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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

MuniCon 2021 registration closes April 2 at noon. MuniCon 2021 April 5-8

The conference program including presentation descriptions and presenter bios will be posted on the MuniCon website March 31, 2021.

For more information visit: <https://www.wastormwatercenter.org/municon2021/>

Stormwater TALKS: Heidi Siegelbaum, WSC March 24, 2021 12:00-1:00pm

This presentation is focused on conventions about the rational human, introduce communication best practices, social marketing, science communication and reveal the dynamics between scientists and other audiences. The presentation recording is posted for your viewing at: <https://youtu.be/JbGzAChqzJA>

Research: Boeing partnerships with environmental organizations support stormwater and green infrastructure projects. Article at: <http://www.boeing.com/company/about-bca/washington/boeing-partnerships-help-manage-more-than-400-billion-gallons-of-runoff-in-washington.page>

PERMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

STORM (Stormwater Outreach for Regional Municipalities) is a regional consortium of stormwater professionals that collaborate on education and outreach to improve stormwater engagement and outcomes throughout the Puget Sound region. A best management practice (BMP) work group within STORM is commissioning research to assist with a better understanding of (1) what stormwater pollutants are most common and harmful in Puget Sound and (2) what behavior change BMPs could be implemented to reduce those pollutants in lowland streams and in Puget Sound. This STORM BMP work group created a short survey to better understand how Phase I and Phase II Municipal Stormwater Permittees are meeting behavior change permit requirements and would greatly appreciate your participation in this survey by **April 2**: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/B2BYXHF>

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

Kirkland is interested in hearing from jurisdictions that know of specific companies or firms that conduct maintenance or restoration of Native Growth Retention Areas that could be provided to private residents who need work done in these areas on or adjacent to their property. Contact: Jordan Segal jsegal@kirklandwa.gov.

King County Surface Water Design Manual (KCSWDM) users or interested parties, King County Water and Land Resources Division (WRLD) is updating the 2016 KCSWDM conform to the requirements of King County's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Municipal Stormwater Permit and to improve clarity. Ecology has already reviewed and approved the edits

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required by the Permit. We are also proposing edits that improve the clarity and consistency of the SWDM, and correcting errata.

We are seeking your review and comments on the proposed SWDM edits and are accepting review comments received by COB on Monday, April 12th. Please note that the forthcoming public rule adoption process includes an official public comment period that is distinct from this outreach.

Attached to this email is an Excel workbook with the 2021 Summary of Changes relative to the 2016 Surface Water Design Manual. You can use this workbook to record and return your review comments to us. The workbook contains two tabs:

- o One tab lists and describes the edits contained in the redlined documents and has a column for your review comments.
- o The other tab contains four questions for which we'd appreciate your response.

To view the redlined PDF drafts of Chapters 1-6, Appendices A-D, and the Definitions section of the proposed 2021 Surface Water Design Manual, and the updated SWDM maps, please go to the folder at: https://kc1.sharepoint.com/:f:/t/DNRPa/EjZoWbRjDGIrOTaFdL7f3IBniGpeCuANL_b817GIISq3A.

You will also find at the same location the following files which may be useful in guiding and prioritizing your review:

- Two PDF files which replicate tabs one and two of the Excel workbook with the exception that there is no column for review comment entries.
- A copy of the draft public rule for adopting the 2021 SWDM.

If you choose not to use the attached Excel spreadsheet for your review comments, please identify each one using the edit ID# from the 2021 Summary of Changes document.

Note that King County WLRD will be initiating the Public Rule Process, the purpose of which is to adopt the 2021 Surface Water Design Manual. The draft public rule for adoption of the 2021 SWDM can be found at the link provided above. This public rule is one of two Public Rules being proposed for adoption by WLRD at this time (the other is for revisions to King County's Stormwater Pollution Prevention Manual). Please email your review comments or questions to Mark Wilgus, Supervising Engineer, at mark.wilgus@kingcounty.gov. Any questions regarding access to the review files should be directed to David Batts, Senior Water Quality Specialist, at David.batts@kingcounty.gov.

Normandy Park is looking for rental options or contractors that could provide the service of a portable machine to clean, porous sidewalk. If you can provide information, please contact Jessie Medrow jmedrow@normandyparkwa.gov

Southwest Jurisdiction is considering developing outreach materials around water quality as it relates to people living in campers and RVs. They are reaching out to find jurisdictions that have or are developing education and outreach materials. If you have information to share please contact laurie.larson-pugh@wsu.edu for more information.

Jurisdictional request for information on how jurisdictions are tracking program costs per **S5.A.3(a)** and how to track efficiently. Send responses to laurie.larson-pugh@wsu.edu

REGIONAL PERMIT COORDINATOR MEETINGS: Contact Laurie Larson for meeting information.

Central NPDES Permit Coordinators Forum

No April meeting

ROAD Map (Regional Operations and Maintenance Program)

May TBD, 2021 1:00-3:30pm Audrie Starcy has stepped down from the co-coordinators role and Brian Miller is the new co-coordinator. Audrie thank you for co-coordinating. Welcome Brian.

South Sound Phase II Coordinator's Group

April 15, 2021 9:00-11:00am

Business Inspection Group (BIG)

April 20, 2021 1:30-3:30pm

RESOURCES:

Puget sound Ecosystem Monitoring Program Preliminary Details: Monitoring to Accelerate Recovery funding Opportunity see attachment for more information.

MRSC Coronavirus (COVID-19) Resources for Local Governments

Provides a list of links to all MRSC's COVID-19 resources for local governments in Washington State.

<http://mrsc.org/Home/Explore-Topics/Public-Safety/Emergency-Services/Public-Health-Emergencies.aspx>

EPA Updates EJScreen, Community EJ Mapping Tool

the Agency's publicly available award-winning environmental justice screening and mapping tool.

EJSCREEN uses high resolution maps and a methodology for combining datasets to identify environmental burdens on vulnerable populations. <https://www.epa.gov/ejscreen>

This update is an important refresh of the environmental and demographic data contained in EJSCREEN and enhances the tool by adding new and improved functionality. An exciting new feature of the update is the addition of climate change indicators. Users can now add flood and sea level rise data for the first time. EPA will continue to expand the climate change indicators in upcoming updates. EPA's Risk-Screening Environmental Indicators (RSEI) Model <https://www.epa.gov/rsei>

Along with the update, EPA is using a variety of methods to support community use of EJSCREEN. Funding has been made available to support states who have questions about using EJSCREEN data or are interested in building out a localized version of the EJSCREEN tool. Also, EPA will hold multiple trainings on EJSCREEN throughout 2021 to demonstrate its uses and to gain feedback on potential new applications for the tool. <https://www.epa.gov/ejscreen/additional-resources-and-tools-related-ejscreen>

WEC Environmental Priorities Coalition (EPC) 2021 Bill Tracker <https://wecprotects.org/2021-legislative-session-bill-tracker/>

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

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MuniCon 2021 Workshops April 8, 2021

The last day of the conference features three workshops:

- IDDE/IC-ID Field Screening and Source Tracing Guidance
- Stormwater Management Action Planning (SMAP)
- Education and Outreach

Forester University Communication – The Most Important (and Overlooked) Construction Site BMP

April 13, 2021 11am Fee \$79.00

Join Forester University for this live, educational webinar as prolific speaker Jerald S. Fifield (Ph.D., CISEC, HydroDynamics Incorporated) reviews EPA's 2017 Construction General Permit (as modified) to assess what is required of project operators, designers, reviewers, and inspectors. Register at:

<https://www.foresteruniversity.com/ProductDetails.aspx?ProductID=2644>

Center for Watershed Protection National Stormwater & Watershed Conference April 13-16, 2021 Fee

based. Register at: <https://www.cwp.org/2021-conference-registration/>

NEBC Waterbody Assessment: A TMDL's Foundation April 15, 2021 Time: 11:30

Total maximum daily loads, TMDLs, are the tool used by environmental regulators to address nonpoint source pollution under the Clean Water Act. They are intended to be the restorative action of a waterbody assessment that determined a designated use did not meet desired > condition. In Oregon, the waterbody assessment process has not been done well, particularly within the Willamette River basin. Yet, there is abundant scientific and mathematical support for producing waterbody assessments that are technically sound and legally defensible. Fee \$55.00 Registration:

<https://www.nebc.org/event/waterbody-assessment-a-tmdls-foundation/>

APWA Chapter Conferences

Each year the APWA WA Chapter hosts two educational conferences located in Western and Eastern Washington State. Each conference features educational tracks worth continuing education credits, great networking opportunities, and many fun events such as a Golf Tournament, Equipment ROADeo and 5k Run. For Chair, Sponsor, Speaker, and Exhibitor contact info see: The Conference Info Page Find out more at: <http://apwawaconf.com/> conference info page

<http://washington.apwa.net/PageDetails/6583>

Dates: Spring 2021: April 20-23, Virtual & Fall 2021 October 12-15, Yakima Convention Center

P3 Water Summit April 21-23, 2021 virtual conference

Join water agency representatives, project owners, utility operators, public works directors, and industry addressing infrastructure inadequacies by equipping state, local and federal owners with the tools and techniques to deliver infrastructure through public-private partnerships and other alternative delivery methods. Join 600+ public agency representatives, utility operators and private industry from across the country April 21-23 – virtually! – for three days of project delivery discussions and networking

Registration fee: \$299 Register at: https://www.p3watersummit.com/?oly_enc_id=1550C5900223G4V

Infrastructure Week (IW) May 10-14, 2021

IW is an opportunity to engage your infrastructure and learn more about the urban process of Modernity. Our event exhibits innovative infrastructure projects throughout the PNW region, highlighting career opportunities and community investment. We discuss city initiatives to build

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resiliency and address the challenges of urbanization, identifying collaborative pathways for Seattle's infrastructure evolution! More information: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/3rd-annual-infrastructure-week-2021-seattle-registration-134552643579>

Aligning Across Watersheds: A Regional Stormwater Summit May 18 & 19, 2021 9am-1pm virtual

Polluted stormwater is the single largest threat to Puget Sound. The declines in salmon and orca populations, climate changes, and the recognition that we must do more to restore communities of color, all call for new approaches. Join in seeking new ways to value and protect our communities and the rains that sustain them. Register at: <https://www.stormwatersummit.com/register>

Fostering Sustainable and Healthy Behavior Workshops Doug McKenzie-Mohr

June 1-10, 2021 fee based Introductory & Advanced Workshops: <https://cbsm.com/workshops/virtual-north-america-2021>

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

Thurston County seeks a highly motivated **Water Resources Specialist II** to join our Community Planning Division's Environmental Monitoring Program. Under the Water and Hazard Data Services Program Supervisor, the Water Resources Specialist II is responsible for coordinating the County's water monitoring program; maintaining related database applications; construction of ground water, surface water, and atmospheric monitoring sites; managing field monitoring stations; and other water planning essential duties. For additional information and to apply please visit:

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/thurstonwa/jobs/3026880/water-resources-specialist-ii?sort=PostingDate%7CDescending&pagetype=jobOpportunitiesJobs>

City of Federal Way has an opening for a **Water Quality/NPDES Permit coordinator?** The job info for applying is located at: <https://www.cityoffederalway.com/jobs/water-quality-npdes-permit-program-coordinator>

Dept. of Ecology Section 319 & Stormwater Grant and Loan Financial Specialist (Environmental Specialist 3) – Lacey, WA. The Water Quality Program is looking for a new member for our grants and loans team. In this position you will address non-point source pollution and stormwater management by providing technical and financial assistance to local governments, tribal governments, and non-profits that have been awarded funding for water quality improvement projects. To Apply:

[https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/washington/jobs/2990207/section-319-stormwater-grant-and-loan-financial-specialist-environmental-speci?department\[0\]=Dept.%20of%20Ecology&sort=PostingDate%7CDescending&pagetype=jobOpportunitiesJobs](https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/washington/jobs/2990207/section-319-stormwater-grant-and-loan-financial-specialist-environmental-speci?department[0]=Dept.%20of%20Ecology&sort=PostingDate%7CDescending&pagetype=jobOpportunitiesJobs)

Newcastle PW ROW & SWM Inspector

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Under the general direction of the Public Works Director, the Public Works Right-of-Way (ROW) and Stormwater (SWM) Inspector will monitor and inspect public and private sector construction work including public frontage improvements, single family home sites, and ROW permits. ROW construction projects will include, but are not limited to, inspection of streets, curbs, gutters, sidewalks, clearing and grading, and erosion control. The SWM inspections will consist of stormwater facility inspections; construction site inspections; illicit discharge detection and elimination (IDDE) and drainage complaint investigations. For additional information and to apply please see

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

Pierce County:

Planner 3 – Fish Passage Program. The person in this position will serve as project manager for the County's fish passage program working collaboratively with tribal, federal, state, and local agencies.

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/piercecountywa/jobs/2970234/planner-3-fish-passage-program>