



Yakima Regional Stormwater Working Group

Agenda Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, December 10, 2015 @ 1:00PM – 2:00PM

LOCATION: Yakima County, 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

- WA Department of Ecology is to start conducting NPDES Phase II audits for the Eastern Washington area. These audits will be conducted at random. For more information about the audits, go to <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/municipal/audit.html>.

2) Public Education & Public Participation

- An online survey is being developed that will assist in obtaining public awareness and knowledge levels, while also educating the public. This survey will be available through the RSWG section of the County Partnership website. A notification will be posted about the survey on the county’s news feed portion of the website, within the RSWG section of the website, and through the RSWG social media Facebook site.
- In regards to the activity developing on the RSWG social media Facebook site, followership is increasing slowly. Over the next several months, the plan is to push the awareness of the Facebook page through multiple marketing channels, so that it becomes a sustaining public information hub.

3) Illicit Discharge & Detection

- Illicit discharges reports from the RSWG included:
 - City of Selah 0
 - City of Sunnyside 0
 - City of Union Gap 0
 - Yakima County 1 – Trackout incident reported 11/2/2015 at Iron Horse & University Parkway. Responsible party was advised and instructed on proper BMP placement, and instructed to take action to remove the Trackout and prevent it from occurring again. Follow-ups were conducted on 11/2, 11/3, 11/4, and 11/6. The incident was resolved.
- Comments about Illicit Discharge and Detection were referenced during the Construction/Post-Construction Site portion of the meeting; and is included below in that section.



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4) Construction/Post-Construction Site Stormwater Management

- A discussion about processes and procedures related to Construction and Post-Construction Site inspections and reviews was conducted. Municipalities shared with each other their methods of conducting these activities and how/what records were maintained. A discussion about having all municipalities under a singular database system that allows for cross-reference information flow and tracking was conducted. Yakima County already has a database system that is used for the Illicit Discharge and Detection requirement portion of the permit, and could use it as a baseline model. The City of Selah suggested having the system somehow integrated into Spillman (a database system currently in use by several local law enforcement agencies). It was also recommended that each member of the ILA have access to Yakima County's GIS database.

5) Pollution Prevention & Good Housekeeping

- Nothing during this meeting was mentioned.

6) Ideas/Other

- The Eastern Washington WebEx was mentioned; which is occurring December 18th.
- Joe Henne asked for assistance in brainstorming one of his stormwater projects within the City of Union Gap that is to support Dick's Sporting Goods; which is planned to go in at the old Lowes building at the corner of Rudkin Road and Rainier Pl.

7) Next steps

- Continue to develop new training and public information material related to stormwater, and make it available on the RSWG portion of the County website for download. RSWG was to review the new website RSWG sections and provide input.
- Next RSWG Meeting: **Selah, WA** (January 14, 2015)