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Response to Bureau of State Audits Report on Budget Process and Procedures within the Department of Parks and Recreation

As noted in the Response to the Audit Findings, which is included with the report by the California State Auditor, the Department of Parks and Recreation concurs with the series of findings and recommendations and has begun the implementation of corrections for all concerns noted.

In order to correct the deficiencies, the Department's new executive staff has tasked the budget office with developing the detailed procedures and policies that will be implemented this fiscal year. The procedures will include, as recommended, monitoring and higher-level review and approval on a regular basis.

The budget office is also in the process of developing a "zero-based budget" to ensure the Department has a clear picture of all costs associated with managing the park system as well as the individual park units. This zero based budget process will provide specific operating costs for each individual park, thereby providing a more accurate measurement of the true costs savings associated with selecting parks for reduced services or park closures.

The Department is committed to the improvements suggested at every level and is confident that by incorporating the recommendations, it will present an accountability that will regain the trust all Californians and put the Department on a better fiscal path for the future.

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