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The Governor of California
President pro Tempore of the Senate
Speaker of the Assembly
State Capitol
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Governor and Legislative Leaders:

As requested by the Joint Legislative Audit Committee, the Bureau of State Audits presents its audit report concerning statewide efforts to acquire and manage land for ecosystem restoration and wildlife habitat preservation, both within and independent of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program (Calfed).

This report concludes that although Calfed does not acquire land for these purposes, it funds projects that may include land acquisition that support its goals for restoring the ecosystem. Also, the State does not have a comprehensive land use policy to guide state entities in their efforts to preserve and restore the environment. Consequently, although there is some degree of coordination among these entities, no central vision exists of how their efforts benefit the State as a whole. California also needs to track data such as the purpose for which land was acquired to facilitate its land use planning. In addition, the Department of Fish and Game and the Department of Parks and Recreation—the major acquirers of state land for environmental purposes—need to improve their management of this land.

Respectfully submitted,

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