

## **Mona Dougherty - Draft Storm Water permit**

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To the North Coast Regional Water Quality Board

The Sonoma Coast Chapter of Surfrider Foundation strongly supports adoption of the draft Santa Rosa - Sonoma County MS4 NPDES Stormwater Permit. The draft permit is a well-written, comprehensive document that proactively addresses water quality issues in the watersheds and nearshore coastal waters of Sonoma County. Our members are residents of the area who depend on clean water and healthy aquatic ecosystems to maintain their quality of life.

Expanding the permit boundaries is a great way to start making this happen. Throughout the state more and more communities are addressing this, and we are happy to lend our support to this latest document. While it does increase overall project costs, that is necessary to keep our watersheds from being the urban water filters they have become.

We fully support this latest MS4 document in its latest form, and appreciate the work that has gone into making this happen.

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