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**Belvedere**

RE: NPDES Phase II Permit Re-issuance Update

**Corte Madera**

The recent rains are a great reminder that everything in Marin drains to our local creeks, bays or the ocean. As rain flows over driveways, lawns and streets it can pick up pollutants that have the potential to degrade water quality.

**County  
of Marin**

Marin's cities, towns and unincorporated areas work together through the Marin County Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program (MCSTOPPP) to prevent stormwater pollution and to protect and enhance our creeks and wetlands. At the local level, each municipality has adopted ordinances to protect stormwater based on the State's clean water regulations. Through the Phase II Municipal Stormwater Permit issued in 2003, the State Water Resources Control Board requires Marin's municipalities to implement a comprehensive program designed to reduce stormwater pollution.

**Fairfax**

**Larkspur**

**Mill Valley**

**Novato**

**Ross**

The State Board is currently working on an updated Phase II Permit that will replace the existing permit. The first draft released last year would have increased local program costs by three times. Currently, MCSTOPPP staff and Marin's municipalities are working with State Board permit writers and other stakeholders to develop a second draft Phase II Permit that will prioritize new requirements according to their water quality benefit, and will allow current effective programs, like those in Marin, to continue implementation with a *less dramatic* impact to our local budgets.

**San Anselmo**

**San Rafael**

**Sausalito**

**Tiburon**

The State Board plans to release the 2<sup>nd</sup> draft of the Phase II Permit before June 2012, and will allow 45-60 days for public comment. A final permit may be adopted and effective by the end of 2012 but municipalities will be given one year to update "stormwater program management plans" before any new requirements kick in. Updates on the permit and information on Marin's stormwater programs are posted at [www.mcstoppp.org](http://www.mcstoppp.org).

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