



Yakima Regional Stormwater Working Group (RSWG)

RSWG June 3, 2021 Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, June 3, 2021 @ 1:00 – 2:00 PM

LOCATION: GoTo Meeting

ATTENDEES: Erin Barnett (City of Selah)

Kurt Shelhammer, Dennis Henne, David Dominguez (City of Union Gap)

Raul Sanchez (City of Sunnyside)

Jack Wells & Elias Hansen (Yakima County)

Andrea Jedal (WSDOE)

Items Discussed:

- Drain Rangers Contract: The contract with Franklin Conservation District will be renew through the end of the NPDES permit cycle (June 2024). Annual contract amount \$19,500 paid twice a year. Exhibit A was updated to incorporate the virtual learning platform.
- Public Education and Outreach Guidance from Ecology (S5.B1.b): Andrea Jedal from Washington State Department of Ecology spoke about the NPDES requirement for a “Targeted Audience” and how meet the requirement: 1) How to identify the issue. 2) Outreach/Education on issue. 3) Changes in behavior through Outreach/Education. 4) How to build on Outreach.
- Education and Outreach: Discussed whether to pursue “Dumpster BMP’s” within this permit cycle, still a viable Outreach and Education opportunity. Yakima County still plans to do and Educational Outreach to Dairy/CAFO’s for BMP’s. Will reach out to SYCD and WSU Ag for help in developing educational material.
- Effectiveness Studies: Current Privately Owned Structural BMP’s study is in the interview stage for a more comprehensive understanding data collected in the survey. Final report due in August 2021. Awaiting a poll from OCI to determine Roles and Responsibilities for COY Car Wash Effectiveness to develop a response for the NPDES (S8.A2.b) requirement. Each agencies is responsible to submit a response for this requirement, Yakima County will share response with the RSWG. Ecology is requesting a meeting with Lead Agency, Support Agencies and Consultant prior to launching study.

Next Meeting:

- The next RSWG meeting will be scheduled for Thursday September 2nd, 2021. Location TBD.