

Stormwater Work Group Agenda

Wednesday November 13 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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Significant Meeting Topics

- Presentation on FP4 to prepare for a vote in February
- Discussion on the inclusion of Eastern WA permittees
- Invitation to join the Study Solicitation Subgroup
- Invitation for more voting members and alternates

Agenda Summary

9:00	Welcome
9:10	SAM Updates
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10:30	Internal SWG Affairs
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11:15	Updates Related to Our Work
11:20	Wrap-up and Summary
11:30	Adjourn

Full Agenda

9:00 Welcome – Don McQuilliams, SWG Chair

- Welcome, introductions, and review of the meeting's agenda and goals
- If you are not a designated SWG representative, please mute your microphone. There will be time for others to provide input during our meeting.
- Feel free to introduce yourself in the chat, we are no longer going to track attendance, with the exception of voting by members.

9:10 SAM Updates – Raghu Namburi, SAM Coordinator

- Raghu Namburi introduces himself as the new SAM Coordinator and shares his vision for SAM moving forward
- A meeting will be held this afternoon for Eastern WA permittees who are considering the S8 option to contribute to SAM.
 - SAM staff will describe the study solicitation process and timeline.
 - SAM staff are willing to offer assistance (if needed) to E WA permittees with Round 5 proposals through direct input or connecting permittees with people and resources.
- The Study Solicitation Subgroup will be kicking off in early 2025. If interested, please fill out this [subgroup interest form](#).
 - This interest form will also be shared with E WA permittees opting into S8 option to be included in the SAM proposal and project process.
- SAM project updates
 - [Current contracts](#) and their upcoming reports, and presentations in the new year
 - Upcoming projects
- 2024 revenue update
- Annual report for 2024; quarterly report posted at [SAM administration](#)

9:30 PRO-C Updates – Todd Hunsdorfer, PRO-C Chair

- **Presentation: Full Proposal 4**
 - Since the last meeting, the proposal for FP5 has been withdrawn. Therefore, only FP4 is being considered from funding from Round 4.
 - The SWG will hold a vote in February to decide whether to fund FP4 or not.

- We will also discuss the logistics of funding projects that span over multiple funding cycles. PRO-C is considering developing recommendations for long-term projects, which would impact future RFPs.
- Does the SWG have any suggestions for the Round 5 solicitation process and the RFP?

10:00 Break

10:10 Updates from Our Partners – PSEMP, NEP SIL, WA Ecology

Puget Sound Ecosystem and Monitoring Program (PSEMP) - Hannah Mittelstaedt, PSEMP Coordinator

- Puget Sound Partnership has several upcoming funding opportunities:
 - **Monitoring to Accelerate Recovery (MAR):** This funding opportunity is aimed to support monitoring projects supporting Vital Signs or addressing information needs in the recovery system. The solicitation for project proposals will be released in early January. Proposals due in late March. More information can be found in the [full Pre-RFI announcement](#).
 - **2025-2027 Salmon Science Investigations Projects:** PSP funds projects every biennium that address priority salmon science needs to inform and accelerate Puget Sound salmon recovery. The solicitation for project proposals will be released in early December. Proposals due in late March. More information can be found in the [full Pre-RFI announcement](#).
 - **Puget Sound Scientific Research:** Projects funded through this opportunity will advance one or more Priority Science Work Actions identified in the [Science Work Plan for 2025-2029](#), which will be published later this year. More information will be posted soon on the [PSP Funding Opportunities page](#), where you can also find details from the previous funding cycle.
- The PSEMP Spatial Data Work Group hosted a **Stormwater Spatial Data workshop** on September 18. They had presentations on King County stormwater modeling and VELMA stormwater applications. A recording and workshop materials are available at this [link](#).

National Estuary Program Stormwater Strategic Initiative Lead (NEP Stormwater SIL) - Emily McCartan, Implementation Lead

- [RFPs open now through 12/31](#): Climate Resiliency, Toxics in Fish, and Multi-Benefit Regional Facilities/Stormwater Parks

Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) - Jeff Killelea, Water Quality Program
Section Manager

6PPD Work

- **Industrial Stormwater General Permit (ISGP)**
 - The ISGP will be reissued in late November 2024
 - The Draft ISGP included monitoring and reporting of 6PPD-quinone
 - Permit staff are currently responding to public comments, which will be shared alongside ISGP reissuance
- **WSDOT permit**
 - Current plan is to publish the draft in Spring 2025 and reissue the permit in Summer 2025
- **6PPD Action Plan**
 - New [6PPD Legislative Progress Report and Recommendations](#)
 - The Action Plan guided several Ecology budget priorities, including permanent staff to support the SWG, continued funding for BMP effectiveness studies, and permanent staff support for bridging research with stormwater permits and manuals
- Ecology staff, in partnership with other state agencies, are participating in the [Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians Natural Resources Summit](#) from November 18-19 at the Tulalip Resort Casino. There will be dedicated 6PPD sessions from 1pm-3pm on both days.
 - Though the event is designed for Tribal partners and staff, non-Tribal staff are welcome to attend the event.
- View the [6PPD Stormwater Research Website](#) for project descriptions and deliverables from our 20+ research projects

Additional Work

- **Municipal Stormwater Permits** – Reminder to send in payments by Dec 1
- **PFAS**
 - EPA advisory level for PFAS
 - Aquatic Life Toxics Criteria for PFAS

10:30 Internal SWG Affairs – Don McQuilliams, SWG Chair

- **E WA Permittees:** At the meeting with E WA permittees today, we will share about the SWG and opportunities for involvement

- **Discuss:** Proposals to increase the representation and inclusion of E WA permittee interests. Key questions include:
 - **Would adding new E WA voting representatives increase inclusion?** This proposal would add at least 1-2 voting representatives must from E WA. Additionally, should these voting members be integrated into the local caucus, or should they be their own E WA caucus?
 - **What kinds of resources can be shared with E WA permittees to help them submit successful project proposals?** This could include technical support from SAM staff or other SWG members, if requested by E WA permittees.
 - **What actions can be taken to ensure that the study selection process is inclusive of E WA permittees?** These actions include encouraging E WA permittees to submit proposals for Round 5, revising project scopes so that more projects have statewide and E WA relevance, and assessing the scoring rubric for SAM projects to ensure that W WA projects are not favored over E WA projects.
 - **How can we ensure that at least one E WA study is selected for funding?** Actions could include [inviting E WA permittees to join the Study Solicitation Subgroup](#) to shape the Round 5 selection process and creating a SAM scoring rubric criteria that prioritizes E WA studies.
 - **How do we balance these aspirations with other considerations?** For example, who is taking on the burden of work, and if it is SAM staff, do they have the capacity for this work? How do we ensure that all projects are still high quality?
- **SWG Charter and Work Plan**
 - The SWG Charter will be revised in mid-2025. The purpose of this delay is to allow time for E WA permittees to become familiar with SWG processes. After this transition period, we will reshape the charter to represent statewide interests.
 - The 2026-2027 Work Plan will also be revised and published in late 2025. This will include action items for statewide work.
- **2025 meeting dates:** February 12, May 14, September 10, and November 12
- **Assessment of voting members**
 - There are some open voting member and alternate spots in the SWG (see table below). If you are interested in becoming a voting member or alternate, please email madison.bristol@ecy.wa.gov. We will vote to add new members in 2025.

Caucus	Total Representatives	Current Voting Members	Current Alternates
Local Government	6	7	2
State Agencies	6	5	3
Federal Agencies	3	1	0
Tribes	2	0	0
Environmental Community	2	0	0
Business (Industry, Developers, Shellfish)	3	1	0
Agriculture	1	1	0
Public Ports	1	1	0

11:00 SWG 6PPD Subgroup – Eli Mackiewicz, SWG 6PPD Subgroup Chair

- [Meeting Notes](#)
- The SWG 6PPD Subgroup hosted a successful in-person meeting with a hybrid option on October 4, 2024. Thank you to the City of Bellingham Public Works Department for hosting the event and organizing site tours of the Little Squalicum Estuary Restoration project and Padden Creek Water Quality Capital Facility. About 45 people attended the meeting in-person, and over 60 people attended virtually.
- The next SWG 6PPD Subgroup meeting is in the first quarter of the 2025, date and time to be determined.
- **Discussion:** What subjects would be of interest for the next 6PPD Subgroup Meeting?

11:15 Updates Related to Our Work

- **Discuss:** Additional updates that people would like to share during this meeting?

11:20 Wrap-up – Don McQuilliams, SWG Chair

- Summarize decisions, action items, and next steps from today’s meeting

11:30 Adjourn

Future Meeting Dates

- The next regular SWG meeting is **February 12, 2025**. Please mark your calendars for February 12, May 14, September 10, and November 12 – all Wednesdays, from 9am - 12pm. We may occasionally extend our meeting time; any extended meeting time will be determined at the previous meeting.

At our meeting on Wednesday, February 12, we will:

- View SAM presentations, potentially including:
 - [Evaluation of Best Management Practices Maintenance Conditions](#), City of Bellevue and Herrera Environmental Consultants
 - [Water Budgets of Individual Local Trees](#), WA Department of Natural Resources, WA State University, City of Tacoma, The Evergreen State College, and Clemson University
 - [Lower Columbia Urban Streams](#), Clark County
- Vote to fund or not fund SAM FP4
- Introduce and welcome new E WA members
- Vote in new voting members and alternates, include E WA representatives
- Hear updates from our partners, PRO-C, and SAM studies

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View the SWG Website

We regularly update the [SWG website](#) with information about upcoming meetings, past meeting materials, and important SWG documents. If you have additional questions about the SWG, contact madison.bristol@ecy.wa.gov.