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## North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

February 25, 2020

City of Cotati  
Attn: Mr. Craig A. Scott, Public Works Director  
201 West Sierra Avenue  
Cotati, CA 94931-4217

Dear Mr. Scott:

**Subject: Notice of Violation of Waste Discharge Requirements  
Order No. R1-2015-0030, National Pollutant Discharge  
Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. CA002505 for  
Discharges from the MS4 (Order)**

**Files: Cotati MS4; WDID No. 49M2000141;  
CIWQS PIN No. CW-215870**

The City of Cotati is hereby given notice that it has violated Order No. R1-2015-0030, Attachment E: Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP) for failure to comply with Provision III.4.b during the 2018-19 rainy season. Provision III.4.b. requires:

*Outfall monitoring shall occur during wet weather conditions resulting from the first storm event and at least one additional wet weather event within the same fiscal year. Co-Permittees shall sample the first storm event of the storm year with a predicted rainfall of at least 0.25 inches at a seventy percent probability of rainfall at least 24 hours prior to the event start time.*

As noted in section 2.3.4.1 of the *MS4 MRP Laguna Watershed October 2018—March 2019 Monitoring Report*, the City of Cotati did not collect samples during the first event of the storm year.

Because the required sampling event has come and gone, there is no remedy for the missed sampling. The Regional Water Board expects the City of Cotati to comply with Order Provision III.4.b and sample the first wet weather event of the 2019-20 rainy

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season and all subsequent rainy seasons as required by Order No. R1-2015-0030. The Regional Water Board may consider this violation when assessing its enforcement options to any future City violations of Order No. R1-2015-0030.

Please contact Brendan Thompson of my staff if you have any questions, via email at [Brendan.Thompson@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Brendan.Thompson@waterboards.ca.gov), or via phone at 707-407-0036.

Sincerely,

Charles Reed, P.E.  
Chief, Point Source Control & Groundwater Protection Division