



# Municipal Stormwater Bulletin:

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## March 20, 2024

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**

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## News

### Save the Date for MuniCon May 20 & 21, 2025!

MuniCon 2025 will be hosted at the Hilton Vancouver, in Vancouver, WA. Information will be posted as it is available on the [MuniCon website](#).

**Social Marketing Awards! Deadline March 29th.** The North American Social Marketing Awards, competition exclusively devoted to behavioral and social change marketing.

Whether you've spearheaded a campaign that drove meaningful change, developed groundbreaking research, or implemented a creative solution to a pressing social issue, we want to recognize and celebrate your contributions.

- Award Categories: <https://socialmarketingawards.com/entry-categories/>
  - Submission Guidelines: <https://socialmarketingawards.com/eligibility-and-guidelines/>
  - Award Announcement: Winners will be announced during the [2024 North American Social Marketing Conference](#)
- To submit your work or learn more about the submission process, please visit: <https://socialmarketingawards.com>

**The DRAFT version of WSDOT's prioritization out for review.** We are working to incorporate feedback, glitches, user interface, and add information to further explain the tool. So, we are not making planning decisions with it yet. You can review the WSDOT Stormwater Retrofit Prioritization WORKING DRAFT Web Map here:

<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/a6673596ac0e450b8e37b56a5849cbfb>

## News State, National & Legislative Update

NMSA and WEF [Save the Date: National Stormwater Policy Forum on April 8](#)

The annual WEF/NMSA Stormwater Policy Forum will take place April 8 in Washington, D.C. during [Water Week 2024 \(April 7–13\)](#). This half-day event will bring attendees up to speed with today's most critical national policy matters affecting stormwater management, giving stormwater professionals the opportunity to engage legislators and federal regulators on their current priorities. Registration for the 2024 Stormwater Policy Forum is open now for both [virtual](#) and [in-person attendees](#).

### **Request for Technical Assistance - Washington Stormwater CBP3 Project Complete by March 31, 2024**

Who should complete the form? Any municipality, local government, or other entity interested in receiving technical assistance from the Stormwater CBP3 project team to advance a community-based public-private partnership (CBP3) or alternative procurement project. Please refer to the [Washington CBP3 Guidebook](#) or contact Sarah Ponte at [sarah.ponte@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:sarah.ponte@ecy.wa.gov) | (564) 669-4701 or Gabriel Kiritz at [gkiritz@enviroincentives.co](mailto:gkiritz@enviroincentives.co) | (858) 284-4075 for assistance completing this form.

NACWA, the Water Environment Federation (WEF), the Water Research Foundation (WRF) and the WaterReuse Association are proud to present the cornerstone event for [Water Week 2024 – the National Water Policy Fly-In](#), April 9th in Washington, DC. [Register here](#)

## Peer to Peer Permittee Request for Information

### 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** 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

Mobile business stormwater source control and coordination Alision Schwitzer, King Co.

<https://ecology.wa.gov/regulations-permits/reporting-requirements/stormwater-monitoring/stormwater-action-monitoring/sam-source-identification/mobile-business-source-control>

**The Puget Sound Partnership has new funding staff and a Funding Acceleration Tool. For more information on this tool visit the [website](#).**

**The PNW SETAC has a new website. [Check it out here](#).**

**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](mailto:Dustin.Bilhimer@ecy.wa.gov))

[WSC has a YouTube channel with hundreds of videos](#) covering all aspects of stormwater management and permitting in Washington state? The Washington Stormwater Center's YouTube channel is your destination for all things related to protecting our waterways, expanding your stormwater knowledge, and promoting sustainable practices. [Read more here](#)

## Workshops/ Trainings/ Conferences

### **SW Talks: Bioretention Hydrologic Performance (BHP III) Study March 20 from Noon-1 PM**

The third phase of the Bioretention Hydrologic Performance (BHP III) studies assesses 50 older (10 years old or older) bioretention facilities throughout the greater Puget Sound region. The research team has compiled the data results and presenting initial findings. Findings will present results of vegetation community currently seen at the sites compared to original plant list, current infiltration rates, soil composition, original design approaches, and the current maintenance practices implemented by the owners' O&M staff for these older facilities. Results are intended to inform regional stormwater and watershed management staff, the engineering community, landscape architect designers, and other facility owners (e.g. school districts) to provide design guidance for future designs.

The project is funded by the SAM Committee funds and managed by WDOE and the City of Olympia. Participating site owners include approx. 25 jurisdictions from Ferndale to Olympia and Poulsbo to Issaquah. contact [laurie.larson-pugh@wsu.edu](mailto:laurie.larson-pugh@wsu.edu) for the Team link. The presentation will be recorded and posted to the [Stormwater Talks website](#) by April 1, 2024.

### **Pacific Northwest Social Marketing Association Equity in Social Marketing 2.0 - Going Deeper March 20, 2024, 11:30-1:00 PST** online. [Register here.](#)

At the 2023 SPARKS conference held at the Museum of Flight in December, a panel discussed the critical need to apply DEI principles and practices into the social marketing framework. Then, attendees participated in workshop activities to better understand how to apply these principles into their own work. At this Forum, speakers will provide a brief recap of the December session and dive deeper into recommended strategies for integrating DEI and social marketing together. Forum attendees will then participate in a facilitated discussion about how to apply these teachings into their work.

### **Pollution Prevention Resource Center Pollution Prevention 101 March 27th 1:00-2:30 ET Free, Virtual**

What is pollution prevention? How can pollution prevention opportunities be identified? And how can P2 opportunities be conveyed to those who would benefit? Find out this and more from the speakers of this P2U presentation! [Register here.](#)

### [Green Infrastructure Summit | 12,000 Rain Gardens \(12000raingardens.org\)](#)

March 29, 2024 in Bothell.

**Water Environmental Federation and the National Municipal Stormwater Alliance (NMSA) are co-leading the National Stormwater Policy Forum April 8, 2024.** Virtual Options please go to [https://nlc-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMudOytpzMvG9OVxpgAKbQmJfmcj9\\_CGEGa#/registration](https://nlc-org.zoom.us/j/91234567890).

### [The Center for Watershed Protection's National Conference April 8-11 in Kansas City, MO.](#)

[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, 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.](#)

CESCL Training in The Cities of Port Angeles and Wenatchee by CWT Training Academy March and April 2024 [View location and schedule here.](#)

[2024 National Tribal Leaders Climate Summit](#) hosted by The Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians. Registration is now open for this pivotal event, which will occur from April 15 to 17th, 2024.

## 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 view the interactive training catalog here.](#)

## Job Opportunities

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

[King County Engineer II - Stormwater Inspection Closes 3/31/24 11:59 PM](#)

[City of Redmond Environmental Scientist Closes 3/24/24 11:59 PM](#)

**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>

Learn more about **Front and Centered** and these new positions at <https://frontandcentered.org/join-our-team/>

**Ecology is currently recruiting:**

- [Lead Permit Developer/Facility Manager\(Environmental Specialist 4\) position.](#)
- [Contaminated Site Specialist \(Environmental Specialist 5\)](#)
- [Stormwater Monitoring Engineer](#) who leads the Stormwater Action Monitoring Program. Please contact Leslie Connelly at [leslie.connelly@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:leslie.connelly@ecy.wa.gov) or (360)628-4381 if you have questions about this position.
- [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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