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North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

February 25, 2020

Permit and Resource Management Department
County of Sonoma
Attn: Mr. Nathan Quarles, Deputy Director
2550 Ventura Avenue
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Dear Mr. Quarles:

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: Sonoma County - Mun Separate Storm Sewer, MS4; WDID No. 49M1000007; CIWQS PIN No. CW-778651

The County of Sonoma 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 2.3.4.5 of the *MS4 MRP Laguna Watershed October 2018—March 2019 Monitoring Report*, the County of Sonoma did not collect samples during the first event of the storm year.

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Because the required sampling event has come and gone, there is no remedy for the missed sampling. The Regional Water Board expects the County of Sonoma to comply with Order Provision III.4.b and sample the first wet weather event of the 2019-20 rainy 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 County 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, or via phone at 707-407-0036.

Sincerely,

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

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