

Municipal Bulletin April 4, 2023 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/training, and news. There is a lot of useful information and attachments. Please share with others who could use the information.

NEWS

MuniCon 2023 workshop registration is open!

Workshop Track Topics: full description schedule is attached. Visit the [MuniCon 2023 website](#) or contact laurie.larson-pugh@wsu.edu

- Track W1 **Source Control Inspection Program Training**, Rebecca Dugopolski & Mindy Fohn, Herrera
- Track W2 **Multi-Jurisdictional Hands-On Spill Response IDDE Training**, Ryeann-Marie Tuomisto, Kirkland; Tanya MacFarlane, Bellevue; Scott McQuary, Redmond
- Track W2 **SMAP Development Round Table, Information Gained, Lessons Learned & Next Steps**, Don McQuilliams, Bellevue and Larry Schaffner, Thurston County
- Track W3 **Guidance Manual For Inspecting And Maintaining Privately Owned BMPs**, Francesca White & Taylor Hoffman-Ballard, Evergreen StormH2O
- Track W4 **Education and Outreach - Multicultural Marketing, Communication, & Project Review**, Martha Sanchez & Mario Zavaleta/Latino NW Communications, Tere Carral/Bridge Latino, and Mary Rabourn/King County
- Track W5 **Managing Stormwater with Drones**, Zach Holt and Darren Podraza, City of Port Orchard
- Track W5 **City of Wenatchee BMP Tour**, City of Wenatchee Staff

The [SAM-funded Bioretention Hydrologic Performance Study \(BHP\) III Team](#) is **still** looking for **candidate** sites to conduct one-time infiltration and vegetation assessments. A number of jurisdictions have forwarded 25 candidate sites, including sites from Olympia, Sumner, Mukilteo, Seattle, Redmond, Bellingham, Bainbridge Isl., Bellevue. Thanks to these jurisdiction to get them actionable data on their bioretention facilities! Twenty-five more sites are needed.

Candidates sites just need to be bioretention facilities in operation over 10 years old and originally constructed with any bioretention media or top soil.

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).

Snohomish county has completed the 2022 LID Implementation Report. Here is a link to the [Report](#) and the [information page](#). If you have any questions, please contact Eric Blankenship eric.blankenship@co.snohomish.wa.us

Congressional support for UW water quality research laboratory

New congressional funding for our lab at the Center for Urban Waters will be used to study toxic chemicals affecting salmon in Puget Sound. It provides \$1 million to update equipment used in the lab's discovery of 6PPD-quinone, a contaminant from tires that is deadly to coho salmon and other species. [Read more.](#)

NEWS STATE, NATIONAL & LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Updates finalized for Water Quality Policy 1-11, Chapter 1

The Department of Ecology recently completed a revision to Water Quality Program Policy 1-11, [Chapter 1: Washington's Water Quality Assessment Listing Methodology to Meet Clean Water Act Requirements](#). This policy guides how Ecology assesses water quality data for Washington's waterbodies and makes listing decisions on the water quality status to meet requirements under sections 303(d) and 305(b) of the Clean Water Act.

This revision was broken into two sections.

- A new freshwater harmful algae blooms (HABs) methodology to assess where HABs are impairing recreational uses in state waters.
- Non-substantial revisions to add clarity to the policy, largely focused on the narrative submittals section. This also included a note on the temporary suspension of our natural conditions methodology.

As part of our process, we accepted public comment on the proposed changes and held an informational webinar to give an overview of the updates and answer questions.

View comments and responses

[2022 Policy 1-11 Revisions response to comments](#)

The revised policy will be used to assess waterbodies for the [2022 Water Quality Assessment](#). We will soon begin evaluating data for the Water Quality Assessment and anticipate a draft for public review in 2024. Contact: Justin Donahue 303d@ecy.wa.gov

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

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

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](#)

Visit [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) Funding Opportunity Number: EPA-I-R10-PS-2023-002 for more information and to apply. For questions, contact Sean Macduff macduff.sean@epa.gov.

RESOURCES:

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King County Source Control Story Map by Todd Hunsdorfer " King County completed work on this story map at the end of 2022: If you're interested in learning more about the history of source control along the river, I would encourage you to take a look. Thank you to the King County Wastewater Treatment " <http://ourgreenduwamish.com>

January 2023 Clean Rivers Forum recording is available on the Clean Rivers Coalition website
<https://cleanriverscoalition.com/>

EPA Funding Availability for Ensuring Environmental Justice, Human Wellbeing, and Ecosystem Recovery in Puget Sound Applications are due May 31, 2023 Informational webinars will be held April 18. Application packages must be submitted electronically to EPA through Grants.gov no later than Wednesday, May 31, 2023, at 11:59pm (Eastern) in order to be considered for funding. Visit [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) Funding Opportunity Number: EPA-I-R10-PS-2023-002 for more information and to apply.
<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=346567>

American Water Works Association has an entire catalog of online, self-paced educational opportunities for the water community! View the [Elearning Course Catalog](#)

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 \(weftec.org\)](#)

WORKSHOP/TRAINING/CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITIES:

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 Pacific Northwest Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry Annual Meeting May 22-24, 2023 More information at <https://pnw-setac.org/annual-meeting>

Fostering Sustainable and Healthy Behavior Workshop

Dr. Doug McKenzie-Mohr will be delivering an **introductory community-based social marketing workshop on June 12th, 13th, & 14th**. This virtual workshop will be of particular interest to agencies that promote waste reduction, energy and water efficiency, conservation, sustainable food consumption, invasive species control, modal transportation changes, and other sustainable actions. This training will also interest organizations promoting health and safety (e.g., hand washing, active lifestyles, immunization, cancer prevention and screening, blood donations, earthquake and fire safety, workplace safety, etc.). Community-based social marketing is a unique approach to fostering environmental and health-related behavioral changes and is now being utilized globally. June Introductory Workshop: Learn more at <https://cbsm.com/workshops/virtual-NAJun2023>

The International Social Marketing Association for an on-line professional certificate in Developing a Strategic Social Marketing Plan Course. October 2-December 23, 2023 taught by Nancy Lee. Scholarships are available. Please learn more by going to: <https://isocialmarketing.org/developing-a-strategic-social-marketing-plan/>
The detailed course syllabus is here: <https://isocialmarketing.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/5/2023/03/iSMA-Online-Course-2023-Fall-Syllabus.pdf>

Stormwater University Site Management Plans: Setting the Compliance Groundwork Towards Project Success
This is a four part training. More information at: https://stormwateruniv.com/groups/site-management-plans-setting-the-compliance-groundwork-towards-project-success-4-part-series/?utm_source=Email&utm_medium=Site-MGMT-Bundle&utm_term=0316&oly_enc_id=3882C2351667D0X

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

Pierce County has a Water Quality Supervisory position open for IDDE. The opening has been extended to close 4/17/2023 5:00 AM More information at [Water Quality Supervisor | Job Details tab | Career Pages \(governmentjobs.com\)](#)

Snohomish County Supervisor III (Construction Management and Property Acquisition) – Surface Water Management | Job Details tab | Career Pages (governmentjobs.com)Construction Representative, Senior (Surface Water Management) | Job Details tab | Career Pages (governmentjobs.com)

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>