



Yakima Regional Stormwater Working Group (RSWG)

RSWG March 7th, 2024, Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, December 7th, 2023 @ 1:00 – 2:00 PM

LOCATION: Selah Public Works Building

ATTENDEES:
Erin Hamilton, Caprise Groo (City of Selah)
David Dominguez (City of Union Gap)
Jeff Morrow (YVC Yakima Campus)
Raul Sanchez, Fred C. (City of Sunnyside)
Jack Wells, Nellie Soptich (Yakima County)

Guest: None

Items Discussed:

- Upcoming Events:
 - Dozer Days April 20th & 21st: Yakima County will man a Public Education and Outreach booth at Dozer Days organized by the Central Washington Home Builders Association.
 - Selah is open to offering the use of their Sweeper and Vactor truck as a static display.
 - City of Union Gap plans to assist in manning the booth.
 - Arbor Day April 13th: Yakima County will host a Stormwater informational booth at Yakima Arboretum's Arbor Day event. This year's theme is flowering plants and pollinators. We plan to highlight the benefits of LID and erosion control.
 - Cinco de Mayo Festival Sunnyside: The City of Sunnyside is participating in the Cinco de Mayo Festival with a Stormwater informational booth.
- Dumpster PE&O program: Yakima County distributed the "Shut the Lid" stickers along with a commercial Stormwater Brochure to restaurants and retail marts located within the Stormwater Utility boundary. The effort had a ~75% effectiveness rate based on visual checks.
- Annual Report Best Practices Discussion:
 - The RSWG discussed how each jurisdiction completes the requirements outlined in the annual report.
 - Tips and Tricks: How to work with other divisions to obtain needed information. Use of consultants, methods to improve efficiency, etc....
- EWSG PE&O workgroup: Discussed direction and effectiveness of workgroup.
- Mid-Yakima Basin TMDL: Need to finalize ILA with Yakima County, City of Yakima, and Union Gap. Union Gap is working with Evergreen StormH2O on developing an addendum to the now finalized QAPP. Water Quality testing for e coli to begin in July of 2024.
- New Permit Requirements: Discussing centered on the new street sweeping requirements. Tracking, quantities and decant procedures.
- Adopt a Drain: Nellie gave a brief presentation about the RSWG joining the Adopt a Drain program based on recent meeting with organizing entity. Discussed price and benefits of the program.

Next Meeting:

The next RSWG meeting will be scheduled for Thursday March 6th, 2024. Location: Union Gap



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