

# GREEN/DUWAMISH AND CENTRAL PUGET SOUND (WRIA 9) IMPLEMENTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE



## WRIA 9 Implementation Technical Committee Meeting

April 17, 2024 | 9:30 am – 11:30 am

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9:30 **Welcome & Introductions**

9:45 **WRIA 9 2024 Funding Package (proposed)**

*Presentation followed by Q&A and group discussion*

Suzanna Smith,  
WRIA 9

The proposed WRIA 9 2024 Funding Package includes funding for High Priority Capital Projects, Regreen the Green grants, Stewardship, Engagement, and Learning (SEaL) grants, Monitoring and Research grants, and Project Implementation. WRIA 9 staff will summarize the proposed package with project sponsors available for questions. The ITC will consider whether to recommend the package as presented for approval by the Watershed Ecosystem Forum.

- **Pre-meeting prep** – please review the [proposed WRIA 9 2024 Funding Package at this link](#) prior to the meeting.
  - To view detailed submitted application materials, please visit:  
<https://app.box.com/s/7uail80d7dmbr97nzc0q3yn8aaq5l968/folder/234113418477>
  - To provide comments on any project application, please email Suzanna ([susmith@kingcounty.gov](mailto:susmith@kingcounty.gov)) directly.

11:15 **Next Steps, Updates, Good of the Order**

All

11:30 **Adjourn**

WRIA 9 ITC web page: <http://www.govlink.org/watersheds/9/committees/ImpleTechCmte.aspx>

**Participant list:**

Aaron David, Ashley Allan, Becca Kedenburg, Bianca Perla, Caroline Borsenik, Charlotte Spang, Chester Bennett, Chris Gregersen, Cleo Neculae, Dan Sorensen, Erik Rigaux, Ginny Sanchez Ballard, Halley Kimball, Hillary Rose, Iris Kemp, Jenn Stebbings, Josh Kahan, Jules Hepp, Julian Douglas, Kelley Govan, Kelly Steffen, Marc Marcantonio, Margaret Wagner, Matt Goehring, Mike Mactutis, Monica Walker, Nik Novotny, Patty Robinson, Roseann Barnhill, Rowena Valencia-Gica, Shari Tarantino, Suzanna Smith, Weston Brinkley

**WRIA 9 2024 Funding Package (proposed)**

Thank you for your time reviewing the proposed WRIA 9 2024 Funding Package and your decision to recommend the package as presented for WRIA 9 Watershed Ecosystem Forum (WEF) consideration. The WRIA 9 Management Committee will consider funding decisions at their 4/24 meeting and a final decision on the full funding package will be made at the WRIA 9 WEF meeting on 5/9. The Flood Control District will consider CWM grants for approval in Summer/Fall 2024.

You will continue to have access to individual proposals via the Box folder at <https://app.box.com/s/7uail80d7dmb97nzc0q3yn8aqq5l968>. Please note that proposals marked with “v2” are updated versions that reflect Review Team recommendations and requests to project sponsors.

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- WRIA 9 March 2024 newsletter:  
<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/WAKING/bulletins/391a317>
- Open funding opportunities
  - King County Flood Control District Flood Reduction Grants:  
<https://kingcountyfloodcontrol.org/grant-programs-funding/flood-reduction-grants-open/>. This grant program targets flood reduction projects in King County. Application deadline May 31.
  - The Department of Commerce in collaboration with Puget Sound National Estuary Program and Habitat Strategic Initiative Leads are offering salmon recovery planning grants to local governments and tribes. Encourage applications that seek to protect and restore salmon habitat with long-range planning objectives.  
Application instructions:  
<https://deptofcommerce.app.box.com/s/8bg63nruant73bf8tbyczxi3eor427se> and  
FAQ:  
<https://deptofcommerce.app.box.com/s/ku2urpgtw4i8kx98ab8kyd5dctw13k05>
- Marc Marcantonio: Senator Murray was successful getting \$500M for fish passage at Howard Hanson Dam into the FY2025 budget. CWD will continue advocating in DC during Puget Sound Day on the Hill. ACOE timeline is on-track with project expected to go out to bid assuming budget is approved. Expect contractor award December 2024. WRIA 9 staff is taking revised federal priorities to the Management Committee and WEF to reflect the \$500M in budget and working on a thank-you letter to Senator Murray for her leadership on this.
- Jenn Stebbings: new PIT tag array is installed and working at Duwamish River People’s Park!

- Celebrate Duwamish Alive and Earth Day with WRIA 9 staff on Saturday, April 20!
  - Duwamish Alive restoration events at multiple locations:  
<https://www.duwamishalive.org/>
  - Earth Day event at Miller Creek Trail in Burien:  
<https://burien.greencitypartnerships.org/event/175/>
- Volunteer for StormFest 2024 in the first week of June! StormFest is a field-based stormwater education event for Highline Public Schools 6th grade students. At the outdoor event, students learn about their local watershed, sources of pollution, and engineering solutions to prevent stormwater pollution. **[Watch what StormFest is all about here!](#)** We are looking for **[station educators](#)** and **[volunteers](#)** – click the links to learn more and apply.