



Yakima Regional Stormwater Working Group (RSWG)

RSWG September 1, 2022 Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, June 2, 2022 @ 1:00 – 2:00 PM
LOCATION: Yakima County Courthouse
ATTENDEES: Erin Hamilton (City of Selah)
 David Dominguez, Kurt Shelhammer (City of Union Gap)
 Jeff Morrow (YVC Yakima Campus)
 Randy Meloy (City of Yakima)
 Jack Wells, Elias Hansen (Yakima County)
 Andrea Jedel (WSDOE)

Items Discussed:

- Public Education and Outreach Events: Erin discussed Selah’s participation in “National Night Out” and how she used displays to show the effect of different pollution sources effect stormwater. The group discussed possibly looking into an “Adopt a Drain” program and potentially creating a stormwater scavenger hunt for elementary school children.
- O&M Good housekeeping: Update/review of Good Housekeeping manuals are a requirement of the current NPDES permit due by December 31st, 2022. Yakima County is planning on creating new manuals in the next permit cycle. A new element for the next permit cycle may be inventorying street trees.
- Ordinance Creation/Updates: The group discussed where each jurisdiction is at in creating or updating their Stormwater Ordinance for compliance with new mandates in the current permit cycle.
- Regional Manual equivalency: To maintain equivalency of the Regional Stormwater manual with the Stormwater Maintenance Manual for Eastern Washington, Yakima County is adding language to the Stormwater Ordinance for cross reference and highlight new BMP’s and TAPE.
- Mid-Yakima River Basin Bacteria TMDL: Multiple jurisdictions from the area will be responsible for the conditions of the TMDL. City of Yakima is taking the lead in establishing a testing protocol through a QAPP.
- BMP Manual Status: Chapters 1-3 have been reviewed by the TAC group. Chapters 4-6 are in the development stage.
- 2022 Central Washington State Fair: The booth schedule has been shared with the RSWG and each member has selected times that meet with their schedule. The group will highlight the City of Yakima’s Car Wash Study to gauge the understanding of the educational outreach. The group will investigate slogan or outreach hook for next years fair in the coming months.
- Capacity Grant amendment/Water Quality Grants: Capacity grant amendments will be sent out after all PRPR’s are processed. City of Yakima is putting in for a Water Quality grant for Randall Park, will help with the TMDL.

Next Meeting:

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



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