



Yakima Regional Stormwater Working Group (RSWG)

RSWG June 2, 2022 Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, June 2, 2022 @ 1:00 – 2:00 PM

LOCATION: Yakima County Courthouse

ATTENDEES: Erin Barnett (City of Selah)
Raul Sanchez (City of Sunnyside)
Jeff Morrow (YVC Yakima Campus)
Jack Wells & Nate Paris (Yakima County)
Andrea Jedel (WSDOE)

Items Discussed:

- Public Education and Outreach Events: Yakima County staff participated with an informational booth along with the County's Vector Truck at the two-day event Dozer Days. The event is aimed at demonstrating construction activities to children and their families. The event was very worthwhile and the County plans to participate in the future. The City of Sunnyside began to participate in the Cinco de Mayo festival, unfortunately due to circumstances out of their control, the event was cancelled after only a few hours. Future events could include National Night Out for multiple jurisdictions.
- Stormwater Management Program (SWMP): The SWMP is a requirement of the NPDES permit, it provides a snapshot of how the jurisdiction is complying with permit conditions and regulations, as well as future opportunities. Selah and Sunnyside revealed new SWMP this year as part of their NPDES compliance. Yakima County plans to update their SWMP in the next year or two.
- Ordinance Creation/Updates: The group discussed where each jurisdiction is at in creating or updating their Stormwater Ordinance to be in compliance with new mandates in the current permit cycle.
- Mid-Yakima River Basin Bacteria TMDL: Multiple jurisdictions from the area will be responsible for the conditions of the TMDL, currently we are waiting on Ecology for guidance and direction on sampling scope and data gathering.
- BMP Manual Status: Have a meeting coming up with the consultant and TAC members on June 8th to discuss manual status and to go over the manual outline, gaps, and next steps.
- 2022 Central Washington State Fair: As the RSWG premier Public Education and Outreach event, the group discussed options or thoughts about how best to serve the public. Last year's fair was considered by the group as being very successful in reaching our community's. This was due in part to the City of Yakima's Carwash Effectiveness Study. The study had a survey element to it, this gave members working the fair an opportunity to reach and engage with community. Those of us at the RSWG meeting felt it would be good to come up with a theme/topic that we could highlight during the fair.

Next Meeting:

- The next RSWG meeting will be scheduled for Thursday September 1st, 2022. Location TBD.