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## Agenda Meeting Minutes

**DATE:** Thursday, November 19, 2015 @ 1:00PM – 2:00PM

**LOCATION:** Union Gap, WA

**ATTENDEES:** Chris Knox (City of Selah)  
Dennis Henne (City of Union Gap)  
Ray Suarez (City of Union Gap)  
David Hawes (Yakima County)  
Eric Geary (Yakima County)

### Items Discussed:

#### 1) Program Management

- Effectiveness studies list for Phase 2 & 3 due June 30, 2016. Studies are to be reduced from 25 to 16. A discussion related to cost splitting needs to be conducted. All effectiveness studies must be completed by 2019. Some concerns were expressed towards repeatable studies that may have already been conducted on the west side of the state; as well as studies that are high in costs.

#### 2) Public Education & Public Participation

- It was shared across the RSWG that the RSWG website hosted by Yakima County now has educational materials available to the public for download. These materials can be used to conduct internal or external training.
- It was also shared across the RSWG that our marketing media strategy was approved and that the RSWG now has a Facebook presence, and it is available to the public. Due to record keeping requirements, the Facebook page is monitored and a monthly report is kept on all activities.
- Yakima County is creating education brochures that can be handed out to construction personnel to broaden awareness. These brochures are to be available on the RSWG website.

#### 3) Illicit Discharge & Detection

- No illicit discharges were reported during this meeting from the City of Selah, Sunnyside, or Union Gap. Yakima County had one Illicit Discharge that was reported. This discharge was due to Trackout in the Terrace Heights area. A record of the incident was created and follow-up was conducted. Mitigation response by the causing party was implemented.
- Yakima County is developing an Illicit Discharge Awareness & Identification training program for members of the RSWG to utilize.
- Illicit Discharge report slips are also being created by Yakima County for the RSWG and their field working personal, in an effort to streamline reporting.



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#### 4) Construction/Post-Construction Site Stormwater Management

- No Topic

#### 5) Pollution Prevention & Good Housekeeping

- While Ecology's Mid-Yakima River Basin TMDL does not pertain to everyone within the RSWG, it was a discussed topic for Yakima County and the City of Union Gap. The required monitoring procedure was discussed and Yakima County explained to the City of Union Gap that it will be preparing an alternative plan; as the current requirements do appear to be too costly, and it is believed an alternative plan would better suit the desired outcomes of the Water Quality goal, such as identifying the source and then conduct monitoring to determine with the mitigation activities were successful at reducing FCB loads.

#### 6) Ideas/Other

- A discussion was conducted regarding the implementation of an updated Ecology Stormwater Manual; which will require the RSWG to update theirs.
- A discussion was conducted about having NPDES manual segment trainings during future RSWG meetings, to help familiarize everyone with the program requirements. No opposing comment was made.

#### 7) Next steps

- Construction Trackout discussion is to be conducted during the next RSWG meeting.