



Yakima Regional Stormwater Working Group (RSWG)

RSWG March 25, 2021 Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, March 25, 2021 @ 1:00 – 2:00 PM

LOCATION: GoTo Meeting

ATTENDEES: Erin Barnett (City of Selah)
Kurt Shelhammer (City of Union Gap)
Raul Sanchez (City of Sunnyside)
Jack Wells & Carolyn Ehlis (Yakima County)

Items Discussed:

- 2020 Annual Report Updates: Annual reports seem to be in good shape, biggest concern was how to respond to question #51 with respect to Effectiveness Study Participation/Compliance and Public Outreach and Education. Yakima County to send the RSWG info on how they responded to question #51 for guidance and the Drain Rangers report of Deliverables from Franklin County Conservation District. The group commented on how the Ecology Guidance Document was helpful to completing the Annual Report.
- Effectiveness Studies: The group discussed the status of the current Yakima County Effectiveness Study on best practices of privately owned BMP's. A TAG meeting to discuss the survey results followed this meeting. We discussed joining the City of Yakima's Car Wash Effectiveness Study for this permit cycle. The RSWG is onboard to participate.
- Education and Outreach: Public Education and Outreach has been difficult this past year with the restrictions in place due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The group shared ideas of alternative ways to reach the public through social media, billboards, and radio/TV advertisement spots. As a requirement of the NPDES permit the permittee is required to reach out to a targeted group as part of its Public Education and Outreach program. Dumpster cleanliness and containment was brought up as a potential Effectiveness Study or could be used to meet this requirement. Reaching out to Dairies was also discussed.

Next Meeting:

- The next RSWG meeting will be scheduled for Thursday June 3rd, 2021. Location TBD.