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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/trainings, and news. There is a lot of informational information and attachments. Please share with others who could use the information. **By: Laurie Larson**

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## News

**Request for Proposals -2024 SRFB/PSAR/Riparian/SRFB Targeted Investment/PSAR Large Cap Grant Round** (Puget Sound) Please read the Riparian policy document that is posted on the Lead Entity website: [Funding | Pierce County, WA - Official Website\(piercecountywa.gov\)](#). If your project can utilize this funding, please make sure you apply for this funding. You can use this funding on its own, or in combination with another funding type. You are encouraged to coordinate with Lisa Spurrier at [lisa.spurrier@piercecountywa.gov](mailto:lisa.spurrier@piercecountywa.gov) if you are interested in applying for these funds. We will hold an application workshop on Tuesday, February 13th at 10 am. We encourage you and your sponsors to watch the [2023 application workshop](#).

## News State, National & Legislative Update

Ecology proposes to reissue the Winery State Waste Discharge General Permit. The current permit was issued in July 2019 and will expire on July 1, 2024. The draft permit is available for review and public comment from Jan.18, 2024, through March 1, 2024, at 11:59 pm. We will host informational workshops and public hearings on the draft permit. The draft permit, fact sheet (which explains the legal and technical basis for the permit), and associated documents are available on our [Winery General Permit webpage](#). Submit your comments [online via the eComment form](#).

The workshops and hearings will be held:

Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

[Register for the webinar](#)

Monday, Feb. 26, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

[Register for the webinar](#)

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

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

# Peer to Peer Permittee Request for Information

**A jurisdiction asks if anyone has created a document documenting the potential significant change from the 2019-2024 NPDES Phase II permit to the 2024-2029 permit.** If you have created a document, could you share it with others? Please get in touch with [laurie.larson-pugh@wsu.edu](mailto:laurie.larson-pugh@wsu.edu).

## **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. Thank you. [Complete the survey here.](#)

For more information, contact:

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Larry Schaffner: [larry.schaffner@co.thurston.wa.us](mailto:larry.schaffner@co.thurston.wa.us)

## **A jurisdiction is asking for information on swimming pool discharge guidance from other jurisdictions.**

Does anyone have any information or guidance on swimming pool discharge best practices? Do you have outreach materials you send to residents discouraging discharge to the street? Please send your responses or information to [laurie.larson-pugh@wsu.edu](mailto:laurie.larson-pugh@wsu.edu). (24.09.01BM)

**Does anyone have examples of Adjustments or Exceptions to the Stormwater Management Manual for Western Washington?** We have to make that decision for a development proposed in the city. The developer is unable to comply with Wetland Hydroperiod Protection for the daily discharge volumes from the site and is seeking an Adjustment from Minimum Requirement #8 Wetlands Protection. If you have any examples or can point me to someone who may have already had to do something like this, that would be great. We've reached out to Ecology, but so far, I've only received one example, which was an Adjustment to MR #7 in Bonney Lake. Please send responses to [laurie.larson-pugh@wsu.edu](mailto:laurie.larson-pugh@wsu.edu). (11.14.23FL)

# Regional Permit Coordinator Meetings:

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

**APWA** January 19, 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) January 25, 2024, 1:00-3:30 pm Virtual

**South Sound Phase II Coordinator's Group** Jan. 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.](#) [STORM | Public Library\(pugetsoundstormgroup.org\)](#)

# Resources

EPA's [Community Change Grants](#):

EPA is accepting applications on a rolling basis for \$2 billion in Inflation Reduction Act funding available to support community-driven projects that build capacity for communities to tackle environmental and climate justice challenges. Apply by November 21, 2024. For more information, visit the [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#).

**The Shellfish Strategic Initiative is pleased to announce the funding recommendation for the Request for Proposals** to increase harvestable shellfish acreage in Puget Sound. See this blog post for more information about the opportunity and investments:

<https://pugetsoundestuary.wa.gov/2024/01/17/shellfish-sil-investment-announcement-2/>

**Habitat Steward Training:** The National Wildlife Federation is offering a specialized, multi-week virtual training to teach people how to create and restore wildlife habitat in backyards, schoolyards, and other places in your community. Classes will be held via Zoom on Tuesdays from 6:30-9:00 pm on 01/16, 01/23, 01/30, and 02/06. To register for the training, please visit <https://habitatstewardsnwf.brownpapertickets.com/> or contact Guinevere Unterbrink at [WAEducation@nwf.org](mailto:WAEducation@nwf.org). Fee: \$20.00

## 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.

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

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

## Online Courses

**National Municipal Stormwater Alliance (NMSA) Online Training** Fee based

Includes access to online training modules that can be taken within one year after enrolling, PDF certificates, and PDH's. Courses featured subjects: Municipal construction inspection, Erosion and Sediment control, IDDE, Street Sweeping, landscaping for MS4 staff, construction and industrial training. [More information here.](#)

**CWT Training Academy:** [Overview of WA 2020 Industrial Stormwater General Permit](#) \$99.00. View the course catalog for municipal courses [here](#).

## Job Opportunities

**King County is hiring a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Specialist** (Source Control Program)

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/kingcounty/jobs/4334405/stormwater-pollution-prevention-specialist?keywords=Conservation&pagetype=jobOpportunitiesJobs>

**King County is hiring for a [Stormwater Compliance Planner \(WQ Planner/Project Manager II\)](#).** This position is looking for a candidate with knowledge and understanding of stormwater regulations. Applicants can apply using [www.governmentjobs.com](http://www.governmentjobs.com) through King County's careers web page: [Careers at King County - King County, Washington](#).

**City of Olympia** Public Works Water Resources is seeking a seasoned environmental professional for the Environmental Services – [Program and Planning Supervisor position](#). Please apply through the [City of Olympia Careers webpage](#). Be sure to include a letter of interest and resume.

**[City of Olympia Stormwater Outreach and Engagement Program Specialist](#)** This position plays a key community outreach and engagement role within the Stormwater Utility and will work with the Regional Environmental Education Partners (REEP). The submittal deadline is February 2, 2024.

The [Environmental Assessment Program](#) (EAP) within the Department of Ecology seeks to fill a [Lead Product Testing Study Scientist \(Natural Resource Scientist 4\)](#) 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. Application Timeline: This position will remain open until filled we will review applications on January 30, 2024. [More information here.](#)

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