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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

The Stormwater Strategic Initiative Lead (SIL), led by the Washington Departments of Ecology and Commerce and the Washington State University Stormwater Center, is proud to announce a new competitive funding opportunity coming March 15, 2024. Selection criteria will align with the 2023 Investment Plan priorities and the Implementation Strategy, and this opportunity will be targeting projects that innovate or test best management practices (BMPs) in toxic hotspots and transportation areas for the removal of 6PPD, 6PPDQ, or PCBs, and potentially other contaminants, from Puget Sound watersheds.

The funding opportunity will award up to \$1.5 million in total and will fund up to \$500,000 per proposal through the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Puget Sound Geographic Program Funds. Please visit the [Stormwater SIL funding page](#) and the [blog on this RFP](#) for more information. Contact the RFP Coordinator with questions: Dustin Bilhimer (Dustin.Bilhimer@ecy.wa.gov)

The [WSDOT Stormwater Retrofit Prioritization WORKING DRAFT Web Map](#) is available for review and feedback (feedback form accessed from the top of the "About" page). Planning decisions are not being made with the draft web map. It is being shared to solicit feedback to improve its ability to point to high-priority areas to consider for stormwater retrofit. Tribes, local agencies, and other interested parties can submit priority stormwater retrofit locations on WSDOT infrastructure to represent their interests and elevate their priorities within the WSDOT prioritization. Access [Survey123](#) to enter up to four locations per entity. Feedback on the prioritization working draft web map and Survey123 entries are due June 30, 2024, for first-round consideration.

"Washington Stormwater Center has published its third video in a series of "60-second stormwater" shorts training videos aimed at providing businesses with a quick snapshot of proper stormwater management techniques. Videos in this series will be released weekly. Watch the video here: https://www.youtube.com/shorts/lyRPF_j0InE and subscribe to our YouTube channel to never miss a future release. [Read more on this topic here.](#)

News State, National & Legislative Update

The comments submitted for the 2024 municipal permits reissuance can be viewed with the following link:

[2024Phase I & Phase II Formal Draft Comment Period \(commentinput.com\)](#)

Ecology announcing comment period on proposed updates to aquatic life toxics criteria. We are proposing revisions to aquatic life toxics criteria to provide additional water quality protection for organisms that live in water.

Read the [proposed rule language](#). You can [submit comments online](#) (until 11:59 p.m. on April 17, 2024)

You are invited to the Community-Based Public-Private Partnerships Learning Network Meeting #3 Feb. 28, 2024, 10:00-11:30 am.

[Register here](#). The [Stormwater CBP3 project team](#) will be providing technical assistance to Washington-based municipalities, local governments, and other entities interested in applying for funding from the Department of Ecology to advance a community-based public-private partnership (CBP3) or other alternative procurement stormwater project.

You are invited to complete the Stormwater CBP3 project's [Request for Technical Assistance Form](#) and indicate interest in receiving this technical assistance. We are extending this invitation to members of Washington's stormwater community and anyone who has participated in the CBP3 TA Learning Network. Information related to the questions in the form does not need to be complete or final. Additionally, submitting the form does not guarantee that technical assistance will ultimately be provided. Please refer to the [WashingtonCBP3 Guidebook](#) or contact Sarah Ponte at sarah.ponte@ecy.wa.gov | (564) 669-4701

Water Environmental Federation and the National Municipal Stormwater Alliance are co-leading the National Stormwater Policy Forum April 8, 2024.

Virtual Options please go to https://nlc-org.zoom.us/join/register/tZMudOytpzMvG9OVxpgAKbQmJfmcj9_CGEGa#/registration.

Peer to Peer Permittee Request for Information

Gig Harbor is interested in implementing a storm drain art project and would love to hear from other jurisdictions that have done it. What paints, primers, and sealants did you use or recommend? How did you choose which drains/manholes to use? Did you use any capacity grant money for supplies? How did you manage traffic control while the artist was working? How long did the art last? Any details of how jurisdictions did this in the past would be helpful. Contact [Michael Abboud](#).

Statewide MS4 Permittee Mentorship Program:

Stormwater program staff from Thurston County, King County, and Redmond have been chatting about the value of establishing a WA State MS4 Permittee Mentorship Program and are interested in your thoughts. This brief survey will aid in evaluating the level of interest as well as how such a program might be structured to support you or someone else in your jurisdiction. Please share with all department staff implementing stormwater permit requirements. [Complete the survey here](#). The Survey closes Friday, 2/23/24 5:00 PM.

For more information, contact:

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Regional Permit Coordinator Meetings:

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

APWA March 15, 2024, 9:00am-12:00pm

Central NPDES Permit Coordinators Forum April 18, 2024, 1:00-3:30 pm

ROAD Map (Regional Operations and Maintenance Program) April 11, 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) April 16, 2024, 1:30-3:30 pm

STORM Quarterly meeting May 16, 2024, 9 am- noon at the Center for Urban Waters, Tacoma in-person.

Resources

The Pollution Prevention Resource Center (PPRC) has created videos for automotive businesses. View the following videos:

[EcoBiz Training Series & Continuing Education: Washwater Best Management Practices- Spanish](#)

[EcoBiz Training Series: Washwater Best Management Practices](#)

[EcoBiz Training Series: Oil Water Separators](#)

[EcoBiz Training Series: Catch Basin Best Management Practices](#)

[EcoBiz Training Series: Hazardous Waste Management](#)

[Pollution Prevention Resource Center](#) - YouTube

Updated Rain Garden Handbook: The Snohomish Conservation District has been working on revising and updating the Rain Garden Handbook for Western Washington. If you'd like to order a copy of the newest edition, [you can do that here](#) (the order deadline for a printed handbook is Monday, February 12th). The 2023 version of the Rain Garden Handbook for Western Washington incorporates updated information and guidance on the planning, construction, and maintenance of rain gardens in Western Washington, including Simpler sizing charts, updated and expanded plant lists, and accessibility to all readers.

Workshops/ Trainings/ Conferences

Call for Abstract Submissions by March 8th. PNW-SETAC Conference, May 13th-15th in Troutdale, OR.

[Submittal information here.](#)

The [International Erosion and Sediment Control Annual Conference](#) Spokane Feb. 25-28, 2024

[NEBC Managing Stormwater In Washington March 12, 2024](#) Municipal Fundamentals Panel

The Rundown on Municipal Runoff: The What, What's Next, What's Cool, and How to Fund(Municipal) Stormwater Management Programs.

All in one place you can:

- Get the scoop on Phase I and Phase II Municipal Stormwater Permits, proposed updates, and comments on the Draft 2024 Permits.
- Learn about the Stormwater Action Monitoring program and discover cool projects and findings.
- Fund your projects- learn about resources available from the Washington State Department of Ecology.

Pacific Northwest Social Marketing Association DEI - Going Deeper March 20th Forum 11:30 am-1:00 pm. [Registration information.](#)

Speakers Jennifer Gonzalez (C+C), Nico Archer (DH), and Paj Nandi (DH)

[Join the Water Research Center's free online lunchtime seminar series](#) where we'll hear from the 2022-23 seed grant recipients and learn more about water resource issues and research in Washington State.

- Thursday, March 21: Using Drone-Based Technologies to Map Stream Characteristics and Salmon Spawning Habitat
- Thursday, April 18: Integrating Agricultural Water Use into Climate Change Impact Assessments

[The 2024 FOG Forum will be held April 3 & 4 in Hood River, Oregon.](#)

Online Courses

[American Water Works Association: CONTAMINANTS OF CONCERN - PFAS \\$135](#)

AWWA's new self-paced eLearning course will explain PFAS and how this class of synthetic chemicals is being found in water systems, becoming an important topic in the water sector and contaminant of concern.

[CWT Academy view the interactive training catalog here.](#)

Job Opportunities

The City of Lacey is hiring for a [Utilities Engineering Technician III - Stormwater \(2023 Salary\)](#)

City of Ferndale's open Stormwater Program Manager position. View the [job description here](#).

[The City of Tacoma is hiring for a Senior source Control Representative position.](#) Closes 3/6/2024

Kitsap County Capital Project Manager: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/kitsap/jobs/4337892/capital-project-engineer-mgr-sw-10-premium-pay-10-incentive-pay-1-year?pagetype=jobOpportunitiesJobs>

[Sammamish Associate Engineer:](#) <https://www.governmentjobs.com/jobs/4376129-0/associate-engineer-stormwater> Closes 2/25/24.
[Sammamish Project Engineer- Stormwater](#) Closes 3/3/2024.

The City of Kenmore is seeking applicants for a Surface Water Capital Projects Manager to lead and manage a diverse range of surface water projects, including capital improvements, small works, restoration, and stormwater facility maintenance/retrofits. This role involves a wide array of responsibilities, such as cost tracking and development, contract management, scheduling, right-of-way acquisition, utility coordination, grant fund management, inspection, and construction management. Full announcement and application are available on the City of Kenmore's website [here](#). The announcement closes at 5 PM on **February 25, 2024**.

[King County Stormwater Capital Unit Manager](#) (Managing Engineer) Closes 3/3/2024 11:59 PM

King County Engineer III (River & Floodplain): Closes 3/3/2024 11:59 PM

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/kingcounty/jobs/4373950/senior-engineer-engineer-iii>

Ecology is currently recruiting to fill the [Stormwater Monitoring Engineer](#) who leads the Stormwater Action Monitoring Program. Please contact Leslie Connelly at leslie.connelly@ecy.wa.gov or (360)628-4381 if you have questions about this position.

Ecology Water Quality Program is looking to fill a [Permit Coordinator and Information Specialist \(Environmental Specialist 3\) position](#). This position is located in our Central Region Office (CRO) in Union Gap, WA. Upon hire, you must live within a commutable distance from the duty station.

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