

SRRTTF Funding Work Group

DRAFT Meeting Notes

September 4, 2013 | 10:00am – 12:00pm

Department of Ecology

4601 North Monroe Street | Spokane, WA 99205-1295

Attendees:

Tom Agnew, Liberty Lake

BiJay Adams, Liberty Lake

Dale Arnold, City of Spokane

Jim Bellatty, Ecology

Adriane Borgias, Ecology

Lisa Dally Wilson (*by video*)

Aubri Denevan, Ruckelshaus Center (*on phone*)

Doug Krapas, Inland Empire Paper

Mike LaScuola, Spokane Regional Health District

Ashley Marshall, City of Spokane

Dave Moss, Spokane County

Chris Page, Ruckelshaus Center (*by video*)

Mike Petersen, Lands Council

Lynn Schmidt, City of Spokane (*on phone*)

Elizabeth Schoedel, City of Spokane

Ken Windram, Hayden Area

Upcoming state funding opportunity for stormwater projects of regional/state significance

Applications due October 1. Municipalities are eligible. There is a total of \$2.2 million available, with each project up to \$300K. Lynn Schmidt is looking for ideas. Possible topics include: Public education/outreach; technical tools; identification of PCB sources in stormwater (oil, yellow paint, other road products like deicer, etc.); contaminants of concern; monitoring plan; low impact development (LID) guidance and sizing tools. She will bring this up with the Eastern Washington Stormwater Coordinators Group at their meeting on Sept. 19. This could be a joint application or one by the city.

Other Washington funding (SRF/Centennial grants/319 grants)

There is training for the Washington grant packages on October 8, 2013. These grants are open to any government organization or non-profit organization. The 319 is for addressing nonpoint source pollution. Education and outreach is fundable but projects that are on-the-ground are higher on the list.

The "Free Auto Leaks Workshops" is an example of a project that is already developed and could be modified for a 319 project. There was a discussion about whether work group members would be spreading themselves too thin by applying for something like this. Where are the resources to do the project? The effort in the project is up front in the grant application. Resources to do the work would be included in the funding request.

ACTION ITEM: Mike Petersen will take the lead on looking at opportunities.

Generate list of factors for prioritizing SRRTTF work

The members went around the room listing factors or concepts they felt were important to determining SRRTTF work. The factors discussed included:

- Source control

- TSCA reform
- Product evaluation & non-point
- Stormwater mitigation
- LimnoTech “Hot Spots” or data gaps (Source ID)
- LimnoTech scope completion
 - Phase 1: <http://srرتف.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/SRRTTF-agreement.pdf> (Ecology funding provided through part of Task 9)
 - Phase 2-4: http://srرتف.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/SRRTTF_Phase2-4_WorkPlan_04232013.pdf (schedule and budget estimates at the end)
- Appealing to the Legislature
- Measurable reduction(s) in PCBs
- Leverage partnership/in-kind contributions

“Buckets” or categories of projects from Funding Strategy

- Projects in the buckets called Funded, Later, and Programmatic don't need to be looked at with respect to prioritizing the \$350,000
- Unfunded projects have already been discussed and would generally be viewed as high priority.
- Some items from Partially Funded or Forward Looking projects might be considered for funding.

ACTION ITEM: Adriane Borgias will make the following changes to the buckets:

- Change date in Later Projects bucket to 6/30/2016
- Move A4 and B1 from Later Projects (After 6/30/2106) to Unfunded Projects Bucket

If just the LimnoTech projects are considered, costs for completing Phase 1 and Phase 2 could range from \$400,000 to more than \$1,230,000.

Discussion about the three elements for which the legislature allocated \$350,000, named by the proviso:

- To determine the extent of the cleanup required
- Implement cleanup actions to meet applicable water quality standards
- Prevent recontamination

Tie into the funding strategies document, specifically:

- Respond to the technical and administrative needs of the SRRTTF
- Leverage the value of monetary and in-kind contributions provided by SRRTTF members
- Partner with outside organizations on opportunities that are of mutual benefit

Discussion about ACE developing an overall budget, with the \$350,000 being part of the larger budget that includes moneys from other sources. This would allocate the \$350,000 to

- LimnoTech work Phase 1 and part of Phase 2
- TSCA reform, e.g. flying experts and/or representatives to EPA in DC (1% - 5%, as needed)
- Source Identification, product identification, product testing (a suggestion of 5-10% was made)
- What does the product evaluation support look like? QAPP will come from the LimnoTech funding. Doug Krapas suggested testing the yellow road paint to get it out of the way
- Other for consideration: facilitator, ACE administration expenses

Scope of work/Strawman Structure

Jim Bellatty will provide an example of a contract to Lisa Dally Wilson. He thinks it is less than five pages and has four parts:

1. Using LimnoTech scope of work to drive the contract language and tasks, including data gap analysis (to determine the extent of the cleanup) and looking for areas of implementation;
2. TSCA reform (changing the current regulations) to prevent recontamination;
3. Product evaluation: literature review and/or testing for Spokane River watershed products (funding strategies has some of this language);
4. Some mention of ACE administration and the need for facilitation.

ACTION ITEM: Lisa Dally Wilson to create a straw-man document for discussion at next task force meeting. Schedule: draft out to WG for comment by 9/11 (the attendees plus Bart and Bud); reply by 9/15; draft for Task Force posting by 9/18.

Other Action Items

ACTION ITEM: Adriane Borgias to request Ecology provide a status update on product testing when results are received and available.

ACTION ITEM: Jim Bellatty to provide a draft scope of work to Lisa Dally Wilson as an example for the straw document and/or future scope of work

ACTION ITEM: Adriane Borgias to send information about Columbia River watershed designation to Doug Krapas (COMPLETE)

Outreach Calendar

Mike LaScuola mentioned that KPBX might be interested in a radio interview on the topic. Mike will know more about the interview possibility later this week. It was noted that Task Force members share the responsibilities for future interviews.

WSU/CEREO (Center for Environmental Research, Education and Outreach) meetings are scheduled to find out where the synergies are between the Task Force and WSU research.

- 9/12 1-3: Air quality and AQ modeling
 - 9/12 3-5: Biochar, bio oils, Center for Sustaining Agriculture
 - 9/20 1:30-3:30: Stormwater
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Upcoming Meetings:

- Next Full Task Force meeting is Sept. 25, 2013, 9:00am – 12:30pm at Water Resource Center (1004 N. Freya Street, Spokane, WA)
- Next Funding Work Group meeting is July 3, 2013, 10:00am – 12:00pm (at Ecology office)