



Water Quality Program

Permit Submittal Electronic Certification

Permittee: COWLITZ COUNTY

Permit Number: WAR045024

Site Address: 207 4TH AVE N
Kelso, WA 98626-4189

Submittal Name: MS4 Annual Report Phase II Western

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Questionnaire

Number	Permit Section	Question	Answer
1	S5.A	Attach a copy of any annexations, incorporations or boundary changes resulting in an increase or decrease in the Permittee's geographic area of permit coverage during the reporting period per S9.D.6.	Not Applicable
2	S5.A	Attach updated annual Stormwater Management Program Plan (SWMP Plan). (S5.A.2)	SWMP 2021-FINAL_2_03312021093002
3	S5.A	Implemented an ongoing program to gather, track, and maintain information per S5.A.3, including costs or estimated costs of implementing the SWMP.	Yes
4	S5.A.5.b	Coordinated among departments within the jurisdiction to eliminate barriers to permit compliance. (S5.A.5.b)	Yes
4a	S5.A.5.b	Attach a written description of internal coordination mechanisms. (S5.A.5.b).	Q4a-internal coordination mech_4a_02232021173033
5	S5.C.1.	Have you convened an interdisciplinary team to inform and assist in the development, progress, and influence of the comprehensive stormwater planning program? (S.5.c.1). August 1, 2020	No
6	S5.C.1.b.i(a)	List the relevant land use planning efforts that have taken place in your jurisdiction (land use plans that are used to accommodate growth, stormwater management, or transportation). (S5.C.1.b.i(a) and (b) – Required by March 31, 2021 and January 1, 2023)	Comprehensive Plan addresses stormwater management.
7	S5.C.1.b.i(a)	List of stormwater capital projects (currently in or slated for future design and construction) that resulted from this planning. (S5.C.1.b.i(a) and (b) – Required by March 31, 2021 and January 1, 2023)	Q7-Stormwater Capital Projects_7_03312021093821

8	S5.C.1.b.i(a)	Describe watershed protection measures associated with stormwater management and land use planning actions that resulted from this planning. (S5.C.1.b.i(a) and (b) – Required by March 31, 2021 and January 1, 2023)	<p>Promote low-impact development techniques and applications that allow for infiltration and recharge of stormwater runoff.</p> <p>Develop stormwater facilities and related management programs designed to protect surface and groundwater quality and habitat, prevent chronic flooding from stormwater, maintain natural stream hydrology and protect aquatic resources.</p> <p>Coordinate with the Department of Public Works to update and implement Low Impact Development (LID) standards into County Stormwater regulations for both urbanized and rural areas to meet state and federal requirements.</p>
9	S5.C.1.b.i(a)	Were land acquisitions identified (or are planning ahead for) that are useful for stormwater facilities to accommodate growth or to better serve an existing developed area? (S5.C.1.b.i(a) and (b) – Required by March 31, 2021 and January 1, 2023)	No
10	S5.C.1.b.i(a)	Identified corrective actions, in addition to the minimum requirements of the Municipal Stormwater Permits, to control or treat municipal stormwater discharges that pollute waters of the State (e.g. Limits to impervious cover added to any zoning districts, regional facility planning, minimization of vegetation loss, etc.)? (S5.C.1.b.i(a) and (b) – Required by March 31, 2021 and January 1, 2023)	No
11	S5.C.1.b.i(a)	Updates to goals and policies related to investment in stormwater management facilities/BMPs? (yes/no) (S5.C.1.b.i(a) and (b) – Required by March 31, 2021 and January 1, 2023)	No
12	S5.C.1.b.i(a)	Does the long-range plan identify the location and existing capacity of the stormwater facilities owned or operated by the permittee and show which of those stormwater facilities have unused capacity? (yes/no) (S5.C.1.b.i(a) and (b) – Required by March 31, 2021 and January 1, 2023)	No

12a	S5.C.1.b.i(a)	Do these stormwater facility locations impact where housing, or other types of development, are projected to be located or influence the acquisition of land? (if yes, how?)	No
12b	S5.C.1.b.i(a)	Does the long-range plan identify a lack of facilities and the potential impacts of existing or new development to those areas and receiving waters?	No
12c	S5.C.1.b.i(a)	Any new proposed locations and capacities of stormwater facilities needed for the timeframe of the plan?	No
13	S5.C.1.b.i(a)	Based on the projected population densities and distribution of growth over the planning period, describe how stormwater runoff impacts are forecasted. Does stormwater management information (including water quality) direct where growth is directed? (S5.C.1.b.i(a) and (b) – Required by March 31, 2021 and January 1, 2023)	NO
15	S5.C.1.c	Continue to design and implement local development-related codes, rules, standards, or other enforceable documents to minimize impervious surfaces, native vegetation loss, and stormwater runoff, where feasible? See S5.C.1.c.i. (Required annually)	Yes
16	S5.C.1.c	From the assessment described in S5.C.1.c.i (a), did you identify any administrative or regulatory barriers to implementation of LID Principles or LID BMPs? (Required annually)	No
20	S5.C.2	Did you choose to adopt one or more elements of a regional program? (S5.C.2)	Yes
20a	S5.C.2	If yes, list the elements, and the regional program.	Regional program is called Cowlitz Clean Waters. Cowlitz Clean Waters focused on general awareness, behavior change and stewardship.
21	S5.C.2	Attach a description of general awareness efforts conducted, including your target audiences and subject areas, per S5.C.2.a.i.	Q21-general awarness efforts_21_0225202117 1028
22	S5.C.2	Conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of the ongoing behavior change program and documented recommendations as outlined in S.5.C.2.a.ii(b). (Required no later than July 1, 2020)	Not Applicable
24	S5.C.2	Began implementing strategy outlined in S.5.C.2.a.ii(c) (S5.C.2.a.ii(d) – Required by April 1, 2021)	No
26	S5.C.2	Promoted stewardship opportunities (or partnered with others) to encourage resident participation in activities such as those described in S5.C.2.a.iii.	No

27	S5.C.3.	Describe in Comments field the opportunities created for the public, including overburdened communities, to participate in the decision-making processes involving the development, implementation, and updates of the Permittee's SWMP and the SMAP. (S5.C.3.a)	Participate in the Stormwater Advisory Committee, Make public comments on any issue before the BOCC, Contact the Stormwater Coordinator at any time to discuss concerns or recommendations
28	S5.C.3.	Posted the updated SWMP Plan and latest annual report on your website no later than May 31. (S5.C.3.b)	Yes
28a	S5.C.3.	List the website address in Comments field.	https://www.co.cowlitz.wa.us/DocumentCenter/View/22344/SWMP-2020
29	S5.C.4.	Maintained a map of the MS4 including the requirements listed in S5.C.4.a.i-vii?	Yes
30	S5.C.4.	Started mapping outfall size and material in accordance with S5.C.4.b.i? (Required no later than January 1, 2020)	Yes
30a	S5.C.4.	Attach a spreadsheet that lists the known outfalls' size and material(s).	MS4 Outfall Inspection List 20_30a_03112021074121
31	S5.C.4.	Completed mapping connections to private storm sewers in accordance with S5.C.4.b.ii? (Required no later than August 1, 2023)	No
32	S5.C.4.	Developed an electronic format for map, with fully described mapping standards in accordance with S5.C.4.c? (Required no later than August 1, 2021)	Yes
33	S5.C.5	Informed public employees, businesses, and the general public of hazards associated with illicit discharges and improper disposal of waste? (S5.C.5.b)	Yes
33a	S5.C.5	Actions taken to inform public employees, businesses, and the general public of hazards associated with illicit discharges and improper disposal of waste.	Cowlitz Clean Water Partners calendar, Fox TV ads, stormwater brochure, informal meetings with county departments to recap the hazards and answer questions, answer phone and in person questions from the public regarding various activities.
34	S5.C.5	Implemented an ordinance or other regulatory mechanism to effectively prohibit non-stormwater, illicit discharges as described in S5.C.5.c.	Yes
35	S5.C.5	Implemented procedures for conducting illicit discharge investigations in accordance with S5.C.5.d.i.	Yes
35a	S5.C.5	Cite field screening methodology in Comments field.	Maintain the Illicit Discharge Complaint list and monitor what area show higher complaints.

36	S5.C.5	Percentage of MS4 coverage area screened in the reporting year per S5.C.5.d.i. (Required to screen 12% on average each year.)	93
36a	S5.C.5	Cite field screening techniques used to determine percent of MS4 screened.	Maintain a list of Catch Basin Inspections and cleaning info.
37	S5.C.5	Percentage of total MS4 screened from permit effective date through the end of the reporting year. (S5.C.5.d.i.)	99
38	S5.C.5	Describe how you publicized a hotline telephone number for public reporting of spills and other illicit discharges in the Comments field. (S5.C.5.d.ii)	We publicized the hotline telephone number on the county website.
39	S5.C.5	Implemented an ongoing illicit discharge training program for all municipal field staff per S5.C.5.d.iii.	Yes
40	S5.C.5	Implemented an ongoing program to characterize, trace, and eliminate illicit discharges into the MS4 per S5.C.5.e.	Yes
41	S5.C.5	Municipal illicit discharge detection staff are trained to conduct illicit discharge detection and elimination activities as described in S5.C.5.f.	Yes
42	S5.C.5	Attach a report with data describing the actions taken to characterize, trace, and eliminate each illicit discharge reported to, or investigated by, the Permittee as described in S5.C.5.g. The submittal must include all of the applicable information and must follow the instructions, timelines, and format described in Appendix 12.	Q42-IDDE-HOTLINE TRACKING REPO_42_0316202108 1235
43	S5.C.6.	Implemented an ordinance or other enforceable mechanism to effectively address runoff from new development, redevelopment, and construction sites per the requirements of S5.C.6.b.i-iii.	Yes
44	S5.C.6.	Revised ordinance or other enforceable mechanism to effectively address runoff from new development, redevelopment, and construction sites per the requirements of S5.C.6.b.i-iii. (Required no later than June 30, 2022)	No
45	S5.C.6.	Number of adjustments granted to the minimum requirements in Appendix 1. (S5.C.6.b.i. and Section 5 of Appendix 1)	0
46	S5.C.6.	Number of exceptions/variances granted to the minimum requirements in Appendix 1. (S5.C.6.b.i., and Section 6 of Appendix 1)	0
47	S5.C.6.	Reviewed Stormwater Site Plans for all proposed development activities that meet the thresholds adopted pursuant to S5.C.6.b.i. (S5.C.6.c.i)	Yes
47a	S5.C.6.	Number of site plans reviewed during the reporting period.	37

48	S5.C.6.	Inspected, prior to clearing and construction, permitted development sites per S5.C.6.c.ii, that have a high potential for sediment transport as determined through plan review based on definitions and requirements in Appendix 7 – Determining Construction Site Sediment Damage Potential?	No
48a	S5.C.6.	If no, inspected, prior to clearing and construction, all construction sites meeting the minimum thresholds (S5.C.6.c.ii)?	Yes
49	S5.C.6.	Inspected permitted development sites during construction to verify proper installation and maintenance of required erosion and sediment controls per S5.C.6.c.iii.	Yes
49a	S5.C.6.	Number of construction sites inspected per S5.C.6.c.iii.	37
49b	S5.C.6.	Inspected stormwater treatment and flow control BMPs/facilities and catch basins in new residential developments every 6 months per S5.C.6.c.iv?	Yes
50	S5.C.6.	Inspected all permitted development sites upon completion of construction and prior to final approval or occupancy to ensure proper installation of permanent stormwater facilities. (S5.C.6.c.v)	Yes
51	S5.C.6.	Verified a maintenance plan is completed and responsibility for maintenance is assigned for projects prior to final approval and occupancy being granted. (S5.C.6.c.v)	Yes
52	S5.C.6.	Number of enforcement actions taken during the reporting period (based on construction phase inspections at new development and redevelopment projects). (S5.C.6.c.ii-iv) (S5.C.7.c.viii)	0
53	S5.C.6.	Achieved at least 80% of scheduled construction-related inspections. (S5.C.6.c.vi)	Yes
54	S5.C.6.	Made Ecology's Notice of Intent for Construction Activity and Notice of Intent for Industrial Activity available to representatives of proposed new development and redevelopment? (S5.C.6.d)	Yes
55	S5.C.6.	All staff whose primary job duties are implementing the program to control stormwater runoff from new development, redevelopment, and construction sites including permitting, plan review, construction site inspections, and enforcement are trained to conduct these activities? (S5.C.6.e)	Yes
56	S5.C.7.	Implemented maintenance standards that are as protective, or more protective, of facility function than those specified in the Stormwater Management Manual for Western Washington or a Phase I program approved by Ecology per S5.C.7.a.?	Yes
57	S5.C.7.	Updated maintenance standards specified in Stormwater Management Manual for Western Washington per S5.C.7.a? (Required no later than June 30, 2022)	Not Applicable

58	S5.C.7.	Applied a maintenance standard for a facility or facilities which do not have maintenance standards specified in the Stormwater Management Manual for Western Washington? If so, note in the Comments field what kinds of facilities are covered by this alternative standard. (S5.C.7.a)	No
59	S5.C.7.	Verified that maintenance was performed per the schedule in S5.C.7.a.ii when an inspection identified an exceedance of the maintenance standard.	Yes
59a	S5.C.7.	Attach documentation of maintenance time frame exceedances that were beyond the Permittee's control.	Not Applicable
60	S5.C.7.	Implemented an ordinance or other enforceable mechanisms to verify long-term operation and maintenance of stormwater treatment and flow control BMPs/facilities regulated by the permittee per (S5.C.7.b.i (a))?	Yes
61	S5.C.7.	Annually inspected stormwater treatment and flow control BMPs/facilities regulated by the Permittee per S5.C.7.b.i(b)	Yes
61a	S5.C.7.	If using reduced inspection frequency for the first time during this permit cycle, attach documentation per S5.C.7.b.i (b)	Not Applicable
62	S5.C.7.	Achieved at least 80% of scheduled inspections to verify adequate long-term O&M. (S5.C.7.b.ii)	Yes
63	S5.C.7.	Annually inspected all municipally owned or operated permanent stormwater treatment and flow control BMPs/facilities. (S5.C.7.c.i)	Yes
63a	S5.C.7.	Number of known municipally owned or operated stormwater treatment and flow control BMPs/facilities. (S5.C.7.c.i)	1
63b	S5.C.7.	Number of facilities inspected during the reporting period.	1
63c	S5.C.7.	Number of facilities for which maintenance was performed during the reporting period.	0
64	S5.C.7.	If using reduced inspection frequency for the first time during this permit cycle, attach documentation per S5.C.7.c.i.	Not Applicable
65	S5.C.7.	Conducted spot checks and inspections (if necessary) of potentially damaged stormwater facilities after major storms as per S5.C.7.c.ii.	Yes
66	S5.C.7.	Inspected municipally owned or operated catch basins and inlets every two years or used an alternative approach? Cleaned as needed? (S5.C.7.c.iii)	Yes
66a	S5.C.7.	Number of known catch basins?	865
66b	S5.C.7.	Number of catch basins inspected during the reporting period?	808
66c	S5.C.7.	Number of catch basins cleaned during the reporting period?	121
67	S5.C.7.	Attach documentation of alternative catch basin cleaning approach, if used. (S5.C.7.c.iii.(a)-(c))	Not Applicable

68	S5.C.7.	Implemented practices, policies and procedures to reduce stormwater impacts associated with runoff from all lands owned or maintained by the Permittee, and road maintenance activities under the functional control of the Permittee. (S5.C.7.d)	Yes
69	S5.C.7.	Documented practices, policies, and procedures to reduce stormwater impacts associated with runoff from all lands owned or maintained by the Permittee, and road maintenance activities under the functional control of the Permittee. (S5.C.7.d – Required by December 31, 2022)	Not Applicable
70	S5.C.7.	Implemented an ongoing training program for Permittee employees whose primary construction, operations or maintenance job functions may impact stormwater quality. (S5.C.7.e)	Yes
71	S5.C.7.	Implemented a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) for all heavy equipment maintenance or storage yards, and material storage facilities owned or operated by the Permittee in areas subject to this Permit that are not required to have coverage under an NPDES permit that covers stormwater discharges associated with the activity. (S5.C.7.f)	Yes
72	S5.C.7.	Updated, if needed, SWPPPs according to S5.C.7.f no later than December 31, 2022.	Not Applicable
73	S5.C.8	Adopted ordinance(s), or other enforceable documents, requiring the application of source control BMPs for pollutant generating sources associated with existing land uses and activities per S.5.C.8.b.i. (Required by August 1, 2022)	No
74	S5.C.8	Established an inventory per S5.C.8.b.ii. (Required by August 1, 2022.)	No
75	S5.C.8	Implemented an inspection program S5.C.8.b.iii (Required by January 1, 2023).	No
76	S5.C.8	Implemented a progressive enforcement policy per S5.C.8.b.iv (Required by January 1, 2023).	Not Applicable
77	S5.C.8	Attach a summary of actions taken to implement the source control program per S5.C.8.b.iii and S5.C.8.b.iv.	Not Applicable
78	S5.C.8	Attach a list of inspections, per S5.C.8.b.iii, organized by the business category, noting the amount of times each business was inspected, and if enforcement actions were taken.	Not Applicable
79	S5.C.8	Implemented an ongoing source control training program per S5.C.8.b.v?	Not Applicable
80	S7	Complied with the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL)-specific requirements identified in Appendix 2. (S7.A)	Not Applicable
81	S7	For TMDLs listed in Appendix 2: Attach a summary of relevant SWMP and Appendix 2 activities to address the applicable TMDL parameter(s). (S7.A)	Not Applicable

82	S8	Submitted payment for cost-sharing for Stormwater Action Monitoring (SAM) status and trends monitoring no later than December 1, 2019 (S8.A.1); and no later than August 15 of each subsequent year? (S8.A.2.a.)	Yes
84	S8	Submitted payment for cost-sharing for SAM effectiveness and source identification studies no later than December 1, 2019 (S8.B.1); and no later than August 15 of each subsequent year (S8.B.2.a or S8.B.2.c)?	Yes
86	S8	If conducting stormwater discharge monitoring in accordance with S8.C.1, submitted a QAPP to Ecology no later than February 1, 2020? (S8.C.1.b and Appendix 9)	Not Applicable
87	S8	If conducting stormwater discharge monitoring in accordance with S8.C.1, attach a data and analysis report per S8.C.1. and Appendix 9. (Due annually beginning March 31, 2021.)	Not Applicable
88	G3	Notified Ecology in accordance with G3 of any discharge into or from the Permittees MS4 which could constitute a threat to human health, welfare or the environment. (G3)	Yes
89	G3	Took appropriate action to correct or minimize the threat to human health, welfare, and/or the environment per G3.A.	Yes
90	Compliance with standards	Notified Ecology within 30 days of becoming aware that a discharge from the Permittee's MS4 caused or contributed to a known or likely violation of water quality standards in the receiving water. (S4.F.1)	Yes
91	Compliance with standards	If requested, submitted an Adaptive Management Response report in accordance with S4.F.3.a.	Not Applicable
92	Compliance with standards	Attach a summary of the status of implementation of any actions taken pursuant to S4.F.3 and the status of any monitoring, assessment, or evaluation efforts conducted during the reporting period. (S4.F.3.d)	Not Applicable
93	G20	Notified Ecology of the failure to comply with the permit terms and conditions within 30 days of becoming aware of the non-compliance. (G20)	Not Applicable
94	G20	Number of non-compliance notifications (G20) provided in reporting year. List permit conditions described in non-compliance notification(s) in Comments field.	Not Applicable

I certify under penalty of law, that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system or those persons directly responsible for gathering information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.

Mike Moss

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Signature

Date