Stormwater Design Manual & Code Update

Mid-Project Status Update

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Planning Commission Briefing



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Where We Left Off

Project scope

1

Stormwater Design Manual

Align with Ecology's 2024 Stormwater Management Manual for Western Washington

2

Title 12 Stormwater Code

Modernize and clarify Title 12 for consistency

3

Permit Process

Clarify the SDAP lifecycle: revisions, inspections, close-out and enforcement

NPDES permit deadline: June 30, 2027

Progress since June

Gap analysis complete; drafting begins early 2027

August 2026

Consultant contract executed

Sep 10

TAG Meeting #1

Sep 29

Tribal Coordination Meeting

Oct 22

TAG Meeting #2

Late Oct

DCD & Public Works staff interviews

Nov 2026

Gap analysis & recommendations complete

Early 2027

Draft code & manual updates

Gap Analysis by the Numbers

Every comment logged and tracked

176

Comments logged

30

Participants (both internal and external)

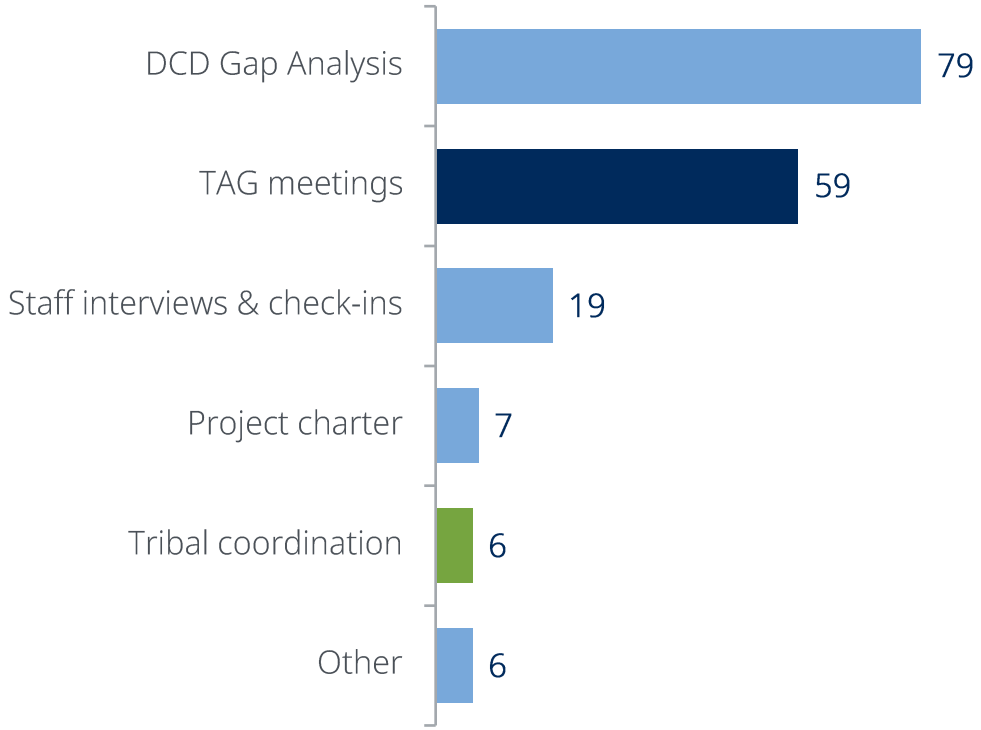
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Comments resulted in recommendations for changes

27

Comments require additional review/coordination

Where the 176 comments came from



What We Heard

Technical Advisory Group discussions

1. **Single Family Residence & ADU requirements**
   Simplify the MR #5 list approach and the separate SDAP for single-family homes

2. **Make infiltration workable in Kitsap soils**
   Simpler testing for small sites, drywell guidance, more LID

3. **Align permit timelines**
   SDAP and building permit expirations should match

4. **Consistent erosion control enforcement**
   Hold contractors accountable; clear, per-day penalties

5. **Clarify engineering requirements**
   When a stamp is needed; soil amendment and as-built certifications

Beyond the code

10

TAG comments on permitting software, intake, reviewer access and mapping.

What We Heard

Tribal Coordination Meeting

1. **Prioritize groundwater recharge**
   Greater urgency in Kitsap than statewide; asked to go beyond Ecology's baseline

2. **Protect aquifer recharge areas**
   Address loss of infiltration and WRIA 15 recharge concerns

3. **Incentivize recharge**
   Encourage developers to match pre- and post-development recharge

4. **Consider aquatic life**
   More detail on how flow control standards affect habitat

Common ground: the TAG wants infiltration easier to do; Tribal partners want recharge protected. Both point to the same work.



Closing the Gap

Recommendations from gap analysis

Code Structure

Title 12 Organization

Reorganize chapters; clarify DCD vs. Public Works roles

Code/Manual Boundary

Policy & framework in code, technical thresholds in the manual

Definitions Tiering

Sort all 187 terms; reference the NPDES permit instead of copying it

Permit Process

SDAP Duration & Modifications

Revisit expiration timelines; define permit revisions

SDAP Close-Out

Set inspection, acceptance and record drawing steps

Drainage Review Levels

Simple / Standard / Full review; one table for engineer requirements

Enforcement & Technical

Enforcement Framework

Broaden illicit discharge rules; link inspections to corrective action

Infiltration Feasibility, Testing & Design

Consolidate testing guidance into one chapter, evaluate small site testing

CDA Streamlining

Simplify Critical Drainage Area provisions

Updated Project Schedule

Draft code and manual updates expected early 2027

Summer 2026

✓ COMPLETE

- Consultant contract executed
- Document review & project kickoff

Fall 2026

✓ COMPLETE

- Gap analysis & recommendations
- TAG Meetings #1 & #2
- Tribal coordination
- Staff interviews

Winter-Spring 2027

NEXT

- Draft Title 12 & manual updates
- TAG Meeting #3
- PW & Tribal coordination

Spring-Summer 2027

UPCOMING

- SEPA & public comment
- Planning Commission & Board hearings
- Adoption by June 30, 2027

Questions & Input

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