



**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COASTAL WATER RESEARCH PROJECT**  
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Dr. Clarissa Anderson  
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Dear Clarissa:

The Southern California Coastal Water Research Project Authority (SCCWRP) is pleased to offer this letter of support as you seek continued funding for the valuable data and services provided by the Southern California Coastal Ocean Observing System (SCCOOS).

SCCWRP is a research institute formed by 14 California water quality management agencies to develop the scientific foundation for their water-quality management. Since its founding in 1969, SCCWRP has been a champion of sound interdisciplinary approaches to solving complex challenges in water management. In a similar capacity, SCCOOS is actively engaged in identifying needs of Southern California's water-quality management community by providing data, models and products that advance our understanding of the current and future state of our coastal and global environment.

Beyond providing this letter of support, SCCWRP will continue to assist SCCOOS through participation on the SCCOOS Board of Governors, collaborations with SCCOOS to support coastal water quality monitoring, and facilitation of communication among scientists and the water-quality managers that comprise my organization's membership. It is my hope that NOAA will also continue to support SCCOOS, as sustained funding is 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.

We look forward to working with you in continued partnership. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Stephen B. Weisberg, Ph.D.  
Executive Director