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Subject: Letter of Support for Sustained Funding for the Southern California Coastal Ocean Observing System (SCCOOS)

Dear Dr. Anderson:

On behalf of the City of Imperial Beach, 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.

The City of Imperial Beach helped establish the San Diego Coastal Ocean Observing System in 2005 with funding provided by the California Clean Beach Initiative. The coastal monitoring supported by SCCOOS helps the City monitor and respond to impacts of pollution from the Tijuana River and other discharges that occur south of the border. Local government agencies rely on this data to make critical decision about when it is necessary to close the beach or post advisories when elevated pollution impacts public health. Understanding the impacts from pollution plumes also helps inform the development of binational solutions to control the discharge of pollution from Mexico.

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. The scientist and researchers at Scripps who utilize SCCOOS provide technical expertise for multiple projects in Imperial Beach and allow the City to effectively respond to current and emerging coastal management issues. 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.

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

Sincerely,

Serge Dedina
Mayor