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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

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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Clark County is hosting a stormwater rate listening session this week and next. Sept. 11 and 19, in-person and Sept. 16, online. Please feel free to share and/or show up if you'd like. The stormwater rate is pertinent to residents in unincorporated Clark County. Access the press releases in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

FB English:

<https://www.facebook.com/clarkcowa.pw/posts/pfbid02pnjnKtkaVzAuDVBTB9SKkiWc43S7iqDwTwRDynwpDQNu71Z3iuDhftLGdnon9MvK>

FB Spanish:

<https://www.facebook.com/clarkcowa.pw/posts/pfbid0QGH3L8b85TJmerWce9c5c4BYG7J663koSUW6HqBu8o9zYHDRfsusesnWAFRUfZ>

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

News State, National & Legislative Update

The Ecology 6PPD Stormwater Team is seeking interested parties to partner with a consultant-led study to help better understand the effects of street sweeping and crumb rubber runoff. Research projects like these help us to better characterize how 6PPDQ moves through the stormwater system. We're seeking parties who are willing to let our consultants access sites, sample, and assess traffic and sweeping frequency. We are specifically interested in:

- areas with crumb rubber fields, for site access and sampling.
- connecting with current street sweeping programs to better understand traffic densities and sweeping frequency.

If either (or both!) of these studies are of interest, please contact Morgan Baker (morgan.baker@ecy.wa.gov) for more details.

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.

Peer to Peer Permittee Request for Information

A jurisdiction is working on updating their Private Stormwater Facility Inspection Program. They are investigation how other cities send out letters to applicable property owners to inform them that their systems need to be inspected by a qualified professional. They are asking if there is a county or statewide list of qualified professionals, or what the best way might be to identify a mostly comprehensive list of contractors who could do this type of work. Please send your responses to laurie.larson-pugh@wsu.edu to pass on to the inquiring jurisdiction. 82324-SH-W

The City of Port Angeles is looking for assistance from anyone who has developed an Ecology approved Enhanced Maintenance Plan (EMP) to justify a grant funded permeable pavement cleaning machine purchase.

If you have gone through this process and are willing to help, please reach out to me at mmoore@cityofpa.us. Thanks!

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 meeting Sept. 12, 2024 9 am - 12 pm, location: [virtual](#). Save the date for the STORM 2024 Symposium Thursday, November 21 2024 9 AM - 3 PM at Brightwater Center in Woodinville. Contact anne.melrose@wsu.edu.

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

WSC Municipal EJ Workgroup September 11, 2024 3:00-4:00 PM Meeting topic: To attend the meeting contact laurie.larson-pugh@wsu.edu.

Resources

[Puget sound Partnership Monitoring to Accelerate Recovery Reports.](#)

King County Regional JIC/PIO Skills Training webinar "Integrating Community & Multilingual (Ethnic) Media into your Communication Plans" by Kate Cole. [Here is a link to the webinar recording.](#)

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, NMSA co-hosted the 8th annual National Stormwater Policy Forum. To view a recording of this event, please go to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AX6HconBuk0>.

Environmental Stormwater Awareness Week Sept. 23-27, 2024 Free. Whether you're a municipality needing to keep city storm water clean, a construction site having to monitor erosion and sedimentation, an industrial facility implementing good housekeeping to achieve desired results from your storm water sampling program, or just someone who enjoys taking an active part in protecting our environment, 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.

NMSA Hosts Webinar with EPA on Integrated and Long-term Integrated- NMSA hosted a webinar along with EPA titled, "**How MS4s Can Take an Integrated and Long-term Planning Approach to Reduce Stormwater Impacts**," including input from Rachel Urban and Travis Ostrom with EPA as well as Melissa McDonald with the City of Santa Fe, NM. To view this webinar, please go to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=41DqKlc--II>.

EPA's Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights has published an updated version of the Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Community Change Grants Program (CCGP). The Program is accepting applications through November 21, 2024. To learn more, visit EPA's [Inflation Reduction Act Community Change Grants Program](#) webpage. Read the [July 25, 2024 Community Change Grants Initial Selections Announcement](#).

Workshops/ Trainings/ Conferences

The Washington Stormwater Center invites you to attend the **webinar with James Tupper from Marten Law to discuss the Industrial Stormwater General Permit from a legal perspective.** September 12, 2024 at 1 PM. free. [Registration](#).

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](#).

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.

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. Details on this webinar have yet to be determined, but you can register free at this time at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5785829638085356380>.

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. They are 2-day workshops and will be held in Seattle on King St in the 8th floor of the Conference Center. Contact anne.melrose@wsu.edu for more information.

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

[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:

Online Courses

Minnesota Stormwater Seminar Series: Great content for stormwater professionals from the University of Minnesota. See: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBmXT6jnWo9xAKs0RFny8Q>

Job Opportunities

[King County Water Quality Compliance Unit Manager job posting is now live.](#)

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

King County is hiring Water Quality Planner III. Find more information on the [King County career pages](#).

University of Washington is excited to [announce our search for a director](#) to lead, support and plan the activities of the Climate Impacts Group. We are seeking a candidate with a Ph.D. or the equivalent in knowledge and experience. Candidates should have nine years of experience in a complex organization providing research, services and programs relevant to climate resilience, with at least five years in a leadership role. The salary range for this position is \$13,916 to \$15,333 per month or \$167,000 to \$184,000 annually. Although this position will remain open until filled, applicant screening will begin October 14, 2024.

Washington Sea Grant is hiring for a [Water Quality Specialist](#). The notice is posted on our website

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.

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