Before the Board of Supervisors in and for the County of Monterey, State of California

Resolution:
a. Establishing the Central Coast Regional Areas of Special Biological Significance Dischargers
Monitoring Program; and

Resolution No.

b. Authorizing the Resource Management Agency Director to execute the Memorandum of Agreement Central Coast Regional Areas of Special Biological Significance Dischargers Monitoring Program with the Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency.

WHEREAS, the Carmel Bay Area of Special Biological Significance (ASBS) is one of thirty-four ASBS areas established by the State Water Resources Control Board along the California Coast to protect natural water quality; and

WHEREAS, the County of Monterey allows stormwater runoff to discharge directly into the Carmel Bay ASBS adjacent to Scenic Road; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2012, the State Water Resources Control Board adopted a General Exception to the California Ocean Plan for ASBS Waste Discharge Prohibition for Storm Water and Nonpoint Source Discharges, with Special protections; and

WHEREAS, the ASBS Special Protections can be summarized generally to eliminate dry weather runoff, ensure that wet weather runoff does not alter natural water quality in the ASBS, and that adequate monitoring be conducted to determine if natural water quality and the marine life beneficial use is protected; and

WHEREAS, the Central Coast Regional ASBS Dischargers Monitoring Program will be implemented during the 2012-2013, 2013-2014, and 2014-2015 storm seasons and includes all ASBS responsible parties on the Central Coast, covering an area from Big Sur, Monterey County to Point Reyes, Marin County; and

WHEREAS, The Scope of Work for the Central Coast Regional ASBS Dischargers Monitoring Program has been developed through discussions with staff from State and Regional Water Boards as well as the responsible parties discharging storm water into ASBS; and

WHEREAS, On November 26, 2012, the Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency (MRWPCA) Board authorized its General Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to establish the Central Coast Regional Areas of Special Biological Significance Dischargers Monitoring Program and agreed to act as Program Administrator on behalf of the group; and

WHEREAS, approval of the MOA does not constitute a project under the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines [Section 15378(b)(4)]; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors in and for the County of Monterey as follows:

- 1. The Central Coast Regional Areas of Special Biological Significance Dischargers Monitoring Program is hereby established.
- 2. The Resource Management Agency Director is authorized and directed to execute the Memorandum of Agreement Central Coast Regional Areas of Special Biological Significance Dischargers Monitoring Program, the form of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.