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Mr. Charles R. Hoppin, Chair
State Water Resources Control Board
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Regarding: Time extension of public review period - Phase II MS4 Permit

Dear Chair Hoppin,

This letter is a formal request from the Russian River Watershed Association (RRWA) for the State Water Resources Control Board to extend the comment period on the Draft NPDES General Permit and Waste Discharge Requirements for Storm Water Discharges from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems for an additional 60 days, extending the comment period to Friday October 7, 2011. RRWA includes nine public agencies in the Russian River watershed in Sonoma and Mendocino Counties that have come together to coordinate regional programs for clean water and watershed enhancement. Seven RRWA member agencies are regulated under the existing Phase II MS4 Permit, and the draft Permit proposes to add an eight member agency, the City of Cloverdale. Our membership is invested in the outcome of this review process.

A committee of RRWA member agency staff has conducted an initial review of the draft Permit. There is no question that the permit as drafted will have a significant impact upon our member agencies' resources and operations. RRWA is committed to the regional clean water goals that the State Board seeks to assure. We are confident that this Phase II permit will advance these goals, and we ask that you allow the affected entities time to effectively participate in this process. Therefore, due to the scope and complexity of the draft permit, RRWA respectfully requests this time extension.

RRWA would appreciate a response from the California State Water Resources Control Board regarding this request for time extension for review. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any comments or questions about our request.

Thank you sincerely,

Virginia Porter
Executive Director

c: Jake Mackenzie, RRWA Board Chair
Robin Goble, RRWA Board Vice-Chair
Thomas Howard, SWRCB Executive Director