



## Tijuana River National Estuarine Research Reserve

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Dr. Clarissa Anderson  
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Dear Dr. Anderson:

As the Research Coordinator of the Tijuana River National Estuarine Research Reserve (TRNERR), I enthusiastically endorse the valuable data and services provided by the Southern California Coastal Ocean Observing System (SCCOOS) at Scripps Institution of Oceanography. For our work at TRNERR, SCCOOS continues to be a key resource helping us fulfill our mission. One of our core programs is monitoring of water quality, weather, and biotic indicators within the Tijuana River Estuary, and SCCOOS provides a critical larger context for the information we generate. I especially appreciate the degree to which SCCOOS has been responsive to the needs and ideas voiced by myself and others in helping us further our goals. Such partnerships will be especially useful as we move forward with efforts to better understand the role of oceanic forcing on our estuarine system.

As a science-based decision support system, the Ocean Observing System's work interactively 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 environment. SCCOOS focuses on coastal observations and product development to provide information necessary to address issues 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,

Dr. Jeffrey Crooks

*Research Coordinator & Lead Scientist - Tijuana River National Estuarine Research Reserve*