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SYNONYMY: *Aoroides* sp A (MEC) & *Aoroides* sp SD1 (City of San Diego, Pt. Loma)

LITERATURE:

Barnard, J.L. 1970. Sublittoral Gammaridea (Amphipoda) of the Hawaiian Islands. Smith. Cntr. Zool. No. 34.

Conlan, K.E. and E.L. Bousfield. 1982. The amphipod superfamily Corophioidea in the northeastern Pacific region: 2. Family Aoridae. Systematics and distributional ecology. Natl. Mus. Nat. Sci. (Canada) Publ. Biol. Oceanogr., 10(3): 77-101.

DIAGNOSTIC CHARACTERS:

1. Body white, pigment absent.
2. Uropod 2 with minute antero-distal process ($\leq 1/10$ th the length of rami).
3. Gnathopod 1, article 2 (basis) with long, widely spaced setae, and dorsal margin of article 5 (carpus) without setae (except for 1 distal group).
4. Mandibular palp, article 2 bare.

RELATED SPECIES AND CHARACTER DIFFERENCES:

1. See Table 1 for comparisons of *Aoroides* sp A with *A. columbiae*, *A. exilis*, *A. inermis*, *A. intermedia*, and *A. spinosa*.
2. *Aoroides nahili* and *A. secundus* differ from *Aoroides* sp A in missing a distal process on the peduncle of uropod 2. Consequently, these two species are differentiated from *Aoroides* sp A in the first couplet of the *Key to North Pacific Species of Aoroides* (Conlan and Bousfield, 1982), and are not considered in the table.

DEPTH RANGE: 200-350 ft.

DISTRIBUTION: Southern California: Palos Verdes, Los Angeles to Point Loma, San Diego.

