

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!



We are excited to bring MuniCon 2023 back in person and online. Plan to join your fellow Washington State Stormwater professionals – April 25-26, 2023, in Wenatchee, WA.

Watch for the call for abstracts in September 2022. If you have ideas for workshops or priority topics of interest please contact [laurie.larson-pugh@wsu.edu](mailto:laurie.larson-pugh@wsu.edu)

**Ecology new guidance document Stormwater Treatment of Tire Contaminants – Best Management Practices Effectiveness.** The report evaluates which stormwater best management practices (BMPs) are expected to reduce concentrations of 6PPD and 6PPD-q in stormwater runoff. Link to study [https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/ezshare/wq/Permits/Flare/2019SWMMWW/Content/Resources/DocsForDownload/2022\\_SWTreatmentOfTireContaminants-BMPEffectiveness.pdf?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery](https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/ezshare/wq/Permits/Flare/2019SWMMWW/Content/Resources/DocsForDownload/2022_SWTreatmentOfTireContaminants-BMPEffectiveness.pdf?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)

## NEWS NATIONAL & LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

**NMSA held a public meeting on June 27, 2022** in conjunction with the Water Environment Federation (WEF) Stormwater Summit held in Minneapolis, Minnesota. This meeting featured input by key U.S. EPA staff on a variety of topics, including the Clean Watersheds Needs Survey, the roll out of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding, and current initiatives led by EPA stormwater/MS4 program staff. Updates on legislation was provided by WEF Legislative Director, Steve Dye, and NMSA leadership provided an update on recent activities and future efforts led by NMSA.

To view a free recording of this meeting, please go to NMSA's Youtube channel: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4hcEE\\_6AeMo&t=1s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4hcEE_6AeMo&t=1s)

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

**The City of Tacoma is working on a rate study benchmarking survey** funded by an Ecology GROSS grant. Gathering this information is important so we can get a holistic view of how rates are being collected throughout Washington. Our consultant and the Technical Advisory Committee will use the data collected as a baseline for the

guidance being developed. The outcome of this project isn't meant to tell jurisdictions they need to charge rates one way or another, but will give guidance on how different aspects of a rate structure can support various emphasis areas, like environmental justice. Complete the survey at:

[https://forms.microsoft.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=JsdzvErdfUqDJKio6MfFG97nO30gBGhBpUgNiPeiKqdUMUNPNFgxVTQSDQ4WTRPNEtWUeLVEMxNy4u&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery](https://forms.microsoft.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=JsdzvErdfUqDJKio6MfFG97nO30gBGhBpUgNiPeiKqdUMUNPNFgxVTQSDQ4WTRPNEtWUeLVEMxNy4u&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)

If people have questions, they can reach out to Angela Gallardo, City of Tacoma [AGallardo@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:AGallardo@cityoftacoma.org)

**South Sound Call for Abstracts:** The Puyallup River Watershed Council is excited to announce that we will be hosting the annual **Puyallup Watershed Symposium on Thursday, December 8, 2022, from 1pm-5pm**. The Puyallup Watershed Symposium is a free event where you can learn about or share information about research, environmental justice, and other work occurring in the Puyallup River watershed (WRIA 10). This event will take place at the WSU Puyallup Allmendinger Center, and it will also be live-streamed on Zoom.

We invite those doing work in the Puyallup River watershed to submit an abstract for an oral presentation (15-20 min) or poster that targets one or more of the focus areas in the Puyallup-White River Ecosystem Recovery Plan (ERP). The focus areas are: Equity and Human Wellbeing, Climate Change, Salmon, Estuaries, Floodplains, Forests, Farms and Agricultural Lands, Stormwater and Water Quality. *The complete ERP can be found at <https://www.piercecountywa.gov/6341/PWR-LIO#:~:text=In%202019%2D21%20we%20developed,watershed%2C%20and%20thereby%20Puget%20Sound.und>*. Please submit your abstract online at <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/c1739fc78a8448c4bc2edc6ed01ecc31> **by October 31, 2022.**

**SAM Study: Survey of Municipal Storm/Surface Water Operations and Maintenance Programs**

We are asking NPDES municipal stormwater permittees to fill out this **Municipal O&M survey** <https://forms.office.com/r/w2GmD8nQEj>. The survey is 17 questions and should only take about 15 minutes to complete.

This survey supports an [SAM Study of Storm/Surface Water BMP Operations and Maintenance](#) being led by the City of Bellevue and Aspect Consulting. The Study is evaluating the thresholds and conditions that trigger BMP maintenance per guidance from the Stormwater Management Manual for Western Washington. The focus of the Study is on four common types of stormwater BMPs: ponds, tanks, trenches, and vaults. The results of the survey will support an assessment of the effectiveness of BMP maintenance activities and frequencies for these four BMP types along with the record-keeping methods, staffing, costs, and available data related to water quality and habitat collected by NPDES permittees. Please complete the **survey by August 1, 2022.**

<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=KzChNEDqGU-noyWdc2dV1HhC0t8pNYxMhOkqwBAoeMIUODBPM1BMOUxBOUJURFA0Q1JVRzFESDVKNS4u>

Questions regarding the survey or the SAM study can be directed to Don McQuilliams at [dmcquilliams@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:dmcquilliams@bellevuewa.gov) or James Packman at [jpackman@aspectconsulting.com](mailto:jpackman@aspectconsulting.com)

Thank you on behalf of the Study Technical Advisory Committee:

Don McQuilliams, City of Bellevue, Scott McQuary, City of Redmond, Ann Bustamante, City of Sumner  
Bonnie McLeod, City of Tacoma, Chris Bowman, City of Woodinville, Consultant: James Packman, Aspect Consulting

**Pacific Northwest Social Marketing Association Call for Abstracts for the SPARKS Conference December 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022.** More information at:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfLi8KKESSErPYqSVrtbdSnUO-9WwkgSwye4QUHyNe24NCj\\_A/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfLi8KKESSErPYqSVrtbdSnUO-9WwkgSwye4QUHyNe24NCj_A/viewform)

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

**APWA**

Sept. 16, 2022, 9:00am-12:00pm

**Central NPDES Permit Coordinators Forum**

August 18, 2022, 1:00-3:30pm

**ROAD Map (Regional Operations and Maintenance Program)**

July 14, 2022, 1:00-3:30pm

**South Sound Phase II Coordinator's Group**

Oct. 13, 2022, 9:00-11:00am

**Business Inspection Group (BIG)**

August 16, 2022, 1:30-3:30pm

**STORM**

STORM Quarterly is scheduled for September 15 from 9 am-12 pm

**RESOURCES:**

**Clean river coalition** <https://cleanriverscoalition.com/resources/>

Lawn campaign: <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/mg/metro/whats-your-lawn-style>

Follow the water videos <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCG63A3K-iykeGrijLp9xu9tA>

**New Resource: Source Control Inspection Program Guidance Manual**

Source Control Inspection Form (Survey123) is now posted in Chapter 5

<https://www.wastormwatercenter.org/permit-assistance/municipal/chapter-5-conducting-business-site-inspections/>

**WSU Extension's Water Currents Newsletter July 2022** Attached

**Minnesota Stormwater Seminar Series. Great content for stormwater professionals from the University of Minnesota** more information at:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBmXT6jnWo9xAKs0RFny8Q>

**NPR does Green Infrastructure in Cities Report** <https://www.npr.org/people/803934365/lauren-sommer>

**Challenges on funding the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill by NMSA** More information at:

<https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/stormwater-funding-through-bipartisan-infrastructure-law-sure-thing->

**Balancing Stormwater Infrastructure Costs** New report out on upgrading aging systems and installing

GI. <https://www.nga.org/center/publications/balancing-stormwater-infrastructure-costs/>

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

**PSRC is hosting a webinar to review information on the new Bipartisan Infrastructure Law on Friday, July 29th from 9 - 10 a.m.** Staff will provide a high-level summary of transportation funding and current federal grant opportunities. More information at: <https://psrc.org/whats-happening/blog/bipartisan-infrastructure-law-webinar-july-29>

**NEBC Virtual Workshop: Innovative Sewer/Stormwater Utility Compliance and Finance Strategies August 1, 2022 | 11:30 am - 1:00 pm** Public utilities face unique challenges balancing competing priorities of compliance, core services, resource management and financial impacts. This session will provide examples of innovative ideas around regulatory compliance, environmental stewardship, cost allocation and emerging financial tools that can better integrate a public sewer/stormwater utility with the communities it serves. Speakers: Jonas Biery, Vice President, Public Finance Banker, D.A. Davidson & Co. Jack Liang, Chief Strategy Officer, Clean Water Services  
Registration <https://www.nebc.org/event/nebc-virtual-workshop-innovative-sewer-stormwater-utility-compliance-and-finance-strategies/>

**StormCon September 26-28, 2022 Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center National Harbor, MD** Conference information at: <https://www.stormcon.com/stormcon2022/1619207?ref=PreconEmail>

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

The Washington Stormwater Center is hiring for three permit assistance positions. The application deadline is Aug. 3, 2022. For more information visit the links below.

1. **Stormwater Permit Assistance Specialist** position is now posted on WSU Jobs and within Workday Recruit. You can view that here: [https://wsu.wd5.myworkdayjobs.com/en-US/WSU\\_Jobs/details/Stormwater-Permit-Assistance-Specialist\\_R-6551](https://wsu.wd5.myworkdayjobs.com/en-US/WSU_Jobs/details/Stormwater-Permit-Assistance-Specialist_R-6551). **This is the eastern Washington half-time municipal permit assistant position.**
2. **Stormwater Education and Outreach Specialist** position is now posted on WSU Jobs and within Workday Recruit. You can view that here: [https://wsu.wd5.myworkdayjobs.com/en-US/WSU\\_Jobs/details/Stormwater-Education-and-Outreach-Specialist\\_R-6554](https://wsu.wd5.myworkdayjobs.com/en-US/WSU_Jobs/details/Stormwater-Education-and-Outreach-Specialist_R-6554)
3. **Industrial and Construction Stormwater Permit Specialist** position is now posted on WSU Jobs and within Workday Recruit. You can view that here: [https://wsu.wd5.myworkdayjobs.com/en-US/WSU\\_Jobs/job/Puyallup-WA/Industrial-and-Construction-Stormwater-Permit-Specialist\\_R-6553](https://wsu.wd5.myworkdayjobs.com/en-US/WSU_Jobs/job/Puyallup-WA/Industrial-and-Construction-Stormwater-Permit-Specialist_R-6553).

**City of Lake Stevens is hiring a Surface Water Coordinator** The job bulletin is attached and the link to the job is here. Surface Water Coordinator | Job Details tab | Career Pages (governmentjobs.com) <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/lakestevenswa/jobs/3642736/surface-water-coordinator?pagetype=jobOpportunitiesJobs>

**Pierce County Surface Water Management is hiring two Water Quality Planner 2 positions!** These positions are open until filled, but we are hoping to fill them very soon. Our first review of applications will be on August 15th.

Are you interested in helping to develop and implement plans and programs that lead to cleaner and healthier streams, rivers and lakes in Pierce County? Would you like to help identify projects that preserve and enhance natural spaces for our community? Pierce County Surface Water Management is hiring a Water Quality Planner 2 to help develop and implement water quality and stormwater management plans, and work with community members to understand water quality and habitat issues in streams, lakes, and marine areas in Pierce County. Your work will also support salmon recovery, shellfish recovery, and watershed councils throughout Pierce County. This is a unique opportunity to make a big impact to your community and the environment. Follow this link for the position details: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/piercecountywa/jobs/3647763/planner-2-water-quality?page=6&pagetype=jobOpportunitiesJobs>

**City of Shoreline has an opening on the team that works on Garden Hotline and other natural yard care programming we do at Tilth.** See attached job description and instructions. We are seeking educators who represent the communities we serve and love to do outreach and share a passion for educating about natural gardening techniques.

We are – in the spirit of full disclosure – competing for the contract again this year for the 2023 - 2024 cycle so this job will for certain go through December of 2021 and then if we are successful with the contract proposal go through to 2024. At that point we may be granted an extension of three more years to make it a five year cycle like we are finishing right now. If we are successful we will also be proposing to ADD team members so there may be more positions open with the new cycle. For now, this job is a 40 hour a week position, mostly Monday through Friday from 9 to 5:30 but can include some weekends and evenings which the schedule is adjusted for. Questions regarding the position, please contact [lauramatter@tilthalliance.org](mailto:lauramatter@tilthalliance.org)

**City of Sammamish is recruiting an Associate Engineer to join our Stormwater team.** See attachment To apply please visit: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/jobs/3606281-0/associate-engineer-stormwater>.

**City of Marysville** is hiring a Surface Water Specialist Please share and/or apply if you are interested. Feel free to contact Brooke Ensor [BEnsor@marysvillewa.gov](mailto:BEnsor@marysvillewa.gov) if you would like more information.

**City of Port Angeles is hiring for a Engineering Tech or Engineer I Position**

This position will facilitate the new Source Control Program as well as help support other aspects of the City's Source Control Program. For more information <https://www.cityofpa.us/1126/Engineering-Technician-I-III-CivilUtilit>

**City of Lacey Engineering Technician III - Water Resources/Stormwater**

The Engineering Technician III performs advanced technical and sub-professional engineering work in the office and field. Duties will vary depending on the assigned section. To view the full posting and/or apply, please visit: [Engineering Technician III - Water Resources/Stormwater \(2021 Salary\) | Job Details tab | Career Pages \(governmentjobs.com\)](#)

**The Department of Ecology Positions:**

**The Water Quality Program within the Department of Ecology is looking to fill a Senior Storm Water Planner (Environmental Planner 4) position.** This position is located in our Headquarters Office in Lacey, WA.

If you are passionate about the environment and want to work on issues that impact Salmon and other aquatic species, this is the place for you. In this position, you will assist in Ecology's efforts to understand and respond to the chemical that has been found to cause Urban Runoff Mortality Syndrome (URMS), in Coho salmon. You will be focused on finding ways to manage Stormwater runoff by researching Best Management Practices (BMPs), and managing projects aimed at finding solutions to the tire chemical 6PPD-quinone. The legislature has allocated 1 million in funding for this unit to directly respond to 6PPD-quinone. You will engage with stakeholders from environmental groups, other state and national agencies, tribes and sovereign nations, and municipalities to develop guidance that will be used in Stormwater permits and manuals. In this position you will work directly with the Municipal Unit that issues MS4 permits, develops and manages the Stormwater management manuals, and provides engineering oversight for Stormwater treatment. Questions contact Robert "Jake" Barkman [roba461@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:roba461@ecy.wa.gov)

**Water Quality Program within the Department of Ecology is looking to fill a Municipal Stormwater Grant Project Specialist (Environmental Specialist 4) position.** This position is located in our Northwest Regional Office (NWRO) in Shoreline, WA. In this role, you will work with a dynamic team to assess and manage stormwater grant and loan projects that will benefit Washington State waters and the environment. You will also work with fellow stormwater staff to assess applicability of stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs) to a range of water quality issues, and learn about emerging water quality concerns. As a part of Ecology's stormwater grant and loan project management team, we help facilitate the work happening on the ground that impacts local and state water quality goals. Questions contact Robert "Jake" Barkman [roba461@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:roba461@ecy.wa.gov)  
<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/washington/jobs/3624010/municipal-stormwater-grant-project-specialist-environmental-specialist-4>

**Water Quality Program within the Department of Ecology is looking to fill a Construction Stormwater General Permit Writer (Environmental Specialist 4) 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. Stormwater runoff from construction sites can carry muddy water, debris, and chemicals into local waterways. Sediments, chemicals, and debris can harm aquatic life and reduce water quality. We require regulated construction sites to get coverage under the Construction Stormwater General Permit (CSWGP). Following the requirements in this permit helps control and reduce water pollution.  
<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/washington/jobs/3599969/construction-stormwater-general-permit-writer-environmental-specialist-4>

**The Toxics Cleanup Program (TCP) within the Department of Ecology is looking to fill a Source Control and Storm Water Engineer (Environmental Engineer 5) position.** This position is located in our Northwest Region Office (NWRO) in Shoreline, WA.

In this role, you will serve as the Regional Toxics Cleanup Program's lead engineering specialist in source control including stormwater management and treatment for industries, municipalities and land development in the Section's largest and most complex cleanup site, the Lower Duwamish Waterway (LDW) project area. You will issue discharge permits for inspecting and reviewing engineered improvements for complex industrial facilities that discharge stormwater in the LDW, serve as Site Manager for large and complex sites in the LDW, and provide engineering support for the Puget Sound Initiative. Questions contact Robert "Jake" Barkman [roba461@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:roba461@ecy.wa.gov)  
<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/washington/jobs/3635135/source-control-and-storm-water-engineer-environmental-engineer-5>

**Water Quality Program within the Department of Ecology is looking to fill an Urban Waters and Industrial Stormwater Permit Manager (Environmental Specialist 4) position.** This position is located in our Eastern Regional Office (ERO) in **Spokane, WA**, and is not currently required to work in the office on a regular basis. <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/washington/jobs/3548821/urban-waters-and-industrial-stormwater-permit-manager-environmental-specialist-4>

**Water Quality Program within the Department of Ecology is looking to fill a Stormwater Financial Assistance Coordinator (Environmental Planner 4) position.** This position is located in our Headquarters Office in Lacey, WA, and is not currently required to work in the office on a regular basis. <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/washington/jobs/3556828/stormwater-financial-assistance-coordinator-environmental-planner-4>