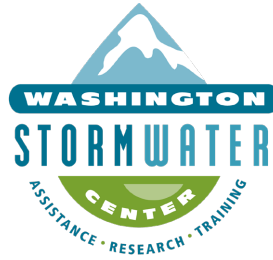


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January 21, 2025

This bi-weekly Municipal Stormwater Bulletin contains information including a request for information from permittees, updates on workshops/training, and news. There are a lot of tools, resources and job postings. Please share the information with others. **By: Laurie Larson-Pugh and Deanna Seaman**

News

MUNICON

MuniCon 2025 is a great opportunity to meet and mingle with Washington stormwater professionals. There are opportunities to exhibit and support the event as a sponsor. View the [Exhibitor Opportunity](#) and [Sponsor Information](#) sheets! Draft agendas for the May 20 Workshops and the May 21 Presentation Tracks are posted on the [MuniCon 2025 website](#).

News - State, National & Legislative Update

"The Washington Stormwater Center is seeking representatives statewide to join our **Concrete Workgroup** which is being coordinated by the **Education and Outreach** Coordinator Anne Melrose. This group will collaboratively design an outreach campaign to reduce illicit discharges and stormwater pollution associated with small concrete projects. This project will require minimal time commitment for participants. Email anne.melrose@wsu.edu for more information.

Ecology withdrew the [Rule Making announcement notices for chapters 173-503A, 173-525, and 173-526 WAC](#).

Puget Sound National Estuary Program Strategic Initiative Leads is now recruiting for the [Habitat Strategic Initiative Advisory Team](#). If you are interested, there is a brief form to fill out by February 5, 2025, 5:00 pm.

Every 2 years, the Water Environment Federation (WEF; Alexandria, Virginia) coordinates the most robust stormwater data-gathering effort in the U.S., polling a diverse array of MS4 permittees on the state of their programs as well as their most significant challenges. The [2024 U.S. MS4 Needs Assessment Survey](#) now is underway, accepting responses through January 31, 2025. This survey informs many legislative proposals and so is worth the time to complete.

Peer to Peer Request for Information

A jurisdiction is curious about using drones to inspect enclosed vaults and water tank-type tanks. What kind of drones are used and how

well do they work? Please reply to Laurie.Larson-Pugh@wsu.edu.

Regional Permit Coordinator Meetings

Click on "[Regional Stormwater Coordinator Groups](#)" for information on the below groups.

APWA: January 17, 2025, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Contact stormwater.apwa@gmail.com for the meeting link.

Central NPDES Permit Coordinators Forum: Next meeting is February 20, 2025, from 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm.

ROAD Map (Regional Operations and Maintenance Program): Next meeting is January 23, 2025, from 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm.

South Sound Phase II Coordinators Group: Next meeting is January 23, 2025 from 9:00 am to 11:00 pm.

North Sound Phase II Coordinators Group: February 4, 2025 from 10:00 to 12:00.

Business Inspection Group (BIG): Next Meeting is Tuesday February 18, 2025 from 1:30 to 3:30 pm.

The WSC EJ has a webpage. To attend either of the EJ meetings contact laurie.larson-pugh@wsu.edu.

WSC Municipal EJ Workgroup (for municipal staff only): February 12, 2025 from 3:00 to 4:00 pm.

EJ Salon: Next meeting is January 28, 2025 from 2:00 to 3:30 pm.

Ecology's **Stormwater Work Group** is Wednesday February 12, 2025 from 9:00 am to 12 pm. The meeting in May will be virtual and in-person, times and location TBD. Contact madison.bristol@ecy.wa.gov for registration information.

Resources

Our **National Stormwater Awareness Week sessions** were recorded and are posted on our [YouTube Channel](#). You can link to them from our website as well.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is excited to invite you to attend the NOAA [Atlas 15 Montana Pilot Webinar on January 30th, 2025 from 1-2PM ET / 11AM-12PM MT](#). This virtual webinar aims to familiarize attendees with the new NOAA Atlas 15 pilot, the latest update to the precipitation frequency data presented in Atlas 14, the National Precipitation Frequency Atlas of the United States. The agenda will include a presentation on Atlas 15 from the NOAA National Weather Service and will provide attendees with a technical overview of the product and a demonstration of the website functionality. If you are interested in attending this event, please register by January 29, 2025 [using this form](#).

Puget Sound Partnership has a Request for Information for project proposals for collaborative ecosystem monitoring for the 2025-2027 state biennium. There is an informational webinar February 4, 2025, at 4:00 pm, [register here](#).

Infrastructure (+IRA) Funding Tracker - Allows you to sign up for a newsletter to notify you when funding opportunities from the Infrastructure Law, the Inflation Reduction Act, and the CHIPS Act are announced. [View the Funding Tracker](#). The link goes to a substack.com location; this is the correct link to receive the newsletter.

The Water Resources Research Act Program which is managed by the **State of Washington Water Research Center** is looking to [fund proposals on water related topics](#). There are six priority topics, one of which is Fate and transport of nutrients and emerging contaminants in the environment. The Center anticipates funding three proposals for \$30,000 for a year. Proposals are due March 21, 2025 at 5:00 pm.

The **Climate Impacts Group** is excited to announce we are [now accepting applications](#) for our three-week summer graduate program. Please help spread the word to eligible students (master's, doctoral, and post-doc) and practitioners (within five years of a terminal graduate degree). Internship information and links below. The priority deadline to apply is February 28 and the final deadline is March 17 @ 5PM PT.

EPA's Restoration and Protection Screening Team has relaunched the Recovery Potential Screening website. It contains new and

updated tools for comparing and prioritizing watersheds. The relaunched website provided access to the new [Web RPS Tool](#) which included advanced mapping and data visualization features along with an updated Excel RPS Tool file.

Workshops/ Trainings/ Conferences

January

Ecology is hosting a [Listening Session on 6PPD and the Used Tire Life Cycle](#) on January 23, 2025 from 9:30 to 11:00. This session is a chance for Tribes, interested parties, and the public to learn about Ecology's report to the Washington State Legislature about 6PPD and the life cycle of used tires.

February

What's Next in Social Media? Decoding Digital Engagement in 2025 Tuesday February 11, 2025 at 11:00: Join Warren Kagerise, King County's Digital Engagement Manager, in a **webinar** to learn about: *Who* uses which platforms and why, *What* social audiences expect from you, *Where* you should invest your time and focus, *When* you should embrace a platform or trend, *Why* accessible, inclusive content is important and *How* you can adapt to stay relevant and responsive. Please use this [link to register](#).

STORM has its first 2025 Quarterly meeting February 27, 2025, 9 am to noon. Here is the [Meeting Link](#).

The **International Erosion Control Association (IECA) Annual Conference and Expo** is February 25 - 28 in Richmond, Virginia. The [Conference website](#) is accepting [registrations](#).

[The Pacific Northwest Clean Water Association](#) is hosting their [Spring Summit February 26-27, 2025](#) at the University of Washington. Thursday looks to be the most relevant to our community.

[Ecology's CBP3 Learning Network](#) is hosting Meeting #6 on [February 12, 2025 1:00 - 2:30 pm](#).

March

Earth to Sky is coming to Eatonville, WA March 12-14, 2025 for the **"Common Ground for Climate Communication: Building Resilience in the Pacific Northwest."** This is a free, in-person workshop where participants will explore how the Pacific Northwest is fertile ground for world-class interpretation and communication. [Website](#), [course description](#) and contact john.p.ceballos@nasa.gov. This course is by application only; application is now open, contact john.p.ceballos@nasa.org.

[The Seattle 2030 District](#) is holding its third event in the PCBs in Building Materials Series on [March 12, 2025 at 1:00 PM](#). This virtual event will cover PCB removal tools and techniques.

April

The [Center for Watershed Protection](#) is having its [annual conference April 8-10](#) in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Early bird registration ends January 31, 2025.

The **Water Environment Federation** is hosting [National Water Policy Fly-In is April 8-9](#) in Washington, DC. This event is part of Water Week 2025, April 6-12, 2025.

Online Courses & Related Skill Training

Skills Training:

- L0105 **Public Information Basics** – FEMA PIO Class at [Kitsap County EOC, Feb. 2-6, 2025](#)
- L0105: **Public Information Basics** – [FEMA PIO Class at Thurston County OEM, April 22-24, 2025](#)
- MGT-467: [Sport and Special Event Public Information and Emergency Notification](#), WA EMD (Camp Murray), May 6-7, 2025.

Job Opportunities

The [City of Snohomish](#) is recruiting for an [NPDES Coordinator](#).

The **City of Bellevue** has posted a [Senior Engineering Technician](#) in the Water Quality Group. The position closes January 26, 2025.

The **City of Olympia** Public Works Department, Water Resources Division, seeks a qualified individual to fill the position of Senior Program Specialist - [Stormwater Education & Outreach \(Senior Program Specialist\)](#).

The **City of Duvall** is seeking a [Stormwater Program Coordinator](#).

Ecology is recruiting for a [Stormwater Work Group Project Manager](#) (Environmental Planner)

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