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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 California Ocean Science Trust, I am expressing strong support for the contributions continuously made by the Southern California Coastal Ocean Observing System (SCCOOS) and the Central and Northern California Ocean Observing System (CeNCOOS). These institutions, located at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, University of California San Diego (UCSD) and the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute (MBARI), respectively, provide tremendously valuable data and services.

The California Ocean Science Trust is an organization that provides on-demand science advice to public policy on ocean and coastal resources in California. Our commitment and ability to provide access to the best available science could not be as successful without the types of datasets observing systems such as these provide, helping our collective understanding of fundamental ocean processes which affect ecological interactions and, in turn, have important implications for ocean and public health.

The California Ocean Science Trust is more effective in delivering information on the state of our oceans to policy-makers and managers because of the data collected by programs such as CeNCOOS and SCCOOS. As science-based decision support programs, 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Liz Whiteman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Dr. Liz Whiteman
Executive Director, California Ocean Science Trust



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