



# Municipal Stormwater Bulletin:

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## March 6, 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

### **Update: Statewide MS4 Permittee Mentorship Program**

Thanks to all who responded to the survey solicitation! We received 119 responses. As promised, attached are the survey results. Spoiler Alert – There seems to be enthusiastic support to develop a statewide MS4 Permittee mentorship program.

Informed by the responses gathered from the survey and regional Permittee meeting discussions, we're taking the next step of scheduling a mid-April kickoff meeting to bring together the folks willing to invest their time to assist with the program's development. This kickoff meeting aims to: 1) identify program development tasks, 2) form workgroups to carry out those task assignments, and 3) identify leads for each workgroup. If you're willing to commit to these program development aims, please respond to this [Doodle Poll](#) by the end of the day on March 11th.

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**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))

We have a 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

**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)

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

## 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](#)

## 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

**"Washington Stormwater Center has published its fourth 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. For more video content covering a wide range of stormwater topics, please visit our [YouTube page!](#)

**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](#)

## Workshops/ Trainings/ Conferences

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

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Research and Development invites you to attend a free webinar titled, "[Social Systems and Justice in the Fifth National Climate Assessment](#)" on March 12, 2024 from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. ET. [Read the webinar flier here.](#)

**2024 Green Infrastructure Summit of the Salish Sea** –The 2024 Green Infrastructure Summit of the Salish Sea is back at Cascadia College on 3/29! Tickets are on sale now and will be available until 3/18. Last year sold out, so don't delay! This year, the theme of the Summit is Shaping Infrastructure through Collective History, Learnings, and Big Ideas. The full agenda will be released soon, but this year will discuss long-term maintenance, monitoring, indigenous perspectives and approaches, and continue the conversation on addressing 6PPD-quinone. You will have opportunities to walk outside, share food and drinks together, talk in the hallways, and of course, share the enthusiasm about stormwater parks! For more info and to register please click [HERE](#).

### **Equity in Social Marketing 2.0 - Going Deeper March 20th, 11:30 am- 1:00 pm, Online**

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. [Register Here](#). Organized by the Pacific Northwest Social Marketing Association.

### [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/meeting/register/tZMudOytpzMvG9OVxpgAKbQmJfmcj9_CGEGa#/registration).

[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.](#)

**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

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

# Job Opportunities

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

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>

Ecology is currently recruiting:

- [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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