

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

Save the Date: *May 31, 2023, from 11:00 to 1:30 to join King County Executive Dow Constantine and local and regional clean water leaders for a Stormwater Summit 2.0. The Summit will be held on-line; sign-up link to follow shortly.*

We'll be building on the momentum from the May 2021 event – [Aligning Across Watersheds: A Stormwater Summit](#) – and the follow-up trainings and technical workshops where we focused on co-designing goals for collaborative regional action to achieve the best water quality outcomes for communities and the environment.

This summit will be the next step, a celebration of the preliminary regional stormwater goals many of us helped shape and how we will work together to translate those goals into action.

We'll hear lessons learned from elected officials who have built regional collaborations to advance shared salmon recovery and climate change commitments. We will also have the opportunity for discussions with leadership of EPA Region 10, Washington State Department of Ecology, State Salmon Recovery Council, and WSDOT about how we can work together to tackle pollution sources like chemicals from tires that are killing Coho salmon. We'll also identify next steps for mapping actions that local governments can take to advance regional goals.

A few additional details for Stormwater Summit 2.0:

WHO: *Both leadership and frontline staff* from cities, Tribal governments, counties, research institutions, federal and state agencies, and non-profit organizations who are working to control stormwater pollution.

WHEN: Wednesday, May 31, 2023, from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm

WHERE: On-line; *virtual registration link to follow soon*

WHAT WE HOPE TO ACHIEVE:

- Shared understanding of preliminary regional stormwater goals that can galvanize and focus shared action.
- Understanding of opportunities to connect with upcoming federal and state priorities and decisions (e.g., state prioritization of stormwater retrofit investments).
- Application of “lessons learned” from regional work to tackle climate change and salmon recovery.
- Commitment to work together refine regional goals and chart actions that local governments can take (e.g., project prioritization, policy advocacy, research, community engagement, purchasing, etc.).

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For now, we hope you'll save the date and encourage your leadership – especially your elected leaders – to attend as we prepare the registration and finalize the agenda. The last summit was developed for practitioners intentionally. This summit is about building elected leader support for next steps.

Registration for the next event in the Stormwater Summit series is now live [at this link](#).

Please feel free to reach out to me (jbrosnan@kingcounty.gov) or Megan Smith (megan.smith@kingcounty.gov, 206-225-4327) with immediate questions.

NEWS STATE, NATIONAL & LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Ecology David Mora is asking for Municipal Permittees to complete the Ecology Stormwater Grants Bioretention & Tree Survey. You can take the survey at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JCVMBF3>. Contact David Mora with any questions damo461@ECY.WA.GOV.

Ecology is accepting comments on the [draft 2023-2025 Environmental Performance Partnership Agreement](#) between Ecology and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The comment period starts May 1, 2023 and ends May 31, 2023.

The Environmental Performance Partnership Agreement establishes and implements a joint work plan for administering federal grant dollars that the EPA provides to Ecology for air quality, water quality, and hazardous waste management. How can I comment? You can submit comments online via the [eComments form](#).

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

Erika Harris from the Puget Sound Regional Council is interested in comments on the Draft Guidance document on integrating stormwater solutions in the comprehensive plan document attached.

Areas of feedback requested:

- Stormwater solutions to add
- Stormwater solutions to remove
- Better examples of policies, projects, and resources

Comments are due to me by May 22.

Comments can be provided in the attached document through track changes. Please send your comments to [Erika](mailto:Erika.Harris@psrc.org), with a cc to Heidi.Siegelbaum@wsu.edu, at the email address below. (<https://www.commerce.wa.gov/serving-communities/growth-management/periodic-update/>),

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 May 19, 2023, 9:00am-12:00pm

Central NPDES Permit Coordinators Forum June 15, 2023 1:00-3:30pm

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

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

Business Inspection Group (BIG) June 20, 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:

Lower Brand River Organization of Watersheds (LGROW) MS4 Report <https://www.lgrow.org/ms4>

University of Washington Tacoma's Center for Urban Waters [Home](#) | [Center for Urban Waters](#) | [University of Washington Tacoma \(uw.edu\)](#). PSI Water Quality Workshop videos online. A full collection of videos from the Science of Puget Sound Water Quality workshop series is now available on our YouTube channel. In 2022, PSI and its partners hosted a series of scientific workshops for utilities, environmental community-based organizations, scientists, agencies, and the tribes to explore and address some of the technical uncertainties related to nutrient impacts and water quality. [The Science of Puget Sound Water Quality - YouTube](#)

Oxygen for life: The biological impacts of low dissolved oxygen – Salish Sea Currents Magazine article
Sponsored by King County <https://www.eopugetsound.org/magazine/series/oxygen-life-biological-impacts-low-dissolved-oxygen>

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 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>

WEF Article: Stormwater pond Sediments: the next frontier for Beneficial reuse? Learn more about how De. Kelly-Hooper's work is paving the way for a new perspective on stormwater pond sediments at: <https://stormwater.wef.org/2023/04/stormwater-pond-sediments-the-next-frontier-for-beneficial-reuse/>

WORKSHOP/TRAINING/CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITIES:

CWT has two courses STORM-E School available now – both as a stand alone and as part of STORM-E School. Information attached.

IDDE Overview – It explain IDDE and identifying sources and activities that can contribute to the MS4. (~1 hr) <https://www.cwtacademy.com/courses/idde-overview>

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Source Control Program Overview – It talks about all the pieces that may be necessary to go into a Source Control Program. (~2 hrs) <https://www.cwtacademy.com/courses/source-control-program-overview>

PSCICTM (Professional Source Control Inspector Certification) This will be an 8-9 week course that will have exercises and homework to complete. Additionally, we go to about 9 different locations to conduct site inspections. We have information on both above ground and below ground inspections along with sampling considerations. We are in the hustle to get this done.

<https://www.cwtacademy.com/courses/pscic-certification>

Stormwater University Porous Paving Live Webinar FREE May 9 2023 2:00 PM EST

Join us for this FREE live webinar to learn about the benefits, maintenance plans, and differences of various types of porous pavements. Attendees will be provided with practical information on porous paving systems; including their suitability for projects based on cost, maintenance, aesthetics, ease of installation, functionality, and municipal requirements. Registration [Porous Paving - Stormwater University](#)

Dr. Anu Taranath – The Tangled Politics of Hair: Why What’s on Your Head Matters to Society

May 17, 2023 7:00-8:00 PM FREE

Speaker and acclaimed UW educator Dr. Anu Taranath explores the role of the hair in our cultures. Anu poses the question, “Why is one kind of hairstyle understood as “better” than another?” Her thoughtful discussion encourages us to go deeper, to take a surprising look at beauty, bias, belonging and examine the cultural and racial perceptions which influence our judgement of hair and the individual.

Registration <https://vashoncenterforthearts.org/event/dr-anu-taranath-the-tangled-politics-of-hair-why-whats-on-your-head-matters-to-society/>

Stormwater University Watershed Protection from a Stormwater Perspective: Regulations and Components (3-Part Series) May 18, July 18, & September 21, 2023 This **3-part webinar series** will delve into the **EPA regulations** that govern watershed protection and the crucial role of stormwater permitting in this regard. The series will also offer an overview of the 9 elements required by the EPA for a **watershed protection plan** and how they are put into practice. Join speaker **Angela Walker** from Stormwater University as she explores stakeholders and how the federal government supports the implementation of these plans through grants and funding. You will also learn how to identify problematic **pollutants** in a watershed and how to limit their impact. **Registration:** https://stormwateruniv.com/groups/watershed-protection-from-a-stormwater-perspective-regulations-and-components-3-part-series/?utm_source=Email&utm_medium=Webinar-Series&utm_term=Watershed-Protection&oly_enc_id=3882C2351667D0X

[American Water Works Association elearning courses](#)

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

2023 Ohio Stormwater Conference May 10-12, 2023 Kalahari Resort and Conference Center, Sandusky, OH See: www.ohstormwaterconference.com

Northwest Toxics Summit June 6, 2023 Miller Hall World Forestry Center, Portland, OR

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At this summit we are gathering knowledgeable environmental professionals with different experiences and perspectives to talk about TOXICS: What do we know and what should we do about it? Registration: <https://elecenter.com/product/northwest-toxics-summit-in-person-regular-registration-rate/>

WEF Stormwater Summit 2023 June 27-29, 2023 Kansas City, Missouri register at: [sw-23-online-program.pdf \(wef.org\)](https://www.wef.org/programs/sw-23-online-program.pdf)

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>

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

City of Lacey [Water Resources Specialist - Stormwater & Surface Water | Job Details tab | Career Pages \(governmentjobs.com\)](#)

Lewis County Construction Inspector is responsible for on-site observation and documentation of construction work activities relating to the District's Cowlitz Falls Hydroelectric Project, recreational and fish & wildlife habitat sites. For more information visit

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/lcpud/jobs/3923484/construction-inspector-limited-duration?pagetype=jobOpportunitiesJobs>

City of Tacoma's NPDES group is hiring a [Regulatory Compliance Analyst, Senior](#)

Ecology is hiring a [Municipal Stormwater Permit Implementation Planner](#)

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>