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Dr. Anderson and Dr. Ruhl
The California Ocean Observing Systems

SUBJECT: Southern California Coastal Ocean Observing System
Central and Northern California Ocean Observing System

Dear Dr. Anderson and Dr. Ruhl:

On behalf of staff of the California Coastal Commission (CCC) I enthusiastically endorse the valuable data and services provided by the Southern California Coastal Ocean Observing System (SCCOOS) and the Central and Northern California Ocean Observing System (CeNCOOS), located at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, University of California San Diego and the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute, respectively.

The CCC is a small State agency that is charged with protection and managing coastal resources in California. The mission of the Commission is to implement the Coastal Act, to provide for balanced use of the coastal zone, and to provide for balanced use of the coastal zone and to protect, restore and enhance coastal and marine resources for the continued benefit of current and future generations. It is important that staff has awareness of and access to a broad range of scientific information to help inform the Commission's planning and regulatory processes. The work supported through SCCOOS and CeNCOOS greatly helps by providing the best available science on oceanographic conditions. Information from these OOS partners has helped with the understanding of shoreline change, and rapid identification of resources that might be at-risk from oil spills, to name but a few.

As a science-based decision support program, the California OOS partners collaborate with local, state and federal agencies, tribes, 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 California OOS partners focus on high-priority regional requirements to provide the information necessary to address marine operations, coastal hazards, climate variability and change, and ecosystems, fisheries, and water quality.

Sustained funding for SCCOOS and CeNCOOS is crucial to the maintenance of the state's ocean observing network and to continue the delivery of 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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