

ACE-SRRTTF Recommendations

Background

The Spokane River Regional Toxics Task Force (Task Force) - Administrative and Contracting Entity (SRRTTF-ACE) Board of Directors (Board) met on March 3, 2023, to discuss and develop recommendations for the future of the SRRTTF-ACE organization and the use of discharger-supplied funds remaining in the SRRTTF-ACE bank account.

SRRTTF-ACE is a registered 501.C.3 nonprofit organization. These recommendations are predicated on the assumption that:

- Ecology will assume all financial and organizational responsibility for the Task Force or other equivalent organization as a replacement for the Task Force immediately following June 30, 2023
- Ecology has no interest in maintaining a 501.C.3 nonprofit organization to support future Task Force or other equivalent organization activities.

Recommendations

The Board recommends to the Task Force that SRRTTF-ACE continue to manage the existing Contract (#C2200092) with Ecology, effective through June 30, 2023. It is understood there will be administrative duties after June 30, 2023, associated with the referenced Ecology contract to assemble contractor invoices, prepare the reimbursement request, receive the reimbursement, and distribute funds as appropriate to contractors. Upon completion of these duties, the Board will promptly conduct the administrative processes to officially close out the 501.C.3 organization. SRRTTF-ACE will not execute any new contracts after June 30, 2023.

With respect to any remaining discharger-provided funds in the SRRTTF-ACE bank account, the Board recognizes that these funds may not be returned to the dischargers and may only be transferred to another 501.C.3 organization. The Board recommends the residual funds be used to pay contractors for projects previously approved by the Task Force between now and June 30, 2023, and to NOT seek reimbursement for those funds from the referenced Ecology Contract. A small portion of the remaining discharger-provided funds (estimated \$5,000) will be retained for administrative costs to close out the organization. Any funds remaining after the administrative close out would be redirected at the discretion of the future Task Force or other equivalent organization, as applicable, noting SRRTTF-ACE will target spending these funds down at or as close to zero dollars.