Item #5A: Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary (MBNMS) Memorandum of Understanding Amendment

Recommended Action: Approve
Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary

- Designated: September 18, 1992
- Seaward Boundary: ~25 miles
  - Offshore (500 fathom isobath)
- Shoreward Boundary:
  - Mean High-Water Line
- Shoreline Length: 276 Statute Miles
- Area: 6,094 square miles
- Deepest Point: 10,663 ft
MOA and WQPP Committee are voluntary without any statutory authority (as a group)

- WQPP Committee composed of 17 committee members
  - Local (4), state (4) and federal (3) government
  - Industry (2), NGOs (3), Academia (1)

- MOA with 8 agencies
  - Agreement to coordinate, collaborate and share information
Eight key agencies are signatories to the MOA

- NOAA
- SWRCB
- U.S. EPA
- CCRWQCB
- SFRWQCB
- CCC
- California EPA
- AMBAG

2020 No Revisions:

- Just asking for a 5 year extension

Contents:

- Statutory authority and jurisdictional boundaries for each signatory
- Reflects the roles of partners in implementing WQPP Action Plans
- Integration and coordination of research and monitoring
- Establishes permit review process for NPDES and WDR permits
- Clarifies process for elevation of a dispute
Process

- Document goes to NOAA General Counsel then National Ocean Service
- Back to ONMS for signature
- Then Partners for signature
- Becomes official on the date of last signature, and remains effective for 5 years
Questions?

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