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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 [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 the [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. Learn more from WSDOT's [Stormwater Retrofit Move Ahead Washington Toolkit](#).

"Washington Stormwater Center has published its first video in a series of "60-second stormwater" 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

[A bill to watch: HB 1365, An act relating to improving Puget Sound water quality.](#)

Brief Summary of Second Substitute Bill Requires operators of municipal wastewater systems to report annually on each discharge of untreated sewage, partially treated sewage, or mixtures of untreated stormwater and sewage into the Puget Sound. • Requires the Department of Ecology (Ecology) to produce and publicize an annual summary report of these discharges and treated discharges. • Directs Ecology to continue providing technical and financial assistance to municipal wastewater treatment facilities and to make annual grants with

available appropriated funds to reduce nutrient discharges into the Puget Sound.

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

[2024 Phase I & Phase II Formal Draft Comment Period \(commentinput.com\)](https://www.commentinput.com)

Peer to Peer Permittee Request for Information

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](#). 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 February 15, 2023, 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) February 20, 2024, 1:30-3:30 pm

STORM Quarterly meeting Symposium STORM February 8, 2024, 9 am- noon at Shoreline City Hall and hybrid. [Register here](#).

Resources

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.

Article: [Permeable pavements could reduce coho-killing tire pollutants | WSU Insider | Washington State University](#) Dr. Ani Jayakaran.

[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, February 22: Building Tribal-Academic Partnership to Protect Pacific Salmon from Toxic Urban Stormwater (6PPD-Quinone)
- 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

[Salish Sea Currents article: Lawsuits fly, as regulators come to grips with a toxic tire chemical](#)

Workshops/ Trainings/ Conferences

[Facilitating Collaborative Meetings online workshop February 13-14, 2024](#) Fee: \$225

In this two-day online workshop, Facilitating Collaborative Meetings, you can learn about tools and strategies to help you more intentionally plan, design, and facilitate meetings that are results-driven and move your collaboration forward.

Washington Research Center Building Tribal-Academic Partnerships to Protect Pacific Salmon from Toxic Urban Stormwater

Thursday, February 22, 2024, 12:00-1:00 Stephanie Blair, Ph.D. Candidate. [Register here.](#)

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

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

[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.

Job Opportunities

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

The [City of Tacoma is hiring for a Regulatory Compliance Analyst - Science and Engineering Division](#) Closes 2/12/2024 5:00 PM

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 is hiring a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Specialist (Source Control Program) Closing date: 2/11/24 Apply here:

[https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/kingcounty/jobs/4334405/stormwater-pollution-prevention-specialist?](https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/kingcounty/jobs/4334405/stormwater-pollution-prevention-specialist?keywords=Conservation&pagetype=jobOpportunitiesJobs)

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Sound Transit Program Manager - Stormwater Compliance [More information here.](#)

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