Key to the Genera of Stenothoidae reported from Southern california
(Abbreviated from Barnard and Karaman, 1991)
*Not reported from study area.

1. Article 2 of pereopod 7 rectolinear ..... 2
Article 2 of pereopod 7 expanded ..... 3
2. Telson thickened and fleshyTelson flat and laminar3
3. Article 2 of pereopods 5-7 weakly expanded, not fully rectolinear *Goratelson
Article 2 of pereopods 5-7 fully rectolinear ..... 4
4. Pleonite 4 with dorsal process.Pleonite 4 lacking dorsal process
5. Palp of maxilla 1 biarticulate. Probolisce
Palp of maxilla 1 uniarticulate
Parametopellé
6. Mandibular palp absent
Mandibular palp present
7. Mandibular palp 2-3 articulate- Metopelli
Mandibular palp 1-articulate.§
8. Article 2 of pereopod 6 not expanded or expanded
less than on pereopod 7 .
Article 2 of pereopod 6 expanded as widely as on pereopod 7. . . . . $1=$
9. Article 2 of pereopods 5-7 evenly butweakly expanded.Goratelsor
Article 2 of pereopods 5-7 diversely expanded16
10. Pleonite 3 with dorsal process Mesoproboloides Pleonite 3 smooth ..... 11
11. Mandibular palp 0-1 articulate. Stenothoides
Mandibular palp 2-3 articulate. ..... 12
12. Article 2 of pereopod 7 tapering, basally expanded. Mesometop: Article 2 of pereopod 7 evenly expanded
Mesoproboloides excavata, Metopelli
13. Palp of maxilla 1 uniarticulate .....  16
Palp of maxilla 1 biarticulate ..... $1 t$
14. Mandibular palp absent.
Mandibular palp present .....  15
15. Mandibular palp 2-3 articulate ..... Metop:
Mandibular palp 1-articulate. Stenuli
16. Mandibular palp absent. ..... $i^{i}$
Mar ibular palp present. ..... $-8$
17. Ar nna 2 as long as antenna 1, coxa 2
$k$ eled anteroventrally. Stenothoe
Antenna 2 half as long as antenna 1, coxa 2 subquadrate and protrusive anteroventrally. . . . . . . . *Knysmetopa
18. Mandibular palp 1-articulate ..... *Prostenothoe
Mandibular palp 2-3 articulate ..... 19
19. Accessory flagellum 2-articulate. Metopoides
Accessory flagellum 0-1 articulate ..... 20
20. Carpus of gnathopod 1 relatively short and lobate, propodus elongate and expanded *Aurometopa
Carpus of gnathopod 1 relatively long, not lobate, propodus short and barely expanded . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Proboloides
