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"The problems of the world cannot possibly be solved by skeptics or cynics whose horizons are limited by the obvious realities. We need people who can dream of things that never were."

--John F. Kennedy



#### WHAT WE DO:

- Drive Innovation
  - Design and manage high-profile, global competitions that tackle the Grand
     Challenges of our time
- Prizes target
  - Grand Challenges
  - Market Failures
- Engage innovators world-wide
- Partner with top global brands
- Make the impossible possible



#### IN 1996 XPRIZE OPENED UP A NEW ERA...







### PRIZE PORTFOLIO HIGHLIGHTS

**AWARDED \$30 Million** 







OIL CLEANUP XCHALLENGE

SENSING XCHALLENGE

OCEAN HEALTH PRIZE

















ACCURACY PURSE: For very accurate sensors that will give scientists the ability to measure ocean acidification throughout the world's oceans

AFFORDABILITY PURSE: For affordable and easy-to-use sensors that will provide the tools necessary to track and respond to ocean acidification

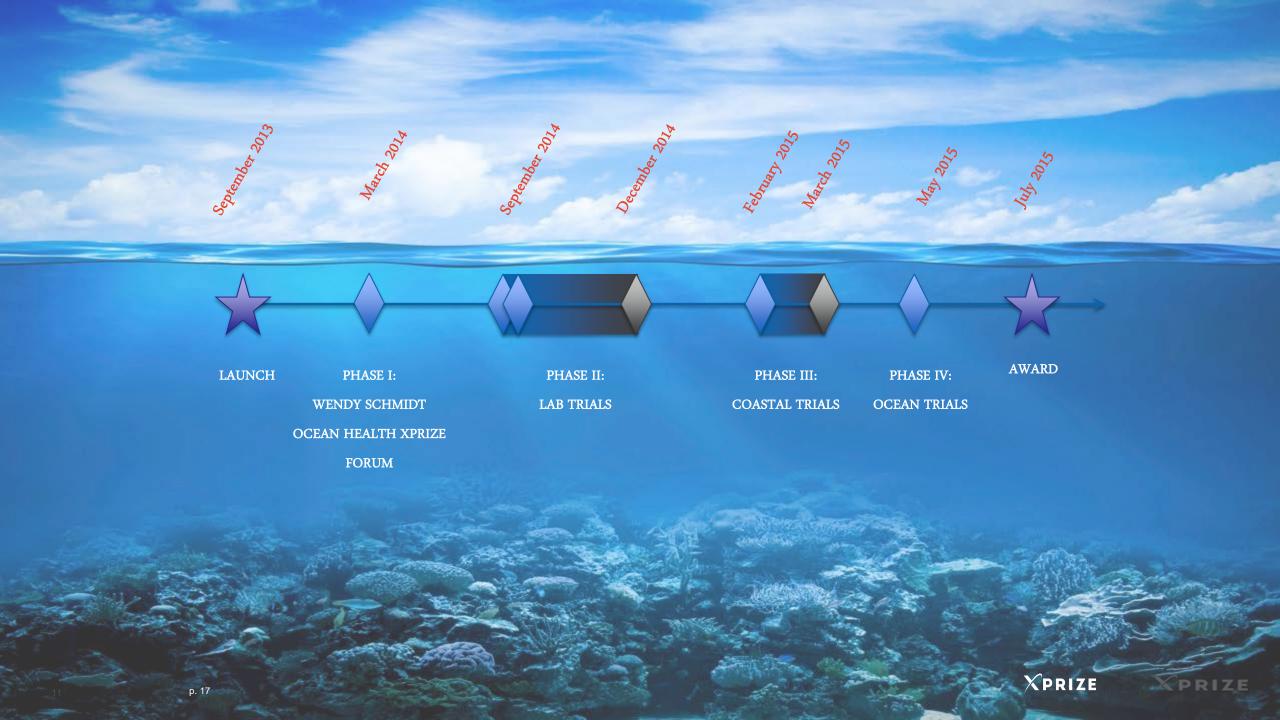


# GOALS OF THE WENDY SCHMIDT OCEAN HEALTH XPRIZE

The winning teams will produce the most accurate and affordable pH sensors under a variety of trials that mimic the challenging conditions of diverse ocean environments

#### **INTENDED BREAKTHROUGHS:**

- Inspire innovations in ocean sensing technology.
- Catalyze ocean acidification research.
- Catalyze the ocean services industry.
- Inspire the public to engage.



## Wendy Schmidt Ocean Health XPRIZE Criteria

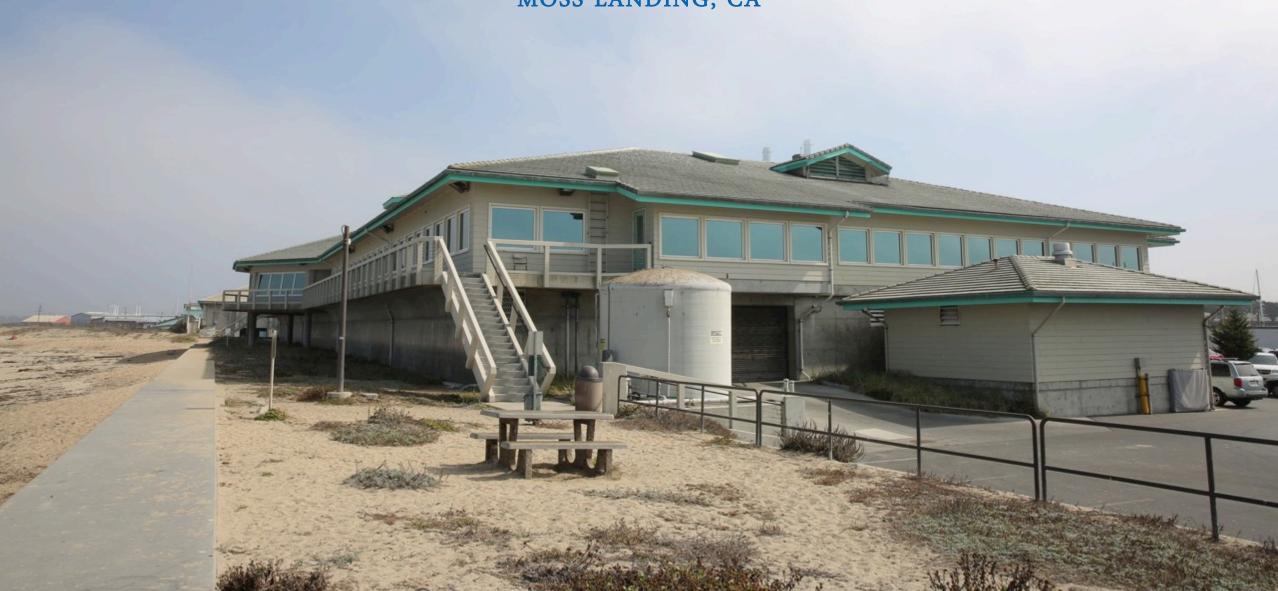
	Accuracy Prize	Affordability Prize
Depth	3000m	20m (nominal)
Accuracy	<= 0.02 pH (35%)	<= 0.04 pH (20%)
Precision	<= 0.01 pH (30%)	+/- 0.02 pH (12.5%)
Stability	<= 0.0067 pH/month (20%)	0.013 pH/month (17.5%)
Cost	<= \$15,000 (5%)	<= \$1,000 (25%)
Ease of Use	- (10%)	- (25%)

### Teams and their Entries

- 77 Intent to Compete, 24 Registered, 16 Tested
- 8 countries
- Backgrounds: Engineers, Oceanographers, Food Industry, Agriculture
- Colometric = 4
- ISFET = 6
- Optode = 2
- Electrochemical = 5
- Glass Electrode = 1
- Hybrid electrochemical/colormetric = 1

PHASE 2: LAB TRIALS

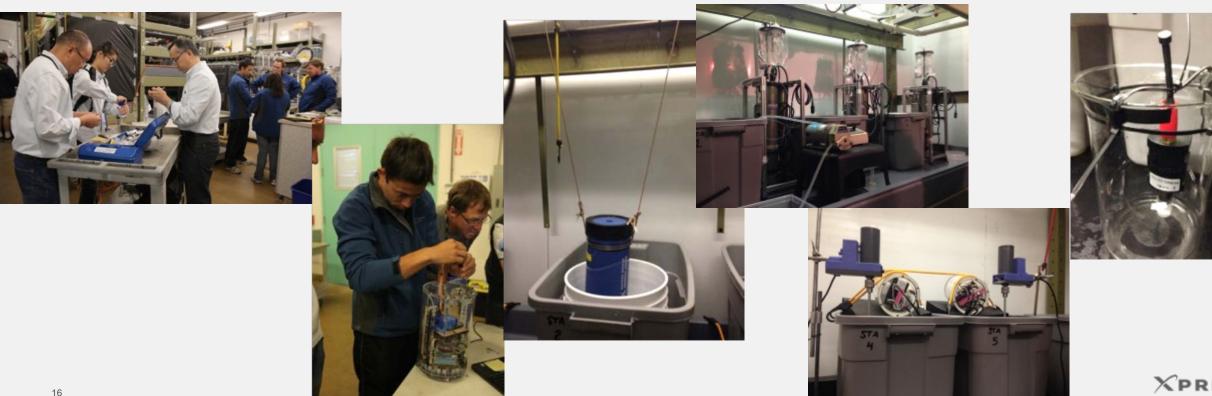
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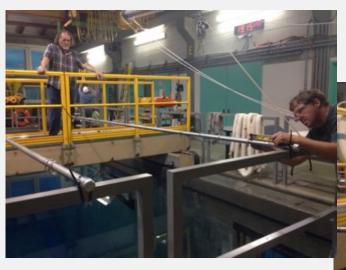
#### PHASE 2A

- 16 Teams unpacked and set up 19 Entries
- Entries seen for first time size, weight, buoyancy
- Time: soak and acclimatization
- Validation Team learned how to operate Entries
- Accuracy Test in cold room (12C, 53F) 7 days, up to 18 hours/day



#### PHASE 2B

- 15 Teams, 18 Entries
- Electrical Interference and Ozone Test
- Entries size, weight, buoyancy, deployment
- MBARI and Validation Team set up tank for hanging Entries
- Validation Team deployed and recovered Entries
- Precision and Stability Test intended to be 77 days, was 52 days



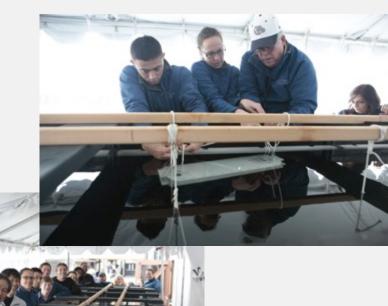






#### PHASE 3

- 14 Teams, 17 Entries
- Bespoke Test Tank designed by Seattle Aquarium & Validation Team
- Validation Team set up tank for hanging Entries
- Validation Team deployed and recovered Entries
- One month Precision and Stability Test
- Cost, Ease of Use also judged

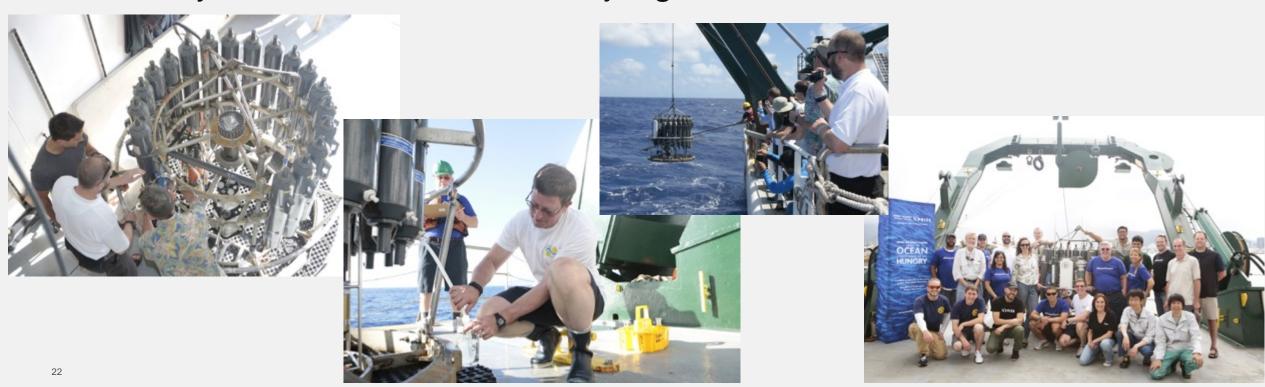




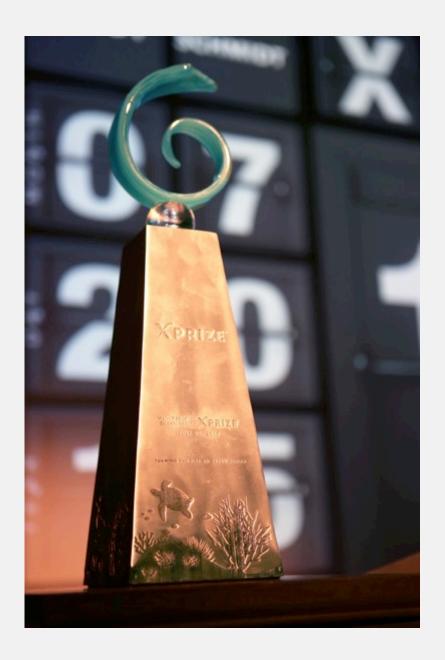


#### PHASE 4

- 5 Teams, 5 Entries
- Mounting on rosette design & build by UH Marine Center & Validation Team
- Teams mounted and checked Entries on rosette
- Production cast and test cast to 50m
- Nine judged casts, incrementally from 250m to 3000m
- Accuracy, Precision, Ease of Use judged



### AND THE WINNERS ARE...















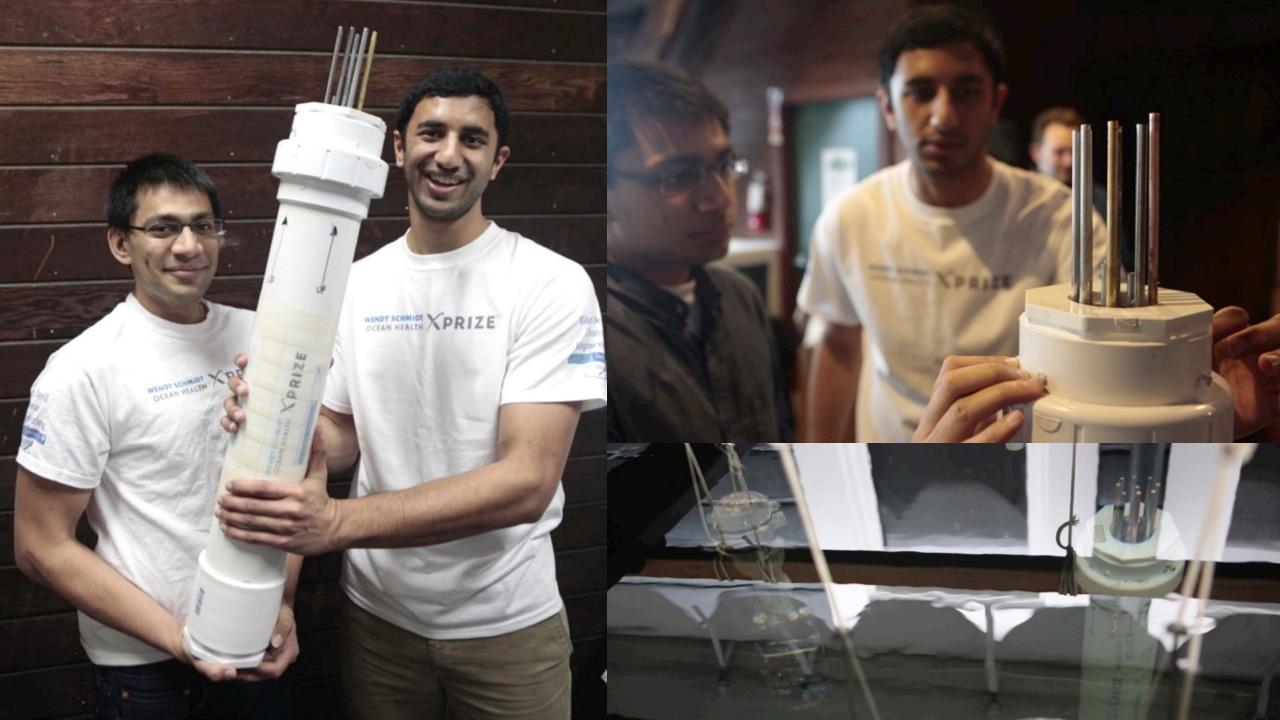


















## **Post Prize Activities**

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# Post Prize Activities

 Concrete actions taken by Teams, XPRIZE and others during and after the Wendy Schmidt Ocean Health XPRIZE to improve our understanding of ocean acidification and grow the field of ocean services.

- Some goals for Post-Prize
  - Awareness and public relations.
  - New pH sensor users.
  - Collaboration with government agencies.
  - Identifying and growing new markets for ocean big data products.
  - Additional testing and deployment of sensors.

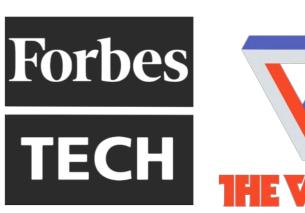
# WENDY SCHMIDT PRIZE

















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#### **XPRIZE Winners Combat Ocean Acidification**



XPrize's \$2 million mission to protect the oceans









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# WENDY SCHMIDT OCEAN HEALTH PRIZE

# THE MOST EXCITING EXCITING INSIDER



There's finally a good way to measure ocean health.



# Popular Mechanics

#### The 2015 Popular Mechanics Breakthrough Awards

Indestructible drones, amazing robot hands, and more of the best ideas of the year.

## The Monitors of the Sea

How two guys in Montana are changing the way we study oceans.



## Awards Coverage: Media Metrics

3-5 Billion Total Impressions

70+ Total Articles

## XPRIZE in Washington, D.C.

#### Capitol Hill Ocean Week





#### Launch of the Congressional Prize Caucus





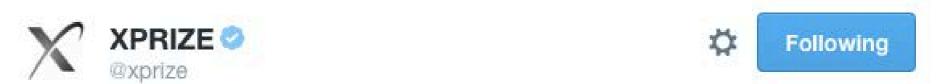
Oceans' 15





#### SXSW Eco 2015: This is Your Ocean on Acid





Our #SXSWEco panel "Your Oceans On Acid" is now beginning. Here is the video to kick it off! youtube.com/watch?v=16t90g...

YouTube



\$2M Wendy Schmidt Ocean Health XPRIZE

A \$2 million competition to help heal our oceans by improving our understanding of how CO2 emissions are affecting ocean acidification with breakthrough sens...

### Winning Teams

Team DURAFET donates \$250k to University of Washington for Argo Floats



Sunburst Sensors donates \$10k to Climate Smart Missoula



## Deployments

Southern California



Tokyo to San Francisco



Hawaii

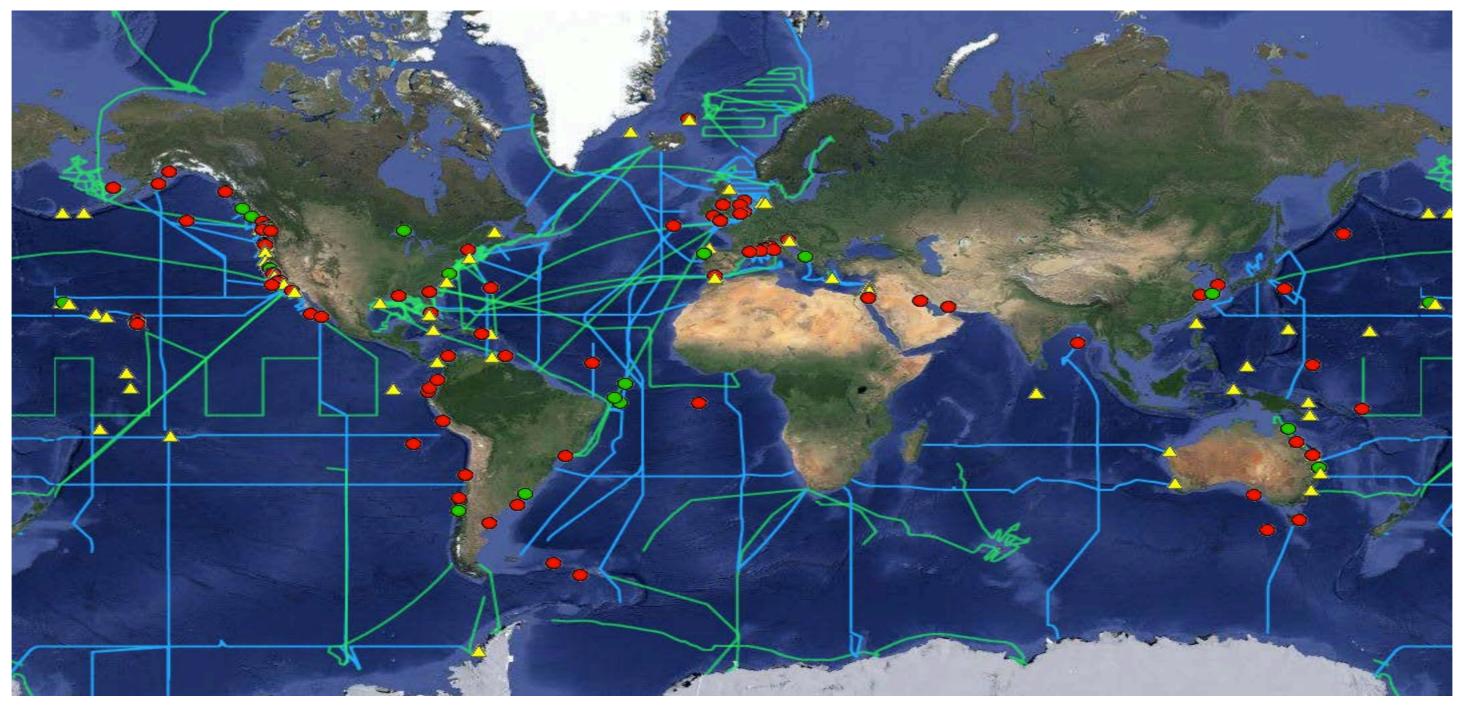


Northern Australia





## Filling Gaps



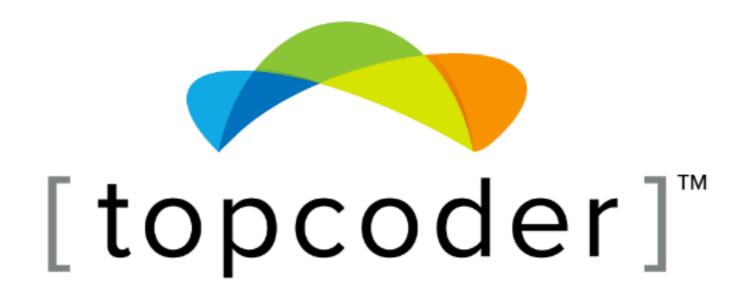
Global Ocean Acidification Observing Network

### Side Competition for Ocean Big Data -> Products



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#### Potential pH Users

- Government agencies
- Academic researchers
- Citizen scientists
- Shellfish farmers and fishers
- Tourism
- Non-profits
- You!
- Contact us if you want a pH sensor, or if you want to engage with team ocean at XPRIZE.
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# XPRIZE Regulatory Monitoring Post-Prize Competition

A Partnership between XPRIZE and the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project Authority and it's Member Agencies

#### Regulatory Monitoring

The California Ocean Plan states that there shall not be degradation of marine communities or water quality due to waste discharges.

Regarding pH:

"pH shall not be changed at any time more than 0.2 units from that which occurs naturally" WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN
OCEAN WATERS OF CALIFORNIA





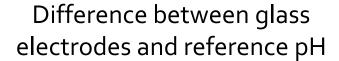
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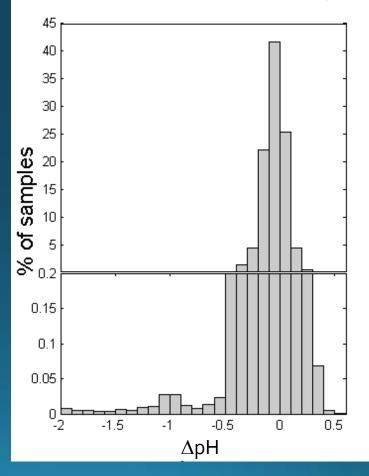
STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

# The Problem: Best Available Technology Can Not Meet the Regulatory Standard

Glass Electrodes have been the only available technology for profiling pH in seawater

- Stated accuracy is ± 0.2 pH units
- Actual performance is really much less





#### The Opportunity: Test XPRIZE Sensor Technology For Regulatory Monitoring Application

- The Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County, the City of Los Angeles, Orange County, and the City of San Diego are actively seeking better ways to monitor pH
- XPRIZE Sensors could potentially be used to capture nearshore profiles of pH that are more accurate than glass electrodes
- The post-prize is designed to put these new technologies directly into the hands of the potential users for evaluation









#### The competition: Develop an easy-to-use, rapidly profiling sensor for coastal regulatory monitoring

- Evaluate cutting edge technologies for coastal pH assessment
  - XPRIZE selected 4 instruments for testing based on performance during principle competition
  - Sanitation Districts will deploy the instruments during regulatory monitoring
  - XPRIZE sensors will be evaluated against SeaBird CTD and discrete, bottle pH values as reference
  - Sanitation Districts will provide feedback on the technologies (ease of use, accuracy, etc.) to determine the winning sensor





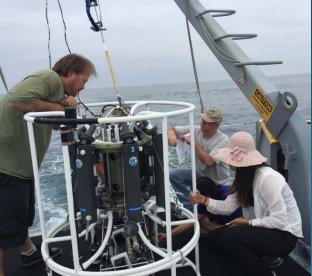




#### Competition is Underway!

- Sensor deployments began in August and will continue through February 2016
- Final assessment reports will be made for each competing sensor in Spring
- Announcement of the winning sensor(s) is expected in Summer 2016.







# Questions about Post-Prize Competition?

If you have questions about the Regulatory Monitoring Post-Prize competition please feel free to contact me:

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