



**Yakima Regional Stormwater Working Group (RSWG)**

## **RSWG December 1, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

**DATE:** Thursday, Dec 1, 2022 @ 1:00 – 2:00 PM

**LOCATION:** Yakima County Courthouse

**ATTENDEES:** Erin Hamilton (City of Selah)

Kurt Shelhammer (City of Union Gap)

Jeff Morrow (YVC Yakima Campus)

Raul Sanchez (City of Sunnyside)

Randy Meloy (City of Yakima)

Jack Wells, Elias Hansen, Carolyn Elhis, Jeff Brown, David Haws (Yakima County)

Andrea Jedel (WSDOE)

### **Items Discussed:**

- Washington Stormwater Center Public Education and Outreach position: Anne Melrose has been hired to this position and has begun to create a working group of EW Permittee administrators to develop Wish List and plan to implement new PE&O materials.
- EWSG Yakima Meeting: Yakima County and the City of Yakima host the November EWSG meeting at the Office of Emergency Management in Union Gap. This was a hybrid meeting with several jurisdictions attending in person as well as many joining remotely via Teams. There were several presenters in person.
- O&M Good housekeeping: Update/review of Good Housekeeping manuals are a requirement of the current NPDES permit due by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022. Yakima County is planning on creating new manuals in the next permit cycle and is being incorporated in the Stormwater Master Plan Project that is beginning in early 2023. A revised street sweeping program and tree canopy cover have been identified as new elements.
- Ordinance Creation/Updates: Ordinance updates are due by December 31, 2022.
- Regional Manual equivalency: Manual will be re-evaluated for an update after permit reissuance and the Stormwater Management Manual for Eastern Washington has been revised.
- 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 4-6 have been reviewed by the TAC group. Chapters 7-9 and Training Material are in the development stage.
- 2022 Central Washington State Fair: The Yakima Regional Stormwater booth had a new location within the Yakima SunDome. Community member traffic and interaction was good, many stormwater related materials were distributed.
- Capacity Grant amendment/Water Quality Grants: Capacity grant amendments will be sent out after all PRPR's are processed. Permittees are still awaiting amendment for additional funding.
- Eastern Washington Municipal Stormwater Permit Reissuance Language Discussion: The RSWG after reviewing proposed permit reissuance language determined upload comments as a group.



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**Next Meeting:**

- The next RSWG meeting will be scheduled for Thursday March 2nd, 2023. Location TBD.