

Tijuana River (TJR) NERR Water Quality Metadata

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I. Data Set and Research Descriptors

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2) Entry Verification

Deployment data are uploaded from the YSI data logger to a Personal Computer (IBM compatible). Files are exported from EcoWatch in a comma-delimited format (.CDF) and uploaded to the CDMO where they undergo automated primary QAQC; automated depth/level corrections for changes in barometric pressure (cDepth or cLevel parameters); and become part of the CDMO's online provisional database. All pre- and post-deployment data are removed from the file prior to upload. During primary QAQC, data are flagged if they are missing or out of sensor range. The edited file is then returned to the Reserve for secondary QAQC where it is opened in Microsoft Excel and processed using the CDMO's NERRQAQC Excel macro. The macro inserts station codes, creates metadata worksheets for flagged data and summary statistics, and graphs the data for review. It allows the user to apply QAQC flags and codes to the data, remove any overlapping deployment data, append files, and export the resulting data file for upload to the CDMO. Upload after secondary QAQC results in ingestion into the database as provisional plus data, recalculation of cDepth or cLevel parameters, and finally tertiary QAQC by the CDMO and assimilation into the CDMO's authoritative online database. Where deployment overlap occurs between files, the data produced by the newly calibrated sonde is generally accepted as being the most accurate. For more information on QAQC flags and codes, see Sections 11 and 12. The person responsible for data management is Holly Bellringer.

3) Research Objectives

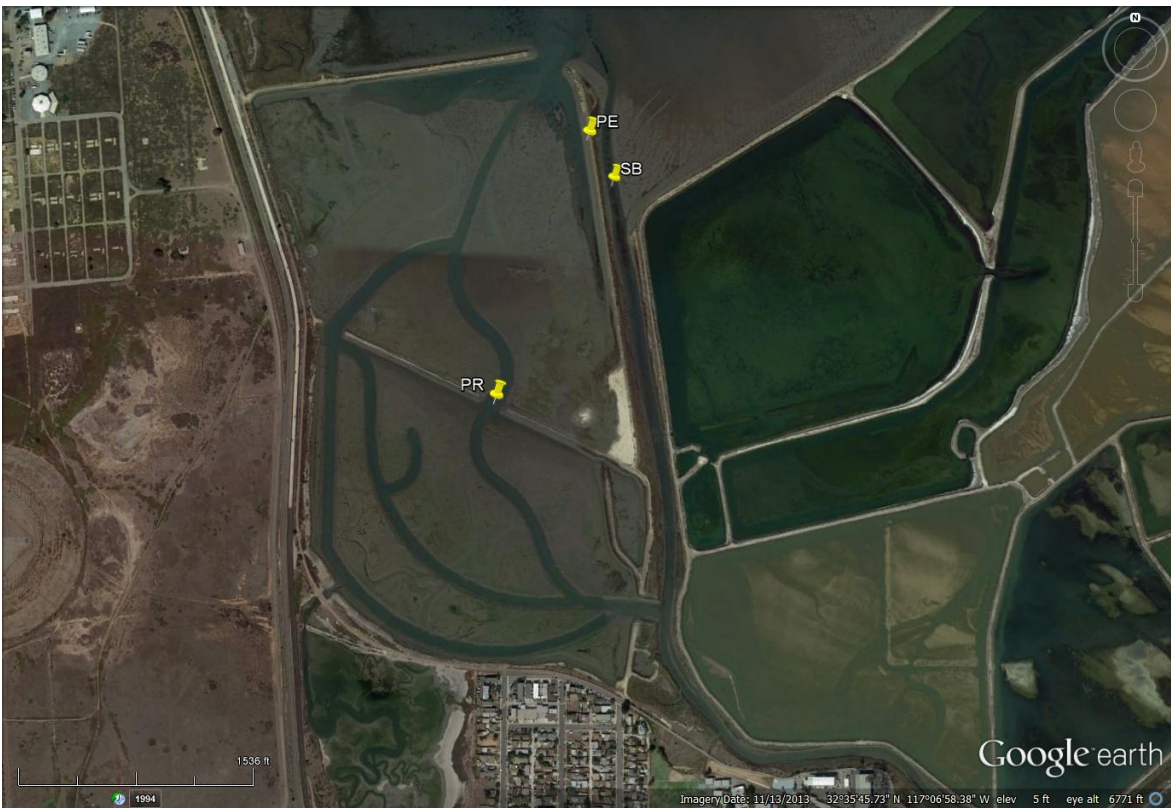
The Tijuana River National Estuarine Research Reserve is impacted heavily by periodic raw sewage outflows and urban development. About a quarter of the reserve's 2,531 acres are tidally influenced and few channels are deep enough for datalogger deployment. Two stations were originally set up: a treatment station was set up close to the mouth on the Southern end of the Oneonta Slough, while a control station was set up on the northern end of Oneonta Slough. The treatment station location was chosen because it would be the site most affected by sewage outflow. Deployment at the treatment station, however, was continually halted by both shifting sediment and massive wracks of kelp (*Macrocystis pyrifera*), which would often bury the deployment set-up on incoming tides. After a number of different deployment equipment designs were implemented, with no success, logging at this site was terminated.

Two YSI datalogger stations are installed at the Tijuana River reserve and two datalogger stations are located off the reserve. Station locations are designed to investigate spatial gradients of water quality parameters across the reserve as well as document the water quality changes over time to areas in the reserve which have been restored to increase tidal flushing. The original control station in the northern end of Oneonta Slough is still in place. The second station was located at the inlet to the Model Marsh, a constructed 20-acre restoration site in the southern arm of the estuary. The Model Marsh was opened to tidal flushing in February 2000 and data logging at the station began in October 2000. The site was discontinued in January 2008 due to heavy sedimentation. A second datalogger, Boca Rio, was established in December 2004 and is located near the mouth of the Tijuana River. This station replaces the River Channel station, which was established in August 2002 to monitor the Tijuana River, the largest source of freshwater to the Reserve. This station was discontinued in November 2004 due to unusually heavy sedimentation from intense rainfall events. The South Bay datalogger was established in January 2008 and is located at the mouth of Otay River which flows into San Diego Bay. The last sonde location, Pond Eleven Restored, is a salt pond adjacent from the South Bay logger. The Pond Eleven Restored sonde was deployed from July 2008 to September 2010. The US Fish and Wildlife Service began restoration of this area which included Pond Eleven from September 2010 and finished in October 2011. Channels were dredged between Pond Eleven, surrounding ponds and the adjacent Otay River. A levee was breached to open Pond Eleven into South San Diego Bay which made the area tidally influenced. Due to extensive restoration the datalogger site was relocated. Sonde deployments began in January 2012 at a new location site named Pond Restored (PR). The Pond Restored datalogger is located approximately 560 meters from where the Pond Eleven datalogger was originally. The South Bay and Pond Restored sites are located within the San Diego National Wildlife Refuge Complex. The photo below shows the pre restoration of the salt ponds and datalogger sites. The post restoration photo includes the PE datalogger site as a reference to the new PR datalogger site. No sampling occurs at the PE site.

Pre Restoration



Post Restoration



4) Research Methods (Dataloggers)

Dataloggers at the Oneonta Slough, Boca Rio, South Bay, and Pond Eleven Restored stations are deployed using a 4-inch diameter PVC pipe that is strapped vertically to two "rail" style fence posts driven into the sediment. Multiple 1.5 inch holes have been drilled around the bottom of the tube to permit unrestricted water

flow to the sensors. During deployment the datalogger units are then placed into and rest on a bolt fixed across the bottom of the tubes.

The sampling period is between two and four weeks, with measurements taken every 15 minutes. Measurements for specific conductivity, salinity, dissolved oxygen (percent saturation), dissolved oxygen (mg/l), temperature, turbidity, pH, chlorophyll and water level are recorded. At the end of each sampling period, the YSI dataloggers are brought back to the laboratory for data downloading, cleaning and recalibration. These procedures are carried out according to the methods described in the YSI Operations Manual (see sections 3 and 7). Calibration standards for specific conductivity are purchased from YSI, turbidity standard is purchased from YSI, and pH standards (7 and 10) are purchased from Fisher Scientific. The QA/QC procedures for the collected data are followed from the CDMO Operations Manual version 6.5.

A Sutron Sat-Link2 transmitter was installed at the Oneonta Slough station on 12/20/2006 and transmits data to the NOAA GOES satellite, NESDIS ID #3B0252F2. The transmissions are scheduled hourly and contain four (4) datasets reflecting fifteen minute data sampling intervals. The telemetry data is “Provisional” data and not the “Authentic” dataset used for long term monitoring and study. This data can be viewed by going to <http://cdmo.baruch.sc.edu>.

5) Site location and character

General site Characteristics (TRNERR)

- a) Tidal exchange (extremes): approx. -2 to 7 MLLW,
- b) Salinity: 4 ppt (extreme rain events) to 38 ppt (except Pond Eleven and South Bay)
- c) Latitude and longitude: 32 deg. 34 min. N, 117 deg. 07 min. W
- d) Potential impacts include runoff from the adjacent military airfield and residential area and sewage spills from Mexico into the Tijuana River. Approximately 2/3 of the watershed for the Tijuana River estuary is in Mexico. Vegetation in the area is dominated by common pickleweed (*Salicornia virginica*) and Pacific cordgrass (*Spartina foliosa*).
- e) The dominant freshwater source to the estuary is the Tijuana River, which drains a 4,483 sq. km watershed. Stream flows in the river vary considerably from season to season and year to year with no flow during many months with a mean annual discharge of .82 cubic meters per second (cms). Additional freshwater sources are storm drains located mostly in the northern arm of the estuary. The entire estuary is shallow and has a relatively small tidal prism (0.36 Mm³) so even low freshwater flows result in reduced salinity throughout the reserve. Estimated residence times for freshwater entering the estuary vary from 7 hours to a few days depending on the tide and mouth conditions. Rainfall within the watershed accounts for most of the freshwater entering the reserve with 90% of the mean annual rainfall falling between November and April. Freshwater discharges with untreated sewage occur year round, although these have decreased with the construction of binational water treatment plant.

Specific Site characteristics: Boca Rio (BR)

- a) Orientation of site: Datalogger station is located approximately 300 meters north of the Tijuana River in the middle of a channel which runs north to south. Latitude is 32 33 34.3 N and Longitude is 117 deg 07 min 43.7 sec W.
- b) The elevation of channel bottom: No current survey data available
- c) Channel width: Approximately 10 m
- d) Bottom type: mostly sand, very little mud

Specific Site characteristics: Oneonta Slough (OS)

- a) Orientation of site: The datalogger station is located on the upper portion of Oneonta Slough. The channel runs north to south and is located on the northwestern edge of the reserve. Latitude is 32 deg 34 min 04.8 sec N, longitude is 117 deg 07 min 52.3 sec W.
- b) The elevation of the channel bottom directly below the datalogger is approx. 0.55 meters NGVD (date of last survey was 2001).
- c) Channel width is approx. 20 meters. Datalogger site is located 1km from the river mouth.
- d) Bottom type: sand and sediment
- e) Area adjacent to west side of channel is developed. There is a 50 meter buffer of natural vegetation between development and the channel. Area adjacent to east side of channel is relatively undisturbed.

f) Direct impacts may be runoff from streets into channel during rain events.

Specific Site Characteristics: Pond Eleven Restored (PR)

- a) Orientation of site: The datalogger is located at the middle levee breach between Pond Eleven and Pond Ten. Latitude is 32 deg 35 min 47.19 sec, Longitude is 117 deg 7 min 8.5 sec.
- b) Salinity: approximately 2ppt to 33 ppt
- c) The elevation of the channel bottom: No current survey data available
- d) Tidal Exchange (extremes): approximately -2 to +7 MLLW
- e) Bottom type: very fine mud.

Specific Site Characteristics: South Bay (SB)

- a) Orientation of site: The datalogger is located at the mouth of Otay River where it flows into San Diego Bay. Latitude is 32 deg 36 min 0.49 sec N, longitude is 117 deg 06 min 56.49 sec W.
- b) Salinity: 2 ppt (extreme rain event) to 40 ppt
- c) The elevation of the channel bottom: No current survey data available
- d) Channel width: Approximately 15m
- e) Tidal Exchange (extremes): approximately -2 to +7 MLLW
- f) Bottom type: very fine mud.

6) Data Collection period

YSI model 6600 EDS dataloggers were used to collect data for the following dates and times.

Boca Rio

Deployment Date	Deployment Time	Retrieval Date	Retrieval Time
1/1/2013	0:00	1/11/2013	15:30
1/11/2013	15:30	2/5/2013	12:45
2/5/2012	12:45	3/5/2013	10:45
3/5/2013	10:45	4/4/2013	11:45
4/4/2013	11:45	5/1/2013	8:45
5/1/2013	9:00	5/29/2013	7:15
5/29/2013	7:30	6/27/2013	6:45
6/27/2013	7:00	7/25/2013	6:30
7/25/2013	6:45	8/22/2013	15:30
8/22/2013	16:00	9/19/2013	15:45
9/19/2013	16:15	10/21/2013	14:45
10/21/2013	15:00	11/15/2013	14:00
11/15/2013	14:15	12/16/2013	14:15
12/16/2013	14:45	1/15/2014	16:45

Oneonta Slough

Deployment Date	Deployment Time	Retrieval Date	Retrieval Time
1/1/2013	0:00	1/11/2013	14:15
1/11/2013	14:30	2/5/2013	13:15
2/5/2013	13:15	3/5/2013	11:45
3/5/2013	11:45	4/4/2013	12:30
4/4/2013	12:30	5/1/2013	9:30
5/1/2013	9:45	5/29/2013	8:00
5/29/2013	8:15	6/27/2013	7:45
6/27/2013	8:15	7/25/2013	7:00
7/26/2013	7:30	8/22/2013	15:30
8/22/2013	16:00	9/19/2013	15:00
9/19/2013	15:30	10/21/2013	15:15
10/21/2013	15:30	11/15/2013	13:00
11/15/2013	13:45	12/16/2013	15:30
12/16/2013	15:45	1/15/2014	14:15

Pond Eleven
Restored

Deployment Date	Deployment Time	Retrieval Date	Retrieval Time
1/1/2013	0:00	1/8/2013	12:00
1/8/2013	12:00	2/9/2013	13:30
2/9/2013	14:00	3/4/2013	15:45
3/4/2013	15:45	4/4/2013	15:15
4/4/2013	15:45	5/1/2013	13:00
5/1/2013	13:15	5/29/2013	10:45
5/29/2013	11:15	6/27/2013	9:30
6/27/2013	9:45	7/25/2013	8:00
7/25/2013	8:30	8/22/2013	14:00
8/22/2013	14:30	9/19/2013	13:00
9/19/2013	14:30	10/22/2013	14:00
10/22/2013	14:45	11/19/2013	15:45
11/19/2013	16:30	12/17/2013	12:45
12/17/2013	13:15	1/16/2014	13:00

South Bay

Deployment Date	Deployment Time	Retrieval Date	Retrieval Time
1/1/2013	0:00	1/9/2013	13:15
1/9/2013	13:15	2/9/2013	14:00
2/9/2013	14:15	3/4/2013	15:15
3/4/2013	15:15	4/4/2013	16:00
4/4/2013	16:15	5/1/2013	13:30
5/1/2013	13:45	5/29/2013	11:15
5/29/2013	11:30	6/27/2013	10:00
6/27/2013	10:15	7/25/2013	8:45
7/25/2013	9:00	8/22/2013	13:15
8/22/2013	13:45	9/19/2013	12:30
9/19/2013	13:00	10/22/2013	13:30
10/22/2013	14:00	11/19/2013	15:15
11/19/2013	15:30	12/17/2013	12:15
12/17/2013	12:30	1/16/2014	12:30

7) Distribution

NOAA/ERD retains the right to analyze, synthesize and publish summaries of the NERRS System-wide Monitoring Program data. The PI retains the right to be fully credited for having collected and processed the data. Following academic courtesy standards, the PI and NERR site where the data were collected will be contacted and fully acknowledged in any subsequent publications in which any part of the data are used. Manuscripts resulting from this NOAA/OCRM supported research that are produced for publication in open literature, including refereed scientific journals, will acknowledge that the research was conducted under an award from the Estuarine Reserves Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The data set enclosed within this package/transmission is only as good as the quality assurance and quality control procedures outlined by the enclosed metadata reporting statement. The user bears all responsibility for its subsequent use/misuse in any further analyses or comparisons. The Federal government does not assume liability to the Recipient or third persons, nor will the Federal government reimburse or indemnify the Recipient for its liability due to any losses resulting in any way from the use of this data.

NERR water quality data and metadata can be obtained from the Research Coordinator at the individual NERR site (please see Principal Investigators and Contact Persons), from the Data Manager at the Centralized Data Management Office (please see personnel directory under the general information link on the CDMO home page) and online at the CDMO home page <http://cdmo.baruch.sc.edu/>. Data are available in text tab-delimited format

8) Associated researchers and projects

The research program at the TRNERR focuses on adaptive approaches to wetlands management, which involves coupling scientific investigation with management action. One focal area of research continues to be adaptive restoration, and the TRNERR has a long history of science-based restoration efforts. These programs incorporate descriptive and experimental approaches to investigate biotic and abiotic responses to marsh restoration, including ways to better achieve desired ecosystem responses. Two SWMP sites, based in South San Diego Bay, are associated with restoration of salt ponds in that area. Another active area of research is invasive species ecology and management. Although estuaries are typically invaded by a broad suite of species from many habitat types, current research is focusing on terrestrial and riparian invaders able to cross ecotones and invade salt marsh habitats. Researchers at the TRNERR are investigating mechanisms of invasions, impacts of invaders, and ecosystem recovery after exotic species control.

NERR SWMP water quality and weather data are used in a variety of reserve-based and external research and education programs. Water quality data from the Tijuana River, which rarely experiences mouth closure, provides an interesting contrast to data from other regional systems, which experience frequent closure events. Also, SWMP water quality data are incorporated into a high school curriculum developed at the reserve. Tier 1 nutrient sampling is being conducted at all water quality datalogger stations. NERR SWMP meteorological sampling is being conducted at 1 station which is located near the former Tidal Linkage water quality station. In addition, much of the reserve is used as a test bed for research related to adaptive marsh restoration, with recent attention on the Model Marsh.

II. Physical Structure Descriptors

9) Sensor Specifications

YSI 6600EDS V2-4 datasondes were used at Oneonta Slough, South Bay and Pond Eleven Restored. These datasondes had depth, temperature/conductivity, ROX, pH, turbidity, and chlorophyll probes. The Boca Rio site utilized an YSI 6600 EDS V2-2 datasonde with temperature/conductivity, rapid pulse DO, pH and turbidity probes.

Parameter: Non-Vented Level – Shallow (Depth)

Units: feet or meters (ft or m)

Sensor Type: Stainless steel strain gauge

Range: 0 to 30 ft (9.1 m)

Accuracy: +/- 0.06 ft (0.018 m)

Resolution: 0.001 ft (0.001 m)

Parameter: Temperature

Units: Celsius (C)

Sensor Type: Thermistor

Model #: 6560

Range: -5 to 50C

Accuracy: +/-0.15 °C

Resolution: 0.01 °C

Parameter: Conductivity

Units: milli-Siemens per cm (mS/cm)

Sensor Type: 4-electrode cell with autoranging

Model #: 6560

Range: 0 to 100 mS/cm

Accuracy: +/-0.5% of reading + 0.001 mS/cm

Resolution: 0.001 mS/cm to 0.1 mS/cm (range dependent)

Parameter: Salinity

Units: parts per thousand (ppt)

Sensor Type: Calculated from conductivity and temperature

Range: 0 to 70 ppt

Accuracy: +/- 1.0% of reading or 0.1 ppt, whichever is greater

Resolution: 0.01 ppt

Parameter: Dissolved Oxygen % saturation

Units: percent air saturation (%)

Sensor Type: Rapid Pulse – Clark type, polarographic

Model #: 6562

Range: 0 to 500 % air saturation

Accuracy: 0-200 % air saturation, +/- 2 % of the reading or 2 % air saturation, whichever is greater; 200-500 % air saturation, +/- 6 % of the reading

Resolution: 0.1 % air saturation

Parameter: Dissolved Oxygen mg/L (Calculated from % air saturation, temperature and salinity)

Units: milligrams per Liter (mg/L)

Sensor Type: Rapid Pulse – Clark type, polarographic

Model #: 6562

Range: 0 to 50 mg/L

Accuracy: 0 to 20 mg/L, +/- 2 % of the reading or 0.2 mg/L, whichever is greater; 20 to 50 mg/L, +/- 6 % of the reading

Resolution: 0.01 mg/L

Parameter: Dissolved Oxygen % saturation

Units: percent air saturation (%)

Sensor Type: Optical probe w/ mechanical cleaning

Model#: 6150 ROX

Range: 0 to 500% air saturation

Accuracy: 0-200% air saturation: +/- 1% of the reading or 1% air saturation, whichever is greater 200-500% air saturation: +/- 15% of reading

Resolution: 0.1% air saturation

Parameter: Dissolved Oxygen mg/L (Calculated from % air saturation, temperature and salinity)

Units: milligrams/Liter (mg/L)

Sensor Type: Optical probe w/ mechanical cleaning

Model#: 6150 ROX

Range: 0 to 50 mg/L

Accuracy: 0-20 mg/L: +/-0.1 mg/l or 1% of the reading, whichever is greater

20 to 50 mg/L: +/- 15% of the reading

Resolution: 0.01 mg/L

Parameter: pH

Units: units

Sensor Type: Glass combination electrode

Model #: 6561 or 6579

Range: 0 to 14 units

Accuracy: +/- 0.2 units

Resolution: 0.01 units

Parameter: Turbidity

Units: nephelometric turbidity units (NTU)

Sensor Type: Optical, 90 ° scatter, with mechanical cleaning

Model #: 6136

Range: 0 to 1000 NTU

Accuracy: +/- 5 % reading or 2 NTU (whichever is greater)

Resolution: 0.1 NTU

Parameter: Chlorophyll

Units: micrograms/Liter

Sensor Type: Optical probe w/mechanical cleaning

Model #: 6025

Range: 0 to 400 µg/Liter

Accuracy: Dependent on methodology

Resolution: 0.1 µg/Liter chl a, 0.1 %FS

Dissolved Oxygen Qualifier (Rapid Pulse / Clark type sensor):

The reliability of dissolved oxygen (DO) data collected with the rapid pulse / Clark type sensor after 96 hours post-deployment for non-EDS (Extended Deployment System) data sondes may be problematic due to fouling which forms on the DO probe membrane during some deployments (Wenner et al. 2001). Some Reserves utilize the YSI 6600 EDS data sondes, which increase DO accuracy and longevity by reducing the environmental effects of fouling. Optical DO probes have further improved data reliability. The user is therefore advised to consult the metadata for sensor type information and to exercise caution when utilizing rapid pulse / Clark type sensor DO data beyond the initial 96-hour time period. Potential drift is not always problematic for some uses of the data, i.e. periodicity analysis. It should also be noted that the amount of fouling is very site specific and that not all data are affected. If there are concerns about fouling impacts on DO data beyond any information documented in the metadata and/or QAQC flags/codes, please contact the Research Coordinator at the specific NERR site regarding site and seasonal variation in fouling of the DO sensor.

Depth Qualifier:

The NERR System-Wide Monitoring Program utilizes YSI data sondes that can be equipped with either vented or non-vented depth/level sensors. Readings for both vented and non-vented sensors are automatically compensated for water density change due to variations in temperature and salinity; but for all non-vented depth measurements, changes in atmospheric pressure between calibrations appear as changes in water depth. The error is equal to approximately 1.03 cm for every 1 millibar change in atmospheric pressure, and is eliminated for vented sensors because they are vented to the atmosphere throughout the deployment time interval.

Beginning in 2006, NERR SWMP standard calibration protocol calls for all non-vented depth sensors to read 0 meters at a (local) barometric pressure of 1013.25 mb (760 mm/hg). To achieve this, each site calibrates their depth sensor with a depth offset number, which is calculated using the actual atmospheric pressure at the time of calibration and the equation provided in the SWMP calibration sheet or digital calibration log. This offset procedure standardizes each depth calibration for the entire NERR System. If accurate atmospheric pressure data are available, non-vented sensor depth measurements at any NERR can be corrected.

In 2010, the CDMO began automatically correcting depth/level data for changes in barometric pressure as measured by the Reserve's associated meteorological station during data ingestion. These corrected depth/level data are reported as cDepth and cLevel, and are assigned QAQC flags and codes based on QAQC protocols. Please see sections 11 and 12 for QAQC flag and code definitions.

Salinity Units Qualifier:

In 2013, EXO sondes were approved for SWMP use and began to be utilized by Reserves. While the 6600 series sondes report salinity in parts per thousand (ppt) units, the EXO sondes report practical salinity units (psu). These units are essentially the same and for SWMP purposes are understood to be equivalent, however psu is considered the more appropriate designation. Moving forward the NERR System will assign psu salinity units for all data regardless of sonde type.

Turbidity Qualifier:

In 2013, EXO sondes were approved for SWMP use and began to be utilized by Reserves. While the 6600 series sondes report turbidity in nephelometric turbidity units (NTU), the EXO sondes use formazin nephelometric units (FNU). These units are essentially the same but indicate a difference in sensor methodology, for SWMP purposes they will be considered equivalent. Moving forward, the NERR System will use FNU/NTU as the designated units for all turbidity data regardless of sonde type. If turbidity units and sensor methodology are of concern, please see the Sensor Specifications portion of the metadata.

Chlorophyll Fluorescence Disclaimer:

YSI chlorophyll sensors (6025 or 599102-01) are designed to serve as a proxy for chlorophyll concentrations in the field for monitoring applications and complement traditional lab extraction methods; therefore, there are accuracy limitations associated with the data that are detailed in the YSI manual including interference from other fluorescent species, differences in calibration method, and effects of cell structure, particle size, organism type, temperature, and light on sensor measurements.

10) Coded variable definitions

Sampling Station Name	Sampling Site Code	Station Code
Boca Rio	BR	tjrbrwq
Oneonta Slough	OS	tjroswq
Pond Eleven Restored	PR	tjrprwq
South Bay	SB	tjrswbq

11) QAQC flag definitions – This section details the automated and secondary QAQC flag definitions. Include the following excerpt:

QAQC flags provide documentation of the data and are applied to individual data points by insertion into the parameter's associated flag column (header preceded by an F_). During primary automated QAQC

(performed by the CDMO), -5, -4, and -2 flags are applied automatically to indicate data that is missing and above or below sensor range. All remaining data are then flagged 0, passing initial QAQC checks. During secondary and tertiary QAQC 1, -3, and 5 flags may be used to note data as “Suspect”, rejected due to QAQC, or corrected.

- 5 Outside High Sensor Range
- 4 Outside Low Sensor Range
- 3 Data Rejected due to QAQC
- 2 Missing Data
- 1 Optional SWMP Supported Parameter
- 0 Data Passed Initial QAQC Checks
- 1 “Suspect” Data
- 2 *Open - reserved for later flag*
- 3 Calculated data: non-vented depth/level sensor correction for changes in barometric pressure
- 4 Historical Data: Pre-Auto QAQC
- 5 Corrected Data

12) QAQC code definitions – This section details the secondary QAQC Code definitions used in combination with the flags above. Include the following excerpt:

QAQC codes are used in conjunction with QAQC flags to provide further documentation of the data and are also applied by insertion into the associated flag column. There are three (3) different code categories, general, sensor, and comment. General errors document general problems with the deployment or YSI datasonde, sensor errors are sensor specific, and comment codes are used to further document conditions or a problem with the data. Only one general or sensor error and one comment code can be applied to a particular data point, but some comment codes (marked with an * below) can be applied to the entire record in the F_Record column.

General Errors

- GIC No instrument deployed due to ice
- GIM Instrument malfunction
- GIT Instrument recording error; recovered telemetry data
- GMC No instrument deployed due to maintenance/calibration
- GNF Deployment tube clogged / no flow
- GOW Out of water event
- GPF Power failure / low battery
- GQR Data rejected due to QA/QC checks
- GSM See metadata

Corrected Depth/Level Data Codes

- GCC Calculated with data that were corrected during QA/QC
- GCM Calculated value could not be determined due to missing data
- GCR Calculated value could not be determined due to rejected data
- GCS Calculated value “Suspect” due to questionable data
- GCU Calculated value could not be determined due to unavailable data

Sensor Errors

- SBO Blocked optic
- SCF Conductivity sensor failure
- SCS Chlorophyll spike
- SDF Depth port frozen
- SDG “Suspect” due to sensor diagnostics
- SDO DO “Suspect”
- SDP DO membrane puncture
- SIC Incorrect calibration / contaminated standard
- SNV Negative value
- SOW Sensor out of water

SPC	Post calibration out of range
SQR	Data rejected due to QAQC checks
SSD	Sensor drift
SSM	Sensor malfunction
SSR	Sensor removed / not deployed
STF	Catastrophic temperature sensor failure
STS	Turbidity spike
SWM	Wiper malfunction / loss

Comments

CAB*	Algal bloom
CAF	Acceptable calibration/accuracy error of sensor
CAP	Depth sensor in water, affected by atmospheric pressure
CBF	Biofouling
CCU	Cause unknown
CDA*	DO hypoxia (<3 mg/L)
CDB*	Disturbed bottom
CDF	Data appear to fit conditions
CFK*	Fish kill
CIP*	Surface ice present at sample station
CLT*	Low tide
CMC*	In field maintenance/cleaning
CMD*	Mud in probe guard
CND	New deployment begins
CRE*	Significant rain event
CSM*	See metadata
CTS	Turbidity spike
CVT*	Possible vandalism/tampering
CWD*	Data collected at wrong depth
CWE*	Significant weather event

13) Post deployment information

NP = no probe installed

NC = no calibration done

ND= no data

numbers in parentheses are used if standard differs from those stated.

Boca Rio Deployment Date	SpCond	RP DO 1 (100% sat)	ROX DO 1 (100% sat)	pH	pH	Turb	Turb	Depth	Chl
m/d/y	50			(7)	(10)	0	126	m	(0)
9-Jan	49.11	75		7.12	9.99	1.8	127	0.1	
5-Feb	50.91	83.3		6.92	9.98	0.2	119	0.03	
5-Mar	49.26	87.9		6.97	9.99	1	122	0.04	
4-Apr	49.57	89		6.72	9.62	0.3	123	0.036	
1-May	46.66	89.6		7.05	9.94	4.1	124	-0.036	
29-May	49.36	105.3		6.64	9.5	1.3	130	0.02	
27-Jun	49.73	105		7.01	9.9	1.4	120	0.031	
24-Jul	49.15	72		6.68	9.53	-0.8	124	-0.054	
22-Aug	49.33	103.6		7	9.88	0.6	116	-0.015	
19-Sep	48.67	102.1		7.03	9.91	0.4	123	-0.012	
21-Oct	47.56	106.8		7.09	10.02	0.2	114	-0.072	
15-Nov	49.21	100		6.98	9.88	0.5	243	0.02	
16-Dec	49.23	96		7	10	0.3	127	0.021	

Oneonta Slough Deployment Date	SpCond	RP DO 1 (100% sat)	ROX DO 1 (100% sat)	pH	pH	Turb	Turb	Depth	Chl
m/d/y	50			(7)	(10)	0	126	m	(0)
9-Jan	50.08		98	7.21	10.14	1.2	126	0.012	0.4
5-Feb	50.16		97.3	6.96	9.99	-1.4	125	0.046	0.7
4-Mar	50.31		100.2	7.25	10.15	0.5	122	0.056	0.1
4-Apr	53.02		99.9	7.02	9.98	-0.1	124	0.013	0.5
1-May	47.76			6.89	9.79	0	127	-0.039	-0.5
29-May	51.93		97.6	7.02	10.02	1	113	0.027	0.1
27-Jun	49.19		102.6	7.34	10.27	2.2	121	0.015	-0.3
26-Jul	50.1		100.4	7.01	9.91	0.2	123	-0.061	0.1
22-Aug	50.99		101	7.08	10.03	0.5	124	-0.017	0
19-Sep	48.29		105.4	6.82	9.91	0.1	122	-0.003	0
21-Oct	48.95		98.5	7	9.94	0.8	119	-0.076	-0.1
15-Nov	49.14		100.8	7.14	10.12	0.7	131	0.029	0
16-Dec	49.11		99.6	7.01	10	0.6	122	0.018	-0.2

Pond Eleven Restored Deployment Date	SpCond	RP DO 1 (100% sat)	ROX DO 1 (100% sat)	pH	pH	Turb	Turb	Depth	Chl
m/d/y	50			(7)	(10)	0	126	m	(0)
8-Jan	49.83		100.7	7.01	9.88	1.9	124	0.032	0.9
9-Feb	49.13			7.01	9.99	-0.5	125	0.042	0
4-Mar	50.25		98.4	7.05	9.91	0.6	126	0.055	0.6
4-Apr	49.7		102.8	7.07	10.06	0.4	123	0.033	0.3
1-May	48.29		96.7	7.01	9.71	1.2	123	-0.055	0.2
29-May	50.48		100.6	7.02	10.02	1.2	117	0.022	-0.5
27-Jun	49.27		100.4	7.19	9.24	0.9	125	0.004	0.4
24-Jul	48.04		99.5	7.17	9.68	0.8	126	-0.053	0.1
22-Aug	49.75		101.7	7.18	10.2	265	315	-0.024	303
19-Sep	49.1		99.1	6.98	9.84	0.1	113	-0.003	-0.2
22-Oct	49.96		100.5	6.99	10.02	0.4	124	0.003	0.1
19-Nov	49.97		99	7.08	9.96	0.4	54.8	0	0.2
19-Dec	50.96		100.4	7.09	9.96	0.5	128	0.033	0

South Bay Deployment Date	SpCond	RP DO 1 (100% sat)	ROX DO 1 (100% sat)	pH	pH	Turb	Turb	Depth	Chl
m/d/y	50			(7)	(10)	0	126	m	(0)
10-Jan	49.22		99.3	6.56	9.44	1.1	125	0.038	0.1
9-Feb	49.28		99	7.16	10.16	-1	125	0.043	
4-Mar	49.54		101.1	7.06	9.83	204	101	0.052	-0.2
4-Apr	49.53		100.2	6.28	8.4	-0.7	127	0.051	
1-May	47.44		97.6	7.12	10.01	0.4	119		0.2
29-May	50.36		100.7	7.31	10.01	0.1	126	0.022	-0.1
27-Jun	49.71		103.9	7.06	10	0	129	0.039	-12.8
23-Jul	49.24		99	7.13	10.02	-0.2	120	-0.051	0.3
22-Aug	50.69		98.6	7.08	9.39	1.9	127	-0.016	-0.2
19-Sep	49.71		103.1	7.08	9.98	0.6	120	-0.01	-0.2
22-Oct	52.38		100.8	7.13	10.08	0.7	128	-0.007	0.3

19-Nov	50.02	98.3	7.11	10.07	0.2	146	0.014	0
17-Dec	50.63	100.7	7.22	10.17	1.5	113	0.022	0.2

14) Other Remarks

Data are missing due to equipment or associated specific probes not being deployed, equipment failure, time of maintenance or calibration of equipment, or repair/replacement of a sampling station platform. If additional information on missing data is needed, contact the Research Coordinator at the reserve submitting the data.

Boca Rio and Oneonta Slough deployments had hypoxic events occurring but all data still falls within specification of sensors. This data was marked as “Suspect” and “Hypoxic event”.

Boca Rio

5/24/13 00:00 – 5/29/13 07:15 Conductivity/Salinity flagged as “Suspect” due to possible sensor drift of probe. Post calibration was within range.

7/14/13 01:15- 7/25/13 06:30 Turbidity was flagged as “Suspect” due to biofouling

7/24/13 00:00 – 7/25/13 06:30 Conductivity/Salinity flagged as “Suspect” due to possible sensor drift of probe. Post calibration was within range.

8/18/13 05:15 – 8/22/13 15:30 Conductivity/Salinity flagged as “Suspect” due to possible sensor drift of probe. Post calibration was within range.

12/30/13 15:15 – 12/30/13 04:00 – Turbidity was flagged as “Suspect” due to an increase in readings possibly from mud/sediment in holder

Oneonta Slough

5/25/13 00:00 – 5/29/13 08:00 Conductivity/Salinity flagged as “Suspect” due to possible sensor drift of probe. Post calibration was within range.

8/20/13 07:30 – 8/22/13 1530 Conductivity/Salinity flagged as “Suspect” due to possible sensor drift of probe. Post calibration was within range.

Pond Eleven Restored

4/1/13 04:45 - 4/4/13 15:00 Turbidity data flagged as “Suspect” due to an increase in readings from biofouling

5/24/13 23:15- 5/29/13 10:45 Turbidity rejected due to high biofouling readings

8/17/13 14:45-8/22/13 14:00 Conductivity/Salinity flagged as “Suspect” due to possible sensor drift of probe. Post calibration was within range.

8/22/13 - 10/3/13 the depth data was flagged as “Suspect” due to the sonde holder being clogged with a mesh guard. Upon review of the data it was inconclusive as to exactly when this occurred. Measurement at time of removal of the mesh guard showed a depth difference of 1.5” or 40mm. The holder was cleaned out on 10/3/13 at 14:45.

9/4/13 12:00 - 9/19/13 13:00 the Turbidity probe failed which caused crosstalk with the Chlorophyll probe and all readings were rejected.

10/20/13 18:15-10/22/13 14:00 Conductivity/Salinity flagged as “Suspect” due to possible sensor drift of probe. Post calibration was within range.

11/30/13 13:15 - 12/17/13 a wiper loss occurred on the Turbidity probe and data was flagged as “Suspect” SWM.

South Bay

2/9/13 14:15 - 3/4/13 15:00 pH was flagged as “Suspect” because it appears to be high compared to yearly data. pH slope for pre and post deployment were within normal range.

3/19/13 10:30-4/4/13 15:45 Turbidity probe malfunctioned so data was rejected

7/15/13 13:00 - 7/25/13 09:00 the Chlorophyll probe failed. This did not cause problems with the other optical probes. All chlorophyll data should be rejected.

9/14/13 21:00 the Turbidity and Chlorophyll readings increase due to elevated levels of biofouling (primarily slipper shells and flatworms). All data was flagged as “Suspect”.

10/10/13 16:15 the Turbidity and Chlorophyll readings started to increase due to increasing amounts of sediment in the guard and some biofouling. Data was flagged as “Suspect”.

12/21/13 03:30 - 12/21/13 19:15 Turbidity was elevated so it was flagged as “Suspect”. It should be noted that upon retrieval of sonde there was an octopus living in the sonde holder. There was a mesh guard around the sonde guard although there was a gash to the guard.

b) Precipitation Data observed at the Tijuana River Estuary Reserve (mm) - Data is provisional and has not undergone final QAQC

DateTimeStamp	CumPrcp (mm)
1/25/2013	0.8
1/26/2013	0.3
3/7/2013	4.3
3/8/2013	31.2
3/9/2013	0.3
4/1/2013	0.5
4/2/2013	0.5
4/14/2013	0.5
4/15/2013	0.8
5/5/2013	0.8
5/6/2013	5.8
5/7/2013	1.8
10/9/2013	1
10/10/2013	0.3
10/28/2013	2

10/29/2013 6.6
 11/21/2013 2.3
 11/29/2013 0.3
 12/3/2013 0.3
 12/5/2013 0.3
 12/7/2013 7.4
 12/19/2013 4.3
 12/20/2013 0.3

INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATER COMMISSION
 1000 TIJUANA RIVER AT INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY

DAILY DISCHARGE IN CUBIC METRES PER SECOND FOR 2013

Day	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC

1	1.62	1.28	.17	.06	.19	0	0	0	0	0	1.25	1.42
2	1.43	1.11	.14	.02	.15	0	0	0	0	0	.84	1.42
3	.70	1.04	.14	.03	.08	0	0	0	0	0	.03	1.38
4	.21	1.06	.12	.05	0	0	0	0	0	0	.02	.72
5	.21	.97	.06	.06	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.04
6	.19	.66	.10	.06	2.41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	3.40	.03	.19	.07	2.03	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.47
8	1.89	1.97	.81	.20	1.33	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.47
9	1.58	2.40	9.12	.30	.97	0	0	0	0	1.06	0	1.15
10	1.66	1.35	6.96	.17	.19	0	0	0	0	4.33	0	1.14
11	1.45	1.30	3.17	.14	1.36	0	0	0	0	.75	0	.59
12	1.41	1.20	2.29	.13	3.12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	1.30	1.19	1.79	.13	.11	0	0	0	0	1.17	0	0
14	.85	.95	1.67	.13	.12	0	0	0	0	0	0	.03
15	.18	.15	1.59	.13	.12	0	0	0	0	0	0	.14
16	.14	.22	1.49	.13	.12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	.21	.18	1.45	.12	.15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	.12	.24	1.47	.12	0	0	.03	0	0	0	0	0
19	.08	.35	1.06	.12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3.12
20	.10	4.73	.15	.12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.81
21	.12	1.94	.14	.17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.42
22	.16	1.70	.30	.18	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.80	1.33
23	.20	1.57	.21	.09	0	0	0	0	0	.56	3.85	1.34
24	.18	1.45	.20	.10	0	0	0	0	0	.05	1.89	.70
25	7.32	1.28	.27	.11	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.67	.11
26	9.34	1.24	.23	.13	0	0	.15	0	0	0	1.53	.07
27	3.26	.89	.23	.14	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.41	.03
28	1.91	.17	.24	.14	0	0	0	0	0	1.97	1.42	.03
29	1.60	-----	.24	.15	0	0	0	.01	0	4.90	1.36	0
30	1.48	-----	.21	.22	0	0	0	0	0	1.44	1.41	.01
31	1.45	-----	.22	-----	0	-----	0	0	-----	1.28	-----	.03
TOTAL	45.75	32.62	36.43	3.72	12.45	0	0.18	0.01	0	17.51	19.48	20.97
MEAN	1.48	1.17	1.18	.12	.40	0	.01	0	0	.56	.65	.68
MAX	9.34	4.73	9.12	.30	3.12	0	.15	.01	0	4.90	3.85	3.12
MIN	.08	.03	.06	.02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DAM3	3,953	2,818	3,148	321	1,076	0	15.6	.9	0	1,513	1,683	1,812
YEAR 2013	TOTAL	189.12	MEAN	.52	MAX	9.34	MIN	0	DAM3	16,341		

* Incomplete Record E= Estimated
 P= Partly Estimated
 #= Measurement