAA's toolkit to help communities (city, county, regional, state governments) develop climate smart plans.

We are looking for potential collaborators, especially those who are asking questions like, "what are the reasons and processes that enable communities to adopt climate friendly plans and actions?" We are interested in research and outreach in this area whether or not it is referred to as climate change friendly. For the purposes of this idea, we are thinking of community broadly (i.e., does not have to be strictly governmental entities).

If you work in this area, and are interested in this NOFO, please email Brad Gaolach <mailto:gaolach@wsu.edu> directly.

REGIONAL PERMIT COORDINATOR MEETINGS: For information on Regional Stormwater Coordinator Groups visit: <https://www.wastormwatercenter.org/permit-assistance/municipal/877-2/>

Central NPDES Permit Coordinators Forum

Oct. 21, 2021, 1-3:30pm

ROAD Map (Regional Operations and Maintenance Program)

October 14, 2021, 1:00-3:30pm

South Sound Phase II Coordinator's Group

Oct. 21, 2021, 9:00-11:00am

Business Inspection Group (BIG)

Oct. 19, 2021, 1:30-3:30pm

STORM Annual Symposium- November 3rd and November 4th

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the STORM Annual Symposium, happening virtually over two half-days on November 3rd and 4th. Calendar Invites attached. We have built in some time on November 3rd for networking in small breakout rooms. The discussion topic for the breakout rooms will be Feedback on the NPDES Education and Outreach Requirements for Permit Reissuance.

Please take a moment to review the E&O Permit sections prior to the Symposium and come with your thoughts on what's been working and changes you'd like to see in the next permit. See the next section for more information about permit reissuance

RESOURCES:

The 2020 Snohomish County Low Impact Development Implementation Report is posted at https://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/84619/LID_ImplementationReport2020_Final The report includes information about constructed stormwater LID systems constructed or

permitted by Snohomish County in 2020. If you have any questions please contact Laura Frolich laura.frolich@co.snohomish.wa.us or Arthur Lee arthur.lee@co.snohomish.wa.us

EPA Improving Watershed Health through Agricultural-Municipal Partnerships

EPA hosted a webinar on July 15, 2021 to discuss three different agricultural-municipal partnerships. Watersheds can benefit when municipal water treatment plants invest in conservation practices on nearby farms. These agricultural-municipal partnerships reflect a commitment to integrated planning across the complete water cycle with a strong emphasis on a highly collaborative and inclusive approach to watershed health improvement. For more information on the webinar recording and presentations: <https://www.epa.gov/waterfinancecenter/water-finance-webinars-and-forums#webinars>

Stormwater University, the online continuing education portal from StormWater and StormCon, presents world-class courses delivering high-quality, cutting-edge information from top experts in their fields. https://stormwateruniv.com/available-courses/?utm_source=Forester+U+Stormwater&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=CPS210930029&o_eid=3882C2351667D0X&rdx.ident%5Bpull%5D=omeda%7C3882C2351667D0X&oly_enc_id=3882C2351667D0X

Water Research Center Article: Migrating Salmon Need More Oxygen

<https://wrc.wsu.edu/project/seed-grant-update-migrating-salmon-need-more-oxygen/>

NOAA has a series of Webinars focused on changes in precipitation and planning for and operating local infrastructure. All the Webinars will be recorded and available on a NOAA Web site. You have to register, but it is free. If you register, you will be on an E-mail list to get information about the Webinar recordings.

Session 1: Focus on Science (recorded)

Session 2: From Science to Application: Climate Science, Hydrology, and Planning (recorded)

Session 3: From Climate Vulnerability to Adaptation - Climate Informed Water Planning (recorded)

Session 4: What's on the Horizon for Water Infrastructure Managers? - October 5, 1:30 - 3:00 ET

Session 5: Peer Examples: Evaluating Changing Precipitation Trends for Managing Water Infrastructure - October 12, 1:30 - 3:30

Registration <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/8173907296455236368>

WSU Shore Stewards website <https://shorestewards.cw.wsu.edu/>

Encouraging Voluntary Land Protection and Restoration: Tools to Support County-Level Practitioners

<https://pspwa.app.box.com/s/254hxcq1k4lsx9mlsva7d3t1ueccdyd>

The final report of the Ecology-funded Structural Stormwater Controls (SSC, or loosely, stormwater retrofits) science review and synthesis project was completed in June. Ecology plans to convene policy discussions this fall to gather broader recommendations to inform permit conditions for future municipal stormwater permits. Contact Aimee Navickis-Brasch aimeen@osbornconsulting.com with questions about the report or Emma Trehwitt etre461@ecy.wa.gov for information about the policy discussions. More information: <https://www.wastormwatercenter.org/permit-assistance/municipal/smap/>

Financial Assistance Workshops for State Fiscal Year 2023 Water Quality Combined Funding Program

<https://ecology.wa.gov/About-us/How-we-operate/Grants-loans/Find-a-grant-or-loan/Water-Quality-Combined-Funding-Program>

MRSC Tackles Big Challenges Through Its Local Climate Response Project

MRSC is launching the Local Climate Response Project to equip Washington local governments with the tools and resources needed to protect the health and economic vitality of our communities. The Association of Washington Cities (AWC) has recently produced a Climate Resilience Handbook that provides a succinct overview of the climate impacts and risks to Washington cities and examples of best practices, including links to local city and county climate action plans. We will also work closely with Commerce, which is the state agency tasked with providing climate-related resources across the state. Handbook: <https://cfqc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/ClimateHandbook.pdf> Read the article at: <https://mrsc.org/Home/Stay-Informed/MRSC-Insight/July-2021/MRSC-Launches-Local-Climate-Response-Project.aspx>

WORKSHOP/TRAINING/CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITIES: *These dates are subject to change depending upon COVID-19 containment measures.

The Puget Sound Partnership in conjunction with its partners, is hosting 12 workshops between November 2nd - December 8th, 2021. The workshops are designed to elicit ideas about actions associated with strategies important in the stormwater world: Toxics, integrated land use, salmon, retrofits and restoration as well as working lands. Related Puget Sound topics in the marine environment will also be explored. Read more about the process: <https://psp.wa.gov/identifying-actions.php> Register: <https://survey.zohopublic.com/zs/9zCsRU> Contact: Heidi Siegelbaum at Heidi.Siegelbaum@wsu.edu

Workshops of particular note:

Smart Growth/Legacy Contamination: 12:30-3:30 pm/ November 2, and November 30th

Working Lands: 9-12 noon: November 3rd and December 1st

Freshwater Habitat Protection and Restoration: 9am-12 noon: November 5th and December 3rd

Water Quality (Toxics, wastewater): 9am- 12 noon: November 9th and December 7th

CESCL: Certified Erosion and Sediment Control Lead Training by CWT

For more information email Jen at JenL@CleanWaterATS.com or call 509-947-6583

Oct. 20 – Recert Only November 8&9 – Full Certification

WEFTEC 2021 Technical Exhibition & Conference Chicago, Illinois | McCormick Place Oct. 16-18, 2021

https://www.weftec.org/?mkt_tok=MTUwLUFGUy05OTkAAAF_akZWatvH5miU_Dp8hxoIRSoK7oi5eXyG7RU91vbxehhZXbbBzI_hIOTI-hHbCuMV4hHtlbZy_sj2EK3OYGpcsMeGVSjIYBf6FU3SH3

2021 Virtual P2 Roundtable Region 9/10 Pollution Prevention Regional Oct. 20, 21, 27, 28 10:00-2:30.

<https://pprc.org/2021/projects-2/projects/2021-virtual-p2-roundtable-call-for-presentations/>

Center for Watershed Protection's 2021 Sustainable Watersheds and Agriculture Symposium October 26 – 27, 2021.

The Symposium provides an opportunity for watershed and resource conservation professionals to discuss and learn about the role agriculture can play in improving watershed health and water quality. The symposium will gather together watershed managers, agricultural practice specialists

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and researchers from around the country. Please contact Karen Titus at kmt@cwpa.org with questions. Registration <https://www.cwpa.org/2021-agriculture-registration/>

Creating a Diverse Workforce: Inclusive Hiring Practices for Local Governments Oct. 28, 2021 10-11am
Fee \$35.00 Registration closes Oct. 27 at 5pm.

Diverse and inclusive workplaces benefit from a bigger talent pool, increased employee engagement and trust, improved performance and decision-making, and greater innovation. But inclusive hiring takes much more than simply avoiding discrimination (though that is important too). It requires dedicated initiatives to remove barriers to underrepresented groups and to help overcome unconscious bias in the workplace. More information: <https://mrsc.org/Home/Training/Upcoming-Webinars/Creating-a-Diverse-Workforce.aspx>

Iowa's IStorm 2021 Annual Conference and Exhibition. The virtual conference will be held on Wednesday, October 27 through Friday, October 29 from 9AM-Noon each morning. Hosted by the Iowa Stormwater Education Partnership. See: <https://iowastormwater.org/event/istorm-2021-annual-conference-exhibition-day-1/>

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Developing a Local Climate Action Strategy: Approaches for Washington Local Governments

November 15, 12 PM - 1:30 PM Free webinar. This webinar will take a closer look at potential tools and approaches for local climate action in Washington, providing experiences and insights from the regional Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan process. It is the first of three webinars in our Local Climate Response Project. Register at: <https://mrsc.org/Home/Training/Upcoming-Webinars/Developing-a-Local-Climate-Action-Strategy.aspx>

JOB OPPORTUNITIES: please share with anyone who may be interested in listed below:

The City of Kent is currently accepting applications for the position of Senior Ecologist in our Public Works Department. Are you a dedicated professional who is passionate about the environment, particularly efforts to enhance environmental quality? Are you familiar with city codes and state, tribal, and federal regulations regarding natural resources management, critical areas requirements, and restoration/mitigation site construction standards? If you are a highly motivated and detail-oriented individual who can identify potential environmental problem areas and provide recommendations for solutions, this position may be perfect for you!

https://wd1.myworkdaysite.com/recruiting/cityofkent/External/job/Centennial-Center/Senior-Ecologist_R215

City of Marysville has two open positions in the Storm/Sewer group:

- **Surface Water Inspector**
<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/marysvillewa/jobs/3260024/surface-water-inspector>
- **Storm Sewer Technician II**
<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/marysvillewa/jobs/3260030/storm-sewer-technician-ii>

The Olympia Public Works Department, Water Resources division, seeks a qualified individual to fill the position of Stormwater Engineer II. This position will lead multiple complex and sensitive projects as part

of a work group providing integrated planning, engineering, and program development services for City water-related utilities. The Stormwater Engineer's work will focus on storm and surface water. Key responsibilities will include engineering analysis, project feasibility and scoping, policy implementation, field crew technical support, site development review and capital program management. To Apply: The job announcement is attached and can be found on the City's website:

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/olympiawa>

To evaluate all candidates fairly, the City will make all applications anonymous when we are screening the applicants. We will redact information from your application such as your name, address and other demographics. In order to help us with this, please complete the online application form as fully as possible. We do not accept resumes and cover letters. If you have any questions, please contact Human Resources at 360.753.8305.

- All application materials must be received by 5:00 p.m. October 25, 2021 in order to be considered for the first round of interviews.
- Only Electronic Applications are accepted.

CONTACT: If you have questions about this position and/or requirements, please feel free contact me at (360) 753-8321 or sclark@ci.olympia.wa.us

City of Mill Creek Surface Water Coordinator The Surface Water Program Coordinator will join the engineering services team within the Department of Public Works. For more information:

https://workforcenow.adp.com/mascsr/default/mdf/recruitment/recruitment.html?cid=21af4cef-ad68-43a5-8798-5038bfb9e371&ccId=19000101_000001&type=MP&lang=en_US

Department of Ecology Water Quality Program is looking for a Hydrogeologist to join our Watershed Management Section. This position is located in our Headquarters Office in Lacey, WA.

In this position, you will serve as the senior groundwater hydrologist for the Watershed Management Section in the Water Quality Program. Your key responsibility will be to lead the Underground Injection Control (UIC) program by implementing Washington's current UIC rules and revising these rules as needed. You will be part of protecting the State's groundwater and drinking water resources by reviewing UIC well registrations, including review of hydrological analyses and reports to ensure projects meet our protective rule requirements. You will also assist colleagues, the public, and other agencies to understand the State's groundwater standards for environmental compliance and research needs. please enter the following URL to your search engine to apply: <https://ecology.wa.gov/About-us/Get-to-know-us/Jobs-at-Ecology>.

Cleaning spills on permeable pavement



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