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STRAW PROPOSAL
Ecosystem Restoration State Entity

1. **Purpose.** To implement the ecosystem restoration component of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program and to coordinate other federal, state, local and non-governmental ecosystem restoration efforts within the Bay-Delta.
2. **Structure.** Create the Bay-Delta Conservancy within the Resources Agency. The Resources Agency and the CALFED Policy Group would provide policy oversight and coordination. The governing board would be the primary implementing entity for the ERP responsible for achieving performance objectives.

5-member governing board:

- (1) Resources Secretary or designee;
- (2) Director of DFG or designee;
- (3)(4) Public members, one appointed by Senate Committee on Rules and one by the Speaker of the Assembly; and
- (5) Director of USFWS or designee.

Technical and policy advisory committees as necessary.

3. Executive director, staff and ability to contract expert help.
4. No power to tax, regulate land use or exercise the power of eminent domain. Ability to lease, rent, sell, purchase or otherwise hold or transfer real property or an interest therein.
5. Ability to buy, sell, lease or otherwise own or transfer any interest in water.
6. Administrator of environmental water account.
7. May accept revenue, money, grants, goods or services from federal, state and private entities.
8. May enter into contracts or agreements with public and private entities.
9. Ability to sue and be sued.
10. Direct long-term research and monitoring.
11. Sunset or reevaluation requirement could be added.