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Catherine,

I am writing to express support of the Coastal Commission staff for the proposed Stormwater NPDES Permit No. CA0025054 for the City of Santa Rosa, the County of Sonoma, and the Sonoma County Water Agency Storm Water and Non-Storm Water Discharges from Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems. We believe that the Planning and Land Use Program requirements addressing new and redevelopment projects will greatly assist the effort to protect our inland and coastal water resources from the impacts of polluted runoff. We also strongly support the permit requirements for integrating Low Impact Development (LID) and hydromodification controls into the land use planning and development process. Our experience working with local governments, developers, and regulatory agencies, including the Water Boards, has shown that early integration of these techniques into the planning and development process is one of the most effective approaches to reducing the impacts of development in our communities and watersheds.

As you know, the Coastal Commission and coastal RWQCB staffs have recently collaborated in supporting LID training, education and outreach trainings along California's coastal areas. The high attendance rates and strong interest in these workshops are indicative of the increased awareness and support for using LID tools and techniques for addressing water quality issues. We believe that the NPDES permit provides clear direction and strong support for improving water quality protection through these proposed land use planning and development requirements.

We look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff, as well as local governments and other stakeholders, on the implementation of these initiatives and permit requirements.

Sincerely,

Alfred Wanger