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Reference/Subject: Letter of support for the Southern California Coastal Ocean Observing System (SCCOOS)

Dear Dr. Anderson,

On behalf of the City of San Diego (City), 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.

Briefly, the City conducts a comprehensive ocean monitoring program in order to monitor water quality conditions along the southern California and northern Baja California coasts. Although the program is specifically designed to assess the effects of wastewater discharged to the ocean via the Point Loma Ocean Outfall and South Bay Ocean Outfall, the City engages in additional enhanced monitoring activities to evaluate the influences of other anthropogenic factors or natural climatic events on regional ocean conditions. For example, the City has recently embarked on a multi-year project in collaboration with the Scripps Institution of Oceanography to deploy and operate new real-time ocean observing systems moored near the Point Loma and South Bay outfalls in order to further understand wastewater dispersion and emerging issues such as increasing levels of ocean acidification. Consequently, SCCOOS has become a vital resource to the City's monitoring program and interests, by providing standardized methods support, as well as context and reference for the data we are collecting, and opportunities for collaboration.

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,



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