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Certified Mail

Mr. Stan Martinson, Chief
State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Water Quality
P.O. Box 100
Sacramento, CA 95812-0100

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cc: SAM*

RE: Request for Exception - Prohibition of Waste Discharges into the King Range Area of Special Biological Significance

Dear Mr. Martinson:

The Humboldt County Department of Public Works has received your letter regarding discharge of storm water in the Shelter Cove Area.

At this time we are requesting an exception to the prohibition of discharge of stormwater, as allowed for by law and as described in your letter.


The Humboldt County Department of Public Works has already performed many tasks to reduce impacts of storm water drainage including, but not limited to:

1. We do not use herbicides or pesticides within County Road Right-of-Ways. This has been County Policy for many years; and
2. We have adopted Best Management Practices for road maintenance to minimize erosion as developed through our Five County organization in concert with many regulatory agencies; and
3. We have inventoried virtually our entire road system for erosion/possible erosion locations, and are working down this list of locations on a prioritized basis to reduce the amount of sediment generated from public roads; and

4. The County has adopted grading ordinances to minimize erosion from private properties; and
5. We continually work with watershed improvement groups, State and Federal Agencies to leverage funding to reduce the environmental impacts of our roads.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (707)445-7421.

Sincerely,


Thomas K. Mattson, PE
Deputy Director of Public Works

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cc: Roger Rodoni, Humboldt County 2nd District Supervisor

Catherine Kuhlman, Executive Officer,
North Coast Regional Water Quality Board (certified mail)