



Yakima Regional Stormwater Working Group (RSWG)

RSWG December 11, 2019 Meeting Minutes

DATE: Wednesday, December 11, 2019 @ 1:00PM – 2:00PM
LOCATION: Union Gap City Hall, 102 West Ahtanum Road, Union Gap, WA 98903

ATTENDEES: Erin Barnett (City of Selah)
Dennis Henne (City of Union Gap)
Kurt Schelhammer (City of Union Gap)
David Dominguez (City of Union Gap)
Raul Sanchez (City of Sunnyside)
Amanda Enbysk (Yakima County)

Items Discussed:

- 2019 Annual Report and Permit Compliance – Members discussed the 2019 Annual Report, due March 31, 2020. The discussion included a review of Appendix 3 for questions that have changed between the permit, either by adding additional questions or areas to attach documents and describe actions. The new Annual Report questions ask for more detail about SWMP activities than previous permits. Members discussed coordinating on public outreach, as the new ILA still allows for collaboration on public outreach. Members also discussed the new IDDE online reporting format through the Water Quality Web Portal (WQWebPortal). Below is Ecology’s implementation schedule for this new IDDE report format:
 - **March 31, 2020:** Submit as much information from Appendix 7 as possible and in format that is as close to Appendix 7 as possible
 - **March 31, 2021:** Submit an Excel spreadsheet, .csv, or .txt file including all information in Appendix 7, or a zipped .xml file that follows the schema
 - **March 31, 2022 and beyond:** Ecology requires submission of a zipped .xml file that follows the schema
- BMP Effectiveness Study – Significant progress on Yakima County’s BMP Effectiveness Study was made from the last meeting. Osborn Consulting, the consultant drafting the QAPP, completed the revision of the QAPP and Yakima County will submit the final QAPP to Ecology for review and approval. Yakima County relayed the tentative schedule for the next tasks required by the Technical Advisory Group (TAG), as soon as data is collected from the survey.
- Public Outreach: Behavior Change Study – The next discussion item was public outreach, and specifically the behavior change study required in S.5.B.1.b of the permit. Ecology has not given expectations for the results of the study as of this meeting. Yakima County had a conversation with the permit manager who indicated the study is small in scope. One example provided was to track the amount of pet waste collected from receptacles placed in a park before and after posting signs directing



visitors to use the receptacles. This permit requirement will likely be discussed in more detail at the meeting with the Department of Ecology in Spokane in February.

- Department of Ecology Permit Discussion Meeting – A meeting has been planned between all Phase II Eastern Washington jurisdictions and the Department of Ecology, including all Eastern Washington Permit Managers. The objective is to discuss the new permit requirements and developments at the start of the permit cycle and answer questions the eastern Washington Phase II permittees have about the permit.
- RSWG Meeting Schedule – Finally, members discussed reestablishing an RSWG meeting schedule. Monthly meetings were deemed too frequent. Quarterly meetings were suggested as an alternative and agreed upon. The next meeting will be in March 2020, on a TBD date. Going forward, regular RSWG meetings will likely be held in March, June, September, and December.

Next Meeting:

- The next RSWG meeting will be held at **Yakima County Courthouse, WA on Thursday, March 1st, 2020 at 1pm**