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## **Washington Stormwater Center Stormwater Advisory Group Meeting**

* January 9, 2023 | Online Meeting

**Meeting #9 Notes**

In Attendance: Lisa Rozmyn, Laurie Larson-Pugh, Brandon Boyd, Anne Melrose, Susan McCleary, Carla Milesi, Kelly Garber, Trey George, Jason Berg, Larry Schaffner, Abbey Barnes, Kelly Garber, John Stark, Erica Marbet, Heidi Siegelbaum, Tony Bush, Jeff Killelea, Katherine Gockel, Rob Duff

Meeting Opening -Introductions - Lisa

New Advisory Member

* Brian Morgenroth has retired
* Michael Henao, City of Pasco, will fill the open SAG position

WSC Updates

Meeting #8 Action Items

* Restructuring of SAG meetings to focus on action items and discussions on work plan deliverable items. “Less Talk More Action” structure meetings Work Plan to be revised as a Project Action Plan includes permit assistance sections for Municipal, Industrial, and Construction General Permits.
* Streamline the **Work Plan** to include
* Goals and project objectives
* Project tasks
* Task assignments (including those outside WSC)
* Milestones
* Key deliverables
* Required resources
* Timelines, including due dates
* Budgets

 **Work Plan Action Items**

1. Draft work plan in a table format for review by staff and SAG by February 19.

**ISGP/CSGP Program Updates**

* New staff Introduction Brandon Boyd is the ISGP&CSGP permit assistant. His first day in this position is Jan. 9, 2023.
* ISGP/CSGP website: the ISGP website is in the process of rebranding. The new CSGP website has been developed and is in the finishing stages of rebranding.

The ISGP/CSGP websites will be live at the end of March 2023.

* Rebranding focuses on who will utilize the website and inclusive demographics.

 Discussion Items

* Suggested information on website resources is sent to construction site inspectors. Such as a field guide in digital and handout formats. The City of Olympia developed one. Susan will share what Olympia developed.
* Providing a resource in Spanish (digital and handout) would be useful for inspectors. *Possible funding from Boeing*.
* Develop informational Packet for inspectors.
* Include this on a future task list for funding
* The Ecology Eastern WA construction inspector position is vacant.

 **ISGP/CSGP Action Items**

1. Develop a list of future projects, such as an inspector information package for development when funds are available.
2. SAG to suggest industrial and construction industry leaders and organizations with contact information. To direct marketing information on the WSC permit assistance services/resources on the website.

**Eastern WA half-time coordinator job announcement**

* This position will provide permit assistance to EWA Phase II permittees. The staff person preferably is located in EWA.
* The job announcement was posted for the second time in November. Two applications were received. The candidates did not meet the minimum position requirements.
* Efforts have been made to pursue a retired SW person and will be continued.
* The position is only secured through June 31, 2023, and short-term funding is challenging.

 Discussion Items

* It was suggested that the job announcement be distributed to retired stormwater staff in eastern Washington.
* If a qualified candidate application is received for a person located in western WA, that would be acceptable to EWA (T.G.) with a budget to cover travel.
* The funds marked for the .5 position have the potential to be unspent funds
* It was suggested that the position be closed and the funds be spent on other tasks for eastern WA permittees.

 **EWA half-time job Action Items**

1. Schedule a meeting with Trey to discuss potential candidates.
2. Potential to spend the unspent funds on permit assistance for EWA permittees. Works with Trey to determine where the funds would benefit EWA permittees.

**MuniCon 2023 Updates**

* Registration is open <https://www.wastormwatercenter.org/permit-assistance/municipal/municon2023/>
* 44 Abstracts submitted. The Advisory Group is evaluating and ranking the submissions.
* Wenatchee is conducting a 2-mile walking tour of downtown BMPs. The Wenatchee staff will share BMP lessons learned.
* Soliciting ideas for the inspirational lunch speaker. The WIAC will sponsor the lunch speaker.

**LID Curriculum Updates**

* Rain Garden curriculum is in the process of being updated. Registration numbers have fallen off.
* Staff to work on the marketing of LID training programs.

**WSC Work Plan & Funding Review and discuss work plan updates**

 Discussion Items

* Streamline the work plan to function as a Project Action Plan. Include objectives, tasks, budget, who is assigned to tasks, and milestones.
* What should be included in the Work Plan?
* All the work WSC staff are working on?

Include the work Boeing, Ecology, and others are funding, all funded work.

Not efficient to only see Ecology funded work.

* Should all Research be included in the work plan?

What are questions versus the research details that one can find if interested?

It could help identify funding needs.

Research that could inform future permit requirements. There is concern about street sweeping if 6PPD is included as a contaminant of concern.

* Should Ecotoxicology lab work?
* Funding for research from Tire Industry to WSC had to be turned down, as it is a conflict of interest and affects neutrality issues.
* Lots of requests for marine research for years also.
* Lori Blair to share stoplight methodology.

* Inform Ecology funding – Discussed funding ideas
* Ecology funding – is on a biannual funding cycle. Current funding cycle July 1, 2019-June, 30, 2023.
* Question raised about the potential legislative funding for WSU/UW. Difficult with the University as there are so many competing WSU priority needs. They have a wish list of funding areas, and WSC is not in the top 10.
* Can the SAG or outside groups contact Legislators?
* The Federal Center for Excellence is a potential option. Lisa, John, and Joel Baker, UW, are working on this.
* Suggested WSC expand reach to Pacific Northwest.
* Suggested Fish Lab O&M be funded through capital funds.
* Tribal representation reminds us that the death of salmon runs is a violation of Tribal Treaties! Which does already attract legislative attention to encourage funding. They are offering their legislative experts to help with this. WSC to provide one-pager on salmon research benefits to protecting (pre-spawn mortality, 6PPD) tribal resources. John offered to write up the one-pager.
* If WSC provides language on WSC benefits, EWA jurisdictions are willing to contact the legislature.
* Is it possible for the tire industry to contact the legislature? They had talked to John. It was determined that there is a conflict of interest.
* Potential funding for marine water testing.

**Work Plan Action Items**

1. Adjust the focus of the story WSC tells in the work plan. Lisa Rozmyn
2. UIC is a focus topic for Eastern WA Phase II permittees.
3. Schedule a meeting with Lori Blair.
4. Provide a summary of the research.
5. Write a summary of work benefiting the protection of Tribal resources. Provide the summary to tribal legislative contacts. John Stark
6. Write a one-pager of WSC works value that jurisdictions can send to legislators. John and Lisa.
7. Jeff Killelea to determine if the draft WSC Ecology budget can be posted to WSC Team for SAG access.

**SAG PODs subcommittee workgroups**

Discussion Items

* SAG member time commitment is about 2 hours/month.
* SAG members to sign up for one or more PODs.
* POD topics and WSC staff lead
* Municipal - Laurie
* ISGP - Brandon
* CSGP - Brandon
* Education & Outreach -Anne
* LID - Jason
* DEI - Laurie
* Budget/funding - Lisa
* Social media – Jason lead with Anne
* Contact NWIFC to participate in the annual work group.

Work Plan Action Items

1. Lisa to write a description of each POD.