

## **December 6, 2023 Clean Water Commission Outreach Update**

### **Past outreach events:**

- Oct. 25 – Lacamas Lake Symposium
  - Shared Canines for Clean Water and other resources
- Nov. 9 – Clark County Green Schools Student Summit
  - Shared resources with middle and high school green teams
- Nov. 16 – Stormwater Partners Symposium
  - 60 participants, great feedback that people really appreciate the presentations and opportunities to network
- Nov. 29 – Clean Rivers Coalition Virtual Forum
  - Heard about the Crayfish Mercury Project which engages citizen scientists throughout the Columbia basin
  - We shared CRC annual report, updates from lawncare behavior change campaign and Spanish landscape professional resources (from EPA grant) and opportunities to engage with Follow the Water

### **Upcoming outreach events:**

- Potential opportunity to join Clark County Green Business Morning Blend event to talk about stormwater

### **Ongoing outreach efforts:**

- Stormwater Partners:
  - Preparing to launch the next Students for Clean Water Video Contest
  - Discussing Interlocal Agreement and collaborative workplan
  - Exploring possible collaboration on next year's stormwater permit behavior change requirements
- Working on new Interlocal Agreement with WSU Extension to fund deliverables completed through the Small Acreage Program
- Submitted Ecology grant – will hear back in late January:
  - Fund Follow the Water digital marketing
  - Changing Currents tribal engagement
  - What's Your Lawn Style fertilizer/pesticide reduction behavior change campaign
  - Latinx landscape professional fertilizer/pesticide reduction training
- Pollution Prevention Assistance:
  - Approved as specialist and now conducting visits with businesses, focusing on auto shops
- Finishing Canines for Clean Water pet waste behavior change report
- Clean River Coalition:
  - Videos and training models for Latino landscape professionals will be ready soon to share with SW Washington PPA specialists
  - Advising on website update
  - Planning for an in-person forum in first half of 2024

## **Staff Liaison Update for Dec. 6, 2023, CWC Meeting:**

2023-25 Pollution Prevention Assistance (PPA) contract has several unique elements that will provide better water quality assistance to businesses across Southwest Washington. I conducted environmental justice training with the PPA Specialists of SW WA in October and have been doing research on how to create our EJ plan. The key not speaker at the Stormwater Partner's Symposium was very informative and several attendees have also been helpful. I am working Chuck Harmon with the Health Department to see how we can align our EJ plans.

We've made significant progress on updating the recruitment process for new Clean Water Commissioners so that it is more inclusive for underrepresented populations and more representative the county as a whole. We had eight incredible and talented individuals who are passionate about our watersheds and clean water apply. We completed interviews last week and this year was the most difficult year to choose only three. The recommendations are going to the County Manager the week of December 4 and we hope to have her decisions by the end of the year and Council confirmation in early January.

The 2023 Annual Report deadline is fast approaching and the next several months are incredibly busy time for me. The Annual Report work group of Commissions Trost, Jones, and Martin-Boehm, will be assisting me in gathering photos, activities, work group reports, and drafting 2024 work plan and other sections. I would like to have all materials to me by January 16, so that it will be ready in February for your approval.