



February 4, 2020

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

On behalf of the San Diego County Marine Protected Area (MPA) Collaborative, 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.

The San Diego County MPA Collaborative is a group of more than 120 stakeholders, representing over 60 affiliations. We advance the management of San Diego County's 11 MPA that make up 17,779 acres of our offshore environment through strategic partnerships, education and outreach, creation of policy and dissemination of accurate science and information. SCCOOS allows our collaborative to remain scientifically accurate and up-to-date with important environmental data that are required for the management of Southern California MPAs.

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.

I understand that SCCOOS is funded primarily by the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). 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 "Cory Pukini".

Cory Pukini
Co-Chair, San Diego County MPA Collaborative