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MEMORANDUM

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TO: SCCOOS Governing Board

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RE: Coastal Conservancy guidance for revisions on the SCCOOS detailed proposal

This memo confirms the changes the Conservancy is endorsing for the final SCCOOS detailed proposal. These decisions by the Conservancy are based on the following:

- The necessity of reducing the SCCOOS COCMP budget by approximately \$1.7M to \$10.2M.
- The greatest weight was given to external reviewer comments, from both science advisors and users from the public and private sectors.
- Reviewer comments were reflected in the Conservancy's previous guidance to SCCOOS that emphasized the desirability of focusing non-HF radar efforts in at least one geographic area. High priority was given to selecting a site for focused work (e.g., the San Pedro Shelf) where substantial existing observing assets and potential additional partners coincide with the presence of key potential beneficiaries of COCMP products (e.g., OCSD, LASD, ports of LA and Long Beach).
- The Conservancy's commitment to reducing HF radar coverage as little as possible.
- In regard to the largest single cost change, elimination of the Santa Monica Bay mooring, this decision reflects the fact that the Conservancy is not funding any of that class of mooring in the COCMP-North proposal, and the Conservancy already rejected the Santa Barbara pre-proposal regarding monitoring moorings. Additionally, reviewers repeatedly questioned the cost/benefit ratio of this mooring. Not being in an area of focused observation made this element expendable.

The Conservancy accepts the general design of the project as described in the SCCOOS proposal of May 14, 2004, with the following changes:

- Geographic shift of proposal elements to focus surfzone and transition zone efforts, glider, CTD, and some modeling to San Pedro Shelf area.
- Eliminate 1 transition zone experiment (not at San Pedro Shelf area)
- Reduce modeling elements

- Reducing remote sensing effort to data delivery
- Eliminate the Santa Monica Bay mooring
- Eliminate 1 underway CTD
- Eliminate 1 long-range HF radar on San Clemente Island
- Eliminate K-12 education program
- Cost sharing with COCMP-NC
- Revised IDC

This memo provides Conservancy authorization for SCCOOS to proceed with drafting the final proposal and a work plan to be submitted to the Conservancy by August 6th, 2004.