



November 17, 2020

Dr. Clarissa Anderson
Executive Director
Southern California Coastal Ocean Observing System
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Dear Dr. Anderson:

On behalf of San Diego Coastkeeper, 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.

Founded in 1995, San Diego Coastkeeper (Coastkeeper) is a non-profit organization working to protect and restore the San Diego region's bays, beaches, watersheds, and ocean. The data produced as a result of SCCOOS assists us in tracking, and protecting, our coastal resources and planning for sea level rise and the impacts of climate change here in San Diego.

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. 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. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matt O'Malley", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Matt O'Malley
Executive Director and Managing Attorney