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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 tools and resources. Please share with others who could use the information. **By: Laurie Larson**

News

Congratulations to the King County Team lead by Mary Rabourn! [Their Don't Wait to Inflate](#) campaign won 2nd place Social Media Campaign (PAID) from the National Association of Government Communicators.

News State, National & Legislative Update

[Ecology Final Aquatic Mosquito Control General Permit](#)

May 21, 2024. Ecology issued the Final Aquatic Mosquito Control National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System General Permit. The permit becomes effective on June 20, 2024, and will expire on June 20, 2029. The final permit, Fact Sheet, and Response to Comments are available on our [permit webpage](#). You may also request copies from Jackie Lince at (360) 407-6600, or by email: jackie.lince@ecy.wa.gov.

EPA Announces Final Rule to Protect Water Quality Where Tribes have Treaty and Reserved Rights. May 2, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced a final rule that will help protect water quality where Tribes hold and assert rights to aquatic and aquatic-dependent resources. For the first time, this action establishes a clear and consistent national framework for EPA and states to consider Tribal treaty and reserved rights when establishing Water Quality Standards under the Clean Water Act. In addition, this rule advances the Biden-Harris Administration's commitment to uphold the United States' treaty and federal trust responsibility to federally recognized Tribes. When implemented, this final rule will better protect waters that Tribes depend on for fishing, gathering wild rice, cultural practices, and other uses.

The final rule will be effective 30 days after publication in the Federal Register. Learn more about [EPA's final Tribal Reserved Rights rule](#).

Peer to Peer Permittee Request for Information

None in this issue.

Regional Permit Coordinator Meetings:

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

APWA July 19, 2024, 9:00am-12:00pm

Central NPDES Permit Coordinators Forum June 20, 2024, 1:00-3:30 pm

ROAD Map (Regional Operations and Maintenance Program) July 11, 2024, 1:00-3:30 pm Virtual

South Sound Phase II Coordinator's Group July 25, 2024, 9:00-11:00 am

Business Inspection Group (BIG) June 18, 2024, 1:30-3:30 pm

STORM Quarterly meeting Sept. 12, 2024 location TBD

WSC Municipal EJ Workgroup June 12, 2024 3:00 PM Meeting topic: To attend the meeting contact laurie.larson-pugh@wsu.edu.

Resources

EPA's "Stormwater Smart" tools are now available in Spanish! You will find the Spanish versions with their corresponding English version on the webpage, each ready for downloading and customizing. The Stormwater Smart collection includes brochures, infographics, one-pagers, and social media posts to educate the public.

Explaining why it's important to invest in stormwater management to reduce stormwater pollution can be complicated. Many people don't know what the term means, or how their actions can pollute stormwater and affect local waterways. Education is key to helping people understand how they can avoid polluting and protect stormwater as a resource. The Spanish versions will help to reach even larger groups of community residents.

While the tools can help get started on public education and outreach, states will still decide what meets permitting requirements. Developed with coordinated content and artwork, these tools can help in three ways:

- [Show what stormwater is and how it can pollute local waterways.](#)
- [Promote good stormwater management practices.](#)
- [Explain how everyone can value stormwater as a community resource as well as manage it with green infrastructure.](#)

Stormwater Smart tools, in English and Spanish, can be printed or posted on social media, web pages and as hardcopy handouts or posters customized with local contact information. [EPA's How-to Manual](#) offers practical suggestions for how and when to use the materials.

STORM Quarterly on May 16 presentation by Warren Kagarise, Learning and Adapting as Social Media Evolves, is now in the [Resource Reservoir](#). After signing in go to: Members, STORM Business, Quarterly Meetings, May 2024.

[Storm Psychology of Climate Change Communication](#). Communicating about climate change is challenging. The Center for Research on Environmental Decisions has produced a free guide which explores how people respond to climate change information. It delves into the psychological barriers and provides practical guidance for those seeking to engage the public in addressing the topic. You can download this excellent guide for free.

Workshops/ Trainings/ Conferences

[Community-Based Public-Private Partnerships Learning Network Meeting #4](#): Community Outreach & Engagement June 4, 2024, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

The Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) invites you to join the fourth meeting of the CBP3 Learning Network for stormwater management. In this session, we'll hear from experts on how to best perform community outreach, discuss how to design equitable projects and explore metrics for community benefits. We'll also review Ecology's draft CBP3 funding guidelines and provide feedback.

[Registration](#). Visit our [website](#) for more information.

Clean Rivers Coalition Forum In-person Event in City of Keizer June 5, 2024 10am - 2pm.

Agenda: Follow the Water Campaign, content Idea Brainstorm, Lightning Talks from Coalition Partners, What's Ahead for 2024. [Please RSVP.](#)

Fostering Sustainable Behavior Workshop - Doug McKenzie-Mohr June 3-5, 2024, Virtual, Fee Based

This virtual workshop will particularly interest agencies that promote waste reduction, energy and water efficiency, conservation, sustainable food consumption, invasive species control, electrification, modal transportation changes, and other sustainable actions. View registration information [here](#).

Center for Watershed Protection Stream Restoration Webinars: [Finding Common Ground Free](#)

1. [The Evolution of Stream Restoration - June 4th](#)
2. [A Whole Watershed Approach - June 11th](#)
3. [Assessing Alternatives: Tools and Best Practices to Restoration Approach Selection - June 18th](#)

[Clean Rivers Coalition Forum in-person June 5th, 2024](#) City of Keizer Civic Center

EPA's Green Infrastructure webinar series "Soak Up the Rain." Planting for the Future: Native Plants, Green Jobs, and Equitable Climate Resilience, Thursday, **Jun 6, 2024; 10:00 am PT**. Speakers will discuss the growing need for skilled workers to grow, plant, and maintain native and rewilded landscapes; opportunities to work toward equity in frontline communities through workforce development and livable wage careers. Speakers include Peggy Olwell, Plants Conservation Program Lead for Seeds for Success Program from the Bureau of Land Management, Ann-Marie Benz, Horticulture Programs Manager for the California Native Plants Society and Sarah Lavoy, Water Sense Program for the U.S. EPA. [Registration](#)

PSEMP & The Stormwater Strategic Initiative Lead announce a **Lunch and Learn Use of Science in Ecosystem Recovery Partnerships in Puget Sound**: A Survey Report for Stakeholders June 10, 2024 12:00 PM. [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#) Report available at this [link](#). [Registration information](#).

PSEMP Human Wellbeing Dialogue Series - This series is hosted by PSEMP in partnership with Oregon State University. June 11th – Indigenous Knowledge, Science, and Collaboration Panel. 10am-12pm Via Zoom. To sign up and find out more information visit the registration page [here](#).

[Education Summit @ ESRI UC July 13-16, 2024 at San Diego, CA](#)

StormCon August 27-29, 2024 Reno, NV. [Lean more here](#).

Online Courses

[CWT Academy](#) is pleased to announce the release of our industrial or multi-sector stormwater management series! [View courses here](#).

Job Opportunities

City of Redmond Public Works department is hiring a Source Control Program Administrator. This role will implement source control

inspection programs focused on hazardous materials reduction/elimination and stormwater pollution prevention. Other responsibilities include code enforcement support and leading source control efforts aimed at protecting the quality of the City's drinking water aquifer. See job posting at: [Source Control Program Administrator | Job Details tab | Career Pages\(governmentjobs.com\)](#) Closes 5/29/24

Thurston County Public Health and Social Services is recruiting for an **Education and Outreach Specialist I** for our Environmental Health Division. Closes June 2, 2024. Public Health and Social Services (PHSS) is Thurston County's local health jurisdiction and human services department and is responsible for protecting the health and promoting the well-being of all people who live, work, and play in Thurston County. We value diversity and strive to foster a sense of belonging, honoring the unique experiences, cultures, skills, backgrounds, identities, and perspectives of our employees and community. As an agency actively working to address health equity, we aspire for everyone to have the opportunity to attain their highest level of health, regardless of their individual circumstances. As an Education and Outreach Specialist I, you will work with our education team to plan and deliver education, outreach, and behavior change programs focused on creating healthy homes and yards and protecting water quality. [View the job announcement here.](#)

[King County Stormwater Services Section manager position.](#) Closes June 2, 2024.

The City of Kent is currently accepting applications for the position of Environmental Compliance Specialist in Public Works Engineering. Are you a dedicated professional who is passionate about the environment, particularly efforts to enhance environmental quality? The main focus of this position is the performance of source control and storm drainage inspections to protect stormwater quality, enforcing city code related to stormwater or sanitary sewer violations, educating the general public and businesses about pollution prevention and other tasks requiring a high level of independent judgment and decision making. The ideal candidate will be a highly motivated and detail-oriented individual who has relevant education in water quality protection, environmental science or a related field, supplemented with at least two (2) years of experience in stormwater management, stormwater utility inspections, environmental compliance, or another science field. [Environmental Compliance Specialist \(kentwa.gov\)](#)
SALARY RANGE: \$7,171.00 - \$8,717.00 monthly, depending on experience
OPENS: May 24, 2024 **CLOSES: June 17, 2024**

Tacoma tree Foundation is hiring a full-time planting Director. This is a new permanent position. [Please check out the job description.](#)

Ecology is currently recruiting:

- [SAM coordinator position:](https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/washington/jobs/4376601/stormwater-monitoring-engineer-environmental-engineer-5) <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/washington/jobs/4376601/stormwater-monitoring-engineer-environmental-engineer-5>. closes June 6, 2024.
- [The Water Quality Program within the Department of Ecology is looking to fill a Permit Developer and Facility Manager \(Environmental Specialist 3\) 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.
- The Water Quality Program within the Department of Ecology is looking to fill an [Industrial Facility Management Engineer \(Environmental Engineer 5\) 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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