

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

National Estuary Program Stormwater Strategic Initiative Lead REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Federal funding, is administered through Ecology in partnership with the Stormwater Strategic Initiative Leads. Applicants respond to specific Implementation Strategy RFPs due May 1, 2023, <https://pugetsoundestuary.wa.gov/stormwater-sil-rfp/> For more information contact Heidi Siegelbaum, Heidi.Siegelbaum@wsu.edu; Derek Day Derek.Day@ecy.wa.gov; or Michelle Myers Michelle.Myers@ecy.wa.gov. See attachment.

Call for Candidate Bioretention Facilities to conduct one-time bioretention performance assessments!

The SAM-funded Bioretention Hydrologic Performance Study (BHP) III Team is looking for candidate sites to conduct infiltration and vegetation status assessments. Candidates sites just need to be bioretention facilities in operation over 10 years old and originally constructed with any bioretention media or top soil. More information: [Bioretention infiltration - Washington State Department of Ecology](#)

Do you have a site that meets this criteria? Contact Principal Investigator Bill Taylor

(btaylor@raedeke.com; 206-755-3211), sponsor contact Jesse Barham, City of Olympia (jbarham@ci.olympia.wa.us) or prime consultant Jenny Saltonstall (Jsaltonstall@aesgeo.com).

NEWS STATE, NATIONAL & LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

2024 Reissuance of the Municipal Stormwater Permits [Public Comment Period](#)

Preliminary drafts available for informal comment

As part of Ecology's Phase I and Phase II Municipal Stormwater Permit reissuance process, we are asking for feedback on preliminary draft language proposed for the Permits.

Starting Feb. 23, 2023, through 11:59 p.m. March 23, 2023, we are accepting informal comments on preliminary draft permit sections for:

1. Phase I Municipal Stormwater Permit – Structural Stormwater Control Program (Permit Section S5.C.7).
2. Western Washington Phase II Municipal Stormwater Permit – proposed new section: Stormwater Controls for Priority Developed Areas.

Review starts: Feb. 23, 2023

Review ends: March 23, 2023

Ecology will host a virtual, informational meeting on the preliminary draft sections from 9:00-11:30

a.m., March 6, 2023. Contact: Abbey Stockwell Phase II Permit Writer abbey.stockwell@ecy.wa.gov 360-280-2934, Amy Waterman Phase I Permit Writer amy.waterman@ecy.wa.gov 360-338-5831

View Preliminary Draft Permits https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Permits-certifications/Stormwater-general-permits/Municipal-stormwater-general-permits/Municipal-stormwater-permit-reissuance?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

Submit comments

https://wq.ecology.commentinput.com/?id=u7Yd3&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

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

Burien is interested in How do your jurisdictions manage uncovered tire stockpiles. In particular used tire places that have large outdoor tire storage areas that need to be accessed daily. Our best interpretation of the Outdoor storage BMPs is that they should be covered, but I foresee that to be a huge ask and burden for some of these independent used tire places. Dan O'Brien, P.E. dano@burienwa.gov

The **WSC Environmental Justice Salon** has a peer-to-peer request for information. This group is a discussion platform for individuals to talk about Environmental Justice issues and how they relate to stormwater.

1. The EJ Salon would like to hear about how your municipality works with private developers to improve public spaces. We want to know about public features built through partnerships with developers. What do you require for frontage improvements? Does your municipality require green space and public stormwater improvements?

2. Do you have an ordinance that outlines policy for supporting equity and justice goals? Please share the language developed to implement environmental justice goals into your planning, projects, and policy. Please send responses to laurie.larson-pugh@wsu.edu or Maddie Burke Madeline.Burke@cityofvancouver.us

Stormwater Partners: Students for Clean Water Video Contest This week we launched the 2023 Students for Clean Water Video Contest! **We'd love your help promoting this among your networks.**

Following are some resources below and attached other to help including:

- **Share** the promotional video from Facebook: <https://fb.watch/j1-TpMhwcg/>
- Or, share the promotional video on your own feed. **Find all promotional video, more social media graphics and project resources** in our Google Drive: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/11CMad0NiITYCrepJHiYvibhybhx9Kstj?usp=sharing>
- Social media graphics, see attached. Find many more in the Google Drive link above.
- **Contest website:** <https://www.stormwaterpartners.com/video-contest>
- Contest press release, see attached.
- Need quick verbiage? Here's a suggestion:

- Clark County middle and high school students can win \$500 cash by creating fun and impactful videos that inspire the community to work together for clean water. Stormwater Partners of Southwest Washington is hosting the third annual Students for Clean Water Student Video Contest. Students currently in grades 6-12 can submit 25 or 55-second videos on topics related to pollution prevention, stewardship, local trails, and their connection water. Videos are due by April 24. See contest details and watch past winning videos at: <https://www.stormwaterpartners.com/video-contest> For more information contact Eric Lambert, Clark County Eric.Lambert@clark.wa.gov

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

APWA April meeting is canceled, The regularly scheduled meeting is May 19, 2023, 9:00am-12:00pm

Central NPDES Permit Coordinators Forum April 20, 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 The April 27 meeting is canceled, 2023, 9:00-11:00am

Business Inspection Group (BIG) April 18, 2023, 1:30-3:30pm

STORM Quarterly meeting May 18, 2023 In-person at the Center for Urban Waters, Tacoma, Here is the [Eventbrite Registration Link](#)

RESOURCES:

Climate Change Article: Stormwater Lessons From the Past – Water Environmental Federation

As climate change continues to challenge what we know about precipitation and flooding, stormwater professionals can gain useful insights for the future by looking toward the past. This edition of Stormwater Report covers two studies that review nearly a century of hydrological history under the lens of climate change. Both studies provide new context to guide stormwater management in a warming world. It also details new ways cities are learning lessons about resilience from each other as well as new opportunities to exchange knowledge with peers.

<https://stormwater.wef.org/2023/02/why-las-vegas-is-experiencing-more-flooding-despite-stable-precipitation/>

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in the Water Industry

As a 4th-generation utility employee, Kirsten Williams, the Chief Communications and Stakeholder Engagement Officer and Executive Vice President for DC Water, explains what diversity, equity, and inclusion mean to her. Watch the recording at [Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in the Water Sector \(weftec.org\)](#)

2022 Pacific Northwest Water Year Assessment, Climate Impacts Group

The 2022 water year was characterized by abrupt transitions in weather – from an abnormally dry winter, to an abnormally wet spring, and back to an abnormally dry summer. The Climate Impacts Group, Office of the Washington State Climatologist and others developed the 2022 Pacific Northwest Water Year Impacts Assessment to summarize the water year conditions and related impacts experienced by agricultural producers, water managers, fisheries managers and other natural resource managers. Now in its third year, this year’s assessment focuses on impacts and responses to abrupt changes in conditions. More information at

<https://www.drought.gov/documents/2022-pacific-northwest-water-year-impacts-assessment>

Los Angeles “Green Alleys” Promote Safety, Stormwater Management, WEF article

A growing number of U.S. cities are leveraging green infrastructure to transform dilapidated alleyways into attractive and functional community spaces. Among them is Los Angeles. Read the article [here](#).

City Habitats Toolkit

Here are some resources to help you bring nature into your habitat. Whether you’re a curious passerby, a stormwater expert or anything in between, we’ve got tools to help (de)pave the way! More information at <https://www.cityhabitats.org/resources/>

Stormwater Parks Guidance PSRC

PSRC has released new guidance for planning and funding stormwater parks. Stormwater parks help the region build resilience to climate change by increasing greenspace and stormwater management. They also can help improve water quality and fish habitat while providing recreational and educational opportunities. Get the guidance [here](#).

Doug McKenzie-Mohr, Ph.D Fostering Behavior Change Resources Newsletter

The newsletter provided links for the presentation on community-based social marketing click [here](#) to download the PowerPoint version and [here](#) for the Keynote version, and [here](#) for the overview of community-based social marketing, which you can download. For more information contact Doug McKenzie-Mohr, Ph.D. dmm@cbsm.com.

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WSU Low Impact Development Flier see attached.

WORKSHOP/TRAINING/CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITIES:

Cornell University Civic Ecology Lab: Environmental Education and Community Engagement April 3-30, 2023 This is a 4-week global online certificate course. Registration and information <https://www.civicecology.org/eece>

Indian Country 101 Tribal Engagement Training for Conservation Practitioners in North America

The Nature conservancy. Free, self-paced course. Materials have been carefully curated to provide quality information and allow a deeper understanding and perspective of the Native experience. More information at <https://www.nature.org/en-us/about-us/who-we-are/how-we-work/community-led-conservation/indian-country-101/>

MuniCon 2023 April 25-26 at the Wenatchee Convention Center more information at

<https://www.wastormwatercenter.org/permit-assistance/municipal/municon2023/> Contact laurie.larson-pugh@wsu.edu

CWP National Watershed & Stormwater Conference April 24-27, 2023 in San Diego, CA

The conference will provide a forum for watershed and stormwater professionals throughout the nation to learn how to increase the resiliency of our communities in response to emerging and persistent threats to our water resources — from headwaters to coasts. More information <https://cwp.org/2023-conference-registration/>. Conference contact Karen Titus at kmt@cwp.org

The ABCs of BMP Installation Stormwater University \$250 online course more information at:

https://stormwateruniv.com/courses/the-abcs-of-bmp-installation/?utm_source=Email&utm_medium=Featured-Course0214&oly_enc_id=3882C2351667D0X

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

King County is hiring for the water quality compliance team. Please apply by March 26, 2023. Contact

Questions contact: Angela Gallardo agallardo@kingcounty.gov Apply at:

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/kingcounty/jobs/3945241/senior-water-quality-planner-water-quality-planner-iv>

Olympia's Drinking Water, Storm and Surface Water and Wastewater utilities are looking for three individuals who appreciate working with various staff members across multiple disciplines in a team and collaboration-centered environment to fill two Engineer II positions and one GIS Specialist position.

The Stormwater Engineer II and the Drinking Water Engineer II will lead multiple complex and sensitive projects as part of a work group providing integrated planning, engineering and program development services, with a focus on Stormwater or Drinking Water. The GIS Specialist will perform technical work to support the three utilities' development, implementation, and maintenance of various geospatial datasets. Work will involve research, data collection, data creation, data editing and map production.

- Engineer II - Stormwater | Job Details tab | Career Pages (governmentjobs.com) (FTE position -To be considered for the first round of interviews please submit your application by 5:00 pm March 31, 2023)

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- GIS Specialist | Job Details tab | Career Pages (governmentjobs.com) (.75 FTE position - To be considered for the first round of interviews please submit your application by 5:00 pm March 27, 2023.)

For a complete description of these positions including ideal candidate profiles, go to [olympiawa.gov/jobs Employment & Volunteering \(olympiawa.gov\)](https://olympiawa.gov/jobs/Employment%20&%20Volunteering)

The City of Orting is looking to fill a Water Operator position. Minimum Water Distribution Manager I certification required. The Water Operator is a full-time non-exempt position. Under supervision, the Water Operator performs semi-skilled labor in the maintenance, operation, and repair of the City's water system; and maintains all vehicles and equipment used. Class specifications are intended to present a descriptive list of the range of duties performed by employees in the class. Please see the City of Orting website for additional job description details and information on how to apply.

<https://www.cityoforting.org/Home/Components/JobPosts/Job/42/85>

Thurston County is hiring a Civil Engineer in their Public Works Water Resources Division. Apply at:

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/thurstonwa/jobs/3730367/civil-engineer>

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 Water Quality program within the Department of Ecology is looking to fill a Municipal Stormwater Permit Planner (Environmental Planner 3) position. This position is located in our Headquarters Office in Lacey, WA. Upon hire, you must live within a commutable distance from the duty station. Salary \$61,632.00 - \$82,896.00 Annually. See attachment. Submit an application on or before **April 2, 2023**

Are you passionate about protecting the water quality in Washington State? As the population grows, urban development increases. This means more people, more developed land, and an increase in stormwater runoff and pollution to Washington's waters. Ecology issues permits under federal and state laws to control surface and groundwater pollution from runoff. We are looking for applicants to join our team who have knowledge in water quality-related planning and implementation, experience developing, planning, and coordinating stormwater programs, and the ability to communicate with a diverse stakeholder group.

The mission of the Water Quality Program is to protect and restore Washington's waters to support healthy watersheds and communities. Our work ensures state waters can support beneficial uses including recreational and business activities, supplies for clean drinking water, and the protection of fish, shellfish, wildlife, and public health.

Tele-work options for this position: This position will be eligible for up to a 90% tele-work schedule. Applicants with questions about position location options, tele-work, and flexible or compressed schedules are encouraged to reach out to the contact person listed below in "other information." Schedules are dependent upon position needs and are subject to change.

If you are interested in applying for this position, please follow this link: [Municipal Stormwater Permit Planner \(Environmental Planner 3\)](#). Contact Halle Patterson for more information hapa461@ecy.wa.gov