



Yakima Regional Stormwater Working Group (RSWG)

RSWG June 6th, 2024, Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, June 6th, 2024 @ 1:00 – 2:00 PM

LOCATION: Union Gap City Hall

ATTENDEES: Erin Hamilton (City of Selah)

David Dominguez, Chris Fix (City of Union Gap)

Randy Meloy (Yakima)

Hugo Morales (City of Sunnyside)

Jack Wells, Nellie Soptich (Yakima County)

Guest: None

Items Discussed:

- Event(s) Update:

- Dozer Days April 20th & 21st: Event was a big success with over 2400 tickets sold, approx. 3,000 attendees. Selah provided their vac truck and Sweeper for both days. Union Gap supplied their sweeper for Saturday and provided a crew for that day.
- Arbor Day April 13th: Yakima County hosted a Stormwater informational booth at Yakima Arboretum's Arbor Day event. This year's theme was flowering plants and pollinators. We highlighted the benefits of LID and erosion control.
- Cinco de Mayo Festival Sunnyside: The City of Sunnyside participated in the Cinco de Mayo Festival with a Stormwater informational booth.

- Upcoming Events:

- National Night Out
- Central Washington State Fair

- Regional Stormwater Group ILA:

- Need updated percentages and authorized officials.

- Drain Ranger MOA:

- Will follow executed RSWG ILA. Updated cost structure and wages.

- Adopt A Drain:

- The decision was made by the group to participate in the Adopt a Drain outreach program
- Plan to roll program out at CWSF this fall.

- Dumpster PE&O program: Yakima County distributed the "Shut the Lid" stickers along with a commercial Stormwater Brochure to restraunts and retail mii marts located within the Stormwater Utility boundary. The effort had a ~75% effectiveness rate based on visual checks.

- EWSG PE&O workgroup:

- WSC is working with a few Permittees on developing a video Stormwater 101 training series.

- Mid-Yakima Basin TMDL: Same update: 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.



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- New Permit Requirements: Talked about several of the new requirements and the updated SWMMEW.
- Project Updates:
 - Union Gap Truck bypass
 - Yakima County UIC retrofit

Next Meeting:

The next RSWG meeting will be scheduled for Thursday September 5th, 2024. Location: Sunnyside