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Attn: Matthias St. John, Executive Officer
California Regional Water Quality Control Board – North Coast Region
5550 Skyland Blvd., #A
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Submitted electronically to: NorthCoast@waterboards.ca.gov

RE: Laguna de Santa Rosa Reaches 1 and 2 Offset Project

Dear Mr. St. John:

The Town of Windsor (Town) would like to express its support for the Laguna de Santa Rosa Reaches 1 and 2 Offset Project (Offset Project) proposed by Sonoma County Water Agency (Sonoma Water).

The proposed Offset Project would result in a direct environmental benefit to the mainstem Laguna de Santa Rosa in its excavation of legacy sediment and organic matter, producing a reduced internal loading of phosphorus in addition to the direct sediment removal.

The Town is supportive of the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (NCRWQCB) approving this project. Given the step-down phosphorus compliance limits listed in the Town's NPDES Permit #CA0023345, it is essential that viable credit projects be approved in order to provide compliance options for phosphorus offset credits. Although this project is proposed under the Santa Rosa Nutrient Offset Program, it is critical to the future success of the Water Quality Trading Framework that a credit marketplace be established so agencies can begin the process of generating, banking, purchasing and tracking credits.

Sonoma Water has developed a scientifically sound and thorough evaluation of the proposed Offset Project with anticipated environmental benefits beyond the removal of phosphorus. The Town looks forward to project approval by the NCRWCB.

Thank you for your support in developing phosphorus compliance strategies. Please direct questions regarding these comments to Veronica Astells, Environmental Program Manager at vastells@townofwindsor.com or 707-838-1218.

Thank you,

Toni Bertolero
Public Works Director/Town Engineer

cc: Veronica Astells, Environmental Program Manager
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Neil Lassetre, Sonoma Water
Sean McNeil, City of Santa Rosa