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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 informational information and attachments.

Please share with others who could use the information. **By: Laurie Larson**

News

Congratulations King County!

The education and outreach campaign created by Mary Rabourn

“Don’t Wait to Inflate” won a 2024 Blue Pencil & Gold Screen Award from the National Association of Government Communicators!

News State, National & Legislative Update

Equitable Language Guide from Public Health – Seattle & King County

The Equitable Language Guide is a tool co-created by the Communications Team and staff throughout Public Health – Seattle & King County (PHSKC) to make sure that the way we talk and write respects and represents people’s experiences, using words they feel best describe them. In particular, this guide supports our staff in using equitable and inclusive language that resonates with and centers the diverse people we serve. It includes:

- best practices
- guidance for language considerations for public health topics, issues, and community groups
- resources and links for more learning
- glossary

Find the most recent version of the Equitable Language Guide for Public Health – Seattle & King County in the resources on the Office of Equity and Community Partnerships [web page](#) or using this link: [PHSKC Equitable Language Guide \(kingcounty.gov\)](#). Please feel to share with your colleagues and partners!

Peer to Peer Permittee Request for Information

WSC has been asked to generate a list of LID contractors (rain garden, pervious pavement, bioretention, green roofs, etc.) for installation and maintenance. If you have used a contractor that completed quality work please send their contact information to laurie.larson-pugh@wsu.edu. You can enter your recommendations into a [form here](#). Thank you!

Regional Permit Coordinator Meetings:

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

APWA May 17, 2024, 9:00am-12:00pm

Central NPDES Permit Coordinators Forum June 20, 2024, 1:00-3:30 pm

ROAD Map (Regional Operations and Maintenance Program) April 25, 2024, 1:00-3:30 pm Virtual

South Sound Phase II Coordinator's Group April 25, 2024, 9:00-11:00 am

Business Inspection Group (BIG) June 18, 2024, 1:30-3:30 pm

STORM Quarterly meeting May 16, 2024, 9 am- noon at the Center for Urban Waters, Tacoma in-person. Please register [here](#).

Resources

Salmon Recovery Planning Grant:

The Department of Commerce, in collaboration with the Puget Sound National Estuary Program and the Stormwater and Habitat strategic initiative leads, are offering [salmon recovery planning grants](#) to local governments and tribes. These funds aim to advance the [Governor's statewide salmon recovery strategy](#) and align with the [Strategic Initiative Leads' priorities](#). Please contact the Growth Management Services Ecosystem Team at angela.sanfilippo@commerce.wa.gov or david.pater@commerce.wa.gov.

King County is proposing to amend the 2021 King County Surface Water Design Manual (SWDM).

The overall objectives of the amendment are to: 1) provide better protection of environmental resources and private property, 2) meet the intent of requirements of the Washington State Growth Management Act, the Clean Water Act, and King County's Phase I Municipal Stormwater Permit (the Permit), and 3) support salmon recovery. The key aspect of this update is to add bioretention using WA Ecology approved high performance bioretention soil mixes (HPBSM) as an approved water quality treatment facility and as an allowable flow control best management practice.

A draft of the proposed public rule, redlined sections of the SWDM, and a summary of changes proposed are available at kingcounty.gov/swdm2021rev2024. SEPA documentation (DNS and checklist) addressing the revised rule is available upon request. For further information, contact Mark Wilgus at mark.wilgus@kingcounty.gov.

Washington Department of Commerce: Community-Based Organization Public Participation Grants Deadline May 30, 2024

Recent [updates to state law](#) require Commerce to advance the participation of vulnerable populations and overburdened communities in comprehensive planning processes. In response, Commerce has established this new grant program. Commerce has budgeted \$2 million of Climate Commitment Act Funds for a community-based participation program.

- Contract award amounts: Between \$35,000 and \$100,000 for the initial year of the grant program (July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025). Successful applicants will engage in local comprehensive planning processes occurring within cities and counties as a result of funding support. Examples are included in the grant application instructions.

Grant applicants must:

- Be a Washington state-registered non-profit corporation.
- Be licensed to do business in Washington state.
- Participate in comprehensive planning activities in one or more of the following counties or cities within these counties: Clallam, Clark, Island, Jefferson, Lewis, Mason, San Juan, Skagit, Thurston, or Whatcom Counties.

Please review the [grant application materials \(on Box\)](#) for more information. Contact the Application Coordinator at CBOgrants@commerce.wa.gov.

STORM [Resource Reservoir](https://pugetsoundstormgroup.org) (pugetsoundstormgroup.org)– you make this library work!

1. Click the link above and request a log in
 2. Search for or upload your best and tested materials, project info, audience research, environmental ed curricula (over 500 ed downloads for 2023 alone, thousands to date!)
 3. Share with your partners – this is public information with free downloads for all
- Questions or issues: contact Mary.Rabourn@kingcounty.gov

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SAM Mobile Business Study NEW outreach materials now available on the [WSC website here](#). One of the deliverables of this SAM Mobile Business study was 3 outreach brochures for three different types of mobile business activities: mobile auto repair, landscaping, and pressure washing. These brochures are intended for municipal stormwater staff to give to mobile businesses during source control inspections. Each brochure is available in print and web versions and has been translated into Spanish. Project contact [Todd Hunsdorfer](#), King Co. The complete study documents are available on the [SAM website](#).

Use of Science in Ecosystem Recovery Partnerships in the Puget Sound: [A Survey Report for Stakeholders](#)

[NOAA Website Centralizes Water Data](#): The site, known as the National Water Prediction Service, consolidates and modernizes several NOAA hydrological tools.

Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department & Natural Yard Care webinar series April 24. [Find more information here.](#)

Workshops/ Trainings/ Conferences

Washington Dept. of Ecology: Preliminary rule webinar for natural conditions in the surface water quality standards. April 23, 2024, 1:30 PM. [Register here.](#)

Join us for an online informational workshop to learn about our current strategy to update parts of the surface water quality standards that address natural conditions (chapter 173-201A WAC). We are updating the parts of the water quality standards that protect waterbodies that may not meet pollution limits due to natural situations, such as a stream with naturally high temperature in an area not affected by human actions.

CESCL Training in Wenatchee WA by CWT Training Academy April 23-24, 2024 [View location and schedule here.](#)

Esri Training GIS for Climate Action May 1-June 12, 2024

Our no-cost massive open online course (MOOC) explores how GIS is being used now to prepare for a future that requires resilient systems, infrastructure, and communities. [Find more information here.](#)

ESRI Get Started with Survey123Connect May 2, 2024 9:00 am (PT), Online Esri Academy, Free. [Register here.](#)

NEBC Northwest Remediation Conference May 2, 2024 Greater Tacoma Convention Center 7:30-5:00. [More information here.](#)

EPA: “Empowering Communities for Environmental Equity” theme provides opportunity for conversation about equitable access to healthy and sustainable communities.

EPA's Mid-Atlantic Region announced today that registration is now open for its 3rd Annual environmental summit, to be held virtually on May 16, 2024, from 10 a.m. – 4p.m. Free and open to the public, this event will convene representatives from communities, non-profits, Tribes, advocacy groups, industry, academia, and state and local governments from Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia. Senior Advisor and Assistant to President Biden, Tom Perez, will join EPA Deputy Administrator

Janet McCabe will offer opening remarks. Anyone interested in the environment, policy, and public health are encouraged to attend. Full details on the agenda, session descriptions, speakers, and the registration portal can be found here: <https://web.cvent.com/event/a40840fe-b2dc-4848-81d6-dd2afdbe6c70/summary>.

[Join us for our BRAND NEW webinar Crafting Your Nonprofit's Generative AI Policy](#): May 16 10-11 AM (PT) Maximizing the Benefits and Minimizing the Risks and we'll:

- Give you some practical ways to think about and discuss AI in your organization.
- Explore the primary benefits of using generative AI, such a drafting content or creating visuals, refining the tone and style for target audiences, and curating content.
- Explore the downsides: the legal and ethical concerns about source materials, the lack of authenticity and sameness in the writing, possible impacts on your website SEO, and the potential lack of transparency and accountability internally.
- Review the essential components of a comprehensive policy for the use of generative AI.
- Identify additional actions you can lead or suggest internally.

Fostering Sustainable Behavior Workshop - Doug McKenzie-Mohr June 3-5, 2024, Virtual, Fee Based

This virtual workshop will particularly interest agencies that promote waste reduction, energy and water efficiency, conservation, sustainable food consumption, invasive species control, electrification, modal transportation changes, and other sustainable actions. View registration information [here](#).

StormCon August 27-29, 2024 Reno, NV. [Lean more here](#).

Online Courses

American Waterworks Association CONTAMINANTS OF CONCERN - PFAS Self-paced Course Fee \$139.00

The purpose of this course is to provide important information on the scope of the PFAS issue as it relates to drinking water. It covers EPA's integrated approach to PFAS including requirements and best practices for water monitoring, testing, treatment, disposal, and stakeholder communication. [Register here](#).

CWT Academy is pleased to announce the release of our industrial or multi-sector stormwater management series! [View courses here](#).

Job Opportunities

[Federal Way is hiring a Water Quality specialist position.](#)

Ecology is currently recruiting:

- The Water Quality Program, Central Regional Office (Union Gap, WA) and the Eastern Regional Office (Spokane, WA) are currently recruiting for [Municipal Stormwater Permit Implementation Planners](#), one at each regional office. Upon hire, you must live within a commutable distance from the duty station. First screening is scheduled for May 1, 2024. If you have questions please contact Erik.VanDoren@ecy.wa.gov Central Regional Office or Art.Jenkins@ecy.wa.gov Eastern Regional Office.
- The Water Quality Program within the Department of Ecology is looking to fill two [Nonpoint Inspector and Compliance Specialist\(Environmental Specialist 3\)](#) positions. The positions are located in our Central Region Office (CRO) in [Union Gap, WA](#). Upon hire, you must live within a commutable distance from the duty station. Applications due April 29, 2024. Contact Jillian Carver jill.carver@ecy.wa.gov with any questions. [More information here](#).

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