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Dr. Clarissa Anderson and Dr. Behrens
Southern California Coastal Ocean Observing System
Coastal Data Information Program
Scripps Institution of Oceanography

Dear Dr. Anderson and Dr. Behrens:

I enthusiastically endorse the valuable data and services provided by the Southern California Coastal Ocean Observing System (SCCOOS) and the Coastal Data Information Program (CDIP) at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, University of California San Diego.

As NOAA's National Geodetic Survey's (NGS) Pacific Southwest Region Geodetic Advisor. I assist the geospatial communities throughout the Pacific South-West—including public- and private-sector ports, surveyors, GIS professionals, engineers, and scientists—with the National Spatial Reference System's proper application. Ocean Observing data within Southern California is tied to our mission through the National Spatial Reference System (NSRS) and has tangible, far-reaching societal benefits. The services provided by these programs are superb outreach programs, as their science and support are easily understandable and community inspiring, for both NOAA's National Ocean Service, as well as Scripps Institution of Oceanography, University of California San Diego.

The science-based decision-support programs, SCCOOS and CDIP collaborate with local, state and federal agencies, resource managers, industry, policymakers, educators, scientists, and the general public to provide data, models, and delivering products that advance our understanding of our coastal and global oceans' current and future state. SCCOOS focuses on coastal observations and product development to provide the information necessary to address marine operations, coastal hazards, climate variability and change, ecosystems, fisheries, and water quality.

Sustained funding for SCCOOS and CDIP will be crucial to maintaining the program's ocean observing network and the continuity of the vital data products and services that these observations enable. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Dr. Dana J. Caccamise II