

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/training, and news. There is a lot of useful information and attachments. Please share with others who could use the information.

NEWS

MuniCon 2023 Day 2 Agenda Available!

Day 2 features Four Tracks with 42 presentations and three panel discussions.

The Day 1 workshops are in the final stages of planning look for updates at:

<https://www.wastormwatercenter.org/permit-assistance/municipal/municon2023/>

Requests for Proposals Open! SAM Round 4 Project Solicitation

the 2023 SAM Request for Proposals to hear your new ideas for SAM funded studies. This is the fourth round of solicitation for SAM funded studies since the program's inception in 2014. We seek projects that will measure and improve our regional collective knowledge to manage stormwater.

Submit the Letter of Interest (your proposal idea) using a Google fillable form, also on the website, by **February 28, 2023**. SAM RFP 2023 Guidelines information at:

https://www.ezview.wa.gov/Portals/_1962/Documents/SAM/2023SAM_Round4_RFP_Guidelines.pdf?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery Contact: Brandi Lubliner, SAM Coordinator
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NEWS STATE, NATIONAL & LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

On February 1, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced its updated Clean Water Act Financial Capability Assessment (FCA) Guidance to help communities ensure public health protections and financial feasibility as they make plans to comply with the Clean Water Act (CWA).

- Updated FCA Guidance <https://www.epa.gov/waterfinancecenter/clean-water-act-financial-capability-assessment-guidance>
- News Release about the Updated FCA Guidance <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-announces-financial-capability-guidance-support-communities-and-ensure-clean>
- Water Infrastructure and Resiliency Finance Center <https://www.epa.gov/waterfinancecenter>

NMSA Seeks Your Support for the WEF MS4 Needs Assessment Survey - The Water

Environment Federation (WEF) Stormwater Institute has launched its third iteration of the National Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Needs Assessment Survey

(<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WEFMS4Survey>) and is collecting responses. The primary objectives and impacts of these surveys include:

- to better understand MS4 program challenges,

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- to identify the information and resource needs of MS4 permittees, and
- to approximate current funding levels and estimated funding needs in the MS4 sector.

The survey will close on February 17, 2023. If you are interested in reviewing the questions ahead of time so you can prepare, <https://wefstormwaterinstitute.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/2022-WEF-MS4-Survey-Questions.pdf>

PEER TO PEER PERMITTEE REQUEST FOR INFORMATION If you have any information to share for the permittee's requests below, please reach out!
None in this issue

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

APWA March 17, 2023, 9:00am-12:00pm

Central NPDES Permit Coordinators Forum Feb. 16, 2023 1:00-3:30pm

ROAD Map (Regional Operations and Maintenance Program) April 13, 2023, 1:00-3:30pm

South Sound Phase II Coordinator's Group April 27, 2023, 9:00-11:00am

Business Inspection Group (BIG) Feb. 21, 2023, 1:30-3:30pm

STORM Quarterly meeting

RESOURCES:

New GSI Assistance Programs Guidebook!

<https://www.wastormwatercenter.org/permit-assistance/municipal/gsi-assistance-programs-guidebook/>

The Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI) Assistance Programs Guidebook is a tool for managers, planners, and other agency staff to update or create a GSI Assistance Program. The guidebook reviews 17 Western Washington GSI Assistance Programs that use technical assistance and/or financial incentives to support GSI installations on private property. Staff from these programs were interviewed and their guidance for developing, implementing, and evaluating GSI Assistance Programs is collated into the guidebook. The main elements covered in this guidebook include:

- An introduction to GSI Assistance Programs and overview of common GSI features
- Equity considerations in GSI Assistance Programs
- Guidance on developing, implementing, and evaluating a GSI Assistance Program
- One-page overviews of current GSI Assistance Programs in Western Washington
- Recommendations on next steps for program managers looking to create or update their GSI Assistance Program

Trees for Resilience Toolkit Puget Sound Conservation Districts

A compendium of local and national research, case studies, and resources specially curated to help regional decision-makers, planners, and managers integrate urban forests and tree canopy into the fabric of the community for greater livability and resilience. Explore the site to gather resources, models and ideas of how your community can enhance and grow the impact of your urban forests, sustain projects and programs, and improve health and resilience for all. Visit the website for more information [Trees for Resilience - Better Ground https://betterground.org/urban-forests/](https://betterground.org/urban-forests/)

A New Climate Planning Tool for Local Governments Climate Mapping for a Resilient Washington

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<https://mrsc.org/stay-informed/mrsc-insight/january-2023/climate-planning-tool-for-local-governments>

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

WSU Extension Washington State Naturalist: Building a New Statewide Certification Program Feb. 15, 2023 11:00-12:00 Presenter: Patricia Townsend, PhD, Associate Professor, Environment and Community Outreach Specialist. Meeting link: [Launch Meeting - Zoom](#)

The Value of Biochar for Improved Soil & Water Quality Health Webcast Feb. 15, 2023 1 PM EST
Center for Watershed Protection. Fee based Registration <https://cwp.org/webcasts-2023/>

The Pacific Northwest Social Marketing Association will offer a 1.5 hour discussion March 15, on DEI in communications. Best Practices for Applying DEI Principles to Marketing Communications and Engagement. The Forums are free but then only available to members after the event. More information at: <https://pnsma.org/event-5155472>

Porous Paving Webinar Feb. 15, 2023 2:00 EST Free Stormwater University

This course is designed to provide information on all types of porous pavements, their differences, similarities, maintenance plans and general benefits. Register at:

https://stormwateruniv.com/courses/porous-paving/?utm_source=Email&utm_medium=Webinar_2-15&utm_term=Porous-Paving&oly_enc_id=3882C2351667D0X

How to Design a Compelling Grant Proposal and Presentation, Feb. 17, 2023, 10-noon Pacific Time/1-3 ET - \$70 Cathy Angell, <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/cathyangellcommunications/831989>

I interviewed several grant reviewers/managers from funding agencies for this class, and they shared SO many great insights. In fact, some of the insights were so good, that I ask three grant reviewers if I could video them. Their short videos are sprinkled through the training and add such richness and depth. This is my newest class, and I am so pleased with how it turned out.

Grant Writing Strategies and Opportunities for Local Governments Wednesday, February 22, 10 AM – 11:30 AM Webinar fee: \$40.00

Are you interested in writing compelling grant proposals to secure funding for your community? Join us to learn strategies that will improve your grant writing process and ensure your applications stand out. We will also highlight grant opportunities available to local governments through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Registration [MRSC - Grant Writing Strategies and Opportunities for Local Government](#)

SMANA Virtual Annual General Meeting & Presentation (free webinar)

Please join us for our virtual Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Wednesday, February 22, 2023 at 12pm ET. Our Executive Committee and Committee Chairs will share highlights from 2022. We are pleased to announce that the AGM will also include a presentation from the USF Conference SMANA Agency Award winners C+C. Their campaign set out to address COVID-19 vaccine misinformation and encourage young adults in the Hispanic/Latinx community to get the vaccine. Registration link: <https://smana.org/get-involved/webinars/>

Ecology Informational webinar on the natural condition's provisions rulemaking

We invite you to attend an informational webinar for the rulemaking to update our natural conditions provisions in the surface water quality standards, chapter 173-201A WAC.

Wednesday, March 1, 2023 – 1:30 p.m.

Register for the afternoon webinar [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

Join by phone only - 1- 253-205-0468

Meeting ID - 892 9541 6854

Thursday, March 2, 2023 – 5:30 p.m.

Register for the evening webinar [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

Join by phone only - 1- 253-215-8782

Meeting ID - 820 4253 3399

CWT Training Academy is offering In-person and Online training courses include CESCL, Spill Response, Erosion and Sediment Control BMPs, IDDE, and others. More information on courses at [CWT Training Academy \(cwtacademy.com\)](#). CWT new program STORM-E School is a training program for municipal operations, managers, elected officials and engineers. The school is comprised of several topics in manageable lengths that address stormwater program related content.

Municipal SWMP Development Training Online March 13, 2023 \$499.00

Stormwater Training Center: Learn how to develop a Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP) that includes structural and non-structural controls, the Six Minimum Control Measures, inspection and monitoring, and the Remand Rule. More information:

<https://www.thestormwatertrainingcenter.com/trainings-certifications/municipal-stormwater-management/>

NEBC Managing Stormwater in Washington March 15, 2023 at Greater Tacoma Convention Center

Conference information <https://washingtonstormwater.com/>

American Water Works Association: Contaminants of Concern Symposium March 14-16, 2023 Virtual

Learn from top researchers and utility experts about organic and inorganic contaminants, from manganese and arsenic to hexavalent chromium and much more. Register at:

https://www.awwa.org/Events-Education/Contaminants-of-Concern?utm_term=laurie.larson-pugh%40wsu.edu&utm_campaign=Contaminants+of+Concern+-+1%2f4&utm_source=ce&utm_medium=email

The U.S. EPA, Office of Water, will hold a virtual National Forum on Contaminants in Fish (Fish Forum) to bring together interested stakeholders to discuss the many issues related to human health and contaminants in fish. Register for the Fish Forum at:

https://usepa.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_h_jw0futQ1GjDim2P51Ubg

The free virtual conference will be held as follows:

- Week 1: February 28 and March 2, 2023 (12:00 - 5:30 PM Eastern Time)
- Week 2: March 7 and 9, 2023 (12:00 - 5:30 PM Eastern Time)

Some topics likely to be covered include:

- Latest science on specific contaminants in fish and their impacts on human health, e.g., PFAS, mercury, PCBs, and cyanotoxins
- Emerging science in developing fish consumption advisories

- Risk communication & public engagement strategies for fish consumption advisories
 - Issuing/rescinding fish consumption advisories
 - Effectiveness of fish consumption advisories
 - Environmental Justice: Protection of high frequency fish consumers, such as subsistence fishers and fishers in underserved communities
 - Community/participatory science: Roles and practices
 - Sampling and analysis: Practices and methods
- For more information, visit <https://www.epa.gov/fish-tech/2023-national-fish-forum>

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

City of Bothell is recruiting a position to coordinate our business source control program, IDDE planning, and city facility SWPPP audits. A strong background in technical assistance, inspection, project management, and grant writing is highly desired. Recruitment closes March 6:

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/bothellwa/jobs/3904053/surface-water-program-coordinator-idde?pagetype=jobOpportunitiesJobs>

The City of Sammamish has a position open for an Associate Engineer - Stormwater with Public Works is open for all applicants. Please apply via the link:

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/sammamish/jobs/3838526/associate-engineer-stormwater>

The City of Des Moines has an opening for Civil Engineer II – surface Water and Environmental Engineering position. Position details can be found at:

<https://desmoineswa.applicantpro.com/jobs/2732780.html>

The City of Olympia is hiring for the position of Water Resources Director to plan, organize, supervise, and direct all activities of the Wastewater and Storm and Surface Water Utilities. Candidates are strongly encouraged to apply by February 19th. To apply go to:

https://www.prothman.com/Open_Recruitments/ViewJob.aspx?job=3061

Pierce County has two job postings open in the Monitoring Unit.

- Water Quality Monitoring Project Lead:
<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/piercecountywa/jobs/3865899/water-quality-monitoring-project-lead?keywords=water%20quality&pagetype=jobOpportunitiesJobs>
- Water quality Intern:
<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/piercecountywa/jobs/3898557/water-quality-intern>

The City of Vancouver is hiring an Associate/Civil Engineer and an Engineering Specialist in the Surface Water department: Apply at <https://cityofvancouver.wd5.myworkdayjobs.com/COV>

The City of Seattle is hiring a Wastewater Engagement Program Manager:

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/seattle/jobs/3854810/wastewater-engagement-program-manager-sr-pd-spec?sort=PostingDate%7CDescending&pagetype=jobOpportunitiesJobs>

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The City of Woodinville has a position open for a Surface Water Program Coordinator. Apply at <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/woodinville/jobs/3843966/surface-water-program-coordinator?pagetype=jobOpportunitiesJobs>