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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 Desert Research Institute and the Western Regional Climate Center (WRCC), 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.

The WRCC is one of six centers funded by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) with a mission of delivering climate services and improving the coordination of climate-related activities at the national, state, and regional scales. Both CeNCOOS and SCCOOS have been regular contributors to the [NOAA West Watch](#) webinar series since 2016 with valuable ocean monitoring updates and insight to the latest research on marine and coastal systems. Stakeholders of the NOAA West Watch such as the National Weather Service, state climatologists, California Department of Water Resources, and universities across the region benefit greatly from these contributions as coastal and marine conditions strongly impact regional weather and climate. Another benefit of the partnership with CeNCOOS and SCCOOS has been learning about where and how to access ocean and coastal data that are unfamiliar to most in the weather and climate communities.

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,



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