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## North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

August 26, 2013

Mr. Thomas K. Mattson  
Director of Public Works  
1106 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Eureka, CA 95501

Dear Mr. Mattson:

**Subject:** Notice of Violation, County of Humboldt Municipal Storm Sewer System  
Compliance Inspection Report

**File:** County of Humboldt, Municipal Storm Water Permit, Phase II MS4  
WDID No. 1B03188SHUM

The North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) wishes to thank the County of Humboldt (County) for taking the time and effort to participate in a storm water municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) permit inspection on May 7, 2013. The main purpose of the inspection was to assess the County's compliance in implementing the *National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit No. CAS000004, Water Quality Order No. 2003-005-DW, Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) for Storm Water Discharges from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (General Permit)*.

A copy of the MS4 Compliance Inspection Report (Inspection Report) is attached. Comments incorporated into the Inspection Report are based on information received during the inspection, review of the *Storm Water Management Plan, October 2005 (SWMP)*, and the *September 14, 2012, McKinleyville MS4 Annual Report (Annual Report)*. The inspection report documents and describes the following violations identified during the inspection:

- The County has not developed adequate legal authority to implement and enforce the SWMP.

- The County has not developed a Best Management Practices poster for erosion and sediment control at construction sites.
- The County did not conduct a County-sponsored creek cleanup during the 2011/2012 reporting period.

The Regional Water Board expects the County to address the above violations, as well as other program comments described in the Inspection Report. Please develop and submit a schedule within 45 days from the date of this letter, indicating the proposed timeframe for addressing each violation and program comment identified in the Inspection Report.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Colleen Hunt of my staff at 707-576-2831 or [colleen.hunt@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:colleen.hunt@waterboards.ca.gov). Additionally, we are available to meet if you wish to discuss the storm water program in further detail.

Sincerely,

David F. Leland, PE  
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Enclosure: MS4 Compliance Inspection Report

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