

Building Cities in the Rain Work Group  
Current Operating Assumptions  
12-11-14

1. Using a prioritized watershed approach is expected to yield better environmental outcomes than the default approach under the permit.
2. The guidance should focus on how to plan for stormwater flow control transfers per the request from PSRC and the South Central LIO, as well as the Phase II settlement agreement<sup>1</sup>.
3. Phased approach – the first phase of guidance should focus on sending areas in Regional Growth Centers. The group generally agreed to focus on regional growth centers as a first phase of the project, and to see how it goes. The group can then consider whether a broader application makes sense (10/27/14 meeting).
4. Broad policies adopted in the local comprehensive land use plan should provide the basis for a stormwater control transfer program. The policies should be high level and do not need to identify specific programs. (E.g. Redmond policy to restore streams). (12/11/14 meeting)
5. The goals and policies of the stormwater control transfer program must be clearly linked with land use under the GMA comprehensive plan and development regulations. (E.g. zoning for sending and receiving areas) (12/11/14 meeting)
6. Watershed characterization is the starting point for prioritization unless the local government has developed an equivalent watershed analysis. The local government will then make adjustments based on local data. (12/11/14 meeting)
7. Identification of sending and receiving areas should be in a basin plan that is adopted by the local government and approved by Ecology. (12/11/14 meeting)

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<sup>1</sup> “Ecology agrees to continue to work with Phase II Coalition members, other permittees, and the Washington State Department of Commerce to explore options for meeting stormwater development/flow control standards on small, redevelopment sites in urban growth centers.”