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October 22, 2008

Ms. Catherine Kuhlman  
Executive Officer  
California North Coast  
Regional Water Quality Control Board  
5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A  
Santa Rosa, California 95403

RE: Proposed Renewal of Waste Discharge Requirements, NPDES No. CA0025054  
for the City of Santa Rosa, the County of Sonoma, and the Sonoma County Water  
Agency

Dear Ms. Kuhlman:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the proposed renewal of waste discharge requirements (WDR) for the City of Santa Rosa, the County of Sonoma, and the Sonoma County Water Agency. The proposed permit applies to dry and wet weather discharges from the municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4).

As noted in Finding No. 54, the State Water Board has adopted a separate statewide NPDES permit applicable to the Caltrans' ongoing stormwater discharges and construction projects. Consequently, our comments are focused on issues that may be raised in revisions to the Caltrans Statewide Permit.

The following attachment contains our points of concern regarding the Draft Permit. We hope these comments and notes are helpful. If you have any questions, please call me at (916) 653-4446.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Scott McGowen", written over a horizontal line.

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Chief Environmental Engineer  
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