



Yakima Regional Stormwater Working Group (RSWG)

RSWG July 25, 2019 Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, July 25, 2019 @ 1:00PM – 2:30PM
LOCATION: First Street Conference Room, 223 N. 1st St., Yakima, WA 98901

ATTENDEES: Erin Barnett (City of Selah)
Caprise Groo (City of Selah)
Joe Henne (City of Selah)
David Dominiguez (City of Union Gap)
Raul Sanchez (City of Sunnyside)
David Haws (Yakima County)
Amanda Enbysk (Yakima County)

Items Discussed:

- Fiscal Year 2019-2021 Municipal Stormwater Capacity-Building Grant – Members discussed the grant opportunity for a \$50,000 capacity grant (with an additional \$45,000 hardship award) from Ecology for execution of the NPDES Municipal permit. The deadline for this grant is August 2, 2019 and it is non-competitive and no match. All members were encouraged to apply and some reported they already have.
- Drain Rangers (formerly Water on Wheels) – As it is summer, the contract with Drain Rangers/Drain Rangers Jr. (formerly Water on Wheels) expired at the end of June. Yakima County received positive responses from all RSWG members to renew the contract for the 2019-2020 school year. David pointed out that this is the last year to renew the contract; next year, a new contract will need to be renegotiated to continue services for the 2020-2021 school year.
- BMP Effectiveness Study – Yakima County, the lead entity for this study, has hired Osborn Consulting to assist with completion of the QAPP and in development of surveys and interviews for the study. The project kick-off occurred this month and the draft of the QAPP will be complete near the end of August or early September. The County will be coordinating with study participants to review the QAPP prior to submission to Ecology and to convene a Technical Advisory Group (TAG) to provide insight, suggestions, and professional opinions to the Lead Entity throughout the study. The County anticipates that the TAG will review the draft QAPP in October and data collection (survey deployment and interviews) will likely begin at the start of 2020.
- 2019-2024 NPDES Permit – Finally, the members discussed updates to the 2019-2024 Eastern Washington Municipal NPDES Permit, which becomes effective on August 1, 2019. Major changes to the permit were noted in the Stormwater Management Program for Cities, Towns, and Counties (S5) section of the permit. A summary of changes was distributed at the meeting for member review. The



new permit will require an update of the O&M Manuals for each of the permittees, specifically regarding a site-specific SWPPP for material storage areas, heavy equipment storage areas, and maintenance areas. The current version of the O&M Manual was developed by the RSWG in 2009 and updated in 2017.

Next Meeting:

- The next RSWG meeting will be scheduled at RSWG member request