

ELKHORN SLOUGH NATIONAL ESTUARINE RESEARCH RESERVE

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Dr. Anderson and Dr. Ruhl
The California Ocean Observing Systems
Southern California Coastal Ocean Observing System
Central and Northern California Ocean Observing System



Dear Dr. Anderson and Dr. Ruhl:

On behalf of the Elkhorn Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve (ESNERR), 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 (UCSD) and the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute (MBARI), respectively.

Here at ESNERR we are at the heart of the Monterey Bay where so many institutions, industries, and communities live, work and play in and among these precious waters. We not only provide space for individuals seeking a quiet stroll among the oaks on the shores of Elkhorn Slough but contribute in many ways to the local community such as professional development workshops for teachers, regional managers, researchers, and the like. Both CeNCOOS and SCCOOS play a vital role in our Coastal Training Program, our Research Program as well as our Education program. All three of our programs have benefited greatly from information provided by CeNCOOS. Our Research Program not only provides data to the system but also is able to benefit from other sources of data within the system. For example we are often using data from local stations to investigate oceanographic phenomena to what we see in the estuary, in terms of higher water levels causing marsh dieback, warmer southern currents bringing southern species, etc

As a science-based decision support program, the California Ocean Observing Systems (CeNCOOS and SCCOOS) 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. SCCOOS and CeNCOOS 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Haskins".

John Haskins
Water Quality Monitoring Scientist

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is managed by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife in cooperation with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration*

