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California Purchases 41 SeaSonde Units for New Program

California has started building the infrastructure for the new \$21M Coastal Ocean Currents Monitoring Program (COCMP), designed for aiding critical operational and research endeavors. A key component of this program will be the continuous surface current outputs from an extensive SeaSonde® network. The acquisition of 41 new SeaSonde and Long-Range SeaSonde units being installed as part of this program will bring the total number of units operated in the state to 57.

This new network will provide continuous coverage of the ocean surface currents along the entire 1100 miles of California's coast out to approximately 120 miles offshore. Highest resolution coverage will be set at the most critical areas, such as inside of San Francisco Bay. Once completed, the state will boast having the world's most advanced ocean current monitoring system.

This project made front page news on 8 January 2006 in Silicon Valley's largest newspaper, the San Jose Mercury News. To view the complete article published in the Mercury, go to <http://www.mercurynews.com/mld/mercurynews/news/13578053.htm>.

In addition, the COCMP program has a very comprehensive website, including more technical details on the program, participant information, downloadable press releases and presentations, as well as links to other related web sites. A statement of support from Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger is highlighted on their home page. See www.cocmp.org.

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