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Program Profile - Tijuana Plume Tracker

The Tijuana Plume Tracker resulted from the Coastal Observing Research and Development Center (CORDC one of SCCOOS leveraged programs) a Clean Beaches Initiatives (CBI) award in 2001. They were tasked to study where Tijuana River effluent is going during rain events to better understand the impact on beaches and beachgoers. The plume tracker can be found on the SCCOOS website.

Special thanks to Marine Meteorology Division (MMD) of the Naval Research Laboratory (NRL)!!

SCCOOS is now using the Navy’s Coupled Ocean/Atmosphere Mesoscale Prediction System (COAMPS®) for our wind and precipitation forecasts.

The data are provided by NAVIAR Range Department Geophysics Branch in Point Mugu, CA.

This is a near real time display. The bottom bar indicates which beaches are effected by effluent and at what percentage (0 on this bar is the location of the TJ River mouth).

This graph show the concentration of effluent and where the effluent occurs along the coast in relation to the Tijuana River mouth.

As beaches are impacted by effluent the location is highlighted in red. The shade of red is the concentration of effluent at a specific beach.

** These graphical displays are intended to be experimental. While a considerable effort has gone into ensuring the highest quality data significant differences between measured currents and actual currents can occur.
The West Coast Governors Alliance (WCGA) and National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) invite qualified applicants to submit a proposal to the Regional Data Framework Action Coordination Team (RDF ACT) for our Data Portal Developer contract. The RDF ACT is seeking a qualified Data Portal Developer to build a web-based tool to meet the specific needs of the WCGA Marine Debris and Regional Data Framework ACTs using semantic web technology and use case development methods. These needs include, but are not limited to, visualizing the sources, sinks, environmental transport mechanisms, and human drivers of marine debris on land and in the coastal environment.

The development of this online tool is critical first step to ensuring the availability of timely and accurate scientific information to help guide and inform decision-making around regional ocean issues such as marine debris, sea level rise, and ocean acidification. Proposals are due by Aug. 30, 2013. You can read the Request For Proposals (RFP) here.

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