



September 30, 2020

Dr. Clarissa Anderson
Executive Director
Southern California Coastal Ocean Observing System
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Dear Dr. Anderson:

On behalf of California Wildlife Center, 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.

California Wildlife Center rescues, rehabilitates and returns to their natural environment, marine mammals in the Southern California Bight. Pinnipeds, particularly California sea lions, are rescued suffering from exposure to the neurotoxin causing domoic acid toxicity. We respond to the greatest number of California sea lions each year. Additional information warning of potentially hazardous blooms aids us when planning and allocating resources necessary for their care.

As a science-based decision support system, SCCOOS collaborates with local, state and federal agencies, resource managers, industry, policy makers, educators, scientists 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 focuses on coastal observations and product development to provide the information necessary to address issues on marine operations, coastal hazards, climate variability and change, and ecosystems, fisheries, and water quality.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JBrent', written in a cursive style.

Jennifer Brent
Executive Director