



Washington Stormwater Center Stormwater Advisory Group Meeting

January 8, 2023 | Online Meeting #13

10:00 – 11:30 AM

- **In-Attendance**

SAG members: Abby Barnes, Erica Marbet, Catherine Gockel, Larry Schaffner, Jeff Killelea, Trey George, Susan McCleary, Grant Gilmore, Lori Blair, Tony Bush.

WSC staff: John Stark, Lisa Rozmyn, Brandon Boyd, Carla Milesi, Jason Berg, Anne Melrose, Heidi Siegelbaum, Laurie Larson-Pugh.

- **WSC Updates**

- 2023-2025 funding status: WSC/WSU has not received the 2023-2025 funding agreement from Ecology as of this meeting. They focused on closing out the 2019-2023 funding.
- The National Estuary Program funds the E&O and Communications positions.
- Boeing awarded funds for the ISGP and CSGP programs.
 - The SAG suggested a survey to evaluate the new E&O program since its implementation after one year. This is part of the E&O work plan and is in progress.
- WSC legislative Proviso Letter
 - WSC, working with the SIL and the Puget Sound Partnership, met to discuss the documents required to present to the legislature.
 - The SAG suggested that WSC generate an Annual Report and show changes over the years.
 - John is working with the WSU legislative contact.
 - SAG suggested contacting the Conservation Commission.
 - SAG suggested investigating the possibility of applying for climate change funding.
- Legislative support: two letters were written supporting a direct legislation funding consideration of the WSC. One letter was written supporting the WSC from the municipal permittee's perspective. The second letter was written supporting the WSC by Tribes.
 - Municipal Support letter: Eastern WA – Trey George provided the letter template to the Eastern Stormwater Managers Group. The City of Spokane revised the letter with city administrative approval and signature and sent it to their legislature representatives. Two other eastern Washington jurisdictions have committed to send a letter.The second letter was shared with local tribal resource managers.
 - A meeting was held with WSC and Tribal resource managers. They asked for more information on the WSC budget and services. WSC is preparing the 2023-2025 Action Plan and budget for the follow-up meeting.
 - A follow-up meeting with Tribal Commission representatives is planned for spring 2024.
- Centers of Excellence (Center) application status: John, Joel (UW Center for Urban Waters), and Carla are working with a consultant to prepare a proposal for the Centers of Excellence funding. The Center's proposal will focus on stormwater technologies and LID BMPs. The RFP has not been released.
 - SAG suggested developing a testing facility east of the Cascades.



WSC Program Updates

TAPE | Carla Milesi

The updated TAPE draft BMP maintainable guidance document was sent to their advisory group for review and comment. Following the advisory group's review, it will be sent to the Board of External Reviewers (BER). The SAG members are interested in reviewing the guidance document.

SIL | Heidi Siegelbaum

The Stormwater SIL (the team WSC serves on with Ecology and Commerce) issued two RFPs in December: Stormwater Parks and Climate Resilience. They are due on 2/12, and the team is looking for smaller jurisdictions to apply at <https://pugetsoundestuary.wa.gov/rfp>. After holding months of workshops for the future of wastewater, integrated land and water and collaborative compliance and incentives, the team will issue \$3M of RFPs in 2024. There has been significant attention paid to integrated water and land, as well as capacity building for local government and collaborators who do outreach with landowners. If interested in getting involved, please contact Heidi.Siegelbaum@wsu.edu.

Industrial Stormwater General Permit (ISGP) & Construction Stormwater General Permit (CSGP) | Brandon Boyd

The next ISGP permit renewal is scheduled for 2025. The [ISGP assistance](#) is focused on resources for the reapplication process. Businesses should get notices to reapply in the next few weeks and may have questions. These questions can be directed to brandon.boyd1@wsu.edu. The deadline for reapplication will be early July. [CSGP assistance resources](#) are alive and well on our site. These resources touch on all aspects of the CSGP, from acquiring a permit to managing BMPs. It should also be noted that the CSGP will be up for re-issuance in 2026, so we should see early input/ listening sessions later this year.

Municipal Education and Outreach (E&O) | Anne Melrose

The WSC directed funds to the Eastern Washington Municipal E&O group to develop [three new construction outreach documents](#). The materials were developed for three audiences: a brochure for planners, engineers, and review staff; a flipbook for contractors and construction crews; and a brochure for developers. The new documents were designed to be editable by permittees. Provided coordination support to implement the Stormwater Partners and STORM group's annual symposiums.

Municipal Permit Assistance | Laurie Larson-Pugh

WSC was awarded Ecology/SAM funds to manage the development of a Street Sweeping Guidance Manual and Training for the anticipated new WW Phase II permit street sweeping requirement. Laurie will manage the project, and Heidi will participate in the manual development as part of the SIL street sweeping work. The municipal program has developed and is hosting four free online training courses. There is interest from jurisdictions to create courses for small spill response training. We are working with two jurisdictions to determine if municipal permittees want to develop outreach materials for the concrete industry. Planning for MuniCon 2025 in western Washington is scheduled to begin in January 2024.

- WSC Update Action Item(s)
 - WSC to compile an Annual Report. Show changes to the program over the years.
 - Evaluate the E&O program in the first year and share the results with the SAG at the next meeting.
 - Finalize WSC documents for the follow-up meeting with Tribal Commissions.
 - Contact the Washington Conservation Commission.
 - Carla will confirm with Ecology how widely they are disseminating the document for the next round of reviews to determine when it can be sent to the WSC SAG.
 - SAG suggested the Bulletin Peer-to-Peer questions/requests for information responses are documented and shared on the website.



- Reimagine E&O plan to consider municipal cross-departmental outreach partnering opportunities. For example, we are working with planners, operations, and engineers, cross-pollinating connections to stormwater.
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- **Biennial Action Plan** (status of each element)
 - General Comments received before this meeting were reviewed with the SAG by Key Elements and recorded in the Action Plan draft.
 - The draft 2023-2025 Action Plan was sent to the SAG in December 2023. The SAG has requested additional time to review. The comment period is extended to January 12, 2024.
 - SAG suggested that WSC hire a third party to evaluate the WSC programs. Response: this would require additional funding that is not currently supported.
 - List programs with individual advisory groups. Response: The E&O program has an E&O advisory group, the TAPE program has a Board of External Reviewers, and a planning team to develop content for MuniCon.
 - SAG recommended hiring a grant writer to reduce the stressors on the WSC staff's limited resources.
 - SAG suggested that the Action Plan quantify the level of effort for program task expectations. For example, define the number of online or in-person training events, such as four 60-minute training events/courses per year. The effort and return on investment need to be quantified.
 - SAG suggested that the funds focus (from funding source) is Puget Sound-centric and is disproportionate to state issues, needs, and drivers.
 - SAG suggested that WSC take a broader role in water quality issues.
 - SAG suggested reviewing the Action Plan annually.
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Note: Some of the task deliverables are established by the funding source requirements.

- Website updates and construction of the resource library are in progress.

End meeting notes recorded by Lisa and Laurie.