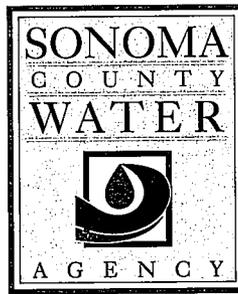


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FILE:43-0-1 WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN (AKA BASIN PLAN) FOR THE NORTH COAST REGION

January 29, 2009

Ms. Lauren Clyde
 North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
 5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A
 Santa Rosa, CA 95403

SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED BASIN PLAN AMENDMENT

Dear Ms. Clyde:

The Sonoma County Water Agency (Agency) supports the proposed Low Threat Basin Plan Amendment (BPA). The proposed BPA is needed to address the conflict between the statewide permits that allow year-round low threat discharges and the regional existing prohibitions of low threat discharges in the North Coast Basin Plan. The Agency believes the proposed BPA will remove unnecessary obstacle to projects that would have beneficial impact within the Region

In addition, we agree with the Staff Report which concludes that the proposed BPA will provide a higher degree of water quality protection by acknowledging that low threat discharges occur and providing a regulatory plan that allows discharges to occur under prescribed conditions.

The Agency praise Regional Water Board staff for its effort to bring this important policy matter for consideration. We appreciate your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "George Lincoln".

for Kevin Booker, P.E.
 Principal Engineer - Operations

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