



Yakima Regional Stormwater Working Group (RSWG)

RSWG June 4, 2020 Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, June 4, 2020 @ 1:00 – 2:00 PM

LOCATION: Go To Meeting

ATTENDEES: Erin Barnett (City of Selah)
Kurt Schelhammer (City of Union Gap)
Dennis Henne (City of Union Gap)
Katie Otañez (Yakima County)

Items Discussed:

- Updates: As most things and events are canceled, work among jurisdictions is evolving. The City of Selah is using existing brochures to reach out to businesses. Inspections for BMPs and construction and IDDE investigations are ongoing. City of Union Gap is very busy even with few things going on around town. Inspections for construction and small development projects are ongoing. Starting the project to revitalize the Main St. Yakima County has new Program Lead. Staff is working from home but still reviewing development plans and inspecting construction. BMP study is getting expanded and we are currently negotiating a new contract with Osborn. Consulting
- Education and Outreach: All the members expressed concerns about meeting E&O permit requirements now that summer events like parades and the Central WA State Fair are canceled and schools are not in session, eliminating programs such as Drain Rangers and Water on Wheels for the time being. Yakima County will investigate best options that can still be targeted to specific groups such as online or social media-based tools. Other ideas were increasing dog bag stations and signage in parks and community newsletters. When creating new outreach material, it is important to include all RSWG jurisdictions logos because the tools/materials will be distributed to every partner to use.

Next Meeting:

- The next RSWG meeting will be scheduled for Thursday September 3, 2020. Location TBD.