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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



National Stormwater Awareness Week!

November 9 - 16 2024

The Washington Stormwater Center is hosting a number of workshops to celebrate this week. Visit [The Washington Stormwater Center Stormwater Week website](#) to register for workshops and webinars. The in-person IDDE / Spill Control and Source Control Inspection Workshop are full, there is a waiting list. **New virtual seminars have been added;**

- [Gaining Traction, the 6PPD Story](#) on Tuesday November 12 at Noon
- [Tackling the Elephant in the Room: How TAPE hopes to better assess maintenance requirement of approved devices](#) on Wednesday 13 at 10:00. See the website to register.
- [Stormwater Investments in Puget Sound](#) on Thursday November 14 at 9:00 a.m.
- [Update on Legislation Relating to Municipal Stormwater Permits](#) with James Tupper on Thursday November 14 at 11:00 a.m.
- [Everyone Loves Trees](#) on Friday November 15 at 2:00 p.m.

We will be adding events through Friday, November 1, 2024. Please visit the [website](#) for a full schedule with registration links and plan to attend!

Governor Inslee signed a Proclamation declaring November 9-16, 2024, as **Stormwater Awareness Week** in Washington State! You can see the **proclamation** on the [Washington Stormwater Awareness Week](#) website. Also on this website are [resources for all jurisdictions to pass a proclamation](#) for Washington Stormwater Awareness Week. These resources include a language template, a letter of support from WSC and a Media Kit. As it states on the website, a Proclamation is a strategic tool that can inspire collective action and foster a sense of responsibility throughout the community. Let us know about **events** you are hosting for this week so we can promote them too. Also, if you get a **proclamation passed**, please send us a copy so we can put it on the website as well.

MUNICON

THURSDAY!!! [MuniCon 2025 Call for Abstracts](#) Closes October 31! Get your abstracts in now! Registration on the [MuniCon 2025 website](#). We want to know about your successes, lessons learned, and your innovations. The lead presenter of each selected abstract will receive complimentary registration for MuniCon 2025, with a second presenter eligible for a discounted registration fee.

News - State, National & Legislative Update

STORMCON 2025 CALL FOR PAPERS NOW OPEN! Proposal Deadline: Friday, November 15, 2024

[SUBMIT PROPOSAL HERE](#)

Ecology is opening a [Climate Resilient Riparian Systems Grant program](#). The funding window opens November 5, 2024. A schedule of webinars to assist prospective applicants is on the [Ecology funding website](#).

PUYALLUP WATERSHED SYMPOSIUM CALL FOR ABSTRACTS! The annual Puyallup Watershed Symposium held on Thursday, December 5, 2024, at the Pioneer Park Pavilion. Please forward this to anyone you know who is doing work in the watershed, and even if you are not planning to submit a presentation, please use this link to register for the event as well.

Peer to Peer Request for Information

A jurisdiction is experiencing **trespass issues at a storm detention pond** and wants to know if any community has posted “no trespassing” signs at stormwater facilities. Staff would like to know about any experiences other jurisdictions have had with restricting access to stormwater facilities. Please reply to Laurie Larson-Pugh at Laurie.larson-pugh@wsu.edu.

[Take the 2024 Water Year Impacts Survey](#) for The University of Washington Climate Impacts Group and Office of the Washington State Climatologist, in collaboration with the NOAA National Integrated Drought Information System. The survey is anonymous and asks about impacts and response actions that were implemented during the 2024 water year by sector due to either abnormally dry or abnormally wet conditions. The [survey](#) should take about 15 minutes to complete and will be open through **Wednesday, November 27**.

Regional Permit Coordinator Meetings

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

APWA November 15, 2024, 9:00am-12:00pm

Central NPDES Permit Coordinators Forum December 19, 2024, 1:00-3:30 pm

ROAD Map (Regional Operations and Maintenance Program) No other meeting this year.

South Sound Phase II Coordinators Group: No other meeting this year.

North Sound Phase II Coordinators Group November 5, 2024, 10:00 to 12:00.

Business Inspection Group (BIG) December 17, 2024, 1:30-3:30 pm

STORM - Save the date for the **STORM 2024 Symposium** which is Thursday, November 21, 2024, 9 AM - 3 PM at Brightwater Center in Woodinville. This is an in-person event. Contact anne.melrose@wsu.edu.

WSC Municipal EJ Workgroup (for municipal staff only) November 15, 2024, 3:00-4:00 PM Meeting.

EJ Salon November 26, 2024, 2:00-3:30. To attend either of the EJ meetings contact laurie.larson-pugh@wsu.edu.

Ecology's **Stormwater Work Group** meets November 13, 2024, 9:00 am to 12:00.

Resources

[The American Water Works Association](#) has announced its 2025 [AWWA Scholarship Program](#). There are 28 academic scholarships for graduate and undergraduate studies and research in water. APPLICATION DEADLINE: December 20, 2024.

The **TAPE program has finalized the 2024 updates** to the [Guidance Document and Process Overview Document](#). The updates focus on providing a better way to assess the maintenance requirements of approved technologies - both the maintenance frequency and the level of maintenance necessary to ensure effective operation of these technologies. TAPE staff continue to work with the Stormwater Testing and Evaluation of Products and Practices (STEPP) staff to create a national field verification program which may eventually take over the role of TAPE review and verification. The TAPE program will maintain operation, with updates and improvements made as needed, until Ecology is certain STEPP is a long-term solution with secured continual financial and programmatic support. We anticipate any move to the STEPP program is at least two years away.

The **Interstate Technology Regulatory Council (ITRC)** released a [6PPD and 6 PPD Q](#) website which contains plain English definitions with links for further reading. There are some great science citations.

6PPD Subgroup Meeting Summary: Greetings from the SWG 6PPD Subgroup! Please find a summary of the [October 4, 2024, meeting here](#). If you attended this meeting, please also take 5 minutes to fill out this [meeting feedback survey](#). The subgroup will meet again in the first quarter of 2025. See the summary linked above for further details.

CWT Training Academy invites you to check out the October 2024 Edition of the [CW Tea Newsletter](#).

The Water Environment Federation (WEF) has released a report on "**Nurturing Tomorrow's Green Workforce**" in their "[Stormwater Report](#)."

EPA's Nonpoint Source Management Branch has released a new **Escaped Trash Risk Map**. This map is designed to help local governments and communities identify high-density escaped trash areas so they can evaluate impacts and consider how to take action. [EPA's Escaped Trash Assessment Protocol \(ETAP\) | US EPA](#)

[StormCon sessions are now available on-demand](#) for purchase from Stormwater University. Professional Development Hours are available with printable certificates upon completion.

Workshops/ Trainings/ Conferences

November

November 5 roundtable will dig into [Next Generation Urban Greening in San Francisco](#). The **Salish Sea Science Roundtable** online speaker series continues Tuesday, November 5th from 12:30 - 1:30 pm.

Co-hosted with San Francisco Estuary Institute

FREE WEBINAR on November 6th, 2024, at 11:00 PST. [Reducing Runoff and Improving Water Quality with the Justice 40 Initiative](#) will review various site planning and design techniques, approaches, principles, successes, pitfalls and roadblocks to designing, establishing and maintaining Green Infrastructure systems and how these landscapes can integrate with well-designed environments.

American Water Works Association has a list of [relevant webinars](#) for November.

[CWP](#) is happy to share the first set of products from the **National Watershed Research Network!** Visit this link to access a white paper with actionable recommendations for **adapting state stormwater standards to climate impacts** and a review tool for municipal stormwater managers to evaluate and improve their stormwater standards: [Accounting for Climate Change in Post-Construction Stormwater Standards](#). Join the meeting link below for access to a [FREE lunch & Learn on November 7th from 2-3pm EST](#) to learn more. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Titus.

The [Clean Water Academy](#) will be teaching an **in-person CESCL recertification** class on November 7, 2024, in Bothell.

Greenbuild is hosting **Greenbuild International Conference and Expo** November 12 - 15, 2024, in Philadelphia, PA. [More information on the website](#).

NMSA Celebrates 2nd Annual National Stormwater Day: NMSA will once again celebrate National Stormwater Day by hosting a free webinar to celebrate milestones, accomplishments and leaders in the stormwater sector. To [register for the National Stormwater Day webinar](#) to be held from 1-2:30pm (Eastern) on Friday, November 15, 2024.

[WSDOT Highway Runoff Manual Training Workshop for 2024](#) (4-day Live Webinar) November 18-21, 2024, 8:00 to Noon each day. This training is for WSDOT staff, local agencies, and consultants who do stormwater work on WSDOT Right of Way. It is targeted toward stormwater engineers, designers, and environmental professionals, whose work on transportation-related stormwater issues requires use of [WSDOT's 2019 HRM](#). As an obligation of WSDOT's NPDES Municipal Stormwater General Permit, this training is required for anyone that designs new stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs) on WSDOT ROW, or modifies an existing stormwater BMPs on WSDOT ROW, or where a stormwater BMP is designed or modified for turn back to WSDOT ownership.

Join us on November 19th and 20th for [P2West](#), a free, virtual roundtable for EPA Regions 8, 9, and 10, 2024. We will discuss pollution prevention updates, strategic planning, and progress reporting from last year's P2 West working groups. This event will be two half days, from 9 am to 12 pm PST on November 19th and 20th.

This year's **Stormwater Partners Symposium** is Wednesday, November 20 from 1-4:30 pm at the Lacamas Lake Lodge (see attached). Contact Eric Lambert at Eric.Lambert@clark.wa.gov for agenda and information.

With support from the US Environmental Protection Agency and the Washington Department of Ecology, the Seattle and Bellevue 2030 Districts are hosting a series of **PCB Awareness and Removal Workshops**. The workshops are free to attend and are targeted at property owners and managers who may have PCBs present in their building materials. The purpose of the workshops is disseminating Ecology's materials for proper PCB remediation and disposal to prevent pollution of our waters. Register by clicking on the date: [November 19th \(Virtual\)](#) or [December 4th \(In-Person\)](#)

December

[The Pacific Northwest Social Marketing Association's SPARKS 2024](#) conference is a two-day event December 9-10 at the Cascadia College in Bothell. Registration closes December 6, 2024.

[NEBC](#) is hosting their annual [Business and the Environment Conference and Expo](#). The conference is December 10-11, 2024, in Portland, OR. On the agenda is PFAS, water quality basics, climate resiliency and more.

Online Courses & Related Skill Training

This is a new class [Delivering an Effective Presentation to Decision-Makers](#), geared for city and county employees and others who make presentations to commissioners, council members, and boards. This class teaches a different approach to text-heavy, complicated presentations. Cathy Angell is offering this class twice virtually with public registration on November 14 and January 14, 8:30 am to 2:00 pm Pacific Time.

King County Skills Training:

- L0105 **Public Information Basics** – FEMA PIO class at Snohomish County DEM, Nov. 12-14 [Register here](#), there is a waitlist at

this time.

- L0105 **Public Information Basics** – FEMA PIO class at Puyallup P.D., Dec. 3-5 [Register here](#).
- MGM-318 **Public Information in an All-Hazards Incident**, at Snohomish County DEM, Dec. 10-11, [Information and register](#).

Job Opportunities

The [Washington State Climate Office](#) (WASCO) and the University of Washington [Climate Impacts Group](#) (CIG) are seeking a **full-time research scientist** to expand our capabilities for co-producing high-quality information about climate change, climate change impacts, and its relevance to our local, state, and tribal partners. Applications must be received by November 8, 2024.

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