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Dr. Anderson and Dr. Ruhl  
California's Ocean Observing Systems  
*Southern California Coastal Ocean Observing System*  
*Central and Northern California Ocean Observing System*

Dear Dr. Anderson & Dr. Ruhl:

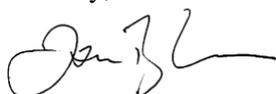
On behalf of the Coastal Data Information Program (CDIP), I enthusiastically endorse the valuable data and services provided by the Southern California Coastal Ocean Observing System (SCCOOS) at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, University of California San Diego and the Central and Northern California Ocean Observing System (CeNCOOS), at the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute (MBARI).

CDIP is a wave observing network operated out the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, primarily funded by the US Army Corps of Engineers and California State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways. Quality controlled CDIP wave buoy data is released from each observing station every 30 minutes, including wave height, period, direction, and sea surface temperature. Our partnerships with SCCOOS and CeNCOOS are important for us to disseminate this information to government agencies, stakeholders and the general public effectively, and add value to our observations by placing them in context with other environmental data.

As a science-based decision support program, the California Ocean Observing Systems collaborate with local, state and federal agencies, resource managers, industry, policy makers, educators, scientists, tribes and the general public to provide data, models and products that advance our understanding of the current and future state of our coastal and global ocean. SCCOOS and CeNCOOS focus on high-priority regional requirements to provide the information necessary to address issues marine operations, coastal hazards, climate variability and change, and ecosystems, fisheries, and water quality.

I understand that SCCOOS and CeNCOOS are funded primarily by the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Sustained funding for SCCOOS and CeNCOOS is crucial to the maintenance of the region's ocean observing network and to the continuity of the important data products and services that these observing systems enable. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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