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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

The City of Tacoma's ["If It Hits the Ground. It Hits the Sound!"](#) campaign has recently been recognized with not one, but three prestigious awards, highlighting the incredible work our team is doing to protect and educate our community about the importance of preventing stormwater pollution. ESC staff would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone involved in making this campaign a success. Your hard work, creativity, and dedication are making a real impact.

The City of Tacoma was honored by the **Water Environment Federation** (WEF) Public Communication & Outreach Program Award 2024 to reflect the outstanding difference this program is making in the broader water community. The **Pacific Northwest Clean Water Association** (PNCWA) Watermark Award for Education and Outreach recognizing excellence in producing top-tier education and communication programs. And finally, the **National Association of Clean Water Agencies** (NACWA) recognized Tacoma's campaign with the Public Information & Education Award to honor individuals and member agencies that have made outstanding contributions to environmental protection and wastewater management.

MS4 permit staff input is needed! Please complete the [Mentorship Interest Survey](#) before **September 20th**, 2024! The survey should take five minutes or less to complete. Responses received from this survey will help the MS4 Program Mentorship Planning Committee gauge the potential number of prospective mentors for a two-pronged statewide mentorship program. The survey is not asking you to commit to becoming a mentor at this time. Contacts for this effort include:

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[MuniCon 2025 Call for Abstracts](#) was released this week! Check out the [MuniCon 2025 website](#).

You Should Submit an Abstract!

We want to know about your successes, lessons learned, and your innovations. By participating, you will:

- Profile Your Work: Present your research or project to a wide audience of stormwater professionals.
- Expand Your Network: Connect with hundreds of water professionals and exhibiting companies, opening doors to new collaborations and

opportunities.

• **Enhance Your Professional Experience:** Lead the conversation in stormwater management and contribute to the future of the industry. 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

Supreme Court Overturns the Chevron Doctrine. The Supreme Court of the US (SCOTUS) ruled in May 2024 that the Chevron Doctrine, a 40-year precedent that outlined a framework to legally rule on challenges to regulations associated with ambiguities in legislative language and intent. It is unclear what the impacts of this ruling will be at this time, but experience suggests there will be profound outcomes due to the overturning of this precedence. A summarized [analysis of this ruling](#) is available.

Peer to Peer Permittee Request for Information

Zac Holt (at City of Bremerton) has a citizen that is wishing to conduct some **stormwater related art projects** within the City of Bremerton (sidewalk painting, murals, etc.). He is asking jurisdictions to please share any info they have regarding these types of E&O activities. Contact Zac Holt. Zack.holt@ci.bremerton.wa.us and copy Laurie.Larson-Pugh@wsu.edu on any reply so we can share with the group.

Regional Permit Coordinator Meetings:

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

APWA September 20, 2024, 9:00am-12:00pm

Central NPDES Permit Coordinators Forum October 17, 2024, 1:00-3:30 pm

ROAD Map (Regional Operations and Maintenance Program) October 10, 2024, 1:00-3:30 pm Virtual

South Sound Phase II Coordinator's Group October 24, 2024, 9:00-11:00 am

Business Inspection Group (BIG) October 15, 2024, 1:30-3:30 pm

STORM Quarterly 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.

- [Puget Sound Starts Here \(PSSH\) Month 2024 one-page summary](#)

WSC Municipal EJ Workgroup (for municipal staff only) October 9, 2024, 3:00-4:00 PM Meeting

EJ Salon Group September 24, 2:00-3:30. To attend either of the EJ meetings contact laurie.larson-pugh@wsu.edu.

Resources

A recap and recording of the [ISGP Legal discussion](#) with James Tupper are available.

[PPD Action Plan](#) has completed the [research and monitoring gaps section](#). Questions can be directed to Tanya and Lindsey.

[Flood Potential Portal v2.1](#) & Supporting [Journal Article](#) published by **USDA**

Brooke Tully's presentation on **Social Marketing** is in the Resource Reservoir, [STORM | Public Library \(pugetsoundstormgroup.org\)](#), you can find the PowerPoint under Members, STORM Business, Quarterlies. The recording will be available shortly.

CBP3 Provides New Stormwater Opportunity. A new funding opportunity for stormwater parks and water quality has emerged.

[Washington State's Department of Ecology's Water Quality Combined Funding](#) is a new program that provides a new funding stream for the [Stormwater Community Based Public Private Partnership \(CBP3\)](#). Applications for funding is open between August 13, and October 15, 2024.

Environmental Stormwater Awareness Week Sept. 23-27, 2024 Free. You're invited to join us for this year's Storm Water Awareness Week as we dive into what it means to protect the environment - one jobsite, industrial facility, city, and rain drop at a time.

WSU Extension has uploaded a paper on [Best Practices for Conducting Successful Online Focus Groups](#). The authors describe how online groups are a cost-effective means to gather qualitative data while reducing barriers to participation.

The recording of the August 2024 webinar, "[Constructing Valid Geospatial Tools for Environmental Justice: Report Release Webinar](#)," is now available for viewing. During this webinar, the report authoring committee shared key takeaways from the newly released report, Constructing Valid Geospatial Tools for Environmental Justice.

ECY's [2021-2023 Biennium Outcomes report](#) is now available and showcases statewide clean water funding.

Stormwater Solutions newsletters are available. These resources are provided by a commercial enterprise.

- [Erosion Control](#) features 2024 Top Projects | Hamilton Tackles Invasive Species to Keep the Stormwater Flowing and to Maintain Regulatory Compliance
- [Stormwater Management](#) features managing stormwater management in Atlanta via an EPA settlement agreement.
- [Green Infrastructure](#) features the 2024 Top Projects | City of Santa Ana King Street Urban Greening Project

National Municipal Stormwater Association (NMSA) Co-Hosts [8th Annual National Stormwater Policy Forum](#) along with the Water Environment Federation, the National League of Cities, and the National Association of Counties.

EPA Shares [Findings of the 2022 Clean Watersheds Needs Survey](#). The Clean Watersheds Needs Survey compiles data on existing clean water infrastructure and the need for future investment to address the water quality objectives of the Clean Water Act (CWA) over the next 20 years. The CWNS data dashboard summarizes data in 2022 CWNS Report to Congress; the underlying data is also available for download.

[Untapped Potential: An Assessment of Urban Stormwater Runoff Potential in the United States](#): The Pacific Institute, a US-based global water think tank, in partnership with 2NDNATURE today released a new national assessment finding substantial opportunities for expanded stormwater capture and use approaches to improve water resilience in urban areas across the United States.

Workshops/ Trainings/ Conferences

Pacific Northwest Social Marketing Association 12-week online course on "Developing a Strategic Social Marketing Plan" with Nancy Lee and fast forward your career in Social Marketing! Enroll now: <https://bit.ly/iSMA-Learning>. Course dates: September 15 – December 7, 2024. This 12-week course provides an in-depth model and planning framework for developing a strategic social marketing plan to improve public health, prevent injuries, protect the environment, engage communities or enhance financial wellbeing. [Registration and more information](#).

NEBC is hosting its annual **Oregon Infrastructure Summit** September 24-25, 2024 in Portland. Information and [registration](#).

[MRSC Practical Tips for Local Permitting Webinar](#) September 25, 2024 10 AM -11:30 AM. Fee: \$40.00

This webinar will provide valuable tips for cities and counties of all sizes to improve their permit processes and comply with new state requirements for reviewing land use and construction permit applications. Panelists will share their experiences creating easier-to-understand permit processes and implementing new permit software solutions.

The Water Environment Federation is sponsoring an eShowcase on [Automating PFAS Treatment Design: A look into the future](#) on Wednesday, September 25, 2024. Learn how forward-thinking water experts are utilizing advanced design technologies to streamline

PFAS treatment system design.

Webinar hosted by Stormwater University titled, **Use of Emerging Contaminants in Urban Runoff: Biochar to Treat Legacy and Emerging Toxic Pollutants including PFAS:** Webinar to be held on from 12-1:30pm (Eastern) on Thursday, September 26. You can [register free](#).

The Stormwater University is hosting a free webinar on September 26, 2024 to dive into the principles of [Green Infrastructure](#).

The next quarterly **Stormwater Work Group 6PPD Subgroup** meeting will be held in person in Bellingham, WA with a hybrid option on October 4, 2024, from 10 AM - 12 PM. Site tours after the meeting hosted by the City of Bellingham Public Works staff will be held at two sites from 1 PM - 3 PM. The agenda for the meeting can be found [here](#). If you are planning to attend virtually or in person and have not done so yet, [please RSVP by completing this form](#).

[WEFTEC 2024](#) is October 5-9 In New Orleans, LA.

STORM: Save the Date for Nancy Lee In-Person Workshops:

Mark your calendars for the dates of Nancy Lee's next Social Marketing workshops, Oct. 4 and 18. These are 2-day workshops and will be held in Seattle on King Street in the 8th floor Conference Center. Contact anne.melrose@wsu.edu for more information.

October 8th 11:30-12:30 join STORM for our first Drips & Drops lunch and learn event! This virtual session will feature Abby Stockwell from Ecology sharing information about new permit requirements for behavior change and public involvement. There will be time given for Q&A. [Please register](#).

[WEFTEC 2024 Conference October 5-9 in New Orleans](#)

California Stormwater Quality Association Annual Conference: October 21-23, 2024 in Sacramento. To register, go to: <https://www.casqa.org/events/annual-conference>.

American Water Works Association is hosting the "[From 2024 to 2050: Community Engagement & Empowerment \(Water2050\)](#)" on October 23, 2024, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm MT. The link is broken on their website but you can find out the information [here](#).

Announcing the 19th annual [Oregon-Washington Water Year meeting: 2024 Recap and 2025 Outlook](#). Held as two virtual morning meetings on Tuesday, October 29 and Wednesday, October 30. No cost to attend. [Registration required](#).

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 \(In-Person\)](#)

Fostering Sustainable Behavior Introductory workshop December 3-5, 2024, with Doug McKenzie-Mohr. Early bird savings end September 15th. [Learn More](#).

The [Pacific Northwest Social Marketing Association](#) is excited to welcome you back to **SPARKS 2024!**

SPARKS is a two-day event set for December 9-10 at the Cascadia College in Bothell. Over a dozen social marketing experts from across the Pacific Northwest will speak on behavior change related to racial equity, public health, injury prevention, environmental health and protection, and community well-being. [Early bird registration](#) is open until 11:59pm, October 13. This is a two-day, in-person event from 9am-6pm on December 9th and 9am-3pm on December 10th. Day 1 will have a virtual livestream viewing option. Updated agenda and speakers can be found on the [SPARKS page](#).

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.

Online Courses & Related Skill Training

King County Skills Training:

- “Digital Day” social media training, Seattle Center Armory, 305 Harrison St. Seattle, Oct. 3 (all day), registration is \$25. Meet social media and communications professionals working throughout Western Washington at all levels of government. Questions? Contact Warren Kagarise | Digital Engagement Manager | King County, Direct: 206-263-0992. [Registration](#).
- “Empowering your internal staff to promote your external message” webinar, hosted by Washington Emergency Public Information Network (WEPIN) – Oct. 9 at 11 a.m. Mikayla Moskov, Director of Public Information, Horry County Government (South Carolina) will share her research and experience on the importance of internal messaging with co-workers to assist with the promotion of it to the public. [Registration](#).
- L0105 Public Information Basics – FEMA PIO class at Snohomish County DEM, Nov. 12-14 [Register here](#), there is a waitlist at this time.
- MGM-318 Public Information in an All-Hazards Incident, at Snohomish County DEM, Dec. 10-1, [Information and register](#).

ESRI is hosting a no-cost live seminar “Introducing ArcGIS Story Maps” on October 10, 2024 at 9:00 am and 11:00 am Pacific time. [Register Here](#). (Note that ESRI is a software solutions company.)

Job Opportunities

The City of Kirkland is now hiring for an [Environmental Education and Outreach Program Coordinator](#).

Ecology is currently recruiting:

- The Water Quality Program within the Department of Ecology is looking to fill a [Sand and Gravel Permit Manager \(Hydrogeologist 2\) position](#). This position can be located in our Southwest Region Office in Lacey, WA or Vancouver Field Office (VFO) in Vancouver, WA. Upon hire, you must live within a commutable distance from the chosen duty station.
- The Water Quality Program within the Department of Ecology is looking to fill two [Nonpoint source Water Quality Specialist \(Environmental Specialist 4\)](#) positions. The positions can be located in either our Northwest Region Office (NWRO) in Shoreline, WA or our Bellingham Field Office in Bellingham WA.
- The Environmental Assessment Program within the Department of Ecology is looking to fill a [Studies Scientist \(Natural Resource Scientist 3\)](#) position. This position is located in our Headquarters Office in Lacey, WA. Upon hire, you must live within a commutable distance from the duty station.

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