

TO: Public Works Committee
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DATE: April 23, 2026
SUBJECT: 2026 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit Update

1) Recommended Action:

This item is informational only.

2) Background:

Tumwater is issued the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Phase II Municipal Stormwater Permit under the federal Clean Water Act and administered by the Department of Ecology. The permit regulates stormwater discharges from municipal stormwater systems through a number of pollution prevention requirements and reporting metrics. The goal of the permit is to reduce pollutants in stormwater runoff to protect receiving waters. This agenda item is to inform on key metrics, projects, and achievements for 2025 NPDES compliance.

3) Policy Support:

- Tumwater Municipal Code, Chapter 13.12
 - [Water Pollution Control Law Chapter 90.48 Revised Code of Washington](#)
 - Federal Water Pollution Control Act, Title 33 United States Code, Section 1251
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4) Alternatives:

- Compliance with the NPDES Municipal Stormwater Permit is required by the WA Department of Ecology
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5) Fiscal Notes:

The stormwater utility funds the implementation of the NPDES permit requirements including; public outreach programs, basin planning, water quality improvements, and the full operation and maintenance of the public stormwater system. State grants are sought, if available, to offset operating costs.

6) Attachments:

None.