

Stormwater Work Group Agenda

Wednesday May 14, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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Significant Meeting Topics

- **View SAM presentation:** [Evaluation of Best Management Practices Maintenance Conditions](#), City of Bellevue and Herrera Environmental Consultants
- Welcome more **E WA permittees** into the SWG and listen to unique stormwater issues that E WA permittees face
- Hear **updates from our partners, PRO-C, and SAM**
- **Vote: Additional SWG Meeting on July 16, 2025 from 1pm - 3pm**
- **Vote: Approve new PRO-C and SWG members**
- Organize a **Fall 2025 in-person meeting**
- Hear about the **upcoming SWG 6PPD Subgroup Meeting**

Agenda Summary

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9:00 Welcome – Don McQuilliams, SWG Chair

- Welcome and review of the meeting's agenda and goals

9:10 SAM Presentation: Evaluation of Best Management Practices Maintenance Conditions - Don McQuilliams, City of Bellevue, & James Packman, Herrera Environmental Consultants

- [Presentation Link](#)
- **Project Website:** [Evaluation of Best Management Practices Maintenance Conditions](#)
- This talk will present findings from a SAM study evaluating the maintenance standards for stormwater best management practices in the Stormwater Management Manual for Western Washington including ponds, trenches, swales, vaults, and tanks. The research highlights common BMP maintenance needs, the origins of the maintenance standards, and standards that could use updating, and recommendations for recordkeeping to identify opportunities for revising maintenance frequencies.

9:50 Introductions: Eastern WA Members and Voting Representatives – Don McQuilliams, SWG Chair

- **Welcome to all new E WA members who are able to join us today**
- Verbal introductions of E WA members and existing voting representatives
- All other non-voting members can introduce themselves in the chat
- **Share-out during introductions:** What unique stormwater issue is your municipality or organization facing?

10:10 Break

10:15 Updates from Our Partners – PSEMP, NEP SIL, WA Ecology

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

- **Call for applications to the PSP Science Panel:** The Puget Sound Partnership's Leadership Council is seeking applications to join the Science Panel to identify diverse sources of scientific evidence to inform policies for the protection and recovery of Puget

Sound. Applications are due by June 20. Appointment terms begin Sep. 2025 and ending Sep. 2029. Read the full announcement [here](#).

- **Communications Support:** Now through Fall 2025, PSEMP is partnering with Sea & Shore Solutions to help strengthen the network's communication skills and develop new communication products. This support is available to anyone connected with PSEMP — not just for PSEMP. To request communications support, simply fill out this [form](#), and the PSEMP team will connect you with Sea & Shore. Read the full announcement [here](#).
- **Upcoming PSEMP Events**
 - The next Coffee with PSEMP is June 10 at 11am. This is an informal space for folks to connect, ask any and all questions, and engage in discussion. Register via this [link](#).
 - For the full PSEMP calendar, please follow this [link](#).
- **Subscribe to our newsletter** at this [link](#) if you haven't yet! If you have an event, publication, or job opportunity you'd like to share in the newsletter, please email Hannah.Mittelstaedt@psp.wa.gov

National Estuary Program Stormwater Strategic Initiative Lead (SW SIL) - Chanele Holbrook, Stormwater SIL

- The SW SIL opened a [new Request for Proposals \(RFP\)](#) on May 7, with \$1 million available for **Neighborhood Stormwater Education and Assistance projects**. This RFP will be open until July 9, 2025. If you are considering an application, please submit this short ["Interest in Applying" form](#) as soon as possible.

Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) - Jeff Killelea, Water Quality Program Section Manager and Madison Bristol, 6PPD Stormwater Planner

6PPD Work

- **6PPD publications:** There have been several recent publications about WA's work on 6PPDQ
 - [Western Forester](#) – article will be published soon about 6PPDQ and unamended forest soils
 - [King County Natural Resources and Parks](#)
 - [Seattle Times](#)
 - [National Geographic](#)
- Ecology is recruiting **new 6PPD BMP effectiveness studies**
 - Ecology has received \$2.9 million from the WA State Legislature to continue 6PPD stormwater BMP effectiveness research
 - This research is different than the SWG Effectiveness Subgroup, though we have shared some funding with SAM projects in the past

- The goal of this research is to inform stormwater manual and permit updates
- There is no application for this funding. To get started, reach out to Madison at madison.bristol@ecy.wa.gov to discuss project ideas.
- For more information about this funding and the types of projects we support, please view our [6PPD Stormwater Website](#).
- **Industrial Stormwater General Permit 6PPD monitoring**
 - Transportation and waste management facilities will begin quarterly sampling of 6PPDQ in January 2028
 - Currently not enough lab capacity to analyze these samples, so Ecology is hoping to have more commercial labs in WA apply for and become accredited for 6PPDQ
 - If you know of a commercial lab that could be interested in applying for accreditation, please encourage them to apply. If you need further information about the accreditation process, contact Rebecca Wood at rebecca.wood@ecy.wa.gov.
- **[Municon 2025](#)**
 - There will be several at least 9 sessions at Municon about 6PPDQ!

Permit Updates

- **Several stormwater permits are under appeal.** This includes:
 - [Municipal Stormwater General Permits](#) – settlement discussions in progress with Puget Soundkeeper et al.
 - [Industrial Stormwater General Permit](#) – 7 appellants (mix of transportation permittees and NGOs) have agreed upon 58 appeal issues; PCHB hearing scheduled for Feb 2026
- **Draft [Construction Stormwater General Permit](#)** - Draft released, public comment period closed on May 9, 2025. Final permit will be issued in December 2025.
- The **draft [WA Department of Transportation Municipal Stormwater Permit](#)** is being developed and is scheduled to be released in September 2025
- The **draft [Sand and Gravel General Permit](#)** is expected to be released in Summer 2025
- **Opportunities to discuss permit implementation:** There are several existing forums permittees can attend to discuss permit implementation, including:
 - Washington Stormwater Center (WSC) hosts or supports several permittee meetings intended to discuss implementation topics. We encourage you to join these existing forums to delve into implementation topics beyond monitoring and assessment. Reach out to Laurie Larson-Pugh to get invites at laurie.larson-pugh@wsu.edu.
 - ROAD MAP – discusses operation and maintenance
 - STORM – education and outreach forum

- WSC hosts 2 Environmental Justice groups, one for municipal stormwater permittees, and one that is a salon and takes on EJ more broadly
 - During permit reissuance, if there is permittee interest, WSC has organized the ad-hoc groups that discuss permit topics and develop recommendations. For the 2029 permit, this would begin next year.
- [Municon 2025](#): Workshop 3B on May 20, 2025 from 3:15 – 5:15pm – Ecology Permit Overview
- Regular regional coordinator meetings (mostly organized by Laurie at WSC)
 - APWA hosts a regular meeting as well
- WSC keeps the list of groups here: [Stormwater Coordinator Groups – Washington Stormwater Center](#)
- To learn more about these opportunities, contact Abbey at abbey.stockwell@ecy.wa.gov or Amy at amy.waterman@ecy.wa.gov
- **Discussion:** Are there other kinds of spaces permittees would like to see to discuss permit implementation?

Hiring Updates

- Ecology is hiring a [Stormwater Work Group Project Manager \(Environmental Planner 4\)](#). This position will remain open until filled. Applications received after May 4, 2025 may not be considered.
 - This position was initially posted in November 2024. However, due to the statewide hiring freeze, Ecology was unable to hire for this position. The Water Quality Program has received an exception to restart this hiring process.

10:35 PRO-C Updates – Chris Konrad, Interim PRO-C Chair

- Review the **PRO-C report card** on SAM and Ecology’s support of the SWG
- Overview of PRO-C member responsibilities, time commitments, and vacancies
- **Vote: New PRO-C Members**
 - Lori Blair, Boeing – Business Caucus
- **New PRO-C Chair**
 - Accepting nominations for the PRO-C Chair; Chris will continue to serve as the Interim PRO-C Chair until the position is filled
 - **Discuss:** PRO-C Chairs have typically come from the municipal caucus. Does the SWG think this is still valuable and necessary?
- **Nominations for Eastern WA PRO-C members.** Members can be approved over the summer via email.
- Please reach out to raghu.namburi@ecy.wa.gov if you have PRO-C nominations

10:50 SAM Updates - Raghu Namburi, SAM Coordinator

- Update on the **SWG Study Solicitation Subgroup** and the **Round 5 Solicitation process**
 - Does the subgroup still need chairs or members?
 - Is there a formal approval process the subgroup must follow to approve members or processes?
- **Vote: Additional 2025 SWG Meeting – Wed July 16, 1pm - 3pm**
 - Present list of priority topics for Round 5 in preparation for a vote at the September SWG meeting
 - Would expedite the Round 5 solicitation process by several months
- **Annual report and invoicing** will be available by May 15
- **Municon 2025** SAM exhibition
- **SAM project updates**, including active projects and large milestones

11:10 Break

11:15 Internal SWG Affairs – Don McQuilliams and Abby Barnes, SWG Chairs

- Final SWG-approved [letter on GPPD lab accreditation](#)
- **Presentation:** Orientation on the SWG listserv, website, and contact information
 - Additional information: [10-minute introductory video](#)
- **Overview of the structure of the SWG and member vacancies**
 - **Presentation:** The SWG Table
 - **Presentation:** SWG Member Vacancies
 - Currently accepting **nominations for 2 SWG Chairs**. SWG Chairs will be approved at the September SWG meeting. Don and Abby can be re-nominated.
 - If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else to be a SWG chair or voting representative, please fill out this [SWG nominations form](#)
- **Vote: New SWG Voting Members**
 - Local Caucus
 - Maureen Meehan, Pierce County
 - Meiring Borchers, City of Mukilteo
 - Environmental Caucus
 - Aimee Navickis-Brasch, Evergreen StormH2O
 - Eastern WA Local Caucus
 - Trey (James George III), City of Spokane

- Dara Osborne, City of Walla Walla
- **Fall 2025 in-person meeting**
 - The statewide budget freeze is still in effect. It is uncertain when this will change.
 - Can start planning for the November SWG meeting to be in-person. Depending on the location, this could change the scheduled time of the meeting (for example, 10am – 2pm instead of 9am-12pm).
 - **Any ideas for host locations? Ideally, this location would be accessible to both Eastern and Western WA attendees.**

11:45 6PPD Subgroup – Eli Mackiewicz, SWG 6PPD Subgroup Chair

- The next SWG 6PPD Subgroup meeting will be on **Wednesday June 4 from 1-3pm**. Agenda topics include:
 - Ecology 6PPD Project Updates
 - Discussing priority 6PPD BMP effectiveness research topics for 2025-2027
 - Introduction to the Oregon 6PPD Work Group
 - The leads for the Oregon 6PPD Work Group will provide a high-level summary of the 6PPD work happening in their state, including the proposal for a new tire tax
 - Presentation: [Testing 6PPD-quinone on the Snoqualmie Reservation](#), Snoqualmie Indian Tribe
 - The Snoqualmie Indian Tribe is determining the level of filtration needed to mitigate stormwater impacts from a large parking lot, upstream development, and a medium-traffic road. This study was also designed to test current BMPs that the Tribe has in place, including a floating treatment wetland and unamended vegetated swales.

11:50 Updates Related to Our Work

- **Discuss:** Additional updates that people would like to share during this meeting?
- **Discuss:** What would members like to see at the next SWG meeting?

11:55 Wrap-up – Don McQuilliams, SWG Chair

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

12:00 Adjourn

Future Meeting Dates

The next regular SWG meeting is **September 10, 2025**. Please mark your calendars for September 10 and November 12, 2025 – all Wednesdays, from 9am – 12pm. We may occasionally extend our meeting time.

At our meeting on Wednesday, September 10 we will:

- View SAM presentations, potentially including:
 - [Lower Columbia Urban Streams](#), Clark County
 - [Longevity of biological protection using bioretention](#), Washington State University
- Approve new SWG chairs and voting members
- 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.